

Moosehaven News

Heart of the Community

March...

So as editor of this publication, I frequently "fill in the gap" if there is space available. I decided to Google March and it's holidays. I was fully prepared for St. Patrick's Day and Easter, which is early this month. I was not prepared for the listing that I found of all the holidays recognized in the month of March. If you need a reason to celebrate, please take your pick.

March is Irish American Month, Music in Our Schools Month, National Craft Month, National Frozen Food Month, National Irish American Heritage Month, National Nutrition Month, National Peanut Month, National Women's History Month, Red Cross Month and Social Workers Month. The 2nd week in March is National Bubble Week as well as Crochet Week. It seems every single day in March boasts one or more holidays. Some are just wacky and weird but all seem destined to give the greeting card companies a really good month. :)

- 1 National Pig Day and Peanut Butter Lovers' Day
- 2 Old Stuff Day (We all have old stuff around the house but we love him/her...)
- 3 I Want You to be Happy Day, If Pets Had Thumbs Day and National Anthem Day
- 4 Employee Appreciation Day, Hug a GI Day and National Salesperson Day
- 5 Multiple Personality Day (This is a popular one.)
- 6 Dentist's Day and National Frozen Food Day
- 7 National Crown Roast of Pork Day
- 8 Be Nasty Day and International (Working) Women's Day
- 9 Panic Day (I can relate.)
- 10 Middle Name Pride Day and Popcorn Lover's Day
- 11 Johnny Appleseed Day and Worship of Tools Day
- 12 Girl Scouts Day and Plant a Flower Day
- 13 Ear Muff Day and Jewel Day
- 14 Learn about Butterflies Day, National Potato Chip Day and National Pi Day
- 15 Dumbstruck Day, Everything You Think is Wrong Day and Ides of March
- 16 Freedom of Information Day and Everything You Do is Right Day
- 17 Submarine Day and Saint Patrick's Day (Submarine the sandwich or the vessel?)
- 18 Goddess of Fertility Day, National Agriculture Day and Supreme Sacrifice Day
- 19 National Quilting Day and Poultry Day (Quilts for Hens!)
- 20 International Earth Day, Extraterrestrial Abductions Day and Proposal Day
- 21 Credit Card Reduction Day and Fragrance Day
- 22 National Goof Off Day (This should be observed on a Saturday!)
- 23 Melba Toast Day, National Chip and Dip Day and Near Miss Day
- 24 National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
- 25 Pecan Day and Waffle Day
- 26 Good Friday, Make Up Your Own Holiday Day and National Spinach Day
- 27 Easter and National "Joe" Day
- 28 Dyngus Day and Something on a Stick Day
- 29 National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day and Smoke and Mirrors Day
- 30 National Doctor's Day, I am in Control Day and Take a Walk in the Park Day
- 31 Bunsen Burner Day and National Clam on the Half Shell Day

Happy celebrating!

Marina Mathews
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What's Happening?

- The Cross & The Light Drama
- Community Breakfast
- OP Kennel Club
- Moosehaven 9th Annual Golf Invitational at Eagle Harbor
- John's Social - St. Patricks Day
- Dinner/Dance at Mandarin Lodge
- District Sports and Meeting at Mandarin Lodge
- Dinner/Dance at Lakeshore Lodge
- Hamburger Night at Palatka Lodge
- Michigan Deck Dinner
- Florida Days Dance
- Florida Days Picnic
- Easter Egg Hunt!
- Easter Sunrise Service
- Fried Chicken Night at Lakeshore Lodge
- Tour of Camp Blanding



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Just John

Moosehaven is a community, in some ways a family. We reside together on this campus, share our halls and enjoy the parties and dances and activities together. Yet, we don't always take the time to watch out or encourage one another or even act like we care.

The Loyal Order of Moose is also a community, kind of a family. Think about it. We call each other brother or sister. We share common missions – Mooseheart and Moosehaven. But, too often we are blind to the needs and concerns of our fellow members. We seem indifferent to the consequences of losing our fraternal values.

Here's a tale for all of us to think about.

The Mousetrap:

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral; the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you - remember, we are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. You just never know when the person you help may turn out to be you.

Think about it. I'm....

