# REFLECTIONS



Solivita Volunteers are Appreciated!



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#### VILLAGE CENTER HOURS

Administration: 863-427-7100 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

C3 Wellness Spa: 407-914-9168 Monday-Thursday 8am-8pm Friday 8am-7pm

K&M Drugs: 863-496-7930 Monday-Friday 9am-6pm Saturday 9am-1pm and Sunday Closed

Marketplace Bistro: 863-427-7157

Mosaics Restaurant Call 863-427-7150, option 2 for hours

Riviera Spa & Fitness Center: 863-427-7130 Monday-Thursday 6:30am-9pm

Solivita Club Facilities After Hours Emergency: **863-286-8779** (Calls Only/No Texts) Weekdays 5pm-8pm and Weekends 12pm-5pm

Starlite Ballroom Daily 8am-11pm

Stonegate Pro Shop: 863-427-7150, option 1

The Grille at Stonegate: 863-427-7167 Breakfast: Thursday-Sunday 8am-11am Lunch: Monday-Sunday 11am-4pm

The Palms: 863-496-1530

Amenity Center: Monday-Sunday 8am-9pm

Kids Pool Hours

Monday-Friday 12pm-4pm Saturday & Sunday 9am-9pm

Fitness Center

Monday-Thursday 6:30am-9pm Friday 6:30am-7pm

**Waterfront Galleries** 

Daily 8am-11pm

Welcome Center: 863-427-7000 Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Saturday 10am-6pm

Wednesday 1pm-6pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm

#### SOLIVITA CLUB

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Club Facility Security: 407-881-1818

Communications Coordinator - Wilman De Jesus: 863-427-7137

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Reflections Staff: Reflections@SolivitaClub.com or 863-440-0377

Resident to Resident (R2R) Resource Center: 863-236-9973 or

SolivitaR2R@gmail.com

Riviera Spa & Fitness Center: 863-427-7130

The Palms Amenity Center: 863-496-1530 or Fax: 689-224-7199

#### SOLIVITA HOA

To contact Solivita HOA, please email Solivita@CiraMail.com.

Membership: 863-427-7143

#### **Compliance Department:**

Community Standards Manager: 863-427-7032

• Compliance Inspectors for Non-Compliance & Violations: 863-427-7151 or 863-256-2897

• Compliance ARC Processor: 863-427-7022

Landscape - Juniper: junipersync.com, 407-584-2030 or

Solivita@JuniperLandscaping.com

**Irrigation Emergency**: 407-813-1971

#### OTHER CONTACTS

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OrlandoCustomerCare@TaylorMorrison.com

Warranty Request: taylormorrison.com/warranty/request

Solivita Sales: 863-427-7000

Stonegate Golf Club Directory: 863-427-7150

Catering & Banquets (Stonegate Golf Club): 863-427-7150, option 5

**K&M Drugs**: 863-496-7930 or Fax: 863-496-7931

#### **Security Gatehouses**

• Supervisor: 407-989-2417

• Bella Viana Gate: 407-603-2422

• Main Gate: 407-603-2399

• Parkway Gate: 863-286-0329

• South Gate (Marigold): 863-496-1473

Venezia Gate: 407-603-2397

• West Gate (San Clemente): 863-496-1453

Visitor/Vendor Gate Access Voice Mail: 863-313-1314

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#### ON THE COVER

May is the month when we honor the many volunteers at Solivita who generously dedicate their time, talents, and enthusiasm to various departments within the Solivita Club, including the Activities department, FitWell, Communications, and the R2R Resource Center. If you're interested in volunteering, please visit any of these departments to learn more, and don't forget to register in the Activities office. Many of the programs and services we offer would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. Take a moment to thank a Solivita volunteer! *Photos by Joe Thomas*.

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#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Email submissions to Reflections@SolivitaClub.com

#### JUNE SUBMISSIONS

Calendar submissions and club newsletter articles are due on <u>Thursday, May 1st</u>. Club flyer insert copies are due by <u>Friday, May 23rd</u>, but must be approved by Sheri Wollschlager (Sheri.Wollschlager@CastleGroup.com) or Wilman De Jesus (Wilman.DeJesus@CastleGroup.com) <u>before</u> they are copied.

#### JULY SUBMISSIONS

Calendar submissions and newsletter articles are due on Friday, May 30th.

#### REFLECTIONS DELIVERY

If you are leaving Solivita or returning to the community and want to change the status of the *Reflections* delivery to your home, you can do this on the Gate Website. Log on to the website at websites.vertilinc. com/solivitahoa and click the *Reflections* button or tab. Change delivery status to YES or NO. Contact Membership for log on information at Solivita@ CiraMail.com or 863-427-7143.

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#### **New Club Membership Team Member**

BY SHERI WOLLSCHLAGER CLUB MANAGER

To better serve the community, the Club has created a new Membership position. Once our new staff member, Ingrid, is fully trained, she will be available in the office

on Saturdays, providing additional support for homeowners. Her office is located on the second floor of the Administration Building, sharing space with Club Communications.

BelowisanotefromIngridandhercontactinformationandhours. You can also reach her via email at SolivitaCommunications@ CastleGroup.com. An email blast will be sent out when she officially starts her new schedule, including Saturdays. Since the Administration will be closed on Saturdays, we kindly ask residents to make an appointment in advance.

Club Membership - Ingrid Luna: 863-427-7118

Tuesday - Saturday: 9am to 5pm

Solivita Communications @ Castle Group.com

#### A Note from Ingrid

Hello! My name is Ingrid Luna Cabrera, and I am from Juncos, Puerto Rico. In 1997, I moved to Poinciana, Florida. I enjoy painting, arts and crafts, cruising, and spending time with my family. I have been married for 11 years and have three beautiful

children. I am excited to begin my journey as the Membership Coordinator. Before this role, I gained valuable experience as an administrative assistant. I am honored to be part of this welcoming community and look forward to building meaningful connections. Thank you for the warm welcome to Solivita!







Saturday, November 1st • 10am-4pm • Village Center • Rain or Shine



10% Early Registration Discount Deadline is May 30th.

Application Deadline is June 30th.

Application packets for the 24th annual Festival was mailed out to our mailing list in April. To have your name added to the mailing list, send an email with your name, address, phone number and email address to SolivitaFallFestival@gmail.com or call Activities at 863-427-7125. Handcrafted art or craft items are accepted in the festival. *Photos by Joe Thomas*.





## ACTIVITIES PROGRAM MAY 2025



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

#### **TRIVIA**

#### Select Mondays

4pm & 7pm Mosaics

\$5 Online Reserved Table.

Beverage ticket

not included.

#### **KARAOKE**

#### Select Tuesdays

5pm - 9pm
Ceramics Gallery
\$5 Online
General Admission.
Beverage ticket
not included.

## WINE DOWN CONCERT

## Wednesday, May 7th

6:30pm - 8:30pm By The Grille

Bring Your Own Chair. Food Concession & Cash Bar.



# SOLIVITA TH(EAT)ERS

Thursday, May 15th

6pm » Ballroom » \$18







Let's Go and Watch These Activities!





Read more information and who is permitted to attend these events on the back of the monthly newsletter calendar or go to the SolivitaHOA.com Home Page and click on the RSVP or Purchase Ticketed Events icon. For questions, email or call the Activities Department at SolivitaActivities@CastleGroup.com or 863-427-7125.

#### Plan & Prepare

SUBMITTED BY ERIC LARSON
TEAM LEADER OF SOLIVITA CERT

A big thank you to the members of CERT and the Solivita Softball Club who helped with our Battery Replacement Program. Volunteering your time and talents is greatly appreciated. 367 homeowners signed up for the program this year. For those who missed the registration period, we are sorry we could not accommodate you this year. So, mark your February 2026 calendar now. That is when next year's registration will take place. The February 2026 *Reflections* article will contain the details on how to register. Next up, it's time to prepare for hurricane season. June 1st is the official start of the season. Hurricane season will run to the end of November. Now is the time to get ready.

#### You Need A Plan

To go or to stay? Polk County officials recommend you shelter in place in our concrete block homes. If you decide to go north out of range, leave a key with a friend or neighbor to oversee your home. Make this decision now.

#### You Need to Prepare

Check you Disaster Kit. Include some hand tools, duct tape, rope, and trash bags. Make sure you have a flashlight for every person plus extra batteries. Check your batteries to make sure they are good and have not leaked.

#### **You Need Food Supplies**

Have at least a three-day supply of food. Include one gallon of water per day for each person for drinking. You will also need water for washing and flushing the toilet. Stock foods you will eat with a manual can opener. Stores may not be open.

#### **Monitor Severe Weather Predictions**

Use TV and cell phone apps. Invest in a weather radio that can use normal power and has a battery backup. This is an excellent way to stay informed if the power goes out

#### **As the Storm Approaches**

Police your yard and your lanai. Bring in any objects that could become missiles during the storm. Bring your patio furniture inside or tie them down together. Strong winds can also move your gas grills. Plan accordingly. If you have storm shutters, put them up before the winds build up. Remember, you have 72 hours to remove the shutters after the storm passes.

## HOA CONTACT INFORMATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- » Vice President Lita Epstein: SolivitaVicePresident@SolivitaHOA.com
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- » Treasurer Glenn Larson: SolivitaTreasurer@SolivitaHOA.com
- » Director Faye Davis: SolivitaDirector@SolivitaHOA.com

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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Advertising: SolivitaAdvertising@SolivitaClub.com

# Resident to Resident

#### The R2R Resource Center is Here for You!

Wheelchairs and walkers, knee scooters and shower chairs, crutches and commodes are all available for residents to borrow at the Resident-to-Resident Resource Center. Frequently this equipment is a step toward freedom, helping after joint replacement surgery or facilitating a family trip to a theme park.

However, too often, people need to borrow mobility equipment because of a fall. Among older adults, 75% of falls happen at home. Sadly, most falls are totally preventable if we take a few simple steps to make our homes safer.

Get rid of throw rugs. They are beautiful. We love them, but they are a major cause of falls, especially bathroom rugs and mats. Keep your home well lit. It's tempting to turn down the lights and curl up in front of the TV, but navigating a dark house is dangerous. Put night lights in bathrooms or other areas you may walk in at night.

Reorganize your pantry. Instead of sorting items by category, sort by frequency of use. Put frequently used or heavy items on lower shelves; save the high shelves for items you use once or twice a year. Hint: keep an open space on a mid-level shelf. You can move top shelf items there temporarily while you get down.

If you use a step stool or ladder in a pantry or closet, be as demanding as you would be buying a new car. Test drive it for stability, look for wide steps and a grab bar or handle.

Don't wear regular socks on uncarpeted floors. It's an invitation to slide into a rough landing. Wear shoes, slippers or non-slip socks. Fall-proof your home before you fall. Commodes with arms, shower chairs and grab bars in the shower prevent falls. Place them in your home before you actually need them. Put non-slip mats in showers and tubs.

Keep your phone nearby at all times so you can call for help. If you have Alexa or another voice-activated assistant, make sure it is synced to your phone. You can then say "Alexa, call Mary" or "Alexa, call 911." Consider placing more than one in different rooms.

If you're thinking of buying items such as shower chairs or commodes for permanent use, borrow one first from the Resource Center to decide what will work best. While loans from the Resource Center are limited to three months, most items are available at a reasonable price from Amazon or pharmacies. Often Medicare will pay for most of the cost. If you're saying, "I'll be embarrassed if my friends see no throw rugs and a commode in the bathroom," you need new friends.

If you'd like to discuss how to fall-proof your home, stop into the Resource Center any weekday between 9am-3pm. We're just above the Bistro.





■ R2R Resource Center 863-236-9973 SolivitaR2R@gmail.com



#### FRIENDS WHO HAVE LEFT US, BUT ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Anthony "Tony" Olszewski Peg Schmidt

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the resident who recently passed away.



#### SPEED ENFORCEMENT

The HOA, Security, and Polk County Sheriff's Office receive multiple complaints of speeding each week from residents. The Sheriff's Office has been asked for their assistance in speed enforcement. Receiving a



speeding ticket is not only financially costly, but can lead to much more serious results.

# 2025 GAR SHOW REGAP

Photos by Joe Thomas

This year we welcomed, parked and checked out 134 glorious classic, modern, exotic, hot rod, Jeep/SUV/Truck and electric vehicles amongst some cool motorcycles throughout the entire Village Center.

This year's event was opened by DJ Joe Magic playing good vibe music outside the Bistro Café while Elvis, Marilyn Monroe and our traffic light mascot took pictures with everyone. Attendees could select a temporary tattoo at the parlor, purchase assorted Solivita Merchandise and Car Show shirts and play with really fast remote control cars in the Ceramics Gallery that was managed by the SolAbility Club.



Many thanks go to the volunteers of Solivita Friends Helping Those in Need and DUO clubs who worked tirelessly selling raffle tickets, making gift baskets, soliciting raffle items, manning the Information Booths and the Raffle table to raise as much money as possible for each of their food pantries. Sales from raffles, car registrations, sponsors, t-shirt sales and the People's Choice Voting cards came out to an approximate amount of \$18,000 for the St. Vincent de Paul St. Ann's Haines City and the St. Rose of Lima food pantries!

Thanks to all of the hard work of the many resident volunteers covering 103 job task shifts, the 20 New Dimensions High School student volunteers along with their teacher Mr. Timmerman, our attentive on-site EMT, Mabe Audio, Alpha Specialties and Awards, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Vital Security, Floralawn, Stonegate Catering, Club Communications, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Car Show Committee and the Activities team!

At this year's show, we announced our gratitude to Gene Burch, an instrumental Car Show Committee member, who served 11 years offering his time, expertise with cars, car shows and judging and with attracting as many cars as possible to join the show. We appreciated your ideas and assistance, and we will miss having you at the meetings.

The 2025 Solivita Car Show Committee thanks you for coming and enjoying the show this year!

