

MIRA VISTA CLUB

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018



DAYTRIPPERS
Sunday, December 2, 2018
Bok Gardens & Pinewood Estate

The next Daytrippers Event is scheduled for Sunday, December 2. The trip is visiting Bok Gardens and touring Pinewood Estate. If you are interested in going to this event, meet at Freedom Park (near Veteran's Memorial at 10:45 am. We'll head out to Floridino's for lunch promptly at 11:00 am and then off to Bok Gardens.

Check out the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details and information.

CHRISTMAS PARADE
Tuesday, December 4, 6 pm
Village Center

Our Illustrious Mira Vista Kazoo Band will be playing in the Christmas Parade on December 4 on Village Drive. The parade begins at the Grille and goes to the Bistro. Find a good spot to support your Mira Vista Neighbors!!!



The picture on the right shows our Kazoo Band from last year!

Come enjoy the Solivita Christmas Parade and cheer on your neighbors!!!

FRONT YARD FRIDAY
Friday, December 7, 2018
5 pm
Barbara Driveway
597 Presido Park Place

Our last Front Yard Friday for 2018 is on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 5 pm in the driveway of the Paul & Judi Barbara (597 Presido Park Place). Bring a chair, something to drink, a snack to eat and some bug spray, and get to know your neighbors!! **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!**

NOTE: Please park on Shady Canyon or Harbor Ridge Drive to avoid any traffic problems on Presido Park Place! THANKS!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER
Sizzling Grill
21400 Highway 27, Lake Wales
Wednesday, December 5 at 4:30 pm

Our Holiday/Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, at 4:30 pm at the Sizzling Grill, 21400 Highway 27, Lake Wales. There will be no set dinner menu. You will be able to order *OFF THE MENU*! We had a lunch there in October and they had sufficient staff and chefs to accommodate the 25 Mira Vista neighbors who attended. Everyone got their drinks and food in a very timely manner. *THEY GUARANTEE THEY WILL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SERVERS AND CHEFS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR GROUP!* ***This event is for Mira Vista Neighbors ONLY!*** There are no orders or money to reserve your spot. The club will be providing the dessert. ***THIS EVENT IS NOW CLOSED. WE HAVE REACHED THE RESTAURANT'S LIMIT!***

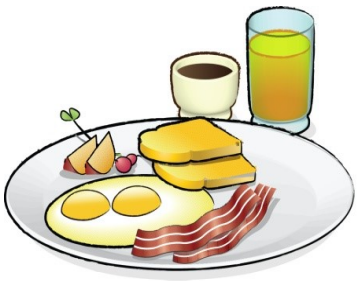
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH YOUR MIRA VISTA NEIGHBORS
Saturday, December 15 at 5:15 pm
Trabuco Canyon Court cul-de-sac

The Social Committee is sponsoring a *Celebrate the Holiday Season with Your Mira Vista Neighbors* on Saturday, December 15, starting at 5:15 pm at the garage of Loretta Richardson, 1689 Trabuco Canyon Court. Park your golf carts on the odd side of Harbor Ridge Drive from Trabuco Canyon Court toward Encinitas Way.

Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be available at 5:15 pm. At about 6:00 we'll start a caravan from Harbor Ridge Drive and Trabuco Canyon Court touring the decorated homes in Solivita including the Contest Entries and Winners. You may leave the Tour and return home at any time. You can use your golf cart or other vehicle. Your visiting friends and family are welcome to join us.

NO RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED!!! JUST COME AND ENJOY YOUR EVENING!!

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
9:00 AM
Egg City
35496 Hwy 27, Haines City



Our last Fifth Sunday Breakfast for 2018 will be held at our most popular venue for this recurring event, Egg City on Highway 27 in Haines City. If you would like to join your Mira Vista friends and neighbors, contact Maria Dymek or Len Guminski by calling at 863-496-4320 or by email mariadleng145@yahoo.com by Thursday, December 27.

Please be sure that if you plan to come, you show up. While we recognize last minute situations that might arise, please contact Maria & Len if you know in advance that you cannot make it. Restaurants bring in staff based upon the numbers given to them. It is not fair to them that we do not have the number reserved show up. Thanks.

PACK THE PANTRIES 2018 UPDATE

Our ***Pack the Pantries 2018*** was a SUCCESS!! The ***GRAND TOTAL*** collected was $1,680 plus a car load of food items for SOFEES and St. Rose of Lima Food Pantry. SOFEES received $505 in checks and cash. St. Rose of Lima received $1,175 in checks and cash. ***THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED!!! WE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF OUR MIRA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD!!!***

FLAGS OVER SOLIVITA IN MIRA VISTA

In the recent Reflections magazine, The Veterans Club provided information on the Flags Over Solivita program for 2019. They also included the 2019 Application for renewals as well as new participants. While they are asking you to mail in your 2019 Application and check, Mira Vista Club will help facilitate your application. Our Flags Over Solivita Team Leader, John Biellik, WILL ACCEPT YOUR APPLICATIONS AND CHECKS AND TAKE CARE OF GETTING THEM TO THE RIGHT PERSON AT THE VETERANS CLUB. John has a box by his front door where you can leave your application or leave it with him personally.

In 2018 Mira Vista displayed 126 flags – 123 homes, two at our entry signs and an extra one at the Latham home. 123 homes are about 61% of our homes participating in 2018. We would like to increase that number to 75% of the homes or about 152 homes participating in 2019. So, if you did not have a flag at your home in 2018, please consider one in 2019.

If you have any questions or wish to turn in your application to John, you can contact him at 863-496-7204. JOHN AND CHANTEL LIVE AT 1084 HARBOR RIDGE DRIVE.

WELCOME TO NEW MIRA VISTA RESIDENTS**

We welcome our newest Mira Vista residents who recently moved in:

Donald & joy Hamilton, 707 Shady Canyon Way

*** If you meet any new Mira Vista residents, please notify Len & Margo Vento with their name(s), address, email address and telephone number.*

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

We began collecting 2019 Mira Vista Club dues at our Membership Meeting on November 30. Many members have already paid their dues for 2019. The dues for 2019 is $15 per person no matter when during the year you pay. Pay it now and be ready for our exciting 2019 Mira Vista Club Schedule of Events. To pay your dues, contact Treasurer, Claire Schatz at 863-353-8972, or President, Len Vento at 863-496-0628.

MIRA VISTA CLUB LEADERS FOR 2019-2020

The Mira Vista Club leadership for 2018 is as follows:

Executive Board:

Co-Presidents: Len Vento and Mark Fertig
Treasurer: Claire Schatz
Secretary: Loretta Richardson
At-Large Members: Sarah Bugielski and Lil Porciello
Social Committee Chairman: Paul Barbara
Special Projects Chairwoman: Maria Dymek
Sunshine Chairwoman: Dottie Fertig
Welcome Chairwoman: Margo Vento

Special Projects Chairpersons:

Pack the Pantries: Marie Biringer
Relay for Life: Maria Dymek
Holiday Decorations: Barb Angell
Logo Items: Kathy Dahl
Call Care Circle: Susan Christoffers
Ambassador Program: Len Vento
Flags over Solivita: John Biellik
Meeting Supplies: Andrea Cerasoli
AEDs for Mira Vista: Joyce Colin

Special THANKS to Nancy Smith (Member-at-Large) for her past service to the Mira Vista Club. Nancy promises to continue to volunteer for the Mira Vista Club. More Special THANKS to Joe Porciello and his Nominations Committee for this process! And THANKS to the Mira Vista Club members for your continued support!!!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

At our Membership Meeting on Friday, November 30, we took some time to recognize the many, many Mira Vista residents who have volunteered during 2018. Our Club could not be the success it is without the help of so many of you! Whether it is setting up for a Street Party or Membership Meeting, installing and removing our Flags Over Solivita, helping with the Holiday Decorations, help working our BINGO Parties for Relay for Life, taking a leadership role on a Team or Executive Board or some project we develop, teaching one of our many Craft Workshops and many, many more to many to list all here. ***THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS IN SOME WAY TO MAY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THE BEST IN SOLIVITIA!!!***

DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT RECURRING ITEMS

SUNSHINE FOR MIRA VISTA Dottie Fertig. Call 484-678-3339	**SOFEES TO HELP NEEDY KIDS** Rita Katz, 1025 Harbor Ridge Drive. Call 407-309-9675 or 215-850-7122.	**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** Claire Schatz, 1285 Harbor Ridge Drive. Call 863-353-8972.	**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR VETERANS** Mary Hennenfent, 1684 Trabuco Canyon Court. Call 636-219-3012.	Questions or more information on these programs can be found by contacting these individuals

Christmas Fundraiser

Benefits the Palmetto Elementary School

Help purchase a "Poster Printer"

Needed: $1,800



HP DesignJet T520 24-in Printer

Palmetto Elementary School
315 Palmetto Street, Poinciana

Total Enrollment: 799 students
Total Staff: 54 full-time teachers
Student eligible for free lunch: 567 (71%)
Students eligible for reduced lunch: 91 (11%)

Bob & Lola Holmberg, Mira Vista residents, work there and are dedicated to these students!!!

This fundraiser will be our last charitable activity for 2018. While Mira Vista does many fundraising activities throughout the year, this one hits more at home. Our neighbors in Mira Vista, Bob & Lola Holmberg work at this school and see on a daily basis the needs of these children. When the Executive Board decided to pursue this fundraiser, we asked Bob & Lola to help us find a need that we can fill for this school. The Poster Printer will help the teachers and staff throughout the school – from the cafeteria workers to the classroom teachers. All can use this to provide a better education and environment for these students.

So, join us in achieving this goal to help these 799 students and 54 teachers! Examine the chart below to see how you can help and please choose the ones that best fit your needs.

THANKS IN ADVANCE IN AGAIN SHOWING THAT MIRA VISTA NEIGHBORS HAVE A HEART AND CARE ABOUT OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY!!

Note: At our November 30 Membership Meeting – the kickoff of our Christmas Fundraiser – we already raised almost $800. There is no doubt with your help, we can reach our goal!!!

THREE WAYS TO HELP

RAFFLE

Purchase Raffle Tickets

$1 - one ticket
$5 - six tickets
$10 - 15 tickets

First Prize
Two Tickets for SeaWorld for 2019 - No blackout days
Value: $250

Second Prize
"Play It Again, Santa"
Value: $70

Third Prize
$20 Florida Lottery Gold Rush Ticket

Tickets will be sold from November 30 through December 30.

The drawing will take place at our Fifth Sunday Breakfast on December 30.

Do not need to be present to win.

CANDY JAR RAFFLE

COUNT THE "M&M'S JAR

$1 - One Guess

COUNT THE MINI PEANUT BUTTER JAR

$1 - One Guess

CLOSEST GUESS

WINS THE JAR

FOR EACH

These are being held at our November 30 Membership Meeting and our December 5 Christmas Dinner.

Note: Raffle tickets for our three prizes can be purchased from Len & Margo Vento at any time during December.

DONATION

We hope that you would consider making a cash or check donation.

Donations will be accepted by any Executive Board member.

WE HOPE YOU WOULD CONSIDER HELPING!

THANK YOU!!



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - FIRST QUARTER 2019

The activities and events listed here include ALL that have been scheduled by your Social Committee and your Mira Vista Neighbors Relay for Life Team. ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!***
These activities and events are subject to change.