Just John



SIMPLY HELEN

What do you see?

Winter is drawing to a close for now. Yet it doesn't matter the season if you are prepared to celebrate new life every day of the year. Maybe you don't feel like spring, but instead you are stuck in winter. Even though winter's soil is hard and frozen, allow your heart to be filled with the beauty of spring. Spring officially begins on March 20th and ends on June 20th. May we pause from our busy lives and look around and enjoy the new life around us!

"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

I love springtime! We set our clocks forward and have more daylight to enjoy, the weather is awesome and we are surrounded by newness of life. It is exciting to see buds on those bare trees and the bulbs popping out of the ground.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

Spring reminds us of new life. Things that seemed dead become alive again. The birds that were in hiding and had hushed their singing are out and about enjoying the weather and chirping happily. Rejoicing – **It's spring! It's spring!**

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."
Martin Luther King

Everything that was dead through the winter months is waking up to..... new life, vibrancy, and a new season. A time to grow, to live and to thrive. It seems like everything on the outside is singing with new life! We have many reasons to rejoice, not just because spring has finally sprung!

"We live and die; Christ died and lived!" John Stott

Psalm 68:19 says, *"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah."* That little word "Selah", means "pause" and "stop and think about it".

Look around, what do you see? Are you enjoying the beauty of the season? Are you reminded of the new life that comes through knowing Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

As I pause and look around at the beauty of spring, and marvel at what was dead is now alive, it reminds me of God our Creator and the powerful resurrection of Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:13-14 says, *"But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty."*

The best proof that Christ has risen is that he is still alive. And for the immense majority of our contemporaries, the only way of seeing him alive is for us Christians to love one another." Louis Evely

May we see the new life, the new thing that Christ is doing in our lives and may you be filled with the blessings of His resurrection.

Happy Easter!

Simply Helen



Therapy News

This is my first writing for the newsletter. My name is Kathleen Hansen and I am a Physical Therapist Assistant that works in the therapy department. I have not been here long but have been a PTA for many, many years. Yes, I'm that old!

What I'd like to discuss a bit is culture. {Culture is defined by businessdictionary.com as: The social heritage of a group (organized community or society). It is a pattern of responses discovered, developed or invented during the groups' history of handling problems which arise from interactions among its members, and between them and their environment. These responses are considered the correct way to perceive, feel, think and act and are passed on to the new members through immersion and teaching.}

Whew! That is quite a definition. It sounds kind of harsh, impersonal and a little scary. Nonetheless, whenever you change residence, get a new job or just move into a new arena in life, you may experience what I call a change of culture. Those who were in your circle are not in your circle any longer and you find yourself having to make new friends and develop new relationships that take time to build.

We all come from different backgrounds and life experiences. We all have a need for closeness, companionship and acceptance. Sometimes we struggle with the changes and some folks just take a long time to adjust. I know I do.

What I find important to me may not be important to someone else and visa versa. However, due to my Christian faith, I always remember that He is faithful even if I or anyone else is not. Faithful to remind me that I am accepted and His grace and mercy are poured out for me every day and His loving kindness is new every morning. When I forget these things, the stress of change begins. I also need to remember that the Lord doesn't want us to be alone in our struggles and provides people to help us along the way and helps us to build strong cultures based on family values.

Here at Moosehaven, I note a strong sense of family and a desire to connect. Hey, even their motto is "The Family Fraternity"! We strive in our "culture" in therapy to extend concern and caring for all the residents and hope that even though therapy can be tough, we only do what we do because our hearts are for your welfare. What I say is this, come and be a part of our culture and know that you won't leave the same way you came. Embrace the changes. They are good for you and not to harm you. Allow others into your circle. Develop and discover your tribe here at Moosehaven and draw on the strength and experiences of others to build strong ties and relationships during your journey through all the changes that aging can bring. I am glad you are here and I'm glad I'm here too!

Kathleen Hanson, PTA



Staff Birthdays

Martin Rodriguez
Donna Ward
Donna Minigh
Tonda Williams
Debbie Spears
Eric Colvin
Dale Gebhard
Jeffrey Lhomme
Amanda Burger
Brenda Jewell
Susan Luke

Above left: Doug and Clara Ruth, young and carefree.