## THANK YOU FINISH LINE, RACE GEAR, RED CORPORATE, YELLOW TROPHY, GREEN LEVEL AND STARTING LINE LEVEL SPONSORS!

- » Finish Line: Performance Golf Carts
- » Race Gear: HCA Florida-Poinciana Hospital
- » Red Corporate: Bargain Carts, May Electric Solar, Brewer Sales & Service
- » <u>Yellow Trophy</u>: Affinity Dental Group, Central Florida Freshcoat Painting, Art's Golf Carts, The Groutsmith, CenterWell Senior Primary Care, Mighty Dog Roofing, Sun Storm Energy
- » <u>Green Level</u>: Economy Glass Tinting, Pampered Chef Consultant, Windsor at Celebration, Happy Hives, 360 Physical Medicine, Super Daddios, Knights of Columbus, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Cabana Club & Company, Humana, Inc., Bath Fitter
- » <u>Starting Line</u>: Chicks Woodworks, Mercedes Jewelry Designs, Sharlah's Creations, Hibiscus & Whole Food, Marcy Moss, Florida Financial

#### **BEST IN SHOW**

- 1st: Alan Gonyea (R) 1964 Chevy Chevelle
- 2nd: Frank Galinsky (R) -2016 Chevy Corvette
- 3rd: Bob Rattiger 1927 Chevy Car Hauler with T Bucket











(R) = Solivita Resident

## FINISH LINE LEVEL SPONSOR CHOICE AWARD

 Performance Golf Carts: Peter Lanzillotti (R) - 1968 Pontiac Firebird

#### RACE GEAR SPONSOR AWARD

HCA Florida Poinciana
 Hospital: Mike Kennedy (R) 1962 Lotus 23R Race Car

## RED CORPORATE SPONSORS CHOICE AWARDS

- May Electric Solar: Sindy & Tony Sanders (R) - 12020 Ford Mustang
- Bargain Carts: Jose LaSalle -1970 Chevy Impala
- Brewers Golf Cart Sales & Service: Jose LaSalle - 1970 Chevy Impala Convertible

#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

 Peter Kent (R) - 1999 Valkyrie Motorcycle



#### **MUSCLE CAR AWARDS**

- Best: Alan Gonyea (R) 1964
   Chevy Chevelle
- Dana Cheatham 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1
- Scott Brewer (R) 1969
   Plymouth GTX













#### CLASSIC ERA AWARDS (1997 AND OLDER)

- Best: James Wolf- 1974
   Pontiac Firebird
- Craig Heun (R) 1931 Ford Roadster Deluxe
- Mark Miner (R) 1965
   Oldsmobile Cutlass 442
- Jay Coppola 1969 Mercury Cougar XRS

## MODERN ERA AWARDS (1998-PRESENT)

- Best: Sindy & Tony Sanders
   (R) 2020 Ford Mustang
- Osvaldo Velez 2024 Chevy Corvette Z06
- Israel Orengo 2013 Nissan
- Noel Longree (R) 2004
   Chevy Corvette C5

#### TRUCK/SUV/JEEP AWARDS

- Best: Victor Walker (R) -1967 Chevy Pickup Truck
- Marlena Peterson 1985
   GMC C15
- Erin Perkins 2024 Dodge "Hellcat" Durango



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#### **EXOTIC CAR AWARDS**

- Best: Franklin Britt 1985
   Porsche 930 Turbo V8
   Conversion
- Larry Heil (R) 2016 Ferrari California T
- Orazio D'Angelo (R) 2011
   Maserati Gran Turismo

#### **MOTORCYCLE AWARD**

 Best: David Perry - 2013 Honda Fury Chopper

#### **ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

Best: Emanoel Frias - 2018
 Tesla Plaid









**LAST CHANCE** ... Memorial Day is just around the corner! If you have not signed up yet there is still time to be part of the Flags Over Solivita Program for 2025. There are four remaining holidays this year. Please have your application in by May 10th or sooner to be included this coming Memorial Day holiday. At this time, we have over 3,400 flags that will be displayed throughout Solivita.

Applications are available and can be printed from **SolivitaHOA.com** (under the Veterans Club webpage), or on the Veterans Club website, **www.veteransclubofsolivita.com**, or you may pick up a copy at the Concierge Desk. Great news! Credit card payments are now available for payment. Visit the Veterans Club of Solivita website for an electronic form or scan the QR code below.

Applications, along with your \$30 check (made out to VCS), can be mailed to: Veterans Club of Solivita, P.O. Box 581770, Poinciana, FL 34758, or put it in the drop box in Freedom Park. If you would like to volunteer, or you have any questions, email flagsoversolivita@gmail.com or call 863-512-3655.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

## JUNE REFLECTIONS ASSEMBLY, DELIVERY & PICK-UP

#### Friday, May 30th • 9am • Ballroom

Newsletter assembly volunteers are asked to meet at 9am in the Ballroom on Friday, May 30th. Delivery volunteers should arrive between 9:45am-10am and are asked not to leave the Ballroom until



completely assembled. If you do not receive your newsletter by Monday, June 2nd you will need to pick a copy up at the Concierge Desk in the Admin building anytime between 9am-5pm.

#### SUMMER DAZE DANCE

#### Monday, June 9th • 6pm-9pm • Ballroom

Sponsored by SoFEES (Solivita Friends of Elementary Education Schools). Come dance the night away with DJ Ray! All proceeds will benefit the food pantry at a local elementary school. Bring snacks to share with your table. There will be a cash bar. Tickets (\$15) will be on sale May 12th at the Solivita Market as well as Club Ticket Sales in Mosaics. Contact Anne Roerden at roerdena@gmail.com or Ann Brenner at annisez43@aol.com.



## WORLD LABYRINTH DAY (WLD) PEACE WALK

#### Friday, May 2nd • 10:30am-2pm • Ballroom

Sponsored by the Labyrinth Explorers Club of Solivita. On WLD, May 3rd, people around the world participate in a moving meditation for peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. To honor this special occasion, we will be hosting a pre-WLD event in the Ballroom, where residents and staff can come together to experience this moving meditation for peace on a stunning 38-foot canvas labyrinth, modeled after the Chartres Cathedral labyrinth in France. The event will begin with a brief presentation on the history, benefits, and significance of labyrinths, followed by a calming meditation enhanced by the sound of singing bells. We will then walk the canvas labyrinth, a smaller taped version, or use a finger labyrinth. Everyone is welcome, free admission, and enter a raffle for a ping pong table or \$100 Stonegate Golf Pro Shop gift certificate. Proceeds will fund the creation of a permanent outdoor labyrinth. Refreshments provided.



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#### 2025 FRENCH OPEN WATCH PARTY

#### Saturday, June 7th • 9am • Gator Room

Sponsored by the Solivita Racqueteers. The Women's Singles Finals begins at 9am. Arrive early; we'll have coffee, juice, and croissants. The cost to attend is \$5 per person to the Racqueteers host. RSVP so we can plan for enough refreshments at the event. For questions or more information, contact Curtis at ccatlin1960@yahoo.com or 863-313-3142.

#### COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

#### Sunday, May 4th • 11am • The Palms



Sponsored by Catholic Families of Solivita. In honor of mothers and mother-to-be, we're having a community Baby Shower at our next meeting. There is an urgent

need for all things baby, including diapers, toys, formula, accessories as well as all sizes of maternity clothes. Donations may be dropped off at 598 San Joaquin, 770 Shorehaven or at The Palms Amenity Room on May 4th. The baby shower will benefit the JMJ Pregnancy Center in Kissimmee. Cash and check donations (made out to the JMJ Pregnancy Center) are also welcome. Call Fran Biggs at 908-456-2390 for information or if you have a pickup for us. We have a complete list of their immediate needs. Thank you and may your blessings flow.

#### MUSICAL MEMORIES 2

#### Sunday, June 29th & Monday, June 30th • 7pm • Ballroom



Sponsored by the Solivita Showtime Entertainers. Join us for a journey of great music, dancers and

comedy from the '60s to the present day performed (as always) by our very talented residents. Also, our special guest, the incredible Sternak, will once again amaze us with his psychic abilities. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 and may be purchased at Club

Ticket Sales in Mosaics and in Freedom Park at the Solivita Market on Mondays and Fridays. You can also purchase tickets by scanning the QR code or call 863-588-7015 or 215-801-3092.



#### A TOUCH OF BROADWAY 2.0 & DANCE PARTY

## Friday, June 6th • 5pm-9pm • Ballroom

Sponsored by Filipinos at Solivita (FAS). Following its hugely successful "A Touch of Broadway/Dance Party" last year, featuring evocative songs and dance from Broadway hits like Chicago The Musical, Evita, and Les Miserables, FAS is proud to present this subsequent show, curated with songs and dances from other critically acclaimed musicals like Camelot, A Chorus Line, Carousel, and The Sound of Music. The FAS Choir and talented members will be performing, with DJ Irwin providing dance music for guests. Tickets for the show are \$10. Call or text Tina at 646-489-5272, Boots at 516-587-3169 or Precie at 973-960-2262. Join us for another marvelous show! Bring your snacks to enjoy and share with friends.

#### NEW DESIGNS AND SUSTAINABILITY

#### Thursday, June 19th • 10:30am-12:30pm • The Palms



Sponsored by Green Thumbs Club. Kissimmee Florist owner and Master Florist Designer Danny Sexton will be giving a presentation on New Designs and Sustainability.

Danny's presentations are not only very informative, but his humor and beautiful designs create a memorable experience for everyone. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Drop off payment to Marianne Whitmer at 340 Hamrick Drive. Make checks payable to Green Thumbs Club. Contact Retha Sellers at 863-427-3317 for club information.

#### CELEBRATE NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

#### Saturday, May 3rd • 8am-3pm • RSF or The Palms

Sponsored by the FitWell Department. Join us for a complimentary 45-minute workout session led by one of our FitWell trainers. This is the perfect opportunity to jump start your fitness journey or enhance your current routine. It is suitable for beginners and seasoned gym goers. Fitwell trainers can customize sessions to meet individual needs and goals. Improve your well-being and learn new techniques. Sessions are available from 8am to 3pm on May 3rd only. Reserve your spot today and take the first step towards a healthier you! Please call the Riviera or The Palms to set up your free session. Hurry, spots will fill up quickly!



#### **UPCOMING WELLNESS EVENTS**

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, May 7th 10am • RSF2	Your Life, Your Legacy: Dignity Memorial. Plan your life celebration in advance and protect your loved ones. We'll discuss: Pre-planning and four simple steps to plan your final arrangements; Emotional and financial benefits of pre-arranging; Protecting funeral and cemetery arrangements from inflation; Our DIGNITY MEMORIAL difference; and Veterans burial benefits. Request your complimentary Personal Planning Guide as a gift! RSVP to 404-769-7815.
Wednesday, May 14th 10am • RSF2	Consumer Complaints: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Lenora Spence, Consumer Advocate. The FDACS is the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, information and protection. We regulate various businesses and protect consumers and businesses from unfair and unsafe business practices across a wide range of market sectors, including gasoline, brake fluid, antifreeze, liquefied petroleum gas, amusement rides, and weighing and measuring devices. Find out what your options are. RSVP to 850-528-2423.
Wednesday, May 14th 2pm • RSF2	C3 Wellness Spa 201: C3 Wellness. Missed our C3 Wellness Spa 101 or want to join us for part 2? Join us for appetizers and a little show and tell, as we walk you through our vast menu options, updated protocols, and Q&A about the future of our franchise. All attendees will receive 20% off your next service! Arrive early to catch a seat! Please book online for this seminar at c3wellness. com/book-now or call 407-914-9168 if you do not have an account.
Wednesday, May 28th 10am • RSF2	Final Arrangements: Baldwin Brothers Cremation and Funeral Service. At this event you will learn how you can relieve your spouse, partner, and family of the burden of dealing with arrangements at time of need. Baldwin is a full-service funeral home covering both cremation and traditional burial with 22 locations in Central Florida. You will also receive information on how we can provide service even if your passing occurs anywhere in the world with Baldwin being the central point of contact.

## A Touch of Class

All classes and clinics are to be approved and scheduled through the Activities Office.

#### Art

## All Occasion Card Making

Michelle Musial: 561-573-0662 solivitacardmakers@gmail.com Wednesday, May 14th from 3:30pm-4:30pm • Wednesday, May 28th from 3pm-

4:30pm & 4:30pm-6pm • Ceramics Gallery

Join us as we create handmade cards for All Occasions using a variety of techniques including Stamping, Embossing, Fun Folds, Pop Ups, and 3D Layering. No experience is necessary. Two new cards are introduced each month. Class fee is \$8 for both cards which includes all materials. Choose from the dates and times listed above. *Class size is* 



limited. Since class materials are prepared in advance, registration is required.

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#### All Season's Scrapbook Class

Margit McCabe: 801-391-5806 scrappingbee42@gmail.com

## Beginners through Advanced Sculpture

Robin Skeete: 845-313-7657

#### Ceramics

Brigitte: 407-729-7427 Jolaine: 863-427-7379

#### Iris Folding All Occasion Card Makina

Betty Scott: 614-743-8216 bscott1945@gmail.com

#### Open Studio

Joan Owens: 407-620-7138 owens9949@hotmail.com
Brigitte Blomstrom: 407-729-7427 and Liz Weis: 518-378-9001, ewsolivita@gmail.com

#### Thursday, May 8th • 3pm-5pm • Ceramics Gallery

Join us the second Thursday of each month as we create at least one new scrapbook page. Learn how to create your page with new techniques, how to lay out your pictures, layering, and many other tips! The class fee is \$10 per page, which includes all materials. *Class size is limited*. Since class materials are prepared in advance, registration is required.



#### Mondays • 9am-12pm • Ceramics Gallery

Whether you are looking to explore, develop or revisit a hobby, our sculpting class is for you. Anyone interested in joining the class can stop by any Monday morning at 9am and experience the fun and excitement of creating lasting memories in clay.

#### Tuesdays • 9am-2pm • Ceramics Gallery

New students are welcome at 11am. We will advise where you can purchase your projects and products. The classroom fee is \$1 per week.

#### Wednesdays, May 7th & 21st • 3pm-5:30pm • Ceramics Gallery • \$8

Learn how to do Iris Folding to make beautiful cards for all occasions. The cost for two cards is \$8 and the kit includes the items to make the cards. The only supplies you need to bring are scotch tape and scissors and a tape runner if you have one. You will be making two new designs in each class. I will also be introducing a new line of 3D cut outs to make cards for layering with foam dots.



If you have foam dots please bring them, if not they can be purchased at the class. You will need to register in advance since there is a limit to the size of the class by contacting Betty. If you enjoy card making, but cannot attend the class, please contact Betty about the kits to make the cards on your own.

#### Every Thursday • 1pm-4pm • Art Gallery Every Sunday • 9am-12pm • Ceramics Gallery

There are no fees to join in on Open Studio days. This is not a formal class, but an open studio session. Open to all artists, jewelers, and crafters. Come together to visit, work on joint or individual projects, share knowledge and new ideas. For more information, Thursday Contact: Joan Owens; Sunday Contacts: Brigitte Blomstrom or Liz Weis.