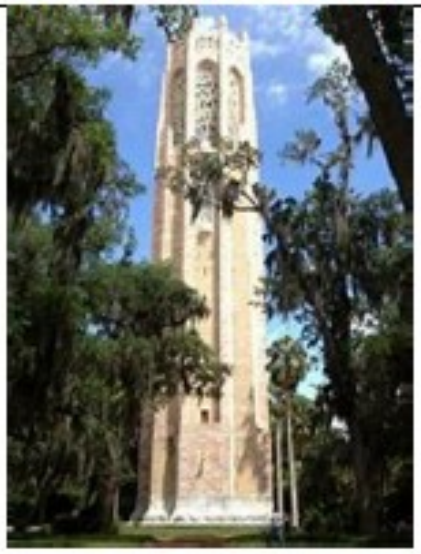
Month	Day of Week	Date	Time	Event	Planned Location
January	Friday	4	5:00 PM	Front Yard Friday	Slotnick
	Saturday	5	12:00 PM	ICE/Brunch	Gaylord Palms
	Monday	21	6:00 PM	Hand & Foot	Palms
	Saturday	TBD	12:00 PM	Unique Eats	TBD
	Saturday	25	TBD	Ladies Lunch	TBD
February	Friday	1	5:00 PM	Front Yard Friday	1321 Harbor Ridge
	Wednesday	13	12:00 PM	SAC Meeting	597 Presido Park
	Saturday	16	1:00 PM	Winter Street Party	Encinitas Way
	Wednesday	20	8:00 AM	Blue Springs State Park/Boat	Deland
	Wednesday	27	6:00 PM	Bingo Party	Palms
March	Friday	1	5:00 PM	Front Yard Friday	
	Monday	4	6:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Palms
	Friday	15	7:30 PM	Sister Act	Osceola
	Friday	22	10:00 AM	WP Art Show/Sun Rail Trip/Lunch	Winter Park
	Friday	29	6:00 PM	Bingo	Palms
	Sunday	31	9:00 AM	5th Sunday Breakfast	TBD
April	Friday	5	6:00 PM	Front Yard Friday	
	Saturday	11	7:00 AM	Ringling Museum/Breakfast	Sarasota
	Tuesday	16	7:00 PM	SAC Meeting	Barbara
	Saturday	27	TBD	Unique Eats	TBD
	TBD	TBD	TBD	RFL Day	Village Drive
	TBD	TBD	TBD	Ladies Lunch	TBD
May	Friday	3	6:00 PM	Front Yard Friday	
	Saturday	18	5:00 PM	Cypress Garden Water Ski	Lake Silver, WH
				Ladies Lunch	TBD
	Saturday	25	8:00 AM	Weeki Wachee	
June	Saturday	16	5:30 PM	SAC Meeting	Barbara
	Tuesday	18	6:00 PM	Bingo	Palms
	Thursday	20	11:00 AM	Vista Lago Pool Party	Vista Lago
	Monday	24	6:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Palms
	Sunday	30	9:00 AM	5th Sunday Breakfast	TBD
	TBD	TBD	TBD	Ladies Lunch	TBD



Bok Tower Gardens for the Holidays
1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales, Fl 33853
Sunday - December 2, 2018

Lunch (prior to Bok)

Floridino's Italian Kitchen – Lake Hamilton





Meet at Freedom Park (near the Veteran's Memorial at 10:45 AM. We'll head out to Floridino AM for lunch and then off to Bok Gardens.

Bok Gardens - Adults $25, Children (5-12) $10, Children 5 are free.
This ticket option includes General Admission and access to a self-guided tour of holiday decorat
Be prepared for lots of walking (some shuttles are available).

For additional information, go to: https://boktowergardens.org/

tripadvisor

Sep 17, 2018 02:01 PM
What an unexpected find, the gardens are stunning, peaceful and serene. The guided tour of Buck awesome! Full review

Sep 15, 2018 02:22 PM
Need a break from the high stress Orlando tourist traps? Go to Bok Tower. So beautiful and relaxi tower were very nice.

The gem of Bok Tower Gardens holiday festivities, the 20-room, 1932 Mediterranean-st Estate is a step back in time to the grandeur and glamour of a bygone era. Learn more fascinating period in American history through the eyes of C. Austin Buck and his fam America's true steel dynasties.

From the main gate...

1. Exit the gate and turn left onto Cypress Parkway for 8 miles toward Haines City