

"Halloween Party"

Thursday Oct 31st

Music 7:00 P.M. -10:00 P.M.

\$ 10.00

Doors open 6:30 PM

Judging at 7:30 PM



Holly Rae

Table snacks

50/50

50/50

Encouraging Costumes more prizes

Envelopes by Monday 28th please

Deadline: Wednesday Oct 30th

After deadline \$12.00



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By Judy Cowan




Let's talk weather and mobile home insurance! I don't have to tell you how much rain, wind and flooding we have experienced this hurricane season. Whether you have been at Oakwood Manor throughout the summer and into the fall or have been up north following it on the news, you know we have had record amounts of rain and flooding. In the aftermath, our staff, Board members and volunteers have pitched in to restore and clean up our Park. Thank you!

In addition to the recent weather coverage in the news, much has been reported about homeowners insurance. Did you know that Florida has the highest home insurance rate in the nation? Tim Cerio, the CEO of Citizens Insurance, blames damaging hurricanes and lawsuits for forcing private insurance companies out of the State; consequently, driving up the cost of homeowners insurance.

Recently, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulations allowed Citizens Insurance to increase their rates by 13.5%. Citizens claimed the increase was necessary to make sure they could pay their customers in the event of one or more devastating storms. Citizens also told regulators this 13.5% increase would be a good thing for the home insurance market and would return Citizens to its status of being an "insurer of last resort".

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In my research to find out which insurance companies insure mobile homes in Florida, and what they will cover, I found the following website very useful: www.valuepenquin.com/mobilehomeinsuranceflorida. The website identified what mobile home insurance typically covers: the dwelling, personal property, other structures and liability. Flood and wind are separate policies and are highly recommended. As of June 2024, according to this website, the following insurance companies offer mobile home insurance.

- Foremost
- American Traditions
- Citizens
- Tower Hill
- Safe Harbor
- American Integrity
- American Modern
- Kin

In this month's column I chose to focus on the mobile home insurance crisis because I think it has a direct impact on us, our homes and community. I hope the information is helpful for you.

A reminder that Oakwood Manor will host a Flu Shot Clinic for our residents. Vaxonsite, a mobile clinic, will be in our Clubhouse on Tuesday, October 15, 10:30 am until noon. In addition to a flu shot, Pneumonia and Covid 19 vaccines will be available. Medicare covers the cost of all three vaccines. These are the instructions from Vaxonsite on how to prepare:

- Review the acceptable insurance form. (Available at the Clinic)
- Complete and sign your consent form. (Available at the Clinic)
- Bring your insurance card.
- Make sure you're well-hydrated and have eaten.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 31, 2024

By Frank Dawes

For the month of August we had operating income of \$100,792 and operating expenses of \$94,710 resulting in an operating profit for the month of \$6,082. Year to date operating income of \$868,584 less operating expenses of \$800,366 gives us a year to date operating profit of \$68,218.

Our month end cash balances were operating \$181,599 and our reserve funds \$520,160.

Additions to fixed assets for the month was \$116,009 all for the new maintenance building.



NEW RESIDENTS

David Bowling
Joan Giordano
3216 Sweet Gum Terr
757-450-2899

Roman Gzyl
3235 Sweet Bay Terr
941-809-6969

Iris LaBennett
3329 Oakwood Blvd South
201-314-9870

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The Oakwood Manor Board of Directors Meeting will be Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 1 pm, in the Clubhouse. Prior to the meeting the agenda will be emailed to homeowners who have provided their email address to the Office.

I encourage you to use the *Comments Form* when you want to be in communication with me, another Board member or staff. The *Comments Forms* are shared with the entire Board and appropriate staff. Whatever action is taken is recorded on the form and sent to you and the Board .



Please notify
the Office
of anyone
who is sick
or in the hospital



941-366-2880

A BASIC INTRODUCTION TO AI (Artificial Intelligence)

The beginning of this article was written by Microsoft Copilot.