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#### Mixed-Media Artworks

Char Chaim: 914-980-7591

#### **Painting**

#### Acrylic Painting Class Intermediate and Advanced

Cindy Nagle: 407-760-8335 cindymnagle@hotmail.com

#### **Rock Painting**

Jan Fridh: 815-979-8137 jan815fri@gmail.com

#### Watercolor: Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced

Stephanie Sodel: 352-250-3303

#### Class on Fridays • 9am-12pm • Ceramics Gallery

Those interested in creating beautiful and lasting artistic memories can call Char. All of art materials supplied for \$10 per class. "Sunday Fun Days" are free time in the Ceramics Gallery from 1pm-4pm for students to work on projects they wish to pursue.

#### Mondays • 1pm-4pm • Art Gallery • \$10 Per Class • Limited Class Size

If you have ever painted before in acrylics, oils, or watercolor AND wish to paint again, this just might be the acrylic class for you. We have a great class of creative artists who enjoy the experience of painting together. They all paint a wide variety of subjects at their own pace. Work from your own pictures or browse through the selection of pictures we have available. Supportive direction and instruction are provided along with helpful critiques. Some paints and brushes are provided in class. Call for more information and to reserve a spot in class.

#### Thursday, May 22nd • 3pm • Ceramics Gallery • \$15 Per Class • Seating is Limited

Summer is fast approaching; time to paint some of the fascinating things Mother

Nature has to offer like this adorable sea turtle or the infamous dragonfly. What a fun way to tap into your creative side with your choice of one of these unique designs. Whether you are a skilled artist or just a beginner, you will walk out with a completed project through detailed directions and guidance from Jan and Tammy, your



instructors. All supplies are provided, so the only thing you need to bring is yourself. This class is filled with a lot of friendly faces. Who knows, you may leave with a new friend or two. Call or email us today to reserve your spot in this class.

#### Tuesdays • 10am-12pm • Art Gallery • \$15 Per Class



This is a mixed group of beginners, intermediate, and advanced students. In these classes you'll be introduced to the basics of traditional watercolor and learn skills that will help you express yourself through the art of watercolor. These are on-going classes and not workshops. Call Stephanie to register and obtain the list of supplies you'll need to get started. The cycle of

beginner classes begins the second Tuesday of the month.

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#### Recreation Club Clinics

#### Men's Softball Clinic

Mike Arroyo: michaelarroyo383@gmail.com 845-591-7883

#### Pickleball Newbie Classes with the Smashers

Patti Greenberg: newbies@solivitasmashers.com

#### Call to Find Out When Our Next Clinic is for Prospective Members

If you like softball and would like to get back in the game, come to one of our clinics. Our members range in age from early 50's to mid 80's and are of all skill levels. We also have members who are willing to work with you to hone your skills, because if you are like most of us, it's been awhile since you last played. We play Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 9am. The clinics are free and will give you a better idea if you want to join.

## Tuesdays, May 6th, 13th & 20th • 10:30am-12pm • The Palms Pickleball Courts MUST COMMIT TO ALL 3 WEEKS OF CLASS

Classes fill up quickly! To register for the Newbie Classes, please email Patti Greenberg at newbies@solivitasmashers.com. Our program begins at 10:30am on the first Tuesday of the month. If the 10:30am class fills up, we may add a second class at 12pm. The June class will be an evening class. The clinic includes an introductory class plus two additional classes. Please plan to attend all three classes. The Smashers Pickleball Club will supply paddles and balls. For more information, visit solivitasmashers.com.





#### **Tennis Instruction**

Curtis Miller: curtismiller2049@gmail.com 614-314-3705 (call or text)

## Water Volleyball Newbie Clinics

Rob Blankenship: solivitawatervolleyball@gmail.com

#### Mondays • 8am-10am • Venezia Tennis Courts

Every Monday the Racqueteers Tennis Club offers FREE tennis instruction at the Venezia Tennis Courts from 8am-10am. We have a certified tennis instructor and peer coaches to introduce tennis to beginners and players returning to the sport. All are welcome! Be sure to wear proper court shoes and dress accordingly. Don't have a racket? No problem, we will have one for you to use. Otherwise bring your own. This is an excellent introduction to tennis at Solivita.

#### Rotating Schedule • Riviera Spa & Fitness Center Pool

Newbie Clinics are held on a rotating schedule and consist of three successive sessions of training. Email the club to get the dates of the next clinic and get on the waiting list. During the clinic we will teach the rules of Water Volleyball, some basic skills and play some games.

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#### Skills

#### **Bridge Classes**

Donna McIlwain: dmc3726@yahoo.com 407-738-5325 Although no beginner lessons are offered at this time, there are two places where instruction is provided with suggestions for improving your game, listed below. Contact Donna if you are interested in an online beginner course.

#### Newplicate Bridge Game • Mondays • 12:30pm • Caspian Room (MSC)

On Mondays the game features a beginner mini lesson (about 20 minutes) at 12:30pm, and then a regular ACBL game at 1pm, called "Newplicate." The pace is slower and we usually play only 15 hands between 1pm-3:30pm. It is open to anyone with fewer than 200 master points and offers players a chance to ask questions about bidding during play. Donna is requesting that you use the app "TEAM REACH" on your phone to sign up for the game ahead of time so we have full tables of four, if possible. If you would like to try it, please email Donna for details on setting up the app.

#### Bridge Practice • Fridays • 1pm-3pm • RSF2

We practice hands and discuss them with assistance on bidding, if requested. This experience is an opportunity to play without pressure and discuss hands as you play. When a class is offered, the room may be separated into two areas of play. This is a "drop in" experience; no preregistration required and you don't need a partner to play.

#### **Jewelry Making**

Peggy Tepper: tepy02@outlook.com 908-303-6432

#### Framed Earrings (Beginner)

#### Saturday, May 17th • 9am-12pm • Ceramics Gallery

Have you ever had a necklace or bracelet that needed matching earrings? Then this class is for you. By threading beads on an earring frame you can create one-of-a-kind earrings. These earrings are simple to make and also make a lovely



gift. Come join us for a fabulous time with friends as we make these unique earrings. Each pair of earrings is \$15. Register by sending an email to tepy02@outlook.com with your name and phone number. Save these dates for new classes: June 14th, July 19th, and August 9th.

#### **Phoneography**

Irene Stecher: 763-443-8550 stecherirene06@gmail.com

#### Monday, May 5th • 1pm • Gator Room

Our once-a-month workshop is designed to challenge you to continue on your digital photography quest. Our phone camera workshop offers a practical hands-on approach to help you take high quality and engaging photos. The friendly group shares their photos via a private Facebook page accessed only by participants.



Web	Club	Day	Time	Room	Contact	Phone	Email
•	African Heritage Cultural Club	1st Tuesday	10:30am	ST	Elenora Graham	718-807-6806	elangraph@gmail.com
	Applause Club, The	-	-	-	Nancy Pahl	631-960-6128	nancy.pahl@yahoo.com
•	Artium Patroni	-	-	-	Art Mateos Yelong Han Zynia Rionda	609-273-8503 703-304-0519 703-508-4820	agmateos@yahoo.com yhan1701@gmail.com zyniar@aol.com
	Astronomy Club	1st Tuesday	7pm	MSB	Gary Doody	603-486-8868	gdoodynh@gmail.com
	Basket Weavers	Friday	9am	AR	Irene Stecher	763-443-8550	solivitabaskets@gmail.com
	Bid Whist with a Twist	1st & 3rd Thursday	6pm	MSB	Denise Howard	773-852-2715	howde326@yahoo.com
•	Big Money Bingo	3rd Sunday	6pm	ST	Susan Schulman	863-427-0443	susanschulman@msn.com
•	Bocce Boyz-Girlz	Mon., Wed., Fri.	8:30am	FP	Carl Warren	407-497-7240	wcpwarren10@yahoo.com
	Bocce Squad	Sunday	1pm	FP	Larry Taylor	901-489-1590	harleycruizer6@yahoo.com
	Bridge - Friday Bridge Connection	Friday	1pm	MSB	Bly Trinrud	863-438-9957	-
	Bridge - Friendly Bridge Club	Sunday Tuesday & Thursday	1pm 1pm	LV (inside) LV (outside)	Tom Whittle	863-207-8152	dadsumpire@aol.com
•	Bridge-Sol. Bridge Club - ACBL Bridge Lessons & Bridge Practice Team Games	Sunday & Monday Friday Friday	1pm 1pm 6pm	MSB & MSC RSF2 MSB	Tony Reed Donna McIlwain Donna McIlwain	518-860-4903 407-738-5325 407-738-5325	radnorth@yahoo.com dmc3726@yahoo.com dmc3726@yahoo.com
•	British Isles Heritage Club	2nd Tuesday	7pm	RSF2	Mark Elliott	407-473-7687	yellowhatenergy@gmail.com
	Brooklyn Fun Club	Monthly	-	-	Tony Grosso Mark Surkis Cliff Pine	631-379-7313 561-400-1111 978-290-8402	tonybrooklynfunclub@gmail.com markofxlns@aol.com cliffpine@gmail.com
•	Bunco	1st & 3rd Tuesday	1:30pm	RSF2	Brenda Verrico	617-823-5206	momlunch@gmail.com
	Butterfly Club, The	2nd Monday	1pm	PA	Heather Hayes Kathy Martin	703-282-7753 630-746-0094	heather.hayes@verizon.net tkmnjt@aol.com
	Canadian Club of Solivita	-	-	-	Tom Kaye	-	kaye9440@gmail.com
	Canasta - Friday Canasta	Friday	11am	MSC	Martha Layton	863-496-4179	mart1947fl@msn.com
•	Caribbean American Association (CARAMVITA)	1st Wednesday	4:30pm	PA	Ben Kizer Debra Wright	863-353-2595 863-496-7887	caramvita@gmail.com
	Casual Canasta Club	Monday	1pm	MSA	Eileen Bertuglia	863-438-0066	ebitugs@gmail.com
•	Catholic Bible Discussion Group	Friday	10am	RSF2	Lee Hough Bobby Gaudioso	863-221-6200 863-313-3224	Lhough123@gmail.com sekova2@aol.com
•	Catholic Families of Solivita (CFS)	2nd Sunday (Even Mths.)	1pm	PA	Fran Bigg	908-456-2390	franbigg101@gmail.com
•	CERT	2nd Monday	1pm	ST	Eric Larson	203-512-9534	solivitafl.cert@gmail.com
	Chess Club of Solivita	Wednesday	9am	MSB	Joe Byrnes	516-810-1048	jjb091@gmail.com
	Chinese Cultural Club at Solivita	-	-	-	Angela Chen	-	angelachen88850266@yahoo.com
	Christian Fellowship of Solivita	-	-	-	Dennis Leroy	630-244-6697	dlnavy66@gmail.com
•	Citizen's Assisted Patrol (CAP)	2nd Tuesday	12:30pm	RSF2	Lynn Scherr	863-427-2666	lynn0113@verizon.net
	Club Ageless	-	-	-	Ty Johnson	716-517-5492	clubageless7@gmail.com
•	Computer Club of Solivita	1st Wednesday	7pm	RSF2	Wayne Schoeffel	407-319-9142	waynendi15@gmail.com
	Constitutional Club of Solivita	-	-	-	Harry Barrett	-	harryjanice2@gmail.com
•	Cork & Bottle	3rd Thursday	7pm	- DV/	Glenn Holdcraft	609-658-3092	gholdcraft@gmail.com
	Couple's Texas Canasta  Cribbage Club of Solivita	Tuesday Sunday	6pm	BV GTR	Irwin Goldberg  Larry Daigneault	863-427-0982 863-496-4655	igoldber2003@yahoo.com larrydano52@gmail.com
	-	·	6pm		Art Thibault	203-376-0273	barbara28thibault@gmail.com
	Daisy's Texas Canasta	Monday	11am	VZ	Joe Velazquez	863-427-1260	normavss@yahoo.com
•	Disney Cast Members of Solivita  Disney Fan Club (Members Only)	- Wednesday	- 7pm	PA	Rich Patrone  Dawn Scarborough	863-438-9951 630-240-2950	richp7@aol.com  Membership.SDFC@gmail.com
	Do Unto Others (DUO)	wednesday	7 pm	rA -	Martha Cusimano	610-737-2606	marthacus@aol.com
•	Dominoes Club of Solivita	- Wednesday & Thursday	12pm	MSB	William Silfa Lucy Pagán Rafael Sosa	- 772-626-4870	williamsilfa@gmail.com lucymegood@gmail.com rrsosa@msn.com
	Episcopal Friends in Solivita	3rd Monday	12pm	VZ	Angela Ifill	646-331-0823	-
	Energizing Christian Women's Connection	M & Th + Monthly Events	-	-	Kim Lucar	616-915-0400	ecwc.solivita@gmail.com
	Euchre	2nd & 4th Wed.	6:45pm	MSC	Helen Rhoades	774-545-0484	rho_1958@outlook.com
	Exceptional Palate Cooking Club	3rd Monday	5pm	PA or Pavillion	Cheryl Parker	863-313-3059	parkercgem@aol.com
	Filipinos at Solivita (FAS)	2nd Sunday (Odd Mths.)	3pm	BV	Sal Aquino Prescie Villasin	917-309-3395 973-960-2262	manistheend@aol.com layang61@msn.com
	Forever Young Music	TBD	TBD	TBD	Maria Melchiori	407-579-9696	mfmelchiori@gmail.com
• Club ir	oformation is also available on SolivitaHOA.co	m.   To update your club's in					

