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OC Dads!

Congratulations  
Graduates!

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### Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, June 11, 2018

CRD Executive Meeting: 6 p.m. • CRD Public Hearing: 6:30 p.m. • CRD Regular Meeting: 6:40 p.m. • CCA: 7 p.m.  
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by Jim Powell, CCA President

Watch for more information on our next event, the parade and water ski show on July 4. Have a great June!



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## GRADUATION TIME!

# 2018

Missed getting your graduate's information in for this issue? Send in your graduate's announcement before June 10 for publication in the July issue of *The Caroler*!

Email a short bio and photo to [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics)



by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

Back in the November *Caroler*, I wrote about a CRD Board Member creating an Original Carrollwood Facebook Page. At the May meeting, the subject was discussed extensively, and the full Board voted to rescind this responsibility altogether and transfer the Facebook and/or any Community social media duty over to the CCA. Several CRD Board members have concerns since we are all subject to government in the Sunshine and Ethics Laws. So in short, the CRD will not be involved in maintaining or administering a Community social media page.

Moving on, board member Suzy Giunta wasted little time in rolling up her sleeves, awarding several contracts. You should see repair work begin very soon on the block wall and decorative fence that was damaged by an auto



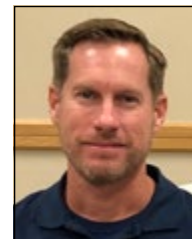
Suzy Giunta

accident along Orange Grove Drive - close to Phoenix Circle. Additionally, the Recreation Center will be getting new carpet, as the current carpet is five years old.

Board member David O'Donnell decided at the meeting to get new commercial grade toilets for Scotty Cooper Park, as we have been experiencing plumbing problems for the last few months.

Lastly, as the summer is upon us and utilization of White Sands Beach is in full swing, if you are there and observe unacceptable behavior, please report it to the guard and request that they address it.

Happy Memorial Day.



David O'Donnell



**The Board of Trustees of the Carrollwood Recreation District, a Florida independent special district, will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing will be so property owners and residents within the district may appear and be heard before the adoption of the 2018-2019 budget. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Carrollwood Recreation Center located at 3515 McFarland Road, Tampa, Florida 33618. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the District Office at 813-932-1257 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. More information on the District can be found online at: [www.OriginalCarrollwoodCRD.com](http://www.OriginalCarrollwoodCRD.com).**



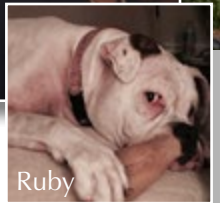


## 3403 Picwood Road

### Glen Peterson and Kay Young



Glen and Kay



Ruby

More so than ever there are so many beautiful and manicured yards in Original Carrollwood, that for our “work in progress” home to be nominated as Yard of the Month is quite the honor. I believe it is a testament to the hard work Kay and I have put into it and how far it has come. Our family has lived in this great neighborhood for over 20 years and we have made many great friends. We are excited to see a new generation of young families moving to OC, experiencing the warmth of this neighborhood and enjoying the many great events and amenities it offers. My children are off to college but still consider this their home and talk of starting their families in this neighborhood which is really saying something!

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## NOMINATE A YARD!

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## OC REAL ESTATE

### REAL ESTATE – 101

#### Federal Income Tax and Residential Real Estate

by Wayne Wilson, Realtor and  
OC Resident  
43 Years



I am not a CPA nor am I a tax processor. Having said that I have begun to try to see the impact

of the new Federal Income Tax Law, which took effect January of 2018 on the residential homeowner. So this is my take on it. Your Tax Adviser is your professional and needs to be consulted by you if you have any questions.

The first area of impact is related to the mortgage interest deduction. Prior to this new law, you could deduct all of that interest up to a \$1 million investment. This has been reduced to \$750,000. However, prior loans are grandfathered in so unless you're a high-end purchaser in 2018, this will not affect. It does mean, however, that if you are a homeowner of one of our higher-end homes in Carrollwood and want to sell your property, your buyer prospects could be fewer.

Additionally, interest on home equity loans is only deductible if the money is used for home improvements.

Another important part of this revision affects those with local taxes, which exceed \$10,000. Previously, all of your local taxes were deductible but that now

has a cap.

Because of the new increased standard deductions many of you who have been itemizing may now just take the standard deduction and therefore those interest and tax deductions previously used will no longer be applicable.

The question is "how much effect does this have on you Carrollwoodians?" Personally, I believe it will be minimal. There is even the possibility that it could be beneficial. For example, some of the older retired or near retirement people living in expensive homes outside of our community may choose to downsize but likely would want to be in an upscale area like Original Carrollwood. That being the case your property values might ultimately improve.

### OC Listings

as of *The Caroler* deadline:

A=Active; P=Pending; S=Sold in the last 30 days

Status	Address	Htd Sq Ft	Price
A	10420 Butia Pl	2,355	\$364,900
A	10908 Juniperus Pl	1,830	\$339,000
A	3318 Lacewood Rd	1,955	\$419,900
A	11731 Lipsey Rd	2,409	\$459,900
A	10317 Orange Grove Dr	1,905	\$375,000
A	3014 Sabal Rd	2,778	\$470,000
P	11743 Lipsey Rd	2,376	\$437,000
P	11808 Lipsey Rd	1,914	\$389,900
P	10507 Orange Grove Dr	1,672	\$274,900
P	10603 Orange Grove Dr	2,138	\$325,000
P	3413 Picwood Rd	1,322	\$284,900
P	3012 Sabal Rd	1,680	\$299,900
P	3319 Schefflera Rd	2,906	\$379,900
P	3614 Schefflera Rd	1,818	\$205,000
S	11527 Areca Rd	1,871	\$280,900
S	3302 Lacewood Rd	2,085	\$295,000
S	3310 Nakora Dr	1,856	\$340,000
S	3305 Picwood Rd	1,726	\$369,000
S	3323 Picwood Rd	1,688	\$225,000

Being the eternal optimist that I am, I have to believe that the overall effect on our community's residents is extremely minimal. Those who have tax bills exceeding \$10,000 aren't going to move off Lake Carroll or out of Carrollwood for the minimal impact this will have on their finances. I just think that those who have Home Equity positions established need to be conscious of where they will use that money if they withdraw it in the future.

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## You're Invited! OC Bridge Club

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## Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club Meeting

Monday, June 4, 2018, Check-in and Social Time: 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers: Candidate for Florida House District 60 Debra Bellanti, Candidate for Florida House District 63 Fentrice Driskell, and Candidate for Florida House District 64 Heather Stahl. Come and learn about the candidates. 



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# Congratulations OC Graduates!



## **Andres M. Cartaya**

Andres M. Cartaya attended Jesuit High School. Andres is the son of David and Saby Cartaya and will be attending the University of Florida in the fall, majoring in Business.

## **Veronica M. Cartaya**



Veronica M. Cartaya, daughter of David and Saby Cartaya, is a 2014 graduate of Tampa Catholic High School, attended the United States Naval Academy. She earned a

Bachelor of Science in History and Spanish. Veronica will be Commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy on May 25, 2018.



## **Drew Fonda**

We are proud to announce Drew Fonda's graduation from Hillsborough High School - International Baccalaureate (IB) program. While at Hillsborough, Drew was a National Honor Society inductee, 4-year Varsity Golfer, 3-year Varsity Rower, Fellowship of Christian Athletes President and Boys State American Legion Delegate. In the fall, Drew will be attending Auburn University where he has been accepted to the prestigious Harbert College of Business and has earned an Air Force ROTC Scholarship. Congratulations Drew, We are so proud of you!



## Stefan Joseph Georgis

Stefan, son of Daoud (Juniperus Place) and Linda Georgis (Samara Drive), and older brother to Lucas and Matthew Georgis graduated 16th out of 330 with a 5.89 GPA from Chamberlain High School's CAPS program. He was the drum captain of the CHS Marching Band of the Mighty Chiefs, a member of Gaither Indoor Percussion group, and a Tri-M Music Honor Society member. Stefan will be attending USF in the fall and plans to study Mechanical Engineering and become a performing member of USF's Herd of Thunder Athletic Band. NeeNee, Bapa, Mom and Dad are sooo proud of all you have become!