AI can be a lot of fun! Here are some entertaining ways you can use AI:

1. **Creative Writing:** AI can help you write stories, poems, or even song lyrics. You can give it a prompt, and it will generate creative content for you.
2. **Art and Design:** AI tools can create unique pieces of art or help you design logos, posters, and more. Apps like DALL-E can generate images based on your descriptions.
3. **Music Composition:** AI can compose music in various styles. You can use it to create background music for videos or just for fun.
4. **Games:** AI is used in many video games to create intelligent opponents and dynamic game environments. Some games even let you interact with AI characters in interesting ways.
5. **Photo Editing:** AI can enhance your photos, remove unwanted objects, or even colorize black-and-white pictures.
6. **Virtual Assistants:** Devices like Amazon Echo or Google Home use AI to play music, set reminders, tell jokes, and answer questions.
7. **Chatbots:** You can chat with AI bots for entertainment, whether it's for casual conversation, trivia, or even therapy bots that provide emotional support.
8. **Personalized Recommendations:** AI can suggest movies, books, or music based on your preferences, making it easier to find new favorites.

NEW NEIGHBORS

by Marcia Berkey.

Please Welcome our New Member:

Iris LaBennett of 3329 Oakwood Blvd South has a great sense of humor. She said she is still looking for a boyfriend. She and her late husband used to work for the Board of Education as cooks. She used to like to cook and go on vacations. She still enjoys flowers. She has a daughter in California and a son in Sarasota and enjoys her grandchildren. Iris will be with us full time. 🌿



Here are a few programs that you can try to play with: Microsoft Copilot at: <https://copilot.microsoft.com/>, Google Gemini: <https://ai.google/>, ChatGPT: <https://chatgpt.com/>. Start out by asking it to write a short story about one of your grandchildren using their first name, a favorite animal, location, and food. Try asking it to create a funny song using a friend's name. Write a Knock, Knock Joke, etc. You can also do a search for how to use these tools on your search engine. Have fun. 🌿

MANAGER'S CORNER

October 2024

Bill Walsh CMCA, AMS

Hello Oakwood Homeowners,

Here's an update on what's happening in the Park:

MAINTENANCE BUILDING UPDATE:

The drywall and tiling of the bathrooms have started. The building got insulated and doors hung in the past weeks. The garage doors have been installed. After the finishing of the drywall the electrical and plumbing fixtures will be installed. FPL is scheduled to connect power by the end of September. Progress is being made. Items still to do: concrete pads and aprons, interior paint finishes, shelving and benches, and yes a new water machine at the front of the building.

SUMMER PROJECTS PROGRESS:

The mahogany tree behind 3218 Pink Oak Terrace was finally taken down. We are still waiting for city permits to remove two oak trees and a few dead palm trees.

All 18 scoreboard lights have been replaced by the staff. They also installed 2 more bollard lights at the Clubhouse entrance walkway.

I have been in discussions with the City about the remaining sewer lines to be lined in the East and South streets of the Park. The project has been penciled in for late December or January, which is always subject to change.

The repairs and upgrades to the Multi-Purpose Room have been completed and is ready for use.

I also have completed the Proposed 2025 Budget and sent it to the Finance Committee for comments. When I have received input from them, I will make ad-

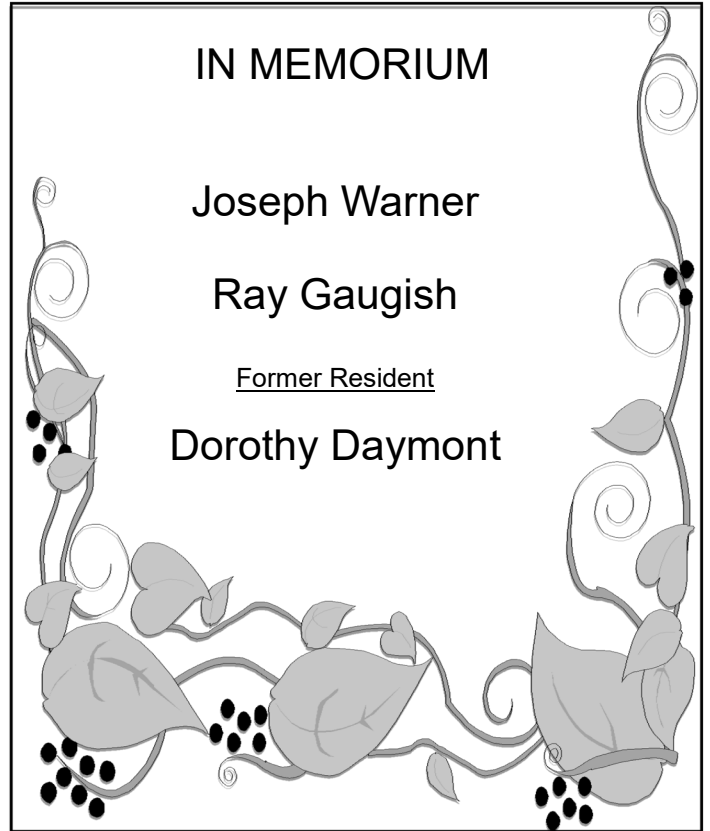
IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Warner