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	Friday Night Poker Club	Friday	5:45pm	MSA	Jeannette Nuzzi Faye Davis	516-770-3277 815-592-4628	shush82848@gmail.com -
	Funtime Billiards	Wednesday	6pm	BL	Cherie Snow	407-717-8622	csnow1204@gmail.com
	Game Dames - Rummikub Mexican Train	Monday Wednesday	1pm 1pm	CR MSC	Rose Lyons	863-496-5385	lyonsx2@att.net
	Game On	Last Friday	5pm	GTR	Norma Velazquez	863-427-1260	normavss@yahoo.com
	Genealogy	3rd Monday	6:30pm	RSF2	Jeff Carlson	863-427-7233	jrcsr5561@gmail.com
	Girlfriends of Solivita	Monthly	TBA	TBD	Linda Lawrence	248-349-5754	linda_lawrence07@yahoo.com
	Give Kids The World (GKTW)	-	-	-	Peggy Monroe	608-516-2717	pmonroe59@gmail.com
•	Green Thumbs	-	-	-	Michelle Weisinger	863-353-3332	tikky45@aol.com
	Gun Club of Solivita	4th Thursday	6pm	RSF2	Janet Warnsdorfer	610-781-0430	galaxypwd@aol.com
•	Guys and Dolls	-	-	-	Ellen Factor	863-496-7258	efactor50@hotmail.com
•	Hand & Foot Canasta	Wednesday	12:30pm	GTR	Mati Gomoll Nancy Edwards	863-512-9337 614-893-9521	vgomoll@gmail.com nedwards513@gmail.com
	Hand & Foot Canasta Card Game	Monday Thursday Friday	12:30pm 11am 11am	MSA MSC MSB	Cheryl Wynn	863-557-9747	mabelmac97@yahoo.com
	Healthy Eating/Active Living Club (HEAL)	-	-	-	Diane Fezza Sacco	917-538-0500	healthevolution@aol.com
	History Through Film Club	3rd Thursday	12pm	GTR	Richard Goldsmith Bill Snider	561-251-7797 913-547-6414	richard.goldsmith3@gmail.com williamthesnider@gmail.com
	Hole-in-One Golf Club, The	-	-	-	Essic Dillard Butch Pridgen	863-399-0386 863-207-6607	-
	Holistic Horizons	2nd & 4th Tuesday	3pm	MSB	Rita Milios	863-496-7223	ritamilios@gmail.com
•	Horseshoes Club of Solivita	Tues., Thur., & Sat.	8am	FP	Chip Nash	781-626-3081	cpnash@yahoo.com
•	Illinois Club of Solivita	-	-	-	Tom Leonhardt	407-766-7759	illinoisclub2019@gmail.com
	India Club	-	-	-	Vrinda Master	908-727-0692	vrinda.master@gmail.com
•	Indiana Friends	-	-	-	Tom Digate	260-413-3670	tom@digate.us
•	Jewish Philosophy Club	-	-	-	Sharon Shuller	407-247-7397	solivitajpc@gmail.com
	Kapamilya	Last Sunday	3pm	VZ	Sonia Weaver Ester Sarabia	863-319-6595 732-306-7128	jweaver249@cflr.rr.com esterlanesar@yahoo.com
	Korean Friends of Solivita Golf Outing Ladies Club	Tuesday 2nd Wednesday	- 12pm	- -	Insoon Rim Antonio Kim	973-960-5461 201-953-9312	insoonwrim@aol.com miokus@yahoo.com
	Labyrinth Explorers Club of Solivita	2nd Wednesday	10am	GTR	Isabel Gutierrez	917-526-0981	igutierrez110@gmail.com
	La Fe (The Faith) Christian Social Club	1st Tuesday	10am	RSF2	Joe Velazquez	863-427-1260	normavss@yahoo.com
•	Ladies Poker Club	Monday	6:45pm	MSA	Linda Eisenberg Linda Hrdlicka	561-602-5283 630-862-0132	lindae311@yahoo.com lindahrdlicka@yahoo.com
	Las Marianas	-	-	-	Olga Laureano	216-333-9709	olgalaureano@icloud.com
	Latin Ladies of Solivita	-	-	-	Diana Torres	-	latinladiesofsolivita@gmail.com
	LGBTQ+ Club	2nd Sunday	2pm	RSF2	Wayne Shaw	-	shawjr.wa@gmail.com
	Mah Jongg	Tuesday & Saturday	12pm	MSC	Rosemary Noack	863-427-9304	chaseno@verizon.net
	Mexican Train Dominoes	Wednesday	1pm	MSA	Rose Lyons	863-496-5385	lyonsx2@att.net
	Michigan Club	Friday	9am	GR	Janet Simetkosky	863-496-7071	jans48@aol.com
	Model Railroad Club of Solivita	3rd Thursday	2:15pm	CR	Doug Peterson Doug Tolman Dale Dixon	- - 412-609-8822	solivitadoug@gmail.com dtolman@cfl.rr.com dixonde1@comcast.net
•	Neighborhoods Rosary at Solivita (NRS)	Monday	5:30pm Zoom-5pm	LV	Resty & Fe Espinosa Nady Gutierrez Veny Dy-Liacco	248-321-4657 - 407-758-7958	respinosa630@gmail.com nady.gutierrez@hotmail.com venyd14@gmail.com
	New England Club	Annual Meeting in November	6:45pm	MSC	Jack Lelli Gerry Durkee	407-922-7363 863-221-8420	jack17737@aol.com jakedf44@aol.com
	New Jersey Club Board Meeting	Annual Mtg in Dec. 2nd Tuesday	ST -	6pm 5pm	Glenn Holdcraft	609-658-3092	gholdcraft@gmail.com
	New York City Transit Retirees of FL (NYCTROF)	1st Saturday	1pm	RSF2	Eddie Richardson Greg Miller	863-496-5904 863-313-3084	-
	Not-So-Serious Mah Jongg Club	Thursdays	9am-12pm	LV	Donna McIlwain	407-738-5325	dmc3726@yahoo.com
	Odd Fridays Bridge Club	1st, 3rd, & 5th Friday	1:30pm	MG	Donna Monroe	863-427-1199	dm.monroe@yahoo.com
•	Ohio Club	-	-	-	Bill Blatz	407-784-0177	bill1950.65@gmail.com
	Oh Scrap!	Fridays	12pm	CR	Regina Vogel	516-998-5224	reginaandgirls@me.com
•	Oldies But Goodies	-	-	-	Robert E. Doktor	863-427-9114	bbdoktor@verizon.net
	Our Time Club	_	_	_	Vickie Freece	_	vfreece@cfl.rr.com

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Web	Club	Day	Time	Room	Contact	Phone	Email
	PALS (Pets Are Loved in Solivita) Club	2nd Thursday	6:30pm	RSF2	Karla Wisinski	407-414-5750	palsofsolivita@icloud.com
	Pennsylvania Club of Solivita	-	-	-	Elaine Mattis	814-720-3958	emattis57@gmail.com
•	Photography Club of Solivita	2nd Monday	9:30am	RSF2	Kim Michaud	-	gadwallakm@live.com
•	Pinochle Club	Thursdays	6pm	MSC	Dale Dixon	412-609-8822	dixonde1@comcast.net
	Playing For Life Club	-	-	-	Rudi Trivigno	201-213-7251	barondrug@gmail.com
	Playreaders of Solivita	2nd or 3rd Sunday	6:15pm	Zoom	Matthew Hoff man Donna McIlwain	863-496-7436 407-738-5325	mhoff man95@yahoo.com dmc3726@yahoo.com
	Qigong Club of Solivita	Wednesdays Thursdays Saturdays	3pm 1pm 11am	PA	Stuart Abo	863-496-7961	abofmlwear@aol.com
	Red Hatters, Casual	-	-	-	Brenda Verrico	617-823-5206	momlunch@gmail.com
	Red Hatters, Crafty	1st Thursday	6pm	CR	Sharon McLafferty	863-496-0156	slmtdm589@gmail.com
	Red Hatters, FlyBye (Snowbird Chapter)	-	-	-	Karen Taggart	905-449-2751	kamt@rogers.com
	Red Hatters, New Attitude	3rd Thursday	-	-	Clotilde Ogle	863-496-7054	motley.barr@verizon.net
	Red Hatters, Roaring	3rd Wednesday	-	-	Sandra Dunbar	407-433-8157	sandradunbar43@gmail.com
•	Red Hatters, Scarlet Chapeaux	1st Wednesday	9:30am	MSA	Sandra Abo	863-496-7961	sandra.abo12@hotmail.com
	Red Hatters, Scarlet O'Hatters	4th Wednesday	-	-	Carolyn Schwarz	863-496-1499	rcrschwarz@verizon.net
•	Red Hatters, Solivita	-	-	-	Marie Russo	863-496-0708	mrusso424@aol.com
	Red Hatters, Spicy	-	-	-	Nilda Rivera Minerva Grajales	407-754-4187 407-361-9570	nmr1040@yahoo.com -
•	Republican Club of Solivita	3rd Wednesday Odd Months	5:30pm	ST	Peter Thompson Carol Rimdzius	281-382-0246 630-254-8225	pt.1@sbcglobal.net crimdzius@gmail.com
	Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEOS)	Last Wednesday	12pm	-	Dave Lane	863-427-6939	davidlane0828@gmail.com
	Rondalla of Central Florida	Saturday (except 1st Saturday)	2pm	RSF2	Arnie Yabyabin Carminia Yabyabin	407-780-3637 863-274-5121	rcfdec09a@gmail.com -
	Scuba & Snorkel Diving Club	-	-	-	Ralph DeConto Reg Thomas	407-460-3401 313-383-5321	radsolivita2005@gmail.com rdtbank@yahoo.com
	Seniors for Safe Schools and Communities	2nd Tuesday	4pm	RSF2	Dorothy Schwartz	732-207-3358	schwartzapn@aol.com
•	Shalom Club	4th Monday	7pm	ST	Lynne Shefsky	407-461-5785	lynneshefsky@icloud.com
	Shanti Om Shanti (Yoga Club)	Wednesday	5pm	PA	Nancy Picarello Jill Lutton	321-333-7567 814-746-2573	nancypicarello@gmail.com luttonjessica@yahoo.com
	Simply Latin Dancing	-	-	-	Herman Velez	863-899-3611	herman.velez@gmail.com
	SLICE (Solivitans Looking for Incredible Cheesy Execellence)	-	-	-	Helen Callanan	631-882-0863	sunnnight@aol.com
•	Smashers Pickleball Club	Various Thursdays	2pm-4pm	-	Wayne Fullerton	301-885-6401	smashers.president1@gmail.cor
	Sol. Apple Club	4th Monday	7pm	RSF2	Rick McKelvey	264-924-7458	solivitaappleclub@gmail.com
•	Sol. Artisan Guild	2nd Monday	10am	AR	Joan Owens	407-620-7138	owens9949@hotmail.com
	Sol. Aviation Club	-	-	-	Rose Kerr	863-313-3910	rosekerr389@gmail.com
	Sol Belly Dancers	Wednesdays	1:45pm	RSF	Ludmilla Wikkeling-Scott	-	solivitabellydancers@gmail.com
•	Sol. Bible Study Group (Non-Denominational)	Thursday	10am	RSF2	Ken Hokkanen	608-695-6588	kenhokkanen@gmail.com
•	Sol. Billiards	Mon. Tues. & Thurs.	3:30pm	BL	Ben Ramsey Bill Brown	317-407-2040 917-273-4937	benramsey72@cfl.rr.com bill5joann@aol.com
•	Sol. Board Gamers Club	Saturday	12pm	BV	Paul Hakken	407-401-4081	phakken@gmail.com
•	Sol. Bocce	Tuesday Thursday & Saturday	7pm 9am	FP	Jackie Erickson	863-427-6440	teejacq@aol.com
•	Sol. Book Circle	-	-	-	Kay Manis	512-785-4815	okmanis@yahoo.com
٠	Sol. Bowlers	Tuesday	12pm	Cypress Lanes	Patrick Dowson Josie Morin	407-922-3364 203-415-2587	patrickdowson@yahoo.com gogam47@yahoo.com
	Sol. Cigar Club	-	-	-	Greg Coach Denise Janey	Ī	coach006@gmail.com djaney@comcast.net
	Sol. Co-Ed Softball	Thursday & Sunday	4pm	Softball Field	Janet Jackson	317-650-0192	janetlvsjesus@gmail.com
•	Sol. Cyclists	Wednesday & Saturday	8am	Veterans Memorial	Sue Wiacek Tony Handler	610-453-7506 863-427-4345	swiacek54@gmail.com nardah99@verizon.net
	Sol. Cypress Bowling	Thursday (Oct-Mar)	12pm	Cypress Lanes	Doug Dorsey	917-763-4362	douglas.dorsey.nf@gmail.com
•	Sol. Dancing Diehards	Sunday	1:30pm	RSF Aerobics	Laurie Neider	301-337-1926	laneider@aol.com
•	Sol. Democratic Club	2nd Wednesday	6:30pm	ST	Brian Fillette	704-641-2978	president@solivitademocrats.org
	Sol. Dragon Boat	Tuesday & Friday	9am	The Dock	Jim Thomas	210-665-2800	solivitadragonboat@gmail.com
	Sol. Fishing Club	2nd Tuesday	7pm	MSB	Jim Clough	316-204-2595	jclough.sfc@gmail.com

