



The Pointer

March 2021 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events (Planned)

Event/Recurring Date	This Month's Date/Time	Contact Person
CP Mens "Romeos" Lunch -- 1 st Monday	Cancelled	Rex Fenn
CP Ladies "Juliets" Lunch -- 1 st Wednesday	Cancelled	Kay Mullins
CP Ladies Coffee ---2 nd Monday	Cancelled	Kay Fenn
CP Euchre -- 2 nd Tuesday & 2 nd Thursday	Cancelled	Pam Sanders
CP Book Club -- 3 rd Monday	Cancelled	Tina Edwards
Mahjong --Every Monday & Thursday	Cancelled	Dottie Harmon
Texas Hold 'Em -- 3 rd Wednesday	Cancelled	Andy Godin
Mexican Train Dominoes -- 3 rd Friday	Cancelled	Dottie Harmon
CP Cocktails -- 4 th Thursday	Cancelled	Norma Silcott
CP Community Meeting	On Hold	Ray Starkloff

Clubhouse COVID-19 Lockdown Continues



The Fitness Room remains open and will continue to be stocked with disinfecting supplies. Please be diligent in using these supplies before and after your workout. The Library is also available for checking out books to read at home. We have some painting happening at the Clubhouse main meeting room while this is closed down.

Joys & Concerns

by Nancy Starkloff

We have been sending cards and extending get well wishes and condolences to several in our community during this time when group meetings were not possible. Please call **Nancy at 614-216-3865** if you know of concerns or joys that our community leadership should be recognizing.



Nancy Miller (4582 Collingwood Pointe Pl) passed away from stage 4 lung cancer while in the hospital/at Parkside Senior Living in Westerville. Her husband, Russ Miller continues to live at this facility due to his memory loss needs. A sister to Nancy is arriving soon to help with arrangements for them. Cards can be sent to the address above.

We extend our sympathies to the family of **Paulette Maravich** (previously of 4697 Collingville Way) who previously lived here for many years.

We also extend our sympathies to the family of **Virginia Bizjack** (previously of 4632 Collingville Way) who fell in the winter and passed away. She also had been a long time resident here.

Book Club

By Tina Edwards

March Book The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek By Kim Michele Richardson	Book Hostess: Tina Edwards	3 rd Tuesday of the month
April Book American Dirt	Book Hostess: Kathy Strohm	3 rd Tuesday of the month
May Book Lady Clementine By Marie Bennett	Book Hostess: Donna Welcome	3 rd Tuesday of the month

Stories about Luck – *shared from Readers Digest.com*

“20 Incredible True Stories That Will Change How You Think About Luck” By [Juliana LaBianca](#)

Think luck is just for the Irish? Enjoy these short, true stories that celebrate luck, coincidence, and the joy of being in the right place at the right time.

****Editor's note: more stories are in the online article – I chose a few,**

1. Found money at the grocery store

I was third in line at the checkout, and the lady at the cashier was purchasing basic items. Two cans of cat food, a can of tuna, a loaf of bread, a quart of milk, a package of cookies. Her money was in her hand as the cashier gave her the total. She was 86 cents short. She checked her purse to no avail. “I can put something back,” she said. The man ahead of me reached into his pocket, palmed a dollar, bent down as if to pick something up, and said, “I think you dropped this.”—*Michael F. Heberger, East Rochester, New York*

2. The cat and the fire

I was deploying overseas so I decided to leave my black cat with my mother. My mother had been feeling alone lately, and I hoped he would change that. After two years, I was ready to get him back. Before I could do that, I got a call from my mother. She said she had fallen asleep earlier and woke up to him on her chest, meowing and pushing her face. He had never done that before. She smelled something funny, jumped out of bed, and found the kitchen on fire. My mom is alive because of him. He's hers now! —*Helen Jones, Pflugerville, Texas*

****editor's note: I had this happen in my family last year!! Her cat woke my niece for a major fire.**

3. Penny in the pocket

“One day, on a walk, I noticed a penny on the ground. I didn't bother to pick it up, and that made me wonder why. Because the sum was so insignificant? I wondered, “What would I do if I found \$20? Just keep walking?” Sure enough, I turned the corner and there lay \$20. Long story short, I found its owner and returned it with a smile. And then a few hours later, I won \$25 on a scratcher (lottery ticket). With my pockets a little deeper, I then wondered, “What would I do if I found \$1,000,000?” I'll let you know. —*Charlotte Stevens, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania*”