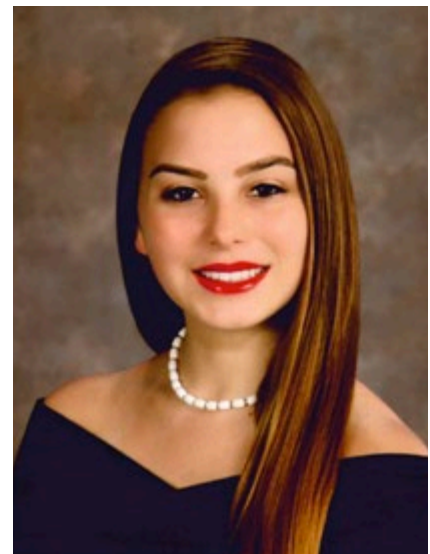


## Isabella Larcomb

Isabella Larcomb, a lifelong Carrollwood resident, has been homeschooled and a member of JMJ, OLOR and STACH co-ops for the past 13 years. Bella dual-enrolled her senior year at HCC, where she took ASL I and II, Trigonometry and Calculus. Her parents are Rich and Dee Dee and her sister is Maria. Her grandparents are Robert and Mary Hicks of Samara Drive. Isabella will be attending USF in the Fall; her major is undecided, as of yet. Isabella has been accepted into the Honors College and has plans to study abroad in the future. She also plans to play intramural soccer, a sport which she has been passionate about and participated in since grade school. Isabella is also extremely excited to get involved in the Catholic Student Union on campus. Go Bulls!

## Kaitlyn Murin

Middleton High School BIO Medical Program, Class of 2018  
Graduating with certifications for Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Word and Autodesk Program Inventor. Presidential award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Girls Volleyball for four years, including Captain of JV squad Sophomore year. Homecoming court Princess for Junior year. Daughter of Greg and Marney Murin. Kaitlyn will attend the University of South Florida for a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies with a concentration in health management and biological sciences, and then to medical school to pursue a career in Pediatrics, possibly in oncology.





## Molly Montgomery

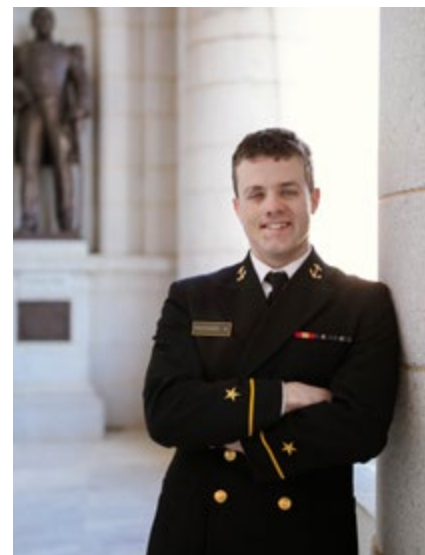
Molly Montgomery will be graduating on Friday, May 18th, from Brooks Debartolo Collegiate High School. She plans to attend the University of North Florida where she is enrolled in their Honors College and will be one of 24 students admitted into their selective Freshman Admit Nursing (FAN) Program of Study. While at Brooks Debartolo, Molly was active in Student Government (served as Homecoming Dance Chair and organized Wash DC March for Our Lives Trip), Vice President of Democrats Club, as well as an officer of National Honors Society.



## Adam Montgomery

Adam and Christian Montgomery will be graduating from the United States Naval Academy on Friday, May 25th, where they will also be commissioned as Ensigns in the US Navy that day as well. Adam will be receiving a Bachelor of Science in Cyber Operations. After graduation and commissioning, Adam will be assigned to work at the NSA (National Security Agency) in Oahu, Hawaii where he will be doing Defensive Cyber Operations. Christian will be receiving a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and a Bachelor

of Science in Computer Science. After graduation and commissioning, the Navy will be sending Christian to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to pursue a Master's in Aeronautical Engineering while also participating in the Draper Lab Fellow Program.



## Christian Montgomery





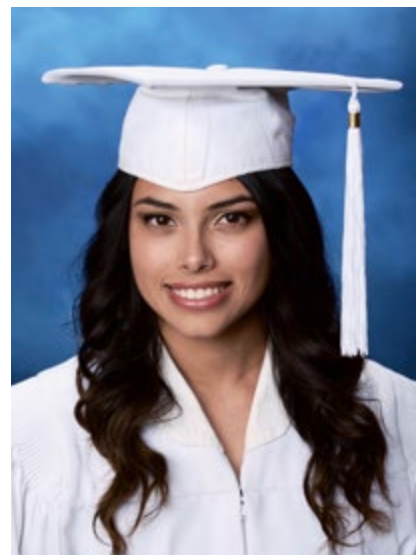
## Markus Dangl

Markus Dangl of 11629 Carrollwood Drive, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Florida State University. He double majored in Political Science and International Relations. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Markus will attend Florida State University College of Law in the fall.