Web	Club	Day	Time	Room	Contact	Phone	Email
	Sol. Friends Helping Those In Need	-	-	-	Alida Carpenter	708-738-4308	alida827@gmail.com
•	Sol. Friends of Elementary Education School	4th Monday	9:30am	MSB	Janet Yu	734-486-3451	jkeyu@yahoo.com
	Sol. Funtime Events	-	-	-	Mary Ann Lando	863-496-5632	mlando@aol.com
	Sol. Hunt Club	4th Tuesday	6:30pm	RSF2	Steve Davis	815-201-4628	steveyd7399@gmail.com
	Sol. Italian Club	-	-	-	John Fusco	954-629-4797	jafusco@aol.com
•	Sol. Older Bikers (SOBs) SOBs Meet to Ride	4th Tuesday Tuesday Thursday 2nd & 4th Saturday	7pm 8am 8am 9am	MB MB MB MB	Tom Wallis Joe Nuzzi	607-368-2967 330-727-6553	tjwallis0711@gmail.com bib46@msn.com
•	Sol. Quilters	Friday	1pm	AR	Ann Whittle Sue Cecero Barb Marino	407-726-3237 215-350-3004 630-853-6226	rexandsam@aol.com
•	Sol. Racqueteers Tennis	-	-	-	Jim Clawson	313-522-7384	jwclawsonsr@gmail.com
•	Sol. Radio Club	Last Thursday	7pm	GTR	Paul Bresnowitz	201-919-6875	N2TTR@arrl.net
	Sol. Road Runners	-	-	-	Micheline Vosges	863-496-0431	michv726@aol.com
•	Sol. RV Club	3rd Wednesday	4:30pm	RSF2	Barb Bizon	248-420-0708	solivitarvclub@gmail.com
	Sol. Scrapanos	1st & 3rd Monday	6:30pm	-	Beth Baumwell	863-427-4282	-
	Sol. Scrabble Group	Wednesday & Saturday	11am	PA	Pat Preston	310-359-5975	gr8auntpat@gmail.com
	Sol. Showtime Entertainers	3rd Tuesday	1:30pm	MSB	Peter Stern	732-740-0642	actorpete@aol.com
•	Sol. Shuffleboard Club	Mon., Wed. & Sat.	9am	FP	Dale Dixon	412-609-8822	dixonde1@comcast.net
•	Sol. Singles Club	1st Sunday	4pm	ST	Lisa Kelly - President Pat Lynn - Membership Judy Walls - Activities	339-203-2531 517-614-0481 508-740-0702	lakelly1956@gmail.com lynnp101@gmail.com walls1202@gmail.com
•	Sol. Social Club	3rd Tuesday	9am	MG	Paul Spagnola Margret Barsh	407-480-8055 646-932-6891	pspag2125@gmail.com mclancy22@aol.com
	Sol. Social Dance Club	-	-	-	Mikki Rosselli	407-460-2719	solivitasocialdance8@gmail.com
•	Sol. Softball Club	Monday-Saturday	9am & 10:30am	FP	Mike Arroyo	845-591-7883	michaelarroyo383@gmail.com
•	Sol. Softball for Women - The Diamonds	Tuesday & Friday	8:30am	FP	Teresa Conway	215-917-3591	momcon716@yahoo.com
•	Sol. Sorcerers of Magic	Varies	6pm	Varies	Sid Simon	423-596-5154	sidneyhsimon@yahoo.com
•	Sol. Starliters	-	-	-	Ellen Factor	863-496-7258	efactor50@hotmail.com
	Sol. Swing Band	Thursday	9:30am	AR	Steve Orange Damian Cornacchia	734-755-4014 610-842-5178	navalorange22@yahoo.com djc_do@live.com
	Sol Table Tennis Club	-	-	-	Joseph Shanahan	863-496-7725	joeshana@ymail.com
•	Sol. Theatre Group	-	-	-	Peter Stern	732-740-0642	actorpete@aol.com
	Sol. Toys for Tots Club	-	-	-	John Dwyer	603-630-6297	solivitatft@gmail.com
•	Sol. Travel Club	3rd Tuesday	6:30pm	ST	Teresa Johnson	612-868-5847	teri_jhnsn@icloud.com
	Sol. Wednesday Bowling League	Wednesday	12pm	Incredibowl, Winter Haven	Bill Vazquez Gary Miller	214-710-0792 315-491-7598	bvazquez28@outlook.com f1time@hotmail.com
•	Sol. Wildlife Advocates	-	-		Bob Monica	941-705-9142	swa.solivita@gmail.com
•	Sol. Wine Club	-	-	-	Lee Zahuranec	-	leez100@yahoo.com
•	Sol Writers	1st & 3rd Monday	10am	RSF2	Marilyn Shapiro	518-859-6774	shapcomp18@me.com
	Son Life Bible Study	Thursday	5pm	LV	Joni Lupis	631-681-7275	jesusfirstjoni@gmail.com
	Sophisticated Ladies	-	-	-	Jacqueline Jones	917-589-9962	elephantjk74@gmail.com
	SoulaVita Line Dancers	Tuesday	5pm	PA	Deldra Eaton Keith Eaton	609-238-8288 609-472-4826	soulavitalinedancers@gmail.co
	Stitches & Quilts	-	-	-	Renee Typaldos	732-735-7539	rntypl@aol.com
	St. Jude Poker Club	Saturday	12pm	MSA	Joel Schuster	863-496-5893	jschuster0709@yahoo.com
	Stonegate Couples Golf Association	Saturday	8:30am	SGC	Wayne Uren	863-496-7300	SCGA.Solivita@outlook.com
•	Stonegate Men's Golf Association	Wednesday	-	SGC	Art Hallman	863-660-2630	arthallman@yahoo.com
•	Stonegate Niners Women's Golf	Thursday	-	SGC	Tory Torok Alice Miller	216-644-7640 518-265-3369	snwga.golf@gmail.com
•	Stonegate Women's Golf Association	Thursday	7:45am	SGC	Denise Carter	270-535-1294	ddcarter65@gmail.com
•	Sunshine Dominoes Club	Sunday	1:30pm	GTR	Lucy Pagán	407-705-1373	lucymegood@gmail.com
•	SWANS: Solivita Women's Action Network	-	-	-	Virginia Allain Dorothy Schwartz	863-370-5762 -	vallain576@gmail.com schwartzapn@aol.com
•	Tai Chi Club	-	-	-	David Deloach	561-677-1566	ddeloach315@gmail.com
	Texas Lone Stars	_	_	_	Kay Manis	512-785-4815	texaslonestarsolivita@gmail.co

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•	Veterans Club of Solivita	4th Wednesday	7pm	ST	Mick McCabe John Calanan	859-652-1087 917-567-0882	fmccabe83@gmail.com bmbjohn@aol.com
	Walk 4 Wellness Club	-	-	-	Catherine Cabeza	347-533-0813	drcabeza4fitness@aol.com
•	Water Volleyball Club	-	-	-	Rob Blankenship	270-219-9055	blankenship165@yahoo.com
	Western/Upstate New York (WUNY) Club	-	-	-	Sue Foels Sid Simon	407-288-7992 423-596-5154	smfsells@aol.com sidneyhsimon@yahoo.com
	Widows Club of Solivita	3rd Wednesday	10am	-	Agi Hyman Sue Durham	914-799-1212 708-341-7898	agnort1@gmail.com durhamsue@gmail.com
	Wisconsin Club	-	-	-	Mary Steel	-	masteel411@gmail.com
	Women's Bocce Social Club	-	-	-	Jenny Corriere	-	bcjccc3@hotmail.com
•	Yarners	Wednesday	10am	MSC	Esta McNamara Matthew Hoffman	631-332-9507 863-496-7436	estafla@yahoo.com mhoffman95@yahoo.com
•	Young & Young at Heart, The (YaYaH)	-	-	-	Charlene Chaim	914-980-7591	lchaim2000@yahoo.com
• Club ii	nformation is also available on SolivitaHOA.co	m.   To update your club's in	formation on	this list, email Re	flections@SolivitaClub.co	m.	

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

Web	Club	Description	Day	Time	Room	Contact	Phone	Email
•	Cancer Support Group	Our group is dedicated to providing emotional support and education to anyone touched by cancer.	Thursday	10am	MG	Tony & Narda Handler	863-427-4345	nardah99@verizon.net
	Grief Support Group	This group is facilitated by a trained counselor from Cornerstone Hospice who understands the grieving process and will help those on the journey of grief recovery and rebuilding their life. Offered at no cost to participants. Registration is requested. Residents only.	2nd Tuesday	10am	Zoom	Cornerstone Hospice Bereavement Counselor: Enos Butler	407-552-1011	ebutler@cshospice.org
	Living Sober in Solivita	A discussion group of Solivita residents who are living in sobriety, and for those wanting support and information on how to be alcohol-free themselves.	Sunday	9am	MSB	Kate Lupe Ralph	570-236-0443 689-224-4787 407-460-3401	ksquared1987@yahoo.com loop924544@yahoo.com radsolivita2005@gmail.com
•	SolAbility Club	This club supports those with disabilities, their caregivers, and interested friends. Our goal is to reach out to the disabled and caregivers and connect them with the resources and encouragement. We are here for you! For meetings, call the contact or check our Club News article.	-	-	-	Ralph Whalen Ralph DeConto	407-818-4487	solability2019@gmail.com
	Solivita Alzheimer's Support Group	We provide assistance and support to those whose loved ones have this disease.	4th Thursday	9:30am	MSB	Deena Watson	630-605-0703	deena@nowinfl.com
	TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) in Solivita	A private chapter open to Solivita residents and employees. TOPS can help you reach your weight loss goal by providing you with the tools, information, support and accountability you need to be successful.	Tuesday: Weigh-In Zoom Meeting	8am- 9:30am 10:30am- 11:30am	MSC	Frances Martin	770-289-1519	franatl@juno.com
	Venezia Support Group	Intends to get together to support each other and have fun	Wednesdays	4pm	VZ	Melba Harris	407-334-6300	melbaharris60@gmail.com
• Club	information is also availab	le on SolivitaHOA.com   To update your club's informatio	n, email Reflecti	ions@Solivit	aClub.co	m.		

#### **ROOM LEGEND**

AR	Art Gallery	LV	Lago Vista Amenity Center	PA	The Palms Amenity Center
BL	Billiards Gallery		Marketplace Bistro	RSF	Riviera Spa & Fitness Center
BV	Bella Viana Amenity Center		Magnolia Room		Riviera Spa & Fitness Center, Second
CR	Ceramics Gallery	мо	Mosaics		Floor Classroom
FP	Freedom Park	MSA	Mediterranean Skyline, Aegean Room	SGC	Stonegate Golf Club
GTR	The Gator Room	MSB	Mediterranean Skyline, Baltic Room	ST	Starlite Ballroom
GR	The Grille at Stonegate	MSC	Mediterranean Skyline, Caspian Room	٧Z	Venezia Amenity Center
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#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Email to Reflections@SolivitaClub.com

#### JUNE SUBMISSIONS

Calendar submissions, Community Event article submissions, and Club News articles and photos are due on **Thursday, May 1st**.

#### **Casual Red Hatters**

A bunch for lunch at Cherry Pockets!



#### **Crafty Red Hatters**

Thank you, Cindy, for leading us in this wonderful project. Who knew pistachio shells could be transformed into tropical birds. Everyone loved their finished masterpiece.





#### FlyBye Red Hatters

On Valentine's Day we had a Progressive Dinner. Thanks to Barb Claerbout, who hosted the appetizer segment of our evening, things got off to a good start. Husbands and special friends enjoyed the delicious appetizers before heading off to Sheila Rochefort's home. There we indulged in hearty entrées and lovely salads. Lastly, we walked over to Jane Adams' house to end the memorable



evening with tantalizing desserts of all kinds. Our members, husbands and special friends truly enjoy each other's company. It was an evening of wonderful food; these gals are great cooks! Scrumptious food and great conversations were had by all.



#### **Brooklyn Fun Club**

For all residents who come from Brooklyn, know someone from Brooklyn or just know where Brooklyn is; you are welcome to join this very active club. We have fun, monthly events with no boring meetings. Our April activity was Trivia Night with music and entertainment. Upcoming events include Cinco de Mayo, our annual baseball game outing, ice cream social and holiday party. If you would like to learn more about the club and to join, call Tony at 631-379-7313.

#### **New Attitude Red Hatters**

We're really celebrating birthdays this month. Maybe our beautiful sisters are celebrating in house like Ruth, Dorcas, Karleen and Eslyn have done in the past. Maybe, like Gail, just having fun with a friend is what the day calls for. Maybe they are relaxing at home, like Denise. If they are really lucky, they could



be celebrating in Bali, like our traveling sister Artrice. It really doesn't matter when or where, we're wishing each of these lovely ladies a HAPPY, HAPPY Birthday. ENJOY!!!







#### **Red Hattitudes**

In March we went to Pazza Luna for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration. Everyone loved the lunch, had a great time, and the service was great. Thanks to our hostesses, Jan Schneider and Janice Matusevich, everyone went home with a lot of goodies.



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## British Isles Heritage Club (BIHC)

Are you looking for an active, thriving club? Then the British Isles Heritage Club is for you! We have regular monthly meetings with informative programs and activities to get you out and about. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th, we're having a British High Tea at 2pm in Mosaics. Come join us and make some new friends! The Tea is only \$25 per person. Contact Susan at 407-460-5418 for tickets. For membership information, contact Jack Irion at 504-812-1506.



#### Solivita Alzheimer's Group

We meet the 4th Thursday of the month in the Baltic Room from 9:30am-10:30am. If you're a primary caregiver or you have a relative/friend with Dementia/Alzheimer's you're welcome to attend. There is NO COST to participate. Christina Getz, RN is the support group facilitator and can be reached at 260-466-3456.



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#### Scarlet Chapeaux

The ladies from Scarlet Chapeaux were busy both on land and water in March. They traveled to Sarasota to dine on the *Marina Jack* and shopping followed. Speaking of shopping, if you were looking for it, Scarlet Chapeaux ladies had a very successful Community Yard sale. These ladies enjoy having FUN and going places.







## Butterfly Club The Butterfly Club

Our March meeting was an absolute delight, featuring a captivating presentation by our vice president, Kathy Martin. With meticulous research, she brought to life the remarkable story of Maria Sibylla Merian—a trailblazing visionary who first uncovered the magical transformation of caterpillars into butterflies. Merian was also a pioneering scientist, gifted artist and fearless world traveler, when such pursuits were unheard of for women. As spring blooms around us, our Butterfly Garden is buzzing with activity! Thanks to Virginia Mizel, a dedicated team of members has taken on the garden duties. It looks great; come see it for yourself!









#### Citizen's Assisted Patrol (CAP)

Congratulations to Carmelo Puleo and Robert Thut on completion of their CAP training. Is your car unlocked? Are your weapons or valuables unsecured? Is your house or garage door open, or unlocked and unoccupied? Is your golf cart key left unattended in the ignition? All these scenarios present a criminal with a crime of opportunity. It takes just a few seconds for them to help themselves to whatever they want and go on their way. Taking simple crime prevention steps in advance can help avoid the losses that may occur. As they say, "Lock it and pocket the key!"



#### 16 Shooters

ARTHUR REMINGTON. 16 Shooters' co-founder, director, and winningest

player, passed on March 2nd. Thanks to Art, 120+ residents and guests have played in one of 40+ tournaments, persons with disabilities play regularly, and underserved residents are "racking them up." Whenever you see 16 Shooters' branding on medals, banners, caps, shirts, and paraphernalia, credit Art. The 16 Shooters Open Tournament is held monthly on the third Friday.





"Show up" by 1:30pm in the Billiards Gallery. Everyone plays. Fun, fast, and free. **NEXT TOURNAMENTS**: May 16th; June 20th; July 18th; and August 15th. CONTACT: William McCoy at 614-785-8497, 16shooters@gmail.com, or 16shooters.yolasite.com. Scan the QR code for a YouTube video of Parade of Champions winners.



The Applause Club wants you to join us as we celebrate all the May happenings, including the upcoming dance on Friday, May 9th with the 506 Crew. Let's dance the night away in the Starlite Ballroom from 6pm to 9pm. For further information, contact Sheila at 917-887-5828. Upcoming dances will feature Rocky and the Rollers on Friday, June 20th and The Applause Band and DJ on Friday, July 18th. We hope to see you there! Check out the photos from our previous dance below.