Middle: Doug and their son, Danny.

Above right: Clara Ruth



Up Close and Personal with Douglas and Claire Ruth

This month we get up close and personal with Moosehaven sweethearts Douglas and Clara Ruth. Douglas “Doug” was born to Hubert and Lucille Ruth on January 25th in High Point, North Carolina. Doug grew up the oldest of three children. He had two sisters, Velva Ann and Anita. Clara Lee was born to William Carl and Margaret McManus. Clara grew up as one of eight children which included older siblings, William Carl Jr., and Betty Jean, as well as younger siblings, Bobby, Patricia Ann, Rachel and Peggy.

Doug left school at 9 years old to help his dad work on their family tobacco and dairy farm. After a couple of years, he went back to school at Trinity High School through the 9th grade. During his time in school Doug said he loved to play baseball and football. He was happy to be able to leave school to work on the family farm because he understood the importance of helping support his family. Clara Lee attended school through the sixth grade. Her mother became very ill with lung cancer and leukemia so she left school to stay home and take care of her brothers and sisters. She said it was during that time that she learned how to cook and take care of a home.

Doug and Clara met through mutual friends who set them up on a blind date. On their first date they went to the Tar Heel Drive-In. Clara laughed when telling the story of their first date. She said Doug tried to lean in and kiss her during the movie but he was quick to find out he wasn’t going to get a kiss and instead got a hard slap to the face! Needless to say, that date must have gone well because they went out every night after.

Doug and Clara enjoyed drive-in movies and dinner at Kepley’s BBQ. They dated for six months before they decided to spend the rest of their lives together. Doug proposed to Clara during intermission at the Tar Heel Drive-In. Clara said that she knew from the very first date that they were meant to be together. On June 15, 1951 they tied the knot. Doug’s grandfather, who was a pastor, officiated the wedding in Hamilton, North Carolina at exactly eight o’clock in the evening.

Soon after they married they moved to Orlando, Florida. When I asked them what made them want to move to Orlando, Doug said his parents had moved there in pursuit of better jobs. They decided to follow his parents in the hopes of a better quality of life. Doug and his father, Hubert, started a painting business that he worked in for nine years. He then worked assembling control panels for Electric Specialty Inc. and retired from that company after eighteen years. Clara worked as a school bus monitor for special needs children for eleven years. They have three children: Danny, Damon and Annette Ruth. Doug and Clara have been married for 64 years. She said, “Our marriage is like a fairytale, he’s always treated me like a queen.”

Wade and Florence Mauldin introduced Doug and Clara to their local Moose Lodge in Orlando. They enjoyed the steak dinners and live bands so much that they decided to join. Doug and Clara have been Moose members for the past 31 years. They decided to retire to Moosehaven when he realized he would need someone to look after his wife when he was no longer able.

As Moosehaven residents their hobbies include watching movies, reading western books and enjoying each other’s company. When asked what retirement to Moosehaven meant to them, they respond saying “happiness.” They both agreed they couldn’t have found a better place with such nice people who treat you like family.

When asked what advice they would like to leave for the next generation, Doug said, “Try to get along and treat each other with respect; life’s too short to argue and fight. We need to focus on making this world a kinder place, and the first place we can start is with our neighbors.”

Sarah Hapner

Marketing Assistant



I was recently in Minnesota for their Mid-year Convention. The weather was very mild for February in that part of the country (cold for Florida though.) I met some great people, ate some good food and thoroughly enjoyed myself. I was engaged in conversation with a small group of people when one of them said "I just love to listen to you talk." So now I am feeling very impressed with myself and my linguistic skills until she elaborated on what she meant. Apparently someone who grew up in Georgia (like me) has an exotic accent to people in Minnesota.

I wanted to protest but when I said the word accent, which I pronounce ax-sent, I heard it myself. Well we do speak a different language sometimes. Not only do we have our own view of proper pronunciation we have phrases that are unique to the south. The best part of using these phrases is that you can say one thing that sounds kind of nice but really means something else entirely. Let me give you a few examples.

