MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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Volunteers Stepping Up for MWF Neighbors

Work Day at the Park

by Dick Woodrome

A big thanks to all the folks that came to the park and knocked out all the doable tasks.

The shed now has a new coat of an acceptable color paint by the artistic group of Barbara Keeler, Dave Wagner, Rocco Corsaro, Lucretia Van Vorst and Lynn Zachary.

Our chair crew consisted of Sandy Mollberg, Toni Kimball and two world class stencilers, Mary Corsaro and Jennifer
Hebert with a late assist
from Lucretia. Believe me
when I tell you 84 chairs is
a lot of stenciling. Our
multi-taskers Art Eide, John
Trinckes and Glen Garnas
installed the four fans, then
worked on hanging the 3
new tarps along with initial
crew Richard Mahar and
Zach Zachary.

Everyone helped with the clean-up. Great job!

And thank you Dick
Woodrome for organizing it
all AGAIN.

A New Helper for Pet Rescue. Sandy Mollberg reports:

"I have a terrific young lady offering to assist me in our neighborhood "Pet Rescue" program. Jasmine Diaz has been invaluable already in catching and housing lost pets. We have had several stray animals lately, that have found homes, many here in MWF. We appreciate all of you who have helped along the way and will continue to care about them."

Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting—

Aug. 9, 2012 - 7:00 PM

Next Assoc. Meeting_ September 13, 2012

Thursday—7:00 PM Guest Speaker: TBA

Upcoming Events—

Fish Fry Benefitting CERT- Sept. 15th @ 5:00—8:00pm

Dancing Under The Stars October 13th 7:00 pm

Association Dues For This Term Due NOW! Applications are in the back of this Newsletter.

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Our New Improved
Website!!!! Many of our
residents helped transition us into the information age. Patricia and
Dave Wagner donated
the funds to purchase the
domain name, Pat Anderson devoted countless

hours to the original design, Steve Waller made numerous enhancements and now Wayne Hebert (with able help from his brother Glenn) embraced the advances in technology and has taken us to a new level. Keeping the

information up to date and relevant will be everyone's responsibility, but now it will be so much easier to navigate and to add/delete/update information. Great job!

Check it out.

Neighborhood Scout Helping Us, But We Can Help Her Too.

Emily Woolf, Meadow Wood Farms resident, rising high school junior, and new Chair of the MWF Recycling Committee, is seeking donations for a service project she must complete on her way to earning her Gold Award, the highest honor possible for an individual Girl Scout.

Emily is looking for donations of new toiletries as well as new or gently used shoes, clothing, and bedding suitable for young girls ages 5-18. All materials donated will go to Interfaith Emergency Services, a local nonprofit agency providing assistance to individuals and families in crisis.

There will be two collection days for donations. You may bring items to Emily's home at 42 Wood Ridge Drive on

Friday, August 24 between 4 and 7 pm. Emily will also be at the next Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 13 to collect donations. If neither of those dates works for you, but you still wish to participate in the project, please call Emily at 237-0994 or email her at

Emily.woolfl101@gmail.co m to arrange for pickup.

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Elizabeth Waller—
President
Meadow Wood Farms
Property Owners Assoc.

...Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love My Tractor

Have you noticed that life has a way of providing us with almost endless opportunities to change, to grow, to succeed, to fail, or to do...nothing? Sometimes it seems as though getting through the day is one long stream of decision points. When we make the same decisions, over and over we are

President's Message— ADVENTURES OUTSIDE THE COMFORT ZONE...

officially in a "rut". Most of us who have reached middle age (and I use the term loosely) live our lives in our own personal rut, comfortable with the things we know how to do, convinced that our exploratory days are behind us, and pessimistic about our ability to succeed at any skill we have not already mastered.

For various reasons, the last four years have all but obliterated my "rut". From being a reasonably competent and successful public library administrator with a desk job and a pleasant but far from strenuous life in a suburb of Washington, D.C., I have morphed by slow but inevitable steps to a farm-owning, horseriding, pasture-mowing, insect-obliterating, Zumbasweaty, dirt-encrusted Floridian. My daily routine involves doing numerous things I never dreamed of

doing-but more importantly, things I never dreamed I COULD do. Not that I was ever lacking in self-confidence, but while I was sure I could do tasks inside my "comfort zone", I had completely surrendered my responsibility for learning other, more exotic (to me) skills. These are the skills I am learning now, and am I ever enjoying myself! I am here to tell you, the first time I mowed my own property, the first time I repaired a wall that the dog had chewed (another story for another time), the first time I managed to load my reluctant horse on the trailer by myself, the first time I built a 4 foot tall cat scratching post out of scrap wood and rope... as simple as these tasks might seem to many of you, for me they were major accomplishments. and moments I will always remember. Not that I didn't have help, and plenty of

it—but I am here to tell you that you are NEVER too old to get a kick out of yourself and what you are capable of doing.