4. Help from Claire

While shopping, I noticed a credit card on the floor. I picked it up, went to the courtesy desk, and asked them to page the owner. I waited. No one came. They said that her cart was still there and she had gone out to her car to look for her card. When she came back, I approached her and asked if she lost something. She did, her credit card. I asked her name and established that it matched the card, which I then gave her. She said she had prayed to her mother, who had passed away recently, to help her find the card. We talked and I introduced myself. “My name is Claire,” I said. She responded, “My mother’s name was Claire.”—*Claire Salem, New City, New York*

5. Sunglasses on the shore

It was a hot, July day when my family arrived at North Carolina’s coast for a beach day. Upon arrival, my father became aware that he misplaced his beloved sunglasses. Not much of a beach enthusiast, Dad remained quite dismayed that he would be unable to read all day due to the loss of his sunglasses. Dad became so desperate; he looked toward the sky and exclaimed, “God, if you care, please help me find some sunglasses!” A moment later a small, gleaming reflection washed ashore. Jumping to our feet, we ran toward the sea, and what else washed ashore but a pair of coral encrusted sunglasses.—*Travis Rager, Wendell, North Carolina*

6. The soldier’s surprise

It is spring of 1943 during World War II. Standing among hundreds of new soldiers at Camp Grant, in Illinois, my father, Sam, just 18 years old, waits as a truck slowly drives by. A full field pack is randomly tossed to each soldier. “How strange,” my father thinks, as he sees his last name, Litrenti, marked on each item in his pack. “How did they know it was me when they tossed the pack?” He was impressed! Beating all odds, my father was tossed a field pack from World War I—his own father’s.—*Gail Litrenti-Benedetto, Park Ridge, Illinois*

7. Like son, like father

Caught in a sudden downpour on the last day of a bike-packing trip, I ducked into the lobby of a nearby supermarket for cover. As I waited out the storm with my bicycle and gear, a teenage boy invited me to spend the night with his family. I gladly accepted, and he went to find his parents. While I waited, an older man made me the same offer. I thanked him and said I already had a place to stay. Shortly after, the boy returned with his parents. The man who had approached me was his father.—*Philip Wood, Orlando, Florida*

8. The backup Band-Aid

I was riding the subway and happened to be seated between two young guys. The one on the right eyed the slightly grungy Band-Aid on my thumb and said, “You should really change that, you know. You have to keep it clean.” Then the one on my left said, “Here, I have one,” and pulled a fresh Band-Aid out of his knapsack. “I keep them on me because I’m always hurting myself.” Incredulous, I thanked him, changed my bandage, and got off at my stop feeling pretty good about people, life, and New York City.—*Babette Lazarus, New York, New York*

Who is Living Next Door

By Andy Godin



Greetings, we are **David and Linda Elko** and live at **4581 Collingwood Pointe Place**. We call it "Club Colli". Both Linda and Dave were born in Cleveland and attended school in their neighborhoods.

Dave went to Benjamin Franklin Elementary school where he was known for being precocious and incorrigible, quite a challenge for the faculty and administration. The school is still standing and functioning to this day. Linda on the other hand, was a model student. Being a social butterfly, she was in many clubs including writing for the school paper, sports, and most important, music. Girl Scouts was a great influence in her life since age 7 and she still retains a lifelong membership.

Not quite high school sweethearts, it was not until Dave was in the Navy and Linda needed a date for her senior prom that cupid intervened, and they exchanged love letters. Linda must have seen something in Dave that convinced her to take a chance on her "Sailor Boy". Dave believes he met and married the prettiest girl in high school.

After that the other boys? never had a chance. After high school, Linda attended Cuyahoga Community College and then went to nursing school. She worked at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in downtown Cleveland until they moved to Quincy, Illinois where she worked in ICU and CCU at Blessing Hospital.

She spent 32 years in a large dermatology practice and the last 10 years as nursing supervisor. A few of her "claim to fame" performances were singing and directing the National Anthem for several Florida Marlins games and singing twice at Carnegie Hall. They will be married 50 years on April 24.

After the blizzards in 1977 and 1978, they headed south to Coral Springs, Florida and took up residence for the next 40 years.

Dave's high school years were much the same as he attended James Ford Rhodes with Linda. It was during this time that he developed an appreciation for advanced learning and the realization that this journey must lead to college. But before more schooling, came a stint in the Navy. After training at Damneck, VA and a leisurely six-month Mediterranean cruise, he was sent to the Arctic Ocean three times. Then to Newport RI on a destroyer and twenty-six trips to Guantanamo. His Navy career was hard on both and was the reason he got out at the end of his hitch.

With the GI bill in his pocket, Dave attended and graduated from Cleveland State with a BBA in Finance and Accounting. Working at Midland-Ross led to another job change to Harris Broadcast Products in Quincy, IL.