Bless his heart. Sounds good right? Here is how it might be used: Old Uncle Richard just came back from the barn and tracked cow manure over my newly scrubbed floor and living room rug, bless his heart. How about another; I love him to death. Again sounds like a good thing except that it is always followed by the word but. As in, I love him to death but he ain't got the sense God gave

a Billy goat. One more example is "worrying the stew out of me". Marina has been worrying the stew out of me to write an article so she can finish the newsletter. I mean I love her to death but sometimes you need more time. In order to make Marina happy, bless her heart, I am going to write about a few things that happen in March.

Saint Patrick's Day is coming. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and we celebrate his day on March 17th the day of his death. In the Catholic Church it is a feast day to commemorate the spread of Christianity in Ireland. Because it is a feast day the restrictions of lent were lifted for that day and it became known as a day of eating and drinking. It has grown to be a celebration of Irish culture and all things Irish. We wear green to represent the lush hillsides of the emerald island. Savanna Georgia has one of the biggest Saint Patrick Day celebrations in the country and I bet half of them have no idea why.

March also has the golf tournament to raise funds for the support of Moosehaven. It is a huge turnout and raises a lot of money thanks to our many benefactors. I asked Ross why we have a golf tournament instead of something else. He said "because people just love golf so much." He even told me 5 reasons golf is better than sex:

1. You don't have to hide your golf magazines when you have company
2. It is perfectly alright to play golf with a total stranger
3. You do not have to pay extra to watch golf on TV.
4. If you are having golf problems it is perfectly acceptable to go to a professional for help

5. If somebody makes a video of you playing golf you don't care if it gets on the internet.

Last but not least is March 3rd. It is National Make Someone Happy Day. A whole day dedicated to making people happy. (Really, look it up) It certainly has been for me. It is also my 20th wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary Honey. Right now somewhere Theresa is saying "He wrote it in the newsletter, Bless his heart".

*Bill Tippins
Life Care Administrator*

GUIDE TO USING Y'ALL

General	Possessive
 You	 Yours
 Y'all	 Y'all's
 + All Y'all	 + All Y'all's



Monday, March 7th

**A BIG Thank you to
all of our Sponsors!**



Residents gather at the Brandon Place Clubhouse for popcorn and a movie. After dining at Moosehaven's Painted Turtle Café, a few of our residents decided to extend the evening with popcorn and a movie.

The Painted Turtle Café allows residents to "dine out" with the convenience of not having to leave campus.

Open 3 nights a week, the Café offers delicious meals at affordable prices!

Pictured from left: Howard and Carol Ann Olsen, Kathy and Phil Karcheski and Herb Lewis.



9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

At Moosehaven

A Heart of the Community Event

Saturday, March 26th

10:00 - 1:00pm

FREE EVENT!

Contact us at (904) 278-1210 or www.moosehaven.org



Building Our Foundation...Hard Hat Awards

We recognize residents and staff who go over and above and who, in their own way, are helping keep our foundation strong by giving them their own hard hat award.

👷 **Chancellors II Dining Services Staff** are appreciated for their willingness to go over and above for their residents.

👷 **The Maintenance Staff** are recognized for their professionalism and help with assisting new Brandon Place residents on moving to Moosehaven.

👷 **Dan Bramblett**, resident, is recognized for his dedication to providing great "oldies" music on Moosehaven Channel 2.

👷 **Pam Wilcox**, Human Resources Director, is recognized for her patience with and dedication to the staff of Moosehaven.

If you would like to add someone's name for our Basically Awesome column, please contact Marina Mathews, Marketing Director at x1281 or Helen Taylor at x1217.

Resident Birthdays In March!

William Beard
Rita Gabbert
Dorothy Keim
Bernadette Plowden
Jack Shea
Lewis Wingard

Betty Bunn
James Gottlof
Howard Mathias
Trudy Puda
Rosemary Taylor

Jean Davis
Edward Harper
Paul Moore
Clara Ruth
Alfreda Vertigan

Harold Embrey
Drena Mae Jenkins
Howard Olsen
Albert Shallbetter
Ruth Wingard

Resident Anniversaries In March!

Lewis and Ruth Wingard

Phil and Janice Hardesty

Make sure you visit the Moosehaven and Brandon Place websites where you can see information about all of our Upcoming Events and Campus News. Copies of the monthly newsletter are also kept on the website under the Moosehaven News page!

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