## Catholic Families of Solivita (CFS)

Our May 4th potluck at The Palms will include a BABY SHOWER, honoring mothers and mothers-to-be, benefitting the JMJ Pregnancy Center in Kissimmee. See the *Community Events* section in this month's *Reflections* for more details. For information on joining CFS, call Fran Biggs at 908-456-2390. Remember, there is also a Bible Study every Friday morning at 10am in RSF2.



#### **Dominoes Club**

The Dominoes Club of Solivita had their first Dominoes Tournament of 2025 held on March 20th. A total of 28 players competed against each

other. The trophy winners were: First Place - Manuel Ramirez and Edgar Comellas; Second Place - Carmen Bigley and Orlando Torres; and Third Place - Barry Sibblis and Derick Hall. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the great players and the folks who helped to make it a success!



#### **Energizing Christian Women's Connection (ECWC)**

ECWC's Daughters of the King annual conference was, by all reports received, a rousing success! The Solivita Ballroom was filled with beautiful tablescapes (crown table centerpiece pictured right) and all attendees were delighted with every aspect of the event. Keynote speaker, Tina Blount, inspired her audience and entertainment provided by Carol Z was met with enthusiasm. The plated lunch options were enjoyed by all and the dozen plus vendors who participated reported results exceeding all expectations. Winter-Spring Bible Studies and Book Club activities continue with a look toward summer options. For further details, please visit our **SolivitaHOA.com** club webpage or send an email to ecwc.solivita.inquire@gmail.com.





Happy Conference Attendees



Harriet Cohen, Lynn Jacquart and Candy Stanford support the Kenya Charity vendor table.



Renee Renfro & Keynote Speaker, Tina Blount

#### **Friday Bridge Connections**

The Friday Duplicate Bridge game is open to everyone in the Caspian and Baltic Rooms in the Mediterranean Skyline (MSC & MSB) at 1pm. You don't need to be a member to play. Membership is a one-time fee of \$15, with a cost of \$1 to play thereafter. The cost for a non-member is \$2. We ask that you be checked in and ready to play by 12:55pm. Please come with a partner and enjoy the game. For more information, please contact Bly Trinrud at 863-438-9957.



3/7/25 Winners: North/South - Arnell Tabak & Gwen McEvoy; East/West - Charles Davis & Don Wierenga



3/14/25 Winners: North/South - Jill French & Kathy Wheeler; East/West -M.J. Raser & Jeanne Derham



3/21/25 Winners: North/South - George Tabak & Tom Yuan (not shown); East/West - Bly Trinrud & Glenda Partin



3/28/25 Winners: North/South - Kathy Wheeler & Jill French; East/West -Stefanita Marinescu & Art Jeffe

#### Solivita Bridge Club: Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

Games are on Sundays at 1:30pm and Mondays at 1pm. Please come at least 15 minutes early. There are A and B groups at Monday games. The B group is for less experienced players. Players may come without a partner. ACBL membership is not required. Team games are played on the first and third Friday nights at 6:15pm. Come with light snacks for a lot of fun. Contact Donna McIlwain at dmc3726@yahoo.com.









1st and 2nd Place Winners for 3/7/25 and 3/21/25 team games.

#### **Disney Cast Members**

Thanks to all our members who helped at our table at Solivita's Mardi Gras Celebration for making this event

a great success. We sold hundreds of hot dogs, chips, water and sold out our famous "Mickey" cookies. Last month, we enjoyed a great lunch at the always popular Celebration Town Tavern. Our meeting will be on Saturday, May 3rd at The Palms at 10:30am. As always, we invite all Disney Cast Members, past, present, active, retired, or who worked at Disney in the past, to join us.



2025 Mardi Gras

#### Christian Fellowship of Solivita

Many Solivita clubs get together for fellowship and food. Christian Fellowship of Solivita Club did just that on March 16th. Decorations were very green; food was extremely delicious, and the fellowship was fun and filled with surprising revelations about the missionary called St. Patrick. Irish? No, born in Roman Britain, probably Wales. Snakes? Not one. Catholic? No, Patrick lived long before the Catholic church came to



Ireland. St. Patrick shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Ireland and thousands became followers of Christ. Remarkably, many Druids were converted to Christianity. Join us for Bible Study on Mondays in the Caspian Room at 7pm.



#### Cribbage Club of Solivita

Spring is finally here, which is good news and bad news. Yes, it's getting warmer, and we get some much-needed rain, but we also have to say, so long, to the folks heading back up north. Please be safe in your travels! We had three nice 24 hands this past month. Mary Anderson, Roger Michaud, and our club president, Larry Diagneault. Roger got his first club 24 hand last month and the good luck continued. Congratulations to all! We play Cribbage each Sunday night at 6pm in the Gator Room.



Mary Anderson





Roger Michaud

Larry Diagneault

#### **Big Money Bingo**

Our next Big Money Bingo events will be on Wednesday, May 7th and Sunday, May 18th. Win your share of \$2,000. You may also get lucky as we have unannounced free bingo nights throughout the year! Remember you must have your Solivita ID and your guest must have a Solivita Guest Pass. Outside beverages and containers are not allowed, but free soda, coffee, water and two snacks are included with your \$15, 22-game bingo packet. The Ballroom doors open at 5pm and close at 6pm or when 300 bingo players have entered. The winners in March were Debbie Sloan, Lita Bakken, Keith Koenig, and Joann Goldstein.



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## Girlfriends of

Girlfriends of Solivita are excited to host a Tea Time honoring all Mothers on May 12th in the Ballroom. Bring your favorite teacup and pot for your table. You are welcome to dress up in hats and gloves just like your mom used to. As a special treat, please share a photo of your mother or you and your mother along with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Bring to any Girlfriends activity. The cost for the Tea is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. The Ballroom doors will open at 1:30pm. To purchase tickets, visit Club Ticket Sales in Mosaics on May 5th or contact BJKING1967@gmail.com.

#### Filipinos at Solivita (FAS)

FAS welcomes the coming of spring with renewed vigor and enthusiasm in undertaking simple but worthwhile activities for its members. The Happy Hour celebrated the birthdays of only two members present - Roger Gutierrez and Samir Iskander. The ladies dominated the night in vigorous line dancing while the men indulged in their favorite card game. The food offerings were lavish and enjoyed by all.





## Guys and Docts

#### Guys and Dolls

Guys and Dolls, Solivita's community chorus, will

perform their Holiday Concert on December 5th, 6th and 7th in the Starlite Ballroom. If you enjoy singing and would like to be a part of this community chorus, consider joining us. Auditions for new singers will take place in June and July. Our first rehearsal will be the last Tuesday in August. For more information about rehearsals and auditions, please email Ellen Factor at efactor50@hotmail.com or contact her through our website at spacinc.com. You will be placed on our email list and contacted when it is time for auditions.

#### Chess Club of Solivita

What is the maximum number of captures that any chess piece can make in a game? Answer: 15 is the maximum for a King, Queen, Rook or Knight. A Pawn can only make six. The Chess Club meets every Wednesday, from 9am-12pm in the Baltic Room, which is above the Billiards Gallery. For further information, please feel free to contact Joe Byrnes at 516-810-1048, Bob Wiley at 863-313-3424, or Jay Nixon at 732-533-7449.



#### Give Kids the World Club (GKTW)

ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST? Yes!

Henri's Starlite Scoops is a popular activity for families staying at Give Kids the World Village during their child's "wish" trip. WANT TO BE PART OF THE FUN? With a cool space theme and fun flavors like "Moon Rock Crunch," Henri's is also one of the most popular among the more than 50 volunteer opportunities at the Village. (Solivita resident Mike Drahos sure looks like he's having fun in the picture!) Henri's is open from 7:30 in the morning to 9:30 at night and shifts average four hours long. Interested? Contact Peggy Monroe (Solivita resident and GKTW volunteer) at pmonroe59@gmail.com.







#### **Gun Club of Solivita**

Our April activities included multiple range outings, sporting clays shoot and our annual BBQ at Freedom Park. Upcoming events include ladies' range day, our Patriotic Potluck, all-member range outings, sporting clays shoots and our Tropical Holiday party. If you would like to learn more about the club and to join, visit us at gunclubofsolivita.club.





## Solivita Showtime Showtime Entertainers

A big thank you to all who attended our March "Musical Memories" show. The audience response was amazing. The combination of singing, dancers and comedy resulted in what many told us was one of the best shows they had ever seen here. If you missed it, then mark your calendars for June 29th or 30th. We'll be presenting a whole new show. Details are in the Community Events section.

#### **Jewish Philosophy Club**

Please join us as we welcome Professor Howard Kerner to Solivita for an upbeat presentation entitled, "Why Don't We Know the Names of the Good?" On Thursday, May 1st, from 9:30am-11am in the Gator Room, Professor Kerner will surprise us with some inspiring stories of unknown human goodness during the Holocaust as well as ways that we can look for, practice and celebrate more goodness in our own lives. The cost is \$10 per person and PRE-REGISTRATION is REQUIRED; no refunds. To register, contact Sharon at 407-247-7397 (text please) OR SolivitaJPC@gmail.com. For additional information on this, as well as other upcoming events, please see our club webpage on SolivitaHOA.com.

Reflections deadlines are published two months in advance in every issue. Be sure to check <u>page 3</u>.

#### **Green Thumbs Club**

The Green Thumbs Club sold its famous Bon Ton's Bread Pudding with whiskey sauce again this year at Mardi Gras. Some people commented that they look forward to it every year. We were very busy throughout the night and SOLD out before the night was over. Proceeds from the sales go to our designated charity, the Sunshine Foundation Dream Village in Davenport. Over the years, the Green Thumbs Club has donated over \$50,000 to this great organization! For club information, call Retha Sellers at 863-427-3317.



#### **Holistic Horizons (HH)**

Perhaps you did not know that everything in our world comprises energy, and sound waves produce frequencies that can positively affect the seven chakras or energy centers within our bodies? This was just some of the helpful information shared by HH member Cee Cee, who also took the time to explain and



demonstrate through using singing bowls, how the Solfeggio Frequencies—ranging from 174Hz to 963Hz—have unique vibrational properties, that promote relaxation, stress relief and spiritual connection. Topics for our meetings this month include Meditation and Energy Healing, with a focus on Reiki and how it works.







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#### Caribbean American Association (CARAMVITA)

CARAMVITA is proud to host its first Educational Fundraising Dance of 2025 on May 16th at 6pm in the Ballroom. Tickets are \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. All proceeds go directly to the educational fund benefiting students in Polk and Osceola counties, and the Caribbean. Then, join us on June 22nd as we celebrate Caribbean Heritage Month with a dynamic Steelpan Concert featuring Liam Teague, Jaden Teague-Nunez, Joshua Bedeau, and guest vocalist *ilismo* of 506 Crew. Reserved tickets are \$30; general admission is \$25. For tickets, contact Donna at 917- 596-3004.

#### Horseshoes Club of Solivita

We finished our Thursday night winter league. The final results were close, but the winner was Fran Duff (in the middle of the picture below), 2nd place was Gary Olejarczyk (on the right) and 3rd place was Chip Nash (on the left). We held our March potluck at The Palms and everyone had a good time. If you are interested in joining us, come to Freedom Park on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday at 8:30am.





#### Las Marianas

At our last gathering, we said the rosary together. We also talked about the agenda and ate a nice lunch made by Laura and Rosa.





#### Solivita Book Circle

We'll hold an author brown bag event at The Palms on May 22nd starting at 11:30am. Members can attend at no cost; the cost for non-members is \$5. The featured author is Marie Bostwick who is a bestselling New York Times and USA Today author of historical and contemporary fiction. If you are interested in joining a book club, please email Carole Underwood at 861clu@gmail.com or Donna McIlwain at dms3726@yahoo.com.

#### Illinois Club

Our club's most recent adventure was the Seashells by the Seashore evening. It was the highest attended event in the club's history. We celebrated with a tropical atmosphere, tropical food and, of course, tropical attire! We were entertained by the Solivita Ukelele Band and Solivita Steel Drum Band and thank them for the great shows. The festivities included a beach ball toss game, tropical "tattoos" and a photo booth. Special thanks to Donna, the Events Committee and all volunteers who helped make this a fantastic night to remember. Also, a huge thanks to all involved in making main dishes, side dishes, appetizers and desserts.











#### India Club

India Club had a very busy March! Our group once again participated in the Solivita Mardi Gras Parade and some of our ladies performed a Bollywood number in the Ballroom. This is the second year we hosted Holi - the Festival of Colors on March 16th. The event included Indian food, dancing to Indian music and lots of color throwing! Thank you to our Solivita community for their participation and support. A special shout out to all of our India Club members for volunteering their time and effort in helping to make this a very successful event!















#### Korean Friends at Solivita (KFS)

We meet two or three times a week to enjoy golf together. On March 28th, KFS held its Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament, bringing together 40 members for a fun and friendly competition. The top players were recognized with trophies. The weather was beautiful, and even non-golfers joined the group in The Palms amenity room for the award ceremony and a great time sharing stories and enjoying life at Solivita. KFS hosts two annual meetings each year—in the spring and winter. This upcoming meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 30th and Thursday, February 26th. For more information, contact club president Tyler Byun at tylerbyun@gmail.com.





#### Ohio Club

Well everyone, we had a great time on our train trip to Winter Park. We had a great lunch at Pannullo's Italian Restaurant. Then we were on our own to explore Winter Park. In May, we are planning a lunch at Floradino's on Route 27, a breakfast at The Grille, and a golf outing. More activities to come; please join us for some fun times.



#### Labyrinth Explorers Club of Solivita

Several Labyrinth Explorers went on a field trip to an outdoor Medieval Labyrinth in Huckleberry, Davenport. We had an incredible experience, and everyone in our group gave it a glowing 5-star review. Perfect weather, a serene space with natural shade, and the sound of singing bells added a layer of calm and mindfulness. Eating lunch under the trees allowed us to deepen our connection with nature, ourselves and each other. This was an opportunity to envision the kind of space we want for our labyrinth in Solivita. Our next meeting is May 14th in the Gator Room from 10am-11:30am.







#### LGBTQ+ Club

The members of LGBTQ+ Club have been insanely busy with activities and events! We built our first float for the Mardi Gras parade, attended a fabulous Drag Show at Osceola Arts put on by the crew of Hamburger Mary's, and we're planning some fantastic events for the next calendar year. Everyone is welcome in our very inclusive club!





