

SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015

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Monthly Calendar of Events.*

Lifestyle Director:
Sandra Reynolds

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Office Hours
Mon-Wed | 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Reminders:

ThePlantationonline.net Website

Haven't registered on ThePlantationOnline.net before? Just click "Register" on the upper-right of the page and enter your HOA account number and name - the site will walk you through the rest from there! Forgot your password? Just click "Login" and then use the forgot password link!



Community Classifieds Web Page

Remember that one of the privileges of being a resident at The Plantation is that you have the opportunity to create your own classified and post it on the community's website. It's easy and quick. Go to the www.theplantationonline.net. After you login select Classifieds on the top right hand corner of the page. Once you are on the page you will be able to create your post.



Grandma's Closet

This is a community listing of baby and children's items such as cribs, strollers, play toys, etc. We all have family who come into town - instead of buying these items, why not help someone in need? If you are willing to share or need items to be shared, please post your items on the Classifieds section of www.ThePlantationOnline.net in the "Grandma's Closet" category. After you login on the site, click "Classifieds" on the top right hand corner of the page. Once you are on the page you will be able to create your post by clicking the "Create New Ad" link at the top. For the category, be sure to use "Grandma's Closet" and then put in all of the information about the item or items you're willing to give away or loan out. When you want to browse the Grandma's Closet items available, just go to the Classifieds page on ThePlantationOnline.net, and choose "Grandma's Closet" from the Category menu on the top left.



Dog Owner Notice

Please remember that pets are not allowed inside any of the buildings at Somerset Hall and Bridgetown or on the pool deck behind the fenced area. In addition, Florida law requires pets to be on a leash anytime they are outside of your home. Please be sure to always clean up after your pets. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Fitness Center- Cardio Equipment

As a friendly reminder please note that cardio equipment will have a thirty **(30) minute limit** during peak hours.

All surfaces of equipment is to be wiped down after each use using sanitizing wipes provided.



Miromar Outlet Incentive Program

This program at Miromar Outlets will benefit the community. Special cards located in the Lifestyle Director's office can be turned in to the Visitor Information Kiosk, Timberland Factory or Godiva Chocolatier to receive a VIP Brochure. The brochure has discounts and offers for the mall's stores. For each card turned in to one of the above locations, Miromar will put money in to The Plantation account. Every quarter we will receive a Gift Certificate worth the accumulated monies to be used to purchase items for the community or to give as prizes at some of our events. Please pass these out to your family members and friends.



Reservations & Cancellation Policy:

Please be aware of the **deadlines** for each event. Because of the high volume of activities and to ensure efficient tracking purposes, payment is required with reservations for most of the activities. Please be sure to **RSVP in advance** if you'd like to attend an event. Advanced RSVPs are vital in planning for the appropriate amount of food and other supplies. Also, **some events have participant limits**, so we ask that you always call or e-mail to **cancel your reservation** if you can't make it. This way, other residents who may have been turned away can participate. Please note that

Please
RSVP

for theater, sporting events and some other special events as specified, **ALL SALES ARE FINAL**. Cancellations for any reason including medical or family-related reasons for these types of events are subject to forfeiture of the entire cost unless the event ticket or space is re-sold, in which case a refund will be issued. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and consideration and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

The Plantation A+ 4 Your Food Donation/Volunteering Committee



MARCH DRIVE is FOOD, FOOD and REALLY BIG FOOD DRIVE!



Drop a can or two of soup at the amenity center and help fill the bin.

A HUGE THANK YOU For Supporting February's 'SHARE/covers YOUR BOOTIE DRIVE' because underwear is fun to wear and Interfaith Charities of South Lee County appreciates YOU!

YES, your A + 4 Your Donations/Volunteering Committee has decided to adopt **Interfaith Charities of South Lee County**. Sherry Stokes and Camille



Meyers toured and met the outstanding team that runs this Food Pantry, Literacy Program, Income Tax Service, Summer Lunch Program, Utility Assistance, Garden of Hope and Meals on Wheels etc.

Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS are needed at Interfaith Charities of South Lee County for the food pantry. They need help sorting food, stocking shelves, helping clients, drivers to pick up donated food from stores and delivering bread/hot meals. Others include building maintenance, housekeeping, data entry, income preparation, fundraising events and serving on committees. They also need a summer-only 10 week Director of the Children's daily 2 hour lunch and event program. To Volunteer call the Volunteer Coordinator Brenda Adams at 239-267-3510.

Fundraiser for Interfaith Charities of South Lee County

A Night To Fight Hunger

When: March 7, 2015

Where: Lamb of God Church - The Vineyard 19691 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967 (Off Estero Pkwy)

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Cost: \$40.

Evening Events: Gourmet Buffet Dinner, Silent Auction and Live Dessert Auction.
RSVP 239-267-3510. Coming in January, 2016 the Plantation will be putting together a team for the Wink NEWS Hunger Walk. More details to come.

Blessings in a Backpack of SWFL (a nonprofit that provides food for school aged children who have little or no food to eat on the weekends) and **Dress for Success of SWFL** are joining forces to create a benefit for underprivileged women and children.



This event will be held at the Bell Tower Mall on Saturday, March 28 from 6-8 p.m. and will be called "Purse-onality. This is a shopping extravaganza for ladies who love high-end purses at a great price. Tickets are available online for \$25 and will be \$35 at the door. To purchase tickets visit www.dressforsuccess.org/swflorida. All the proceeds will benefit Blessings in a Backpack.

If you know of any organizations looking for volunteers please contact Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Social Committee Meeting

Monday, March 2

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Somerset Community Room



Volunteers are greatly needed. There are always different events and many aspects of these need workers that are willing to help. Each job by itself is not hard, and collectively they add up to great events for the residents. Do you have any ideas for new events at The Plantation? New members and ideas are welcome. We are always looking for volunteers for the different activities. It's the volunteers who make the events successful.

Get involved in your community events!

Interested in being a part of The Plantation Social Committee?

Please contact Colleen Benson colleenbenson@comcast.net.

Ladies' PJ Night & More..

Thursday, March 5

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Somerset Hall Amenity Center



Join us for a night of shopping and silliness!

Build your PJ team (no more than 6 ladies) & theme and participate in this fun pajama competition.

Have fun with the girls playing social games. We will have vendors that you can shop from that will also be giving out great prizes.

Light snacks will be served. Don't forget to BYOