

Original Carrollwood Park has a new lighted, regulation-size softball field!

See Page 3 for more info.



Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, March 13, 2017

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



We had a very productive meeting in our February session.

We welcomed our new Social Committee Board Member Tiffany Higgins to the Board. She will be replacing Jackie Lais. Jackie, thank you for all your hard work during your time on the Board, we really appreciate it!

We discussed our upcoming events and reviewed our financials.

Jamie Sheer presented the Boy Scouts with a nice check for their hard work during the luminaria season for us this past Christmas and we asked them to come back again this year.

They really did a great job! 🇧🇷

Celebrating All Types of Love

by Maria Larcomb

With Valentine's Day nestled in the center of last month, much of February was dedicated to love. However, although the focus is often solely placed on romantic love, it is essential to recall that there are multiple types of love classified by the Greeks—each of which holds great importance and deserves to be celebrated not just in February, but throughout the whole year.

Believing love to be innately complex and practically indescribable, the ancient Greeks created six different terms to describe six distinct types of love: Eros, passionate love; philia, the love of friendship; ludus, playful love; agape, love for

everyone; pragma, longstanding love; and philautia, love of self.

The Greeks regarded each kind of love with the highest importance; thus, they deemed it impossible to arrange them into a hierarchy and instead believed all six were equal. Therefore, if February is considered the “month of love,” it is fitting that types of loves beyond those which are considered romantic in nature—eros, ludus, and pragma—should also be celebrated and appreciated.

Philia, the love of friendship, was highly valued by the Greeks. Because deep friendship is a love built on the foundation of two people continually choosing to ensure the other's wellbeing through constant support and loyalty, it creates a firm and nearly unbreakable bond. The true comradeship created through making sacrifices for one another and sharing experiences, while asking for no gratification in return, is impossible to replicate. Throughout the year, we should make it a priority to not only treasure and show appreciation for our significant others, but also our faithful friends.

Agape, often regarded as “selfless love,” calls for the love of all people and is considered by some to be the most radical of the six. The idea of agape, translated as “charity” in Latin, appears in many religious traditions including both Christianity and Buddhism. Agape relies heavily upon empathy and equality,

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by Mike Carelli, Original Carrollwood Park Chairman

OCP Softball Project

Original Carrollwood Park has a new lighted, regulation size softball field!

This project started in October when Trustee Carelli was approached by a number of girls travel softball teams about renting our field. At the time the field was set up with a grass infield for baseball and did not have any lights for evening practices. I was not sure if it would work, so, I posed the question to the Board at the next meeting. The overwhelming response was that the field was rarely used in its current state and if it were

economically viable, we would be open to renovating the field and renting it to one or two teams.

So, I put together bids, planned the project out and gauged interest from the coaches who wanted to rent the field. I presented my findings at the next Board meeting and obtained approval to move forward with the project. Construction started in earnest during December. Many of you have likely driven by and seen the project unfold.

First, the grass infield had to be excavated, and trenches had to be dug to run the electric service. Then, the new clay had to be delivered, put down, tilled, and leveled. When this was complete, the electric poles were set, and the lights were installed. After some late night adjusting, the field has sufficient lighting without installing outfield poles.

Next, the two coaches and I spent a Saturday at the field installing a home plate, pitchers rubber, and the three bases to regulation softball specs. The bases are all cemented in and are of park quality for long lasting use. A shipping container was also placed at the far side of the field to house the golf cart. The cart will be used to drag and maintain the field.

Lastly, signed rental agreements for the next two years were finalized for two girl teams: Ages 10 and under, The Lady Gators; and ages 12 and under, The Florida Octane. We welcome and encourage the residents to use and enjoy the field and the lights at any time that these teams are not practicing. We hope our residents utilize this facility more than in the past and that we introduce new people to our wonderful neighborhood that is Original Carrollwood. 🇧🇷



Photos by Shelley Stewart

Jess Rasemont Appointed to the CRD Board

Jess has lived in Original Carrollwood since June, 2015. OC is the picture perfect neighborhood for her; sidewalks everywhere, mature landscaping, fantastic parks, the ski lake, and so many family friendly events. When the position on the CRD Board opened up, it seemed like a perfect fit for Jess to be able to help keep the things she loves about this Community in working order. When not serving at the CRD, she enjoys spending time with her three children: Leila, Thomas, and Zoe, as well as her rescue dog; Georgia. The

family loves going to the parks, playing at White Sands Beach, and spending time with friends. Jess is a Realtor with Keller Williams Tampa Central and enjoys helping people realize their dreams of home ownership. A passionate cook, Jess loves entertaining and is also a ferocious reader. Jess will be serving as the Community Development Chairwoman. 🇧🇷





What a surprise—Yard of the Month!!! There are quite a few people to thank after two lawn care services, finally found a very good one. Also found a good fertilizer and pest control service and tree removal company.

We moved to Tampa in May, 1978, with three children, two girls ten and eight plus a ten-month old boy. The only thing we did was to add a sample of palms. Everything else was here and needless to say it has really grown!!! I so much appreciate being selected. ~Beth Burton



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Beth Burton

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From the Editor

Roxanne Clapp




Help! If your copy of *The Caroler* arrived in your mailbox but has the incorrect name printed on it, please email me at Caroler@roxc.graphics so I can correct *The Caroler* mail list.

I ran out of room to print a recipe this month, but that's okay because I didn't think you wanted another chocolate-something recipe, which is all I have on my mind today as I'm putting this issue together. Looking ahead, Easter is coming! Send me your favorite carrot recipe, or something for Cinco de Mayo. The May issue will be dedicated to moms, so if you have a recipe your mom passed on to you, or a special memory to share, please send it to me!

Whatever moves you this month, March Madness, the start of Spring, being Irish (if even for just a day), I hope you have a splendid month!

Thanks for reading!

Roxanne



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Tax Time Tips

by Justin Pullaro, Certified Financial Planner™ and OC Resident

Filing your income taxes is synonymous with April, but March is also crunch time to focus on paying Uncle Sam. Often important financial documents like K-1's are just coming in the mail, or worse, financial institutions send you 'corrected' statements to replace the ones they previously sent.

Here are 3 ways you can get a handle on tax time::

1. Still time to save for retirement

While most deadlines occurred on December 31, 2016, there is still time to make a contribution to some retirement accounts. IRAs (Traditional, Roth, SEP) and Keogh plans (Individual 401k) will accept contributions up to April 17, 2017. All contributions aside from Roth IRA contributions can provide a deduction. As an example, if you are in the 25% tax bracket and you save \$5,500 (the max amount for individuals under 50) in an IRA account, you can save \$1,375 in taxes.

2. Get organized now

Filing your taxes is easiest when you are organized. Print out a copy of last year's return to use as a guide. It should get you started with what you will need



for 2017 and what statements you should be on the look out for. Scan your mail and emails for the various "Important Tax Document" items that recap the information you need. The more organized you are the better. Don't be the person who still drops off statements and receipts in a shoe box to your accountant.

3. Prepared taxes vs. Proactive taxes

Most people have their taxes prepared. Understand that this is just recapping what happened last year. If you want to address or impact the taxes you pay for 2017, you have to become proactive throughout the current year. Find an accountant or CPA who will provide you with feedback or a tax plan as early as mid-year. This information could lead to actionable steps to help you reduce the amount of taxes you pay.

Few people get excited about filing taxes. But you can take the sting out of tax time by getting organized and being proactive.

Cheers to your financial life!



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Love

loving both the rich and the poor, family members and strangers and friends and enemies too! This year, instead of just prioritizing those we are closest to, we should strive to give the gift of ourselves and our love to everyone; celebrate humanity with love.

The last unromantic love to acknowledge is philautia, the love of self. The Greeks, noting that self-love practiced in an unhealthy manner leads to narcissism, classified philautia

as a love which expands one's capacity to love others when practiced correctly.

While we often view self-love as an action of secondary importance to the act loving others, we each have the undeniable right and opportunity to care for ourselves the way we care for other people. Although it is not a simple task, practicing self-love in a world that strives to tear it down is both a revolutionary and constructive act. While loving yourself may include letting go of regrets, forgiving yourself, or simply liking your freckles, you deserve the love that you give others.



Carrollwood Bar Association Names OC Resident Mike Hancock 2017 President

By: Gabrielle Piloto



Attorney Mike Hancock was recently named President of the Carrollwood Bar Association for the second year in a row. Mike is proud to represent this organization for a second term. Mike Hancock leads the 14 person Board of Directors who are in charge of organizing all aspects of the Carrollwood Bar

Association. This includes organizing prominent speakers to give presentations at monthly luncheons, many of which give the attending attorneys "CLE" or Continuing Legal Education credits they are required to obtain by the Florida Bar. Other duties of Mr. Hancock include organizing and managing various committees, planning events and programs, community outreach and membership recruitment. The board members other than Mr. Hancock include the following: Adria Beenhakker Dickey (VP) , Bob Wise (Treasurer) , Martin Bubley (Secretary), Heidi Bassett, Derek Usman, James Loper, Nancy Jacobs , Daniel Bubley ,Linda Clark, Paul Elliott, Joseph Kalish, Claire Saady and Dan Saxe; all are lawyers in the North Tampa area.

Mike Hancock graduated from St. Lawrence Catholic School and Jesuit High School in Tampa. He went on to study at the University of Florida and South Texas College of Law. Attorney Mike Hancock founded Hancock Injury Attorneys in 1996, a personal injury law firm located in Carrollwood. His wife of 29 years, Claire Hancock, is also a law partner at Hancock Injury Attorneys. Mike and Claire Hancock have been proud homeowners in Original Carrollwood since 1992. In addition, Mike served as legal counsel for the Original Carrollwood Civic Association from 2005 through 2016. To learn more about the Carrollwood Bar Association, please visit www.carrollwoodbar.com and to learn more about Mike Hancock, visit www.hancockinjuryattorneys.com.



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OC REAL ESTATE REAL ESTATE - 101 INCOME PROPERTY REALITIES

by
Wayne Wilson,
Realtor
OC Resident
43 Years



Many of you have probably considered the idea of owning one or more income properties to increase your wealth. With interest rates so low, and money market returns low as well, this option is not too far fetched. But wait a minute. Do you know what you're getting into?

There are some very real advantages. For instance, you get a direct income stream. Money comes directly to you monthly and therefore goes into paying the mortgage, or if there is no mortgage, it will go directly to your business account. If you finance even as an investment, interest rates have been very good and with a 20% investment can conceivably yield a

very positive return. If property values increase, you stand to make even greater gains should you decide to sell. On top of that, there are significant tax advantages through current deduction and depreciation allowances. You would have the benefit of writing off interest on the mortgage, insurance, any maintenance cost, expenses for driving to and from the property, legal or professional fees, and property taxes.

But, there are disadvantages that must be considered as well. If you buy outright, there is the possibility that you will have a significant outlay of your personal wealth in one item. If any tragic event occurs to that property such as the 2008 meltdown you could take a hard hit. Then there are the issues with the tenants. Screening is time-consuming and expensive and, unless you know the person, your property becomes vulnerable to unexpected damage as well as tenants not meeting due dates on payments and skipping out on you without payment. Usually, after the tenant leaves, you have to repaint and often replace carpet and flooring. Also, while there are tax advantages, there are also tax disadvantages. You have to pay them! You have to pay insurance and HOA fees, if applicable, as well.

But possibly the worst problem is being called at 11 p.m. to fix the toilet because it's running over and the tenant doesn't know how to stop it. Remember that nothing happens at a convenient time. You must be involved. The roof will occasionally need replacing, and the driveway might need resurfacing. Appliances age and when they do they become costly.

So have I scared you off? Hopefully not. My objective here is to make sure you think the process through. This

type of investment is not for everyone, but there are many of you out there in Carrollwood who have done this with great success. As for me...I'll just stick to helping people buy and sell their property.

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P	3313 Korina Ln	1,783	\$260,000
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This trip includes: • Round trip airfare • Hotel in the heart of Times Square for 5 days and 4 nights, the parade is a block away • Bus with our group throughout • Three wonderful meals with tax & tip included • bus tour • Walking Tour • We'll visit Central Park • Homes of the rich & famous • One free day and a half for shopping, theater, sites, and much more • We'll see sites that most tourists will never see, as well as the world famous sites • Take advantage of this great package rate • This trip is kid friendly

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Meeting - The meeting for this trip will be March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Bradys restaurant at 8810 N. Himes Ave., 813-936-2058

Please go to our website to confirm you will be there and plan to have dinner.



Trip insurance - We highly recommend taking out trip insurance
 Payments - There will be 3 payments due. 1st deposit is \$350 each by March 28, 2nd deposit of \$350 will be due by July 10, with balance due by October 16.
 Questions - Please phone me, Bobby Lastra, at 813-716-4187, we will explain the trip at the meeting too. **nycgroupinc.com**

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*Happy
St. Patrick's Day
March 17*

What's the largest amount of money you can have in change and still not have change for a dollar?



Email your answer to the Editor at Caroler@roxc.graphics before February 10. All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the March issue of *The Caroler*!

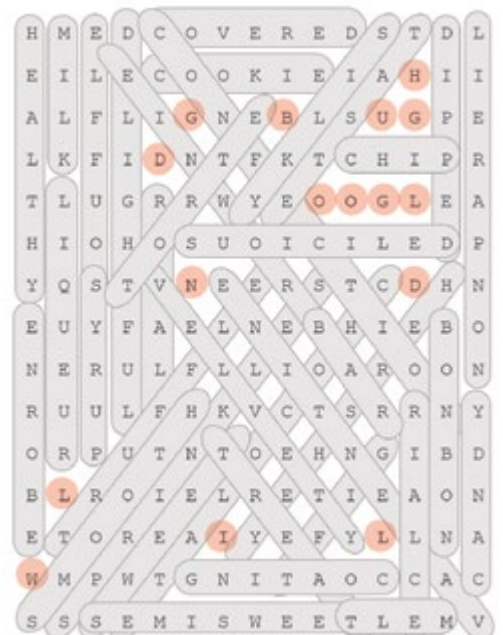
SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

16 letters remain when the puzzle is solved as shown here.



Thank you for submitting answers to last month's puzzle!

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