During that time Dave worked at Glaxo Inc. (now Glaxo Smith Kline) as financial controller. During this time the government extended the GI bill to include grad school. Dave attended Florida Atlantic University and achieved an MBA Finance. When Glaxo relocated to NC, Dave quit to start and operate his own carpet cleaning business, life insurance sales business, and real-estate investment business. All of these were successful and operating through their time in Florida. They do miss their Florida activities, sailing, camping, and snorkeling in the Florida Keys, and of course cruising the Caribbean. They have two children and two grandchildren.

They are members of Stonybrook Methodist church where Linda sings in the choir and is involved with Stephen Ministry. They are involved here at Collingwood as volunteers whenever the need arises, and Dave is on the Board of Directors as Treasurer. Linda enjoys being a member of the Book Club. We could not be happier with our lifestyle at Collingwood Pointe and all the friends we have made here the past three years.



"I'm a Great Believer in Luck. The Harder I Work; the More Luck I Have." *Thomas Jefferson*

Irish Jokes & Riddles 2021

https://www.theholidayspot.com/patrick/irish_jokes.htm

Irish jokes are famous across the world. The Irish are known for their inherent sense of humor. We love a good laugh. This WEBSITE above is dedicated to bringing you the best Irish humor and Irish jokes out there. Here you will get funny Irish jokes and you can send to your family and friends.

1. Here's a recipe for St. Patrick's Day Irish stew:
 - a. Get some meat, some potatoes, onions, peas, spinach and a lot of Guinness.
 - b. Drink all the beer.
 - c. Forget about the stew.
2. James said to his friend Daniel, "I know a girl who married an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day."
 - a. Daniel said, "Oh really?"
 - b. James said, "No, O'Reilly."
3. Q: How is a good friend like a four-leaf clover?
A: They're hard to find!
4. Q: How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?
A: He's Dublin over with laughter!



6. Q: What do you call a leprechaun who gets sent to jail?
A: A lepre-con!





Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve Community Updates

Owners and Residents,

1. I'm so over winter and I'm sure you are too. We have already spent 86% of our Snow & Ice removal budget and still have March and next December of this years' fiscal budget remaining for snow and ice removal. With the ongoing freezing temps, ice, snow and salt, I'm sure there will be damages throughout Community with sod, gutters, downspouts, road, gutters and sidewalks. Although I don't think winter is quite done with us, I do think moving into March, hopefully we will see average high temps in the 40's and 50's. Once snow is melted and temps rise we will be out to survey property for damages.
2. I realize that it sounds a bit premature to think of spring, but our landscape contractor will be on site tomorrow, Wednesday, 24th to start pruning our tree line on West, North and East property line. This is not a spring project and is normally scheduled for February to early March, so with the warmer weather this week they decided to move forward.

We will continue with our best effort to keep our community a beautiful and great place to reside and we thank everyone for your patience and cooperation.

Respectfully,

Rick Calhoun

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Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Lucky Stories -Collingwood Point resident:



I celebrated my 40th Birthday in Las Vegas, Nevada with my siblings and we went to the MGM Casino. We divided up to play slot machines, cards, etc. I took \$40 as my gambling money (for my 40th birthday). I converted it to \$1 tokens. I plunked coin after coin into that slot machine thinking this \$40 is going down the drain so fast!

On the 19th coin – I hit a \$500+ jackpot where dollar coins started flying out of the slot machine

faster than I could scoop them up. Others around me were handing me their plastic buckets for my coins. My sisters finally heard the commotion and saw me smiling from ear to ear. I took all my family out for a big steak dinner to celebrate my birthday using my winnings and then I put the rest of the money in my suitcase and proudly left Las Vegas with more money in my hands than I had when I arrived. I still have the MGM casino keychain I bought that day & the \$1 token I had left is my lucky coin.

By Kathy Strohm



<https://furniturebankcoh.org/>

(614) 272-9544

Residents, if you have furniture or other usable items to be hauled away, this is a great organization to call instead of calling Rumpke and paying for bulk trash hauling. They pick it up free and give it to families that need it. *(Article suggestion from Louise Billups)*

They help those who have economic challenges created by one or more of the following situations:

- Single parent household with child(ren), Physical disability or disease, Mental disability or disease. No longer able to work due to age, Criminal record or prior incarceration, History of substance abuse, Minimal job skills or training.

In addition, they help families who have been affected by events or calamities, including:

- Fire, Eviction, Recent relocation, Death or divorce in the family unit, Immigration, Robbery, Domestic Violence or abuse, and Need to support extended family financially.

Vaccination Info

Multiple options are being made available to those in Ohio now eligible to get the Covid Vaccine. Many of us have found frustration with having to search many individual internet websites. Hopefully, Ohio is working to consolidate the scheduling to a much easier process, but we encourage all to keep pushing ahead with efforts to get the Covid Vaccine.