#### **New England Club of Solivita**

The New England Club of Solivita has been busy with exciting activities this spring! For the second year in a row, members enjoyed a Thrift Store Tour, finding great bargains and hidden treasures. In April, the group attended a delightful performance of *The Waitress* in Winter Haven, followed by a delicious meal at Lucille's restaurant. Now, anticipation is building for the upcoming Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 3rd at The Palms. With good company, lively events, and shared experiences, the club continues to bring fun and camaraderie to its members.







The Barn in Lake Alfred

#### Solivita AHCC Educational Fund (SAHCCEFI)

Congratulations Ms. Ge'Niya Lewter, a scholarship recipient, on her acceptance into the "Alvin Ailey 2025 Professional Division 5-week Summer Intensive." The curriculum is structured to advance the technical and artistic skills of students in a

wide variety of techniques. The weekly curriculum of fifteen classes includes daily ballet, and a daily modern technique class. Additionally, a repertory workshop with a guest artist is offered during the 5-week session. Workshops and repertory courses are offered to give participants rehearsal and performance experience. A student at the University of South Florida, Ge'Niya makes us all proud.



#### **Long Island Club**

Our long-awaited March event at Publix stadium in Lakeland was a great success. The weather was perfect. The die-hard Long Island Yankee fans had the opportunity to witness the Bronx Bombers beat the Detroit Tigers 8-6. A great day topped off with some souvenir baseballs, hot dogs and burgers helped welcome in the 2025 baseball season. A big thank you goes out to Skylar of the Lakeland Tigers for making the necessary arrangements that made this a perfect day. Our April event was a luncheon at an Asian buffet. If you're interested in attending our next event, text Linda at 516-761-2140.









#### Model Railroad Club of Solivita

Club members have been busy working on our rolling stock and engines to improve our operations on both our modular and permanent displays. If you enjoy modeling in all its many forms, consider coming by and meeting our members at our monthly membership meeting every third Thursday of the month in the Ceramics Gallery at 2:15pm. If you have any equipment that you would like to donate, please feel free to contact us as we always put to good use any and all donations. Email Doug Peterson, president, at solivitadoug@ gmail.com and he'll make arrangements to follow up.

#### Not-So-Serious Mahjongg Club

The group has grown to five or six tables. Now summer is coming, and we will send our snowbirds home with a friendly lunch at The Grille after the game. We have a lot of fun and help each other in our efforts to learn and play the game better. If you are interested in playing with us, please contact Donna McIlwain at dmc3726@yahoo. com for details.



#### **OD Kwon Do Society**

With spring coming into full bloom and the warmer weather finally starting, we're experiencing new energy in our classes. Master Tom has been teaching us new defensive moves working with sticks and poles. Some seniors who use canes and walking sticks can use them to defend themselves. Umbrellas work also. So, in class we practice these techniques. All photos taken in class are by Carmen Boos. A big thank you to her.



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#### Neighborhoods Rosary at Solivita (NRS)

#### NRS Seminar for Lenten Season

Second Wednesday of Lent and the Neighborhood Rosary of Solivita undertook a community event by sponsoring a seminar entitled "Praying for our Goodbyes." The main speaker/lecturer was Fr. Mariano Catura - and the topic touched on our challenges and relationships and how to be able to successfully navigate them through prayers. Our appreciation for the NRS members both in person and Zoom - led by Resty and Fe Espinosa, Bert and Veny Dy-Liacco and Nady and Roger Gutierrez and St. Rose of Lima's faithful parishioners led by Rosa Claeboe, Sam McHarg, Peter and Grace Lam and Rod and Marge DeLeon.









#### Photography Club of Solivita

The Solivita Photography Club meets the second Monday of the month

in RSF2 and via Zoom from 9:30am-11:30am. The next Photo Club meeting is Monday, May 12th and the theme is "Nature." A total of four (4) photos, with two (2) maximum in any one category, can be submitted. Categories are Open, Theme and Creative. Digital photos need to be emailed by May 1st. New club member Dale Domingue won 1st Place in the Theme ("Texture")



competition for "Built to Last." Dues must be paid to participate in the club and photo competition. Contact solivitaphotoclub@gmail.com.

#### **Oldies But Goodies**

energetic crowd that danced to the great rhythms of DJ Mr. Breeze. He had the people on the dance floor all evening long. Our May Dance will be on Tuesday, May 13th. DJ Mr. Irwin will be spinning the tunes from the '50s-'80s and will take requests. The Ballroom doors open at 5:30pm and the dance is 6pm-9pm. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Bring a snack to share. A cash bar will be available. Contact Rosalie at 863-496-5290 for tickets or come to May ticket sales at Mosaics.

#### Plant-Based Lifestyle Club

#### Taste & Grow Your Own!

Join us at our Microgreens Quarterly Workshop (microgreens are packed with nutrients and

antioxidants, offering benefits in managing and preventing chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, cancer, support cognitive function and reduce risk of neurodegenerative diseases). Microgreen experts Christopher and Jennifer Tolen of Ferpher Farms will teach us to grow Amazing Microgreens on May 24th at 11am in The Palms Amenities Room. Includes



your own Microgreen Kit & Tasty Treats. Tickets are \$35 per person. Email plantbasedlifestyleclub@gmail.com to RSVP. Payments are collected on the date of the event. We look forward to seeing you.





#### Republican Club of Solivita

Our March meeting was filled with great information and updates about what's going on in the county

from Polk County commissioners Bill Braswell and Rick Wilson. Our May meeting will feature State Senator Colleen Burton and State Representative Jon Albert who will give us updates on the recent legislative session in Tallahassee. We've got an October 3rd-9th Washington D.C. trip planned and reservations are currently being taken by the Travel Girls. The club also showed the movie "Reagan" at The Palms on April 7th. We hope to see you at our May 21st meeting.



County Commissioner Rick Wilson:







County Commissioner Bill Brasswell

#### ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

The ROMEOs had a wonderful luncheon experience at the Lazy Dog restaurant located near Margaritaville in Kissimmee. All 22 guys had nothing but praise for the quality of the food and the excellent service. A highly recommended place for lunch or dinner. If you are interested in joining our men's club, contact Dave Lane at 703-999-7946.





## Playreaders of

The Playreaders have had a great three months of plays featuring aliens and space creatures! Our reading of "The Jedi Doth Return," a reimagining of Star Wars in the style of Shakespeare, got off to a good start with Acts I and II - we will finish the play in the fall. Please join us at our next meeting on May 18th at 7pm in the Baltic Room. To get on our mailing list, contact Donna McIlwain at 407-738-5325 or dmc3726@yahoo.com, and be sure to see our SolivitaHOA. com club webpage for the complete list of scripts we've read since we began.

#### Shanti Om Shanti Yoga Club

Pranayama, breath work, is the basis of yoga. There are numerous breathing techniques which accomplish various outcomes and club members practice many. One method is Three-Part Breath. Here, one slowly breathes in through the nose and fills the belly. After a brief hold, the air is expelled slowly but fully through the nose. Practicing for five minutes or more helps improve emotional and physical well-being. Kapalabhati is similar; deeply inhale and feel your abdomen swell. Quickly and forcefully exhale. Repeat up to 20 times to firm the abdomen and create energy. Yoga Club meets Wednesdays at 5pm at The Palms.



#### **Rock of Ages Social Club**

Rock of Ages had a spectacular night on March 29th. We had a sold-out crowd dancing to their favorite songs from the '70, '80s and '90s. The togas were fantastic; we had a hard time picking winners. The next event is Saturday, May 10th outdoors at Freedom Park. Our theme will be MTV, and we will have a top DJ from Orlando playing the top videos and music from the '80s to dance and listen to.











#### SolAbility

Caregiver is a single word that means so much. We see spouses, parents, siblings, and children lovingly support their loved ones as they face challenges: I can help you get dressed ... We need to go to the doctor today ... Let me help you into the car ... and so much more every day. Caregivers are heroes to their loved ones, yet sometimes they need time for themselves. If you would like to join our monthly Caregivers Group for conversation, friendship and support, please contact us at SolAbility2019@gmail.com. Find SolAbility on Facebook to see what else we are doing!



#### Shades of Sisterhood (SOS)

Shades of Sisterhood's April gathering featured Nancy Figueroa-Galarza, a Vibrational Sound Therapy & Reiki Practitioner. Nancy is a Solivita resident, who discussed chakra energy flow and the benefits of sound therapy. Members then enjoyed *The Queen of Katwe*, an inspiring true story. On April 10th, the Starlite Ballroom came alive as CeCe Teneal paid tribute to Aretha Franklin in *Portrait of Aretha Franklin*. Her electrifying performance had the audience clapping and swaying to Aretha's greatest hits. Shades of Sisterhood was thrilled to host this unforgettable evening, celebrating the Queen of Soul's legacy with an incredible showcase of talent and music.





#### Solivita Artisan Guild

Despite the closure of the Art Gallery, our Guild had a great March and April, with the March meeting in the Gator Room featuring a collage presentation by Matthew Hoffman, and our annual Spring Show in the Ceramics Gallery and Gator Room. Join us on May 12th for an oil painting



presentation by Bob Bartlett. We meet every second Monday at 10am, usually in the Art Gallery, and look forward to seeing you all there! To display on the May or June Riviera art walls, please contact Matthew Hoffman. For more information about the Solivita Artisan Guild, call Joan Owens at 407-620-7138.



#### Solivita Bible Study Group

Greeting to all our Solivita neighbors. Living here in Solivita, we are surrounded by the incredible beauty of God's creation that we call home. We, at the Solivita Bible Study Group, are extending an invitation to you, to come and join us in our study of the Bible. We meet on Thursday mornings at 10am in RSF2. The Solivita Bible Study Group has a mission to encourage all Christians through the study of scripture.





#### Solivita Billiards

We sponsor two nights of league play. Monday night is

for newer and developing players, while Tuesday night is for the more seasoned player. Our leagues are currently filled, but we are always looking for new players. We are currently in the middle of our spring session. This session will end in the third week of June. Our summer session is scheduled to start at the end of June. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Billiards Gallery in early June. If you're interested in joining, contact Bill Brown at 917-273-4937 or Ben Ramsey at 317-407-2040.



#### Simply Latin Dancing

to remember. The evening was filled with cake, music and surprises for everyone. Our thanks go out to all who helped us celebrate this milestone. Coming up is our most popular event, the traditional Mother's Day Semi Formal Dinner Dance, to be held on May 10th! By this time, tickets will have been on sale since last month. But there are always last-minute cancellations. Please check on ticket availability with Idalia at 863-899-3610, Robinson at 407-433-8323, or Jenny at 860-501-0323. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Our club's 10th anniversary celebration at the end of March was an event





#### Solivita Democratic Club

District 42

Our next meeting in the Ballroom on Wednesday, May 14th, will feature

Representative and 2027 Orlando Mayoral candidate, Dr. Anna V. Eskamani. Since 2018, Rep. Eskamani has served in the Florida House and is the Democratic Ranking Member on the Ways and Means Committee. As in previous years, we look forward to her insightful review of the annual Legislative Session. Doors open at 6pm, and the meeting begins at 6:30pm. Join the Club and stay connected with us at *SolivitaDemocrats.org*, on our Facebook page, and in our NextDoor group. At our March meeting, outgoing President Brian Fillette was honored for his 4+ years of service.

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Hospitality Chair Diane Jorio presented Brian Fillette with a plaque on behalf of the Membership and Board of Directors.

#### Smashers ::

#### **Smashers Pickleball Club**

What happens to those cracked pickleballs? If not seriously damaged they can be used in the Lobster machine, but most just get tossed out, some get used for crafts. A great example is the American Flag that now adorns the fence at the front of the courts. Over 500 painted pickleballs were attached to the wooden background by two Smashers members, Jack and Cathy Negri. Many hours were needed to produce this "one of a kind" flag. The Cucumbers Pickleball League had shirts printed in memory of members who have recently passed, Ken Ryan, Peter Mercado and Ron Maynard.





Jack and Cathy Negri standing proudly next to the American Flag.

The Cucumbers Pickleball League's way of honoring past members.

#### SOLIQUITA FISHING CLUB

#### Solivita Fishing Club

Thanks to the many friends of the Solivita Fishing Club who allowed us to be very successful in our Mardi Gras Brat sales this year. The Solivita Fishing Club also participated in the Mardi Gras parade. Gene Burch drove his one-of-a-kind dragon float in the parade and has furnished this dragon float for the enjoyment of Solivita residents since 2016. It is a fan favorite, and we are grateful to Gene for his generous donation of time and effort to provide this dynamic float for the parade. Thank you, Gene. If interested in joining, see our contact listing in *Reflections*.











#### Solivita Friends of Elementary Education Schools (SoFEES)

Thank you to the Solivita Theatre Group attendees for your generous food donation. For the month of <u>May</u> we are collecting *tuna*, *peanut butter*, *canned corn and green beans*. We appreciate any donations from the Solivita community.

Drop-off Locations: Moira at 217 Vestrella Drive, Sue at 356 Via Torrente Drive, Jan at 449 Sorrento Road, and Nancy at 356 Scripps Ranch. For more information, contact Janet at 734-486-3451 or jkeyu@yahoo.com. Come to our Summer Daze Dance on June 9th and help support the school pantry. See the article in the *Community Events* section of this month's *Reflections*.

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#### Solivita Friends Helping Those in Need

Our club has been busy this spring! You may have seen us selling raffle tickets at the Solivita Market or the Solivita Car Show in March, or collecting

donations at the April Monster Food Drive. All these activities benefit the local food pantries. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated! On Saturday, May 10th, the US Postal Service will hold its annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food collection. If you are interested in helping to collect food at the Post Office then transfer it to St. Vincent de Paul St. Ann's food pantry or need additional information about the club, please contact Bernie Betz at betzbernie@gmail.com.









#### Solivita Road Runners

What an exciting month. Pictured here is our previous visit to Dr. Phillips Theatre's production of *Michael Jackson, The Musical*. This month, we'll return to Dr. Phillips Theatre for not only *The Lion King*, May 13th, but also for SOCA Anthropology's one-night only, high-energy, powerful and passionate performance of Caribbean-American dance, Steelpan and Calypso, on May 24th. Join us. Contact Micheline Vosges at 863-496-0431 for additional information and reservations.



#### Solivita Funtime Events

We had several Solivita winners on the last Victory Cruise, so we are going again on May 8th. Our Hand Knee & Foot Tournament was also a success and we will be having another one in September. More fun things are coming up! Join our club for only \$5 per person, per year. All proceeds go to feeding and caring for homeless kitties! For more information, email Mary Ann Lando at mlando@aol.com.