Ray Gaugish

Former Resident

Dorothy Daymont



justments if necessary and it will be an agenda item for discussion at the October Board meeting.

Weeds continue to be an issue around planting areas on many homes in Oakwood Manor. If you are in residence, please take a look around your home. If you are up north, please have your caretaker assess and address the situation, if needed. Many pigmy palm trees also can use a trimming back.



Shuffleboard Club News

By Vicki Gregory

Time to get back to reporting on what’s happening at the courts. I decided to include our dates and times for the upcoming events for this year. This information will give you an opportunity to set your personal calendar for setting goals to strive for in 2024-2025 season. If you’ve been hesitant to sign up for individual tournaments now is the time to hone your skills to feel more confident in your ability.

2025 OAKWOOD SHUFFLE BOARD CLUB TOURNAMENTS

- > **DOUBLES TOURNAMENT.... January 24, 2025 (Friday)**
Director Draw for Partners Start Time 10:00 am
- > **SINGLES TOURNAMENT.....February 21, 2025(Friday)**
Director Men and Women Start Time 10:00 am
- > **MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT.... MARCH 14, 2025 (Friday)**
Director- Choose your Partner Start Time 10:00 am
- > **MEN vs. WOMEN TOURNAMENT..... MARCH 26, 2025 (Wednesday)**
Start Time 1:00 pm
- > **HOSS COLLAR CONTEST LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**
Director- Start Time 1:00 pm
 - January 31, 2025
 - February 28, 2025
 - March 28, 2025
- > **ANNUAL BANQUET SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 5 PM IN CLUBHOUSE**

KITCHEN ACCESS NEEDED

JANUARY 24,2025
 February 21, 2025
 MARCH 14, 2025
 MARCH 29, 2025

RESERVE 6 PICNIC TABLES

JANUARY 24,2025
 February 21, 2025
 MARCH 14, 2025
 MARCH 29, 2025



No tricks—just Halloween treats!



Tailgate Treat Exchange

Date: Thursday, October 31st

Time: 5:00-6:30 PM, before the dance

Place: North end of the clubhouse parking lot

Use your car, golf-cart, or simply a TV table for your “tailgate”, and bring hand-held spooky treats to exchange—anything from brownies to jello shots to hors d’oeuvres—your imagination is the limit! You’ll want to bring an empty container to collect your goodies from other participants. Costumes encouraged but not required. All are welcome, but only those bringing treats can swap with others.

Questions? Contact Jill Orth (651.734.3016) or check the OM Real People Real Talk private Facebook page.



Calling All Veterans (OAKWOOD MANOR VETERANS ONLY)



The Veterans Club has a discretionary fund set up to help those in need. **Strictly Confidential.** Funds can be used as follows:

- HOA, Home and Car Insurance
- Housing Crisis or Essential Living Expenses
- Dental
- Cell Phone Bills
- Magazine Subscriptions
- Monthly Delivery of Adult Incontinence Underwear
- Transportation (Uber, Taxi, Lyft)
- Assistive Devices
- Emergency Call System Fees and/or some Monthly Fees
- Minor Home Modifications

Please contact: John Jones, Director at (570) 617-6469 or
Phil McCoppin, Asst. Director at (937) 763-4231

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

By Vickie Woodruff

VETERANS = We have only received information from one service member after reading the following article in the July Acorn. We are hoping that after reading this you will put together information and pictures and send them to Vickie.