Try calling this one!! **614-688-8299** for Ohio State Medical Center and the Vaccine clinic they are conducting at the Schottenstein Center, 555 Borror Dr, Columbus, OH 43210. Put this address in your smartphone to navigate to this location. **You must register for an appointment.** They have an organized process starting with parking attendants directing traffic, parking close to the entrance, plenty of handicapped parking capacity too. No steps to navigate. Multiple Check In lines at which point, you are assigned to a station for your vaccination. This happens in a step-by-step process with excellent disinfecting processes between each patient. At the end, you wait for 15 minutes to be observed to be sure there is no allergic reaction and then you are out the door and on your way. At the exit door, get your photo with Brutus.

So much better than the scenes we have seen on TV in other states with people standing in long lines in bad weather, idling in rows of cars, etc. This location appears to have a larger supply of vaccine because of their original participation in the vaccine test trials.

If you still prefer something closer to your condo, keep checking at Walgreens, Giant Eagle, Meijer, CVS, and Rite Aid pharmacies and your own doctor's office among other sources.



Financials

Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve BALANCE SHEET As of January 31, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

1106-Alliance-RES xcr1198	\$	68,079.75
1107-Popular Bank xx5691		25,132.82
1110-Alliance-OP xx3960		23,871.36
1113-CF Bank CD xx0628 6/21/21		52,576.37
1115-CF Bank CD xx0636 03/23/21		53,820.42
1180-Alliance-Debit Card xx3578		614.38
1185-A/R DUE TO OP FROM RES		<u>45,280.21</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 269,275.31

FIXED ASSETS

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 269,275.31

LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

2070-A/P DUE TO OP FROM RES	\$	45,280.21
2075-Popular Bank-Loan #19101		1,028,465.48
2085-FLAG FUND		<u>(99.06)</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 1,073,646.63

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities \$ 1,073,646.63

ASSOCIATION EQUITY

YEAR-TO-DATE NET INCOME	24,388.52
RESERVES RET'D EARNING	(97,547.25)
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>(731,192.59)</u>

Total Equity \$ (804,371.32)

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 269,275.31

Who Was St. Patrick? From History.com

<https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/who-was-saint-patrick>

He wasn't Irish, but he found his faith while being held as prisoner by a group of Irish raiders. St. Patrick **was born in Britain**—not Ireland—to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D.

Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian.

At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years.

After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: To minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish.



Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. **Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false,** the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

Remembering Military Service

From Andy Godin:

Our community has many veterans living here, including at least two WWII Vets, several Korean War Vets and some Vietnam vets. The stories of Jack Shatz and Bill Meyer brought back memories.

I hope you will enjoy in the following article.

If you remember, Jack Shatz was an Air Force pilot who flew the Douglas B-25 medium bomber. You may remember seeing a picture of the airplane in Jack's story. The B-25 was introduced in 1941 by the Douglas Aircraft Co. The B-25 became famous for two reasons.

The 1st: Jimmy Doolittle and fifteen more air crews, flew the B-25 off the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Hornet on their way to bomb Tokyo. Story made famous from the movie "Thirty seconds over Tokyo".

The 2nd: The Douglas B-25 was renamed the **Mitchell** B-25 in honor of then Brigadier General William "Billy" Mitchell who pioneered the use of aircraft in war.

Billy was later court martialed for derogatory comments made against the Navy and Army commanders, found guilty, but retired from the Air Service. Later he was recognized as a hero and honored by giving the B-25 his name. There are several B-25s still in use today, and if my memory is right, there is one at the Air Force Museum near Dayton.

A B-25 leaving U.S.S. Hornet on its way to bomb Tokyo.



A B-25 on a Pacific Island



In the Meyer story, we found Bill as a Navy SeaBee. SeaBees were the Construction Engineers of the Navy. At that time in WWII, Navy and Marines were chosen to liberate Japanese held islands, taken from peaceful people. The war plan was to keep taking Japanese held islands heading towards the Main Islands of Japan to put our Air Force within bombing Range of the B-29.

First the Navy war ships shot up an island, then the Marines rid the Japanese forces from it and then the SeaBees took the remains and made runways, housing, eating, medical, maintenance, docking and whatever facilities needed. All this while defending themselves from remaining Japanese snipers and Kamikaze Bombers. Bill spent the remainder of his SeaBee enlistment on the Island of Okinawa doing what SeaBees do.



The making of an air strip on a Pacific Island



SeaBee Signage on Guam.

"So, when we reach the isle of Japan, with our caps at a jaunty tilt, we'll enter the city of Tokyo on the roads the SeaBees built".



7th Air Force Pacific Patch



The SEABEE PATCH. MOTTO "CAN DO"

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