## Melissa Tempest

Melissa Tempest will be graduating with the class of 2018 from Hillsborough High School's International Baccalaureate program with honors. Her parents, Norma and Mark Tempest, are proud that she will be graduating with a district weighted grade point average of 8.0.

Melissa was a member of the National Honor Society and officers in the Spanish National Honor Society, Future Health Professionals (HOSA) club, and the Student Government Association. Pursuing her goal of becoming a physician, Melissa founded the Students Fighting Against Cancer Club and helped to raise \$6,000 towards cancer research on behalf of her high school in her last two years. Melissa will be attending the University of Florida as a part of the class of 2022. Go Gators!



## Cotton Yarborough



Feeling excited, humbled, and blessed to be starting at the University of Florida this fall. I will be forever indebted to Original Carrollwood for providing me with an unbelievable place to grow up surrounded by lifelong friends, "neighborhood moms", and an ever-expanding list of mentors. It is only through the support of our unique "hood", my church family (Lake Magdalene United Methodist), my homeschooling community, and my particularly patient family that I am off with a running start, or in my case- a rolling start, and I am exceedingly grateful and honored to have been...

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Email information to *The Caroler* editor, Roxanne Clapp, at [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics)



# Come Out & Enjoy All the OC 4th of July Events!

**PARADE:** Starts at 10 a.m. Runs from Rec Center to White Sands Beach. Begin gathering in the parking lot of the Rec Center at 9:30 a.m.

**SKI SHOW:** Begins at 11 a.m. at White Sands Beach. Bring your beach chairs, blankets and sunscreen! Please do not open your umbrellas or put up your tents until after the ski show.

**FOOD:** More info to follow so stay tuned and check out the information in the next issue of *The Caroler*!

**AWARDS:** Judges will be along the parade route looking for spirited 4th of July families and individuals. We are judging for the "Most Patriotic Family" and 1st runner-up, "Most Patriotic Adult," male and female, and 1st runner-up, and "Most Patriotic Kid," male and female, and 1st runner-up. Awards will be presented at the beach.

**NO PETS**  
**NO FIREWORKS**  
**NO GLASS!**

Questions: Contact Neil Norden at [NeilNorden@originalcarrollwood.com](mailto:NeilNorden@originalcarrollwood.com) or 904-742-8649 cell.

**Service Hours:** *Student volunteers are needed for everything from setting up, serving food, crowd control and cleanup. If you need Community Service hours, please come WITH your paperwork to White Sands Beach. Volunteers should show by 8:30 a.m. at White Sands Beach to help with set up. Neil Norden – CCA Social Co-Chair will sign paperwork.*



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## Yard of the Month

Our yard has been a slow progression, we have removed a torn-up asphalt driveway which had a large hole from a lightning strike (see lightning article on back page) and replaced it with a paver driveway which we love. We've added new sod and some new landscaping including our favorite Queen Emma lily which appears to be the grasshoppers favorite as well. Recently we added low voltage lighting and are halfway through our white vinyl fence project. Special thanks to our friendly neighborhood lawn service professional Doug Chisholm and his great guys as well as PHS (Professional Horticultural Services) for taking such great care of our yard.

The yard has been taking a beating recently between the hurricane, the freeze this past winter and aging trees, but it just means more "yard therapy" for both of us, so we will stay on it. If you see us parked in our lawn chairs on our driveway give us a hello. And on a final note, we wish to take this opportunity to thank the majority of the neighborhood for helping us constantly retrieve our escapee white boxer clown "Ruby" all these years! We appreciate it.



## Help Maintain Lake Carroll Make a Donation

Residents! Help keep Lake Carroll clean and safe. Financial contributions are needed from everyone. Funds are used to offset expenses for vigorous water sampling and testing, and other lake maintenance and monitoring needs. Contributors are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in *The Caroler*.

Make funds payable to: Carrollwood Civic Association; 3515 McFarland Rd.; Tampa, FL 33618. Please include this form OR donate through PayPal on the OC website:  
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## A RIDDLE

**What is black when you get it,  
red when you use it,  
and white when you are  
through it?**

Email your answer to the Editor, Roxanne Clapp,  
at [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics) before June 10.  
All that reply will have their name, along with the solution,  
posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*!

## SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S "SAVE YOURSELF" PUZZLE

# BLACK HAT



The man in front knew he was wearing a black hat because he knew the first man did not see two white hats [since then he - the first man - would know he was wearing a black hat] and he [the man in front] knew that the second man did not see a white hat because if he had, he would have known that his hat was black from hearing the first man's statement.

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

Tom Shea

Gary & Janet Pailthorp

Tom Rykwald

Lucy Pellenbarg

Charlie Ross

Jack Griffie

Scott Moseley

Mickey Jaap

**Here's the question again if you missed it  
last month:**

Cannibals ambush a safari in the jungle and capture three men. The cannibals give the men a single chance to escape uneaten.

The captives are lined up in order of height, and are tied to stakes. The man in the rear can see the backs of his two friends, the man in the middle can see the back of the man in front, and the man in front cannot see anyone. The cannibals show the men five hats. Three of the hats are black and two of the hats are white.

Blindfolds are then placed over each man's

eyes and a hat is placed on each man's head. The two hats left over are hidden. The blindfolds are then removed and it is said to the men that if one of them can guess what color hat he is wearing they can all leave unharmed.

The man in the rear who can see both of his friends' hats but not his own says, "I don't know." The middle man who can see the hat of the man in front, but not his own says, "I don't know." The front man who cannot see ANYBODY'S hat says "I know!"

What color was the front man's hat?

*Special thank you to Roger Clapp for submitting the May puzzle.*



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# Lightning

## (No not that Lightning)

*Article and photos provided by Glen Peterson, OC Resident*

**D**id you know we happen to live in one of the most active areas for lightning in the United States? Hint your Hockey team is called the Tampa Bay "Lightning"! Every square kilometer of "Lightning Alley" as our area is commonly referred sees nine strikes a year, said Tyler Fleming, a forecaster for the National Weather Service. Being a third generation Floridian, I find myself thinking I am immune to lightning at times. A few years back it was a relatively clear summer day and my son was about to go outside with a friend to wash his car when we heard a huge boom. We went outside and noticed the neighbor pointing towards my house. Lightning had hit a foot away at my daughters brand new undriven Volkswagen Bug and blew a 1.5' wide hole in our asphalt driveway sending asphalt chunks almost 60' feet away. Her hubcaps were laying on the ground and the car would not start. After an \$11,000 repair the Bug was driving again. Now the punch (buggy) line (See insert of my daughter's custom tag). We thank God no one was hurt but the point of the story is to remind everyone that none of us are immune to lightning even in our own yards. So, to lower your chance of becoming a lightning strike statistic please remember some of the following rules as we approach lightning season.

When a thunderstorm threatens, get inside a home or large building, or inside an all-metal (not convertible) vehicle. Note: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.

### Inside a home:

- Avoid contact with corded phones and devices including those plugged into electric for recharging. Cordless and wireless phones not connected to wall outlets are OK to use.
- Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do

laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.

- Stay away from windows and doors and stay off porches.

### If outside, with no time to reach a safe building or an automobile, follow these rules:

- Do not stand underneath a natural lightning rod such as a tall, isolated tree
- Avoid projecting above the surrounding landscape as you would do if you were standing on a hilltop, in an open field, on the beach, or fishing from a small boat
- Get out of and away from open water. Yes, that means you at White Sands.
- Get off and away from motorcycles, scooters, riding lawn mowers, golf carts and bicycles. Put down golf clubs and metal lawn tools.
- Stay away from wire fences, clotheslines, metal pipes, rails and other metallic paths which could carry lightning to you from some distance away.
- Avoid standing in small isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- In a wooded area, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees. In open areas, go to a low place if you can find one but be alert for flash floods.
- If you're isolated in a level field and feel your hair stand on end, indicating that lightning is about to strike, drop to your knees and bend forward putting your hands on your knees. Do not lie flat on the ground.

Lastly remember the Lightning 30/30 rule: If it takes less than 30 seconds to hear thunder after seeing the flash, lightning is near enough to pose a threat; after the storm ends, wait 30 minutes before resuming outdoor activities.

Have fun but use common sense and follow the above guidelines this season, because we like you as a neighbor.