Mike and I would like to welcome home the Vietnam War Veterans. We are putting together a Veterans Day Program honoring those who served in Vietnam including those that served in a support roll of our service men in our Country. Anyone serving during the Vietnam War, even if not in Vietnam, were not respected. We would like to honor all veterans that served between November 1, 1955, and April 30, 1975. If you served during this period, we would like you to

1. **Send 1 to 3 pictures to Vickie**
2. **Brief description of your military service.**
3. **Your duty Station**
4. **Military occupation specialty (MOS) during your service.**
5. **Were you married at the time of your service.**

We will be putting together a slide show that will be part of the Veteran Day program during the November 9th Breakfast Club and hopefully aired on channel 5 on Veterans Day. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie or Mike.

Vickie's email is woodruffv@yahoo.com
419-203-3504 / Mike's phone 419 -203-2710. 🌿

VETERANS GROUP

By John Jones

Welcome back to our early arrival Snow Birds! Activities have continued since you have been gone but will intensify this month and through the spring. The Veterans Club has been very active helping veterans here in OM. For privacy reasons we will not identify recipients of our aid but we have, thanks to the generosity of our community, spent over \$3,700 already this year helping veterans in OM.

Fundraising on a continuing basis includes our Saturday breakfast club donations and the sale of souvenir OM coffee mugs by our crafters group headed by Libby Quintrell. (She needs volunteers to do crafting and help with sales).

Special fundraising events start next month with Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner on 11/9/24 Followed in January by the Country Western dance and in March with the Flea Market.

Your enthusiastic support of all these activities makes it possible for the Veterans Club to support our neighbors / veterans right here in OM. Thank you all for your continuing generosity. Remember 100% of the money earned is spent on veterans. 🌿



Thank You
Veterans

Oakwood Manor Communication Index

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TO SHARE COMPLAINTS, CONCERNS, AND COMPLIMENTS WITH THE BOARD, Submit in writing using the form available at the park office or on the website on the Board of Directors page. The link on the website sends the email message to each director on the board and the manager.

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angela@palmrealtyservices.com

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 941-917-0708 or 800-226-3545

Water, Sewage, Trash (Sarasota City Services): 941-955-2325

Non-Emergency Police Department: 941-316-1199

OAKWOOD MANOR WEBSITE:

www.oakwoodmanorsarasota.com

Information on password-protected private section of website for residents only includes: Monthly Gate Code, Manager Updates, Hurricane Repair Rule, Adopted Budget, past year-end Financial Statement, Proprietary Lease, Exterior Change Approval Form, 2020 Bylaws Adopted, 2021 Rules and Regulations, Newsletter Archives, Phone Directories by Name and by Street, Oakwood Manor Map, and more.

To receive the current password, contact Sharon Rump: sharonrump@gmail.com

ACORN

Deadline for all items: 20th of each month
 Questions about Acorn - Contact Sharon Rump: sharonrump@gmail.com
 Articles may be edited for style and length.

COMMITTEES

Landscaping Committee: Dave Mann, Helen Harrison, Mike Mega, Sandy Mitchell

Finance Committee: Al Kohl, Bill Walsh, Elaine LaForge, Frank Dawes, Nancy Williamson

Hearing and Fining: Bobbie Lander, Dee Hollinger, Lee Miller

AV Team: Bill Kelley, Dave Short, Ken Stringer, Ron Fransoo, Tony Calvino

Communications Committee: Greg Reynolds, Marcia Berkey, Michelle VanLoon, Neil Cowan, Ron Fransoo, Sharon Rump

Social Committee: John Werely. Meetings are attended by club and activity representatives who are usually the chair of their group.

SHOW COMMITTEE

BY Barbara Kindig

The Show Committee has been working hard to find shows that will appeal to as many residents as possible.

Because of your response to the “Simon and Garfunkel” show, we were able to book the same performers to present “The Everly Set” on Friday January 10. Ticket sales will begin in December.

January will be a busy month.

On Saturday January 25, we are excited to bring in 4 performers to take us on a journey through the evolution of boy bands.

More show committee news to read about in next month’s Acorn. 🌿



Oakwood Manor will be having our annual Toys for Tots toy drive on Saturday, December 7th. The collection will happen during Breakfast Club. If you are unable to attend or do not normally attend Breakfast Club, you may contact Kerri Knapp at 269-615-2180 to schedule a pickup of your donation.

You can start shopping the deals now to prepare for the toy drive. They have a desperate need for bikes, helmets and items for 8-17 year olds. I was told that they have an abundance of toys for infants to 7 year olds.

Please stop by the office to pick up a list of the **most needed** items. A printed list will also be available at Saturday morning breakfast club.

Let's give this event our best Oakwood Manor effort.

Kerri Knapp
Knapp.kerri47@gmail.com 🌿

Micekteers

By Sharon Rump

As you can see on the calendar, the regular meeting of the Micekteers has been moved to the third Tuesday of October so that some of our returning snowbirds can be included.

This month we will look at some programs available on mobile devices that can be very helpful. focus at this meeting will be a program called Photo Vault and is available on both iPhones and Androids.

Photo Vault is a program that allows you to take a photo of important documents/information and put it in a secure place. After doing that, you simply delete it from your system and it is stored in a very safe and protected location. It is a free program and easy to download and set up.

We will also touch on some of the updates and upgrades to programs you might already have that have fixes or maybe additional features included. Bring your questions and suggestions and we can all learn together.

The Micekteers sponsor the Halloween Party/Dance which is the first fall season celebration in Oakwood Manor. Please bring suggestions you might have to make this the best Halloween yet and we will be looking for our faithful volunteers to help out.

Happy Computing! 🌿



OAKWOOD FOOD DRIVE

By Kerri Knapp

Oakwood Manor annual food drive for All Faith's Food Bank of Sarasota is scheduled for November 16th during Saturday morning breakfast club. If you are unable to attend or do not normally attend breakfast club, you may either drop off your donations on Friday, November 15th in the community hall or you can contact Kerri Knapp at 269-615-2180 for a pickup of your donation.

Please stop by the office to pick up the list of most needed items. The printed list will also be available at Saturday morning breakfast.

Prepare now and purchase the BOGO items at Publix and Winn Dixie. If the BOGO are not on the most requested list, but a food item that your grandkids would eat, then most other households would benefit from it also.

Keep in mind that canned food items need to be with pull tabs for opening. Food items can be other than the printed list, but all need to be current within the expiration dates, nothing outdated, also no dented cans.


Let's give this event our best Oakwood Manor effort.

Kerri Knapp
Knapp.kerri47@gmail.com 🌿



Fragrance Free Statement

The Social Committee is recommending that in consideration of our friends and neighbors we refrain from using fragrances when attending events like dinners, shows and meetings in the Clubhouse. Some folks in our community have allergies, sensitivities, or develop migraine headaches when exposed to fragrances.

We ask that you follow this recommendation and spread the word to others so that no one experiences an allergic reaction while enjoying our events. Thank you! 

ACORN ARTICLES


By Sharon Rump

When submitting articles for the Acorn, please email them to me at:

sharonrump@gmail.com

Please use Arial 12 font with no formatting. Put "Acorn Article" in the subject line.

I will try to accommodate all articles that have to do with Oakwood Manor business and activities. We do not do personal items or editorials.

If you have any questions, please call me at 941-587-1927. 

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!!!

Come out from 5pm to 6 pm

October 9, 2024

Bring a snack to share
and whatever libations you like.

This is your chance to meet
and greet your neighbors.

Information- Bette Lou 941-955-7102

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy Birthday and we are listing the October birthdays here so you can send best wishes to your friends and neighbors on their special day. If there are any errors or omissions please let the office know so our records can be updated. If you do not wish your birthday to be listed, please notify Sharon Rump and she will make sure your name is not published. 🌿