So, take a step outside of YOUR comfort zone. Go visit a new neighbor. Stop your car and greet a dog walker, a bicycler, a runner on our streets. Invite them to a MWF meeting or social activity, and offer to bring them along for the first time. Yes, you knew I would get here eventually: REACH SOME-ONE. Make your neighborhood stronger, and amaze yourself with what you can do when you step outside...the comfort zone.

Take care, Elizabeth

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Directory Information

For Association Members who have not yet received their 2011-2012 Telephone Directory they will be available for you to pick up at the next Association meeting. Non members may purchase the directory for \$5.00. Members who would like to have an extra copy may purchase one for \$2.00.

We made every effort to deliver the Members directories, so if you were missed, please let it be known to one of the Board Members or at the next Membership Meeting.

Membership & Newsletter

The current membership year runs from June to the end of May next year. Please renew your membership ASAP and request that the newsletter be sent to you if you want to continue to receive it. There is a month's grace period before your address will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing list. It will always be available online, but we need your dues in order to support the costs of printing and mailing.

One more reason to get your dues in now. Your membership also supports the many functions held at Friendship Park and the improvements to our community. We need all of you to help keep Meadow Wood Farms the wonderful place to live that we enjoy. Finally, don't forget that as a member you have a voice and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Association.

Thank You To All Who Contribute



Baked Goods

To The Association Meetings.

It's Much Appreciated.

PET Registry & Rescue

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact **Sandy Mollberg at 861-9622.**

This service is not part of the Association, but rather is a personal service provided free to the residents of Meadow Wood Farms.

Sandy does not take any pets in as a rescue, nor does she place pets in homes for people. If you wish, you can register your pet with photo with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet.

Sandy (and all of us) welcome the help of new assistant, Jasmine Diaz.

Sunshine Report

A Card wishing a speedy recovery to Tom Ratner was sent.

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, whether due to illness or other reason, please notify:

Sandy Mollberg at lenelew@aol.com phone at 861-9622.

Recycle Your Aluminum Cans

To Benefit MWFPOA Treasury

MWFPOA is partnering with the Girl Scouts, who will get 25% of the profits for their efforts. Our local scout, Emily Woolf will be heading up the project.

The recycle point for your aluminum cans is at the front entrance to the Friendship Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

Cans that are rinsed, tab tops removed and crushed are our favorites.

Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings to go to Shands Juvenile Kidney foundation.

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE!

Eat and Be Merry for a Good Cause.



Fish Fry to Benefit MWF C.E.R.T.

Your Citizens Emergency Response Team

Saturday, September 15th 5:00—8:00 pm MWF Friendship Park

MENU INCLUDES:

Fried Fish or Pulled Pork BBQ Dinner Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, White Beans Desserts & Soft Drinks

Adults \$9.00— Children under 12 \$5.00

Take-out & Delivery available with advance notice.

Tickets available from CERT members, or at MWF Association Meetings or Contact:

Dick Woodrome 861-2364 or Nancy Kostoff 229-2806

Cutoff for ticket purchases is September 7, 2012



Come to the Meeting and Win \$75.00!

A drawing will be held at the next MWFPOA General Meeting for \$75. If the winning resident is not present, his/her winnings will be added to the pot along with another \$25. At the following general meeting another name will be drawn to win \$100.00. If that person is not present, another \$25 will be added and so on.

Any time we have a winner, we will start the pot again at

\$50.

So now it REALLY pays to come to the meetings.

See you at the September Meeting, won't we?

Cool, Man, Cool! Come in 50's Costume to the Annual Event of the Year in MWF!



"Dancing Under The Stars" **At Friendship Park** Saturday October 13th 7:00 PM

Dine at the MWF Drive-In Dance to the Music of a Live Band

Door Prizes * Entertainment** \$18 per person **Tickets Available**

Contact:

Linda Trinckes 854-1856 Sandy Mollberg 861-9622

Meet CERT Members—

Every month we will be profiling a CERT member, so that in an emergency you will be able to identify them to give you help or offer to help them as they aid others. All team members have CERT ID cards with photo.