#### SoulaVita Line Dancers

SOUL JITA Join us on May 29th from 6:30pm-10pm in the Ballroom for our 4th ANNUAL SNEAKERS BALL. Soulful music by DJ Irwin and it's NOT JUST LINE DANCING! Strict dress code! Dress to impress! Wear those fancy holiday party and wedding clothes. SNEAKERS required. No casual or athletic wear. (If dressed inappropriately, entry will not be permitted.) Tickets: \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. Cash bar; bring a snack for the table. Call Deldra (609-238-8288), Keith (609-472-4826) or email soulavitalinedancers@gmail.com for ticket information. Proceeds will be donated to a local school for their summer program. Hope to see you on the dance floor!

#### Solivita Quilters

The Art Gallery has been closed, so not much going on. Classes have been cancelled and rescheduled by our Education Chair. We were able to present a veterans quilt to Nelson Rodriquez. We are looking into a new charity, Florida Coalition for the Homeless. They are very happy to take any size quilt that we make to donate to them. Our ladies can be very creative with no size limitations. The Lakeland Quilt Expo was March 13th-15th. Many of the members attended. They were inspired by the beautiful guilts and took advantage of the vendors sales. A few even took classes.







#### Solivita Italian Club

The Italian Club had two very exciting events in March. Our delicious sausage and pepper subs at the Mardi Gras celebration on March 4th were thoroughly enjoyed. The St. Joseph's Dance on March 13th was a lot of fun for our members. A potluck dinner and dancing were the hit of the night. We look forward to seeing everyone at our BBQ in April!









#### Solivita RV Club

March was an incredibly busy month for the RV Club! We had a great crew who served pulled pork sandwiches at the Mardi Gras festivities and eliminated many items from garages and closets at the Community Yard Sale. Thank you to all who stopped by the RV Club booths in our effort to support our club and Camp Boggy Creek. A few days later we celebrated with a well-attended potluck with delicious appetizers, entrées, and desserts as well as great socializing. Plans are being finalized for our upcoming Rally to Pecan Park in Jacksonville from May 1st-4th. For club information, call 863-254-1903.









Club members about to serve up pulled pork at Mardi Gras.

Our Community Yard Sale booth was a busy place!

Lots of smiles and full tummies at the potluck.

#### **Solivita Singles**

On May 13th, the Solivita Singles Club will be heading to Captain Hiriam's Resort in Sebastian Inlet, where we will take a delightful boat tour. Afterwards, we will have lunch at Blue Fins. The trip is limited to 40 people. Next is a "Who Dunnit" Sleuths Mystery Dinner Show on June 12th. This bus trip is filling up fast. The show, dinner and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks are included. If you would like to join us, contact Diane Popiak at 401-487-2255 or dgdieff@yahoo.com.







#### Solivita Social Dance Club (SSDC)

Our "Sea of Green" dance had everyone on the floor moving and having a great time with entertainment by The Vinyls. Get ready for "Fiesta Cantina" at our May 17th dance with entertainment by DJ Irwin and our "Rock 'N Roll" dance on June 26th! Ticket sales for the dances take place on the first Monday of the month in Mosaics at 10am. Tickets are \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. (We sell tickets to our members before non-members.) For questions, please contact Mikki Rosselli at 407-460-2719 or for ticket information, Nancy Tessoro at 845-558-4786.







#### Solivita Racqueteers

Fun, fun, fun - March Madness Racqueteers Tennis style.











#### Solivita Wildlife Advocates (SWA)

On April 23rd, SWA sponsored a Gatorland presentation that included a visit from a

tarantula, scorpion, Python and King Snake, a Monitor Lizard, and, of course, a friendly Florida alligator. We learned that wildlife help maintain a healthy environment and are not aggressive unless threatened. It was a fun event as residents and their grandkids got to hold the creatures and have their



photo taken. What a thrill! Solivita Wildlife sponsors expert speakers on an array of topics that are open to everyone at Solivita. Visit us on Facebook at Solivita Wildlife Advocates or our new website at *solivitawildlife.com*.





#### Women's Bocce Club

The Women's Bocce Club was very busy in the beginning of March. We started off at the Polk Senior Games with four of us medaling. Then off to Mardi Gras festivities setting up with some mac and cheese and SOLD OUT! Nice job to all the ladies who participated! With this group 55 strong, we are just getting started!





#### Solivita Toys for Tots Club

Save the date for **Start Me Up! A Tribute to the Rolling Stones** on Friday, October 3rd. This event is brought to you by Solivita Toys For Tots Club. 100% of the proceeds will go to the purchase of hundreds of bicycles delivered directly to Polk County Toys For Tots. Come enjoy the show while helping children in our area. **Start Me Up** is the closest thing

possible to being at a live Rolling Stones concert! Once you see *Start Me Up*, you'll never want to stop. Get your



tickets now at solivitatft.yapsody.com!

#### Solivita Softball for Women - The Diamonds

**The Diamonds** The Solivita Diamonds are serious on the field AND we know how to have fun. Come join us! We play Tuesday and Friday at 9:30am through May. We'll start at 8:30am in June.







#### Solivita Starliters

The cast and crew of the Starliters' production of *Back through the Decades* would like to thank our friends and neighbors who joined us for our 21st Annual Production. Since the May *Reflections* article deadline was before our opening night, we are sharing with you some photographs taken during our Costume Parade, featuring The Sixties, The Beach Boys, Hair, and Yacht Rock staging ensembles. Photographs were taken by Holly Gordon.









#### Solivita Travel Club

Day trips are very popular with our members. Twenty-seven trips per year offer a wide variety of adventures throughout Florida, most including lunch or dinner. So far this year, we have attended three musicals: "A Beautiful Noise," "Crazy For You" and "Michael Jackson, The Musical." We have been to Tampa three times for the famous Gasparilla Pirate Fest and Parade, Tampa By Land & Sea, and The Florida Aquarium and Wild Dolphin Boat Tour. Closer to home travelers visited the Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens for the Asian Lantern Festival celebrating the Year of the Dragon.









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## Solivita Swing Band (SSB)

Our performances for this season wrapped up with our Spring Show in April. We pause for the summer and will see you again in November. SSB is comprised of residents with a variety of musical backgrounds. We have grown to over 25 musicians! Some members have been band directors, our gifted instrumentalists have been playing for many years, and the vocalists sing with skill and finesse that touches the heart and soul. We practice weekly. We set up cabaret style and dancing is always encouraged! Thank you all for your support and we look forward to sharing our own special brand of music with you!



#### Son Life Bible Study

Please join us every Thursday at 5pm at the Lago Vista Amenity Center (181 Torino Lane), for fellowship and Bible Study as we seek to grow closer to God. The Bible Study is open to EVERYONE. Some of the subjects that will be discussed are: How does the Word of God comfort us? Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the difference between religion and relationship? God's power versus His purpose. Pastors Jim and Joni hope to see you soon. For additional information, contact Joni Lupis at 631-681-7275 or JesusFirstJoni@gmail.com.



#### Solivita Sophisticated Ladies

We kicked off Women's History Month on March 1st by focusing on Fawn Weaver, the CEO of Uncle Nearest Green Distillery Foundation and the first African American woman to head a major spirits brand. Weaver's book "Love & Whiskey" reveals the history of Jack Daniel Distillery that includes Nearest Green, an enslaved Black man, as its first master distiller and the mentor to young Jack Daniel. We listened to video highlighting Fawn Weaver's research.



Then we tasted several whiskey brands along with two Uncle Nearest Whiskeys: Uncle Nearest 1856 and Uncle Nearest 1884.





#### Stitches & Quilts

The ladies enjoyed a wonderful day sewing or learning to make a mesh wreath. Supplies were purchased at a nominal cost. Vendor Applications are available for the Craft Market held in the Ballroom on October 20th. Also, vendors for the Holiday Market are now available upon request. Please call/text Renee Typaldos at 732-735-7539 for information. Donations are always appreciated. We make quilts, afghans, hats, scarves and other fabric items for veterans in nursing homes, children's advocacy, and women's centers.





#### **Stonegate Couples Golf**

Pictured are some of the golfing couples out on a round for the couples Saturday morning golf event. An entry fee of \$5 is charged each Saturday to award the winners that day some prize money. There are social events that take place during the year. Get to know Solivita golfers, play in a fun organized golf event every Saturday morning, and keep your body moving. For more information to play in this golf group, contact President Wayne Uren at 324-307-4700 or scga. solivita@outlook.com.



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#### TOPS in Solivita

TOPS in Solivita will meet in-person on May 20th

from 10am-12pm at The Palms. Our guest speakers are member Tony Grosso and his Solivita trainer, Ruth Moffat. Tony will talk about his journey to fitness while a TOPS member. He is also a Florida State Division winner for 2024. REAL MEN do join TOPS in Solivita. Find out if TOPS is right for you and learn how the TOPS family can support you in leading a healthier life. For TOPS in Solivita information and to reserve a spot at our May 20th meeting, contact Frances Martin at 770-289-1519. Visit our national website at www.tops.org.

#### **Stonegate Niners Women's Golf**

The ladies in the Niners know how to have a good time. In March, we had our annual Niners championship over two Thursdays. Afterwards we had a lovely luncheon. Come join us for nine holes on Thursday mornings. We meet in the ladies locker room opposite the Pro Shop at 8am. For membership information, please contact us at SNWGA.golf@gmail.com.



#### Stonegate Women's Golf Association (SWGA)

The SWGA thanks all of the sponsors and participants who took part in our annual charity tournament on April 10th to benefit the Women's Resource Center in Winter Haven and Hope Partnership in Kissimmee. Our league members also played their annual Spring Fling tournament in April, with lots of fun twists such as using the same club for the entire hole. Sometimes that meant using a driver to make a putt! We always welcome new members. You do not have to be a Stonegate Golf member to join SWGA. Email swga2018@outlook.com for information.



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#### Widows Club of Solivita

We had a very well-attended and enjoyable dinner at Season's 52 in Dr. Phillips recently. On Saturday, May 3rd, a carpool trip is planned to Mount Dora to visit Renninger Flea Market, do some shopping and have lunch. Our third Sunday dinner is planned for Celebration Town Tavern on Sunday, May 18th. Future activities being considered include trips to Bok Tower and the Frank Lloyd Wright Usonian House at Florida Southern College. All new and existing members are encouraged to attend the next planning meeting on Wednesday, May 21st at 10am in the Aegean Room. Contact Sue Durham at durhamsue@gmail.com or 708-341-7898 with questions.



#### Solivita Dragon Boat Club

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Club will be competing in a race in Leesburg, FL on May 24th. Go Paddlers!



#### **WORD COUNT**

Club News articles are restricted to 100 WORDS or less. Submissions that do not meet this requirement will be reduced by **Reflections** staff.

#### Tai Chi Club

On March 15th, we celebrated the Lunar New Year with a potluck gathering. 2025, the Year of the Wood Snake in the Chinese zodiac, signifies wisdom, transformation, and personal growth, encouraging reflection and embracing change with a focus on adaptability and intuition. We enjoyed a Kung-Fu Fan performance by our club members along with two dance performances by the Chinese Cultural Club. Wonderful food was shared, along with great camaraderie.







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#### Venezia South Neighborhood

Venezia South has held several fun events this year, including an evening when Julia Wood-Siblis and Keith Outlaw sang solos and duets while the neighborhood dined on assorted sandwiches from Publix. The next event was the Magical Birthday Party. Birthdays for the entire year were celebrated, with people sitting at tables corresponding to their birth months. Ice cream, cakes, and cupcakes were served. What made the celebration "magical?" We were entertained by the Solivita Magic Club. Magicians Sid Simon and Tom Black put on quite a fun show for us.





#### Versilia Neighborhood

January sizzled with our annual Chili Cook-Off, where Gladys Cone claimed the top prize with her fiery recipe! February brought culture and camaraderie; a group enjoyed Broadway's A Beautiful Noise in Dr. Phillips, while our Everyone's Birthday Celebration united neighbors in playful competition. Teams, grouped by seasonal birth months, relived childhood fun with party games, winning adult-friendly prizes. Versilia's spirit shines brighter with each event—stay tuned for more community joy!





#### Villaverla Neighborhood

The Villaverla community enjoys socializing at what we call "Flamingo Mingles." The first event of 2025 was at neighborhood captain Shelly Stewart's house. Neighbors signed up to host the events for 2025. We have "Flamingo Mingles," potlucks, and Cinco de Mayo celebrations planned.







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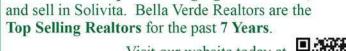


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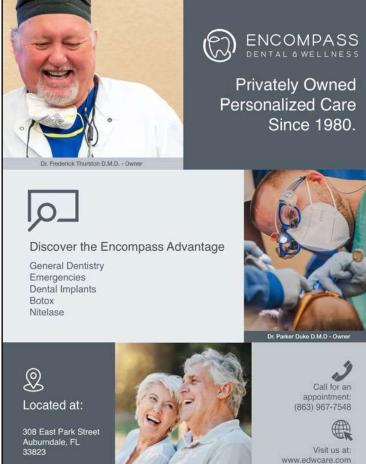


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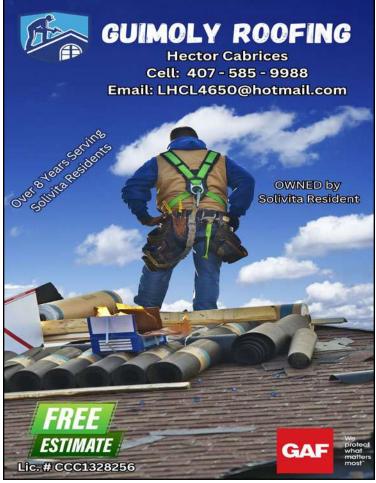












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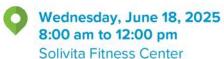
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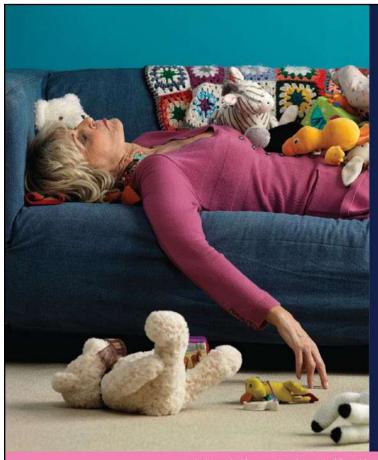


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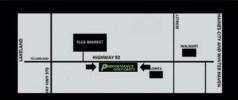
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- Estate & Survivor Benefit Planning

#### Insurance

- Annuities
- Life Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance









no obligation