Gary	Glenn	Oct 1	Esther	Mullet	Oct 10	Elsie	Bouchard	Oct 24
Howard	Orth	Oct 1	Janice	Gutwein	Oct 10	Lee	Miller	Oct 24
Darwin	Zeigler	Oct 1	Keith	Normandin	Oct 11	Diane	Chetta	Oct 25
Sue	Decker	Oct 1	Rick	Wachter	Oct 13	Barb	Dieter	Oct 25
Paul	Williamson	Oct 1	Carol	Hockenberry	Oct 13	Rich	Gerber	Oct 25
Wayne	DeLair	Oct 1	Giovanni	Iantorno	Oct 13	Lucien	Alain	Oct 26
Jill	Dickerson	Oct 2	Kenneth	Marks	Oct 13	Almuth	Pardo	Oct 26
Althea	Gorgenyi	Oct 2	Bobbie	Edwards	Oct 14	Moe	Miller	Oct 26
Anne	Greene	Oct 2	Ruth Ann	Beachy	Oct 14	Linda	McCoppin	Oct 26
Alisa	Cuthbertson	Oct 2	Dorothy	Yoder	Oct 14	Cal	Berkey	Oct 26
Jody	Moyer	Oct 2	Pearl	Miller	Oct 14	Michael	Schmenk	Oct 26
Lee Anne	McClymont	Oct 2	Shirley	Gerstenberger	Oct 15	Rick	Price	Oct 26
Marvel	Adam	Oct 3	Dennis	Dudley	Oct 15	Gloria	DeFranco	Oct 27
John E	Miller	Oct 3	Brian	Bouchard	Oct 15	Harold	Lester	Oct 27
Merril	Spiess	Oct 4	Beverly	Weston	Oct 15	John	Kinnas	Oct 27
Paulette	Jewell	Oct 4	Elaine	Sapp	Oct 15	Peter	Townshend	Oct 27
Diana	Porter	Oct 4	Suzanne	Hess	Oct 16	Brock	Reid	Oct 27
Marie	Piraino	Oct 5	Patricia	Morenz	Oct 16	Gregory	Humphreys	Oct 27
Donald	Liles	Oct 5	Sylvia Elaine	Ahrens	Oct 17	Wendell	Hilliard	Oct 28
Karen	Miller	Oct 5	James	Miller	Oct 17	Darlene	Parkinson	Oct 28
Cynthia	Enderle	Oct 5	Duane	Marx	Oct 17	John	Sandbach	Oct 28
Pamela	Tushar	Oct 5	Barbara	Miller	Oct 17	Ron	Turner	Oct 28
Rene	Villeneuve	Oct 5	Tammi	Hall	Oct 17	Jack	Swanton	Oct 29
William	Carey	Oct 5	Jeannette	Dalton	Oct 18	Evelyn	Duggan	Oct 29
Patricia	Morrow	Oct 6	Mark	Normandin	Oct 18	Ian	Johnson	Oct 29
Mary Beth	LaPerriere	Oct 6	James	Mathern	Oct 19	Carl	Johnson	Oct 29
Ron	Grewe	Oct 7	Mike	Clemons	Oct 19	Linda	Jakubowski	Oct 29
Robert	Procter	Oct 7	Lester	Shrock	Oct 20	Barbara	Kindig	Oct 29
Gary	Sroufe	Oct 7	Carolyn	Rose	Oct 20	Rosa	Miller-Inlow	Oct 29
Jeani	Weaver	Oct 8	Ellen	Weaver	Oct 21	Jim	Smith	Oct 30
Anne	Furman	Oct 8	Carola	Handler	Oct 21	Marcia	Silodor	Oct 30
Billie Ann	Riley	Oct 9	Peggy	Reese	Oct 21	Natalya	Flessner	Oct 30
Pauline	Holsopple	Oct 10	Ramona	Evans	Oct 21	Beth	Lancaster	Oct 30
Gene	Hedrick	Oct 10	Kerri	Knapp	Oct 22	Jeff	Lengacher	Oct 30
Doris	Schwartz	Oct 10	Linda	Blackwell	Oct 23	Burneda	Coblentz	Oct 31
						Ruth Ann	Yoder	Oct 31
						Ken	Stringer	Oct 31
						Laura	Armas-Kolostroubis	Oct 31

Happy Birthday



WELCOME TO LADIES LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 2 at 11:30 am. \$6.00

This month is WITCHES and WISHES

Witches and Other Fun People come dressed for Halloween!



The program will introduce you to "FIVE WISHES".
A special presentation by Bette Lou Cookson in partnership with
"Aging With Dignity"



Don't forget to bring your plate and utensils

For information: Barbara 937-218-1550 or Vicki. 918-260-9388



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