Meet **Donna Levin**

This story could have been ripped from The National Enquirer headlines writes Donna. How does a woman originally from the Southside of Chicago come to be a CERT member for the Meadow Wood Farms subdivision in Ocala, Florida?

I was raised in Chicago and prior to moving to Ocala late last year we lived in Caledonia, Wisconsin. I have an undergraduate degree in Food/Nutrition as well as a Master's in Public Health. My work background includes hospital dietetics, sales for a national vitamin store chain, managing congregate/

home delivered meals for Chicago-land seniors, senior center management, and licensed nursing home administration.

After moving to Wisconsin in 1993, I became an Information Technology professional and for the last 10 years was a software quality assurance lead for a world-wide pharmaceutical company where I managed the testing for a suite of software applications that is used to report patient adverse events (also known as drug reactions) to regulatory agencies around the world.

With all of the above jobs, there was a constant interest in the general health of our customers, residents, members, and/or patients. Aside from my licensing, for my jobs in the hospitals, senior center, and nursing homes I was required to be CPR and first aid trained. Additionally, for the pharmaceutical company I just

retired from, I was a designated first responder (in the building I was based in) for emergencies.

In early 2011, my husband Warren and I came to Ocala to look at homes in the area. Our requirements were that the property be horse ready, that there was a general aviation airport nearby, and that there be the possibility of having our Mom live with us on the property. We are now living our dream at 28 Lake Wood Circle.... myself, Warren, my Mom (Rose Ann, who will be here for approximately 6 months out of each year), our Rhodesian Ridgeback, Andy, and our Quarter Horse Chuck.

When we first joined the Meadow Wood Farms Property Owner's Association, I read in the monthly newsletter about the CERT program. I thought that with my work background and interests that it would be



great to be a part of that. I recently completed my CERT training here and even though the certification is a duplicate to that which I had previously, the information I learned about how to respond to issues in our part of the state was invaluable.

I'd like to close by saying that my hope is that we continue to have relatively mild weather patterns and things here in the subdivision remain uneventful. If, though, our CERT team is activated for whatever reason, I am confident that our members will be able to provide the necessary support to those Meadow Wood Farms neighbors, who need our services.

Photos of the Work Group At the Park









(not affiliated with MWFPOA)

Meadow Wood Equine Club

This is a social group of horse oriented people.
Guests or Visitors are

welcome.

Membership is open to anyone—you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Members receive a 10% discount off "most in store items" at Seminole, Tack Shack and J&J Tack. Must show your membership card. Some Restrictions apply as some items are not discounted such as feed,

hay, shavings, and warehouse items. Ask store for details.

Rescheduled to Sept.29th-30th — Horse & Pet Expo at Ocala Equestrian Complex. For more information 352 237-4411. Flyer www.ocalaesquestriancomp lex.com/flyers/ expoFlyer.pdf

Aug. 2-4, 2012 Fri, Sat, Sun— and Aug. 18th Southern Regional Paso Fino Show—at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion—Contact Carmen Micheletti 352 528-2678BS

Aug. 21, 2012—Select Sale of Yearlings at OBS Aug. 22, 2012 — Open Sale of Yearlings—At OBS

Aug.31, 2012—Ocala Shrine Club Rodeo—at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Sept. 1, 2012 8:00 am to 2:00 Dressage, Show Jumping and 3 Phase Schooling Show at the Florida Horse Park.

Nov. 16-19th, 2012—50th annual Ocala Equine Conference Golden Anniversary Celebration at the Hilton Ocala, FL.—A Proud Tradition of Quality Equine Practitioner Education—The conference is an equine-exclusive event of scientific information and practical techniques from internationally acclaimed educators.

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Our Heroes

As a single woman, I've always felt comfortable living in MWF, because of the unofficial neighborhood support system. The MWF online email site is hugely beneficial, especially in times of distress as in the case of the recent rash of vandalism, where mail boxes and gate lights were smashed repeatedly. We owe our anonymous email site manager a huge debt of thanks for providing us with an instant communication option.

It's also wonderful to be able to heap praise on our public servants, for they are all too frequently the object of complaints and anger and frustration.

Our president, Elizabeth Waller, kept us up to date with the latest official info and with great relief was finally able to report the following: "Lt. Joiner of the MCSO personally tracked down and arrested the four individuals responsible for all the incidents in MWF on July 8, 10, and 20th. The Sheriff's Office found the

red Chevrolet truck and the bats that were used, and obtained full confessions from the suspects, three of whom are juveniles. These individuals are not MWF residents.

We are grateful to Lt Joiner, who pursued this case, even on his day off, to such a successful conclusion.

The prosecution process will eventually involve the State's Attorney, who will probably be contacting all the victims of record as part of the restitution process. If you were a victim, please keep your receipts for anything you had to repair or replace. You may need them. If you have a neighbor who had damage, but never reported it, encourage them to do so. If you know a victim who does not get the emails or newsletter, please pass on the information."

Such an event is sad and disappointing all the way around. For the victims and all of us residents, it's more than just the damage, although that's not insignificant. It's also a violation of everyone's privacy and feeling of safety and well being.

For the kids, who perpetrated this malicious prank (actually a crime), there will be consequences far beyond their initial realization. Hopefully, this will be a timely lesson, well learned, that will teach them to be better and more responsible adults.

The parents, who may quite possibly be "victims" in another sense, will most certainly incur severe financial penalties. The damages are estimated to be in excess of \$15,000. They, too, will have learned some hard lessons. How far can you really trust your kids? Where are they late at night and what are they doing?

If you wish to personally show your appreciation to Lt. Dennis Joiner, he can be reached at:

Dunnellon District Station Marion County Sheriff's Office 19995 SW 86th St., Unit 3 Dunnellon, FL 34433

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The Race For The Cure!

I've been running this race since 1999. For my sister, myself and everyone who battles this disease, and needs a cure.



I'm running in St. Pete the first Saturday in October, but I can't do this alone. I need to carry all my neighbors' and friends' donations to the finish line. Today, you can help find a cure.

Please make your check out to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Mail to BK Sawyer

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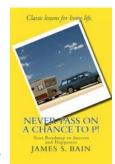
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An Interview With The Author

Jim Bain, our former MWFPOA President, has just released his new book, Never Pass on a Chance to P! Jim agreed to share his experiences with us in this interview with our Editor, Jodie Gebhard.



Jodie: Congratulations on publishing your book. Can you tell us a little bit about the book?

Jim: Sure. It really is a collection of lessons for living life, largely learned from my father. It's intended as a quick and fun read where you can learn something along the way.

Jodie: How long has it taken you to write it?

Jim: I'm a little embarrassed to tell you. I envisioned the concept about 7 years ago. I didn't really do much with it until about 5 years ago and didn't get serious about the project until about 2 years ago. From then, the process has had a lot of fits and starts with the real push coming in the last few months. So, while it didn't take 7 years to write, it has been a long process.

Jodie: Wow, that seems like a long time. What was your biggest obstacle in the process?

Jim: Procrastination! But, I had to step back and ask myself why I wasn't getting it done. The reasons varied over time, but all of them centered on fear – fear of failure, fear of the costs, fear of not enough time, etc. I had to get by those fears to finish.

Jodie: Are you happy with the end result?

Jim: I have to say that I am thrilled. I have so much time and energy invested in it. While it certainly can't compare with giving birth in a literal sense, the euphoria of seeing the emergence of this creation is very similar.

Jodie: Interesting title, how did you come up with that?

Jim: The title comes from traveling with my parents when we were young. The story is in the book, but the message is to recognize opportunities when they come around and take advantage of them.

Jodie: Was the publishing process difficult?

Jim:Getting it published has become a much different process with the internet. Traditional publishing has become less and less common, while alternative forms are becoming more popular. E-books, print on demand, self-publishing, and other variations are out there. You simply have to decide what you want your book to do for you, how much control you want over the final product, and how much money you want to invest in the process. That will lead you to a choice that will work for your project. Let's just say, it's easier than it used to be.

Jodie: How can we get a copy?

Jim: Thanks for asking. Simply go to Amazon.com and search for *Never Pass on a Chance to P!* It's only \$14.95 and I'd be happy to sign copies for my friends and neighbors in MWF. If we can set up the link in the electronic version of our newsletter, all you would have to do is <u>Click here to order</u>.

Jodie: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Jim: Yes. The acknowledgements include a tip of my hat to the readers of the MWFPOA newsletter. They have all been very supportive of my writing and it has helped me to get past those fears. Thanks to all of you. I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jodie: Thanks Jim. It looks like you took your own advice and, as always, you have something interesting to say and add to our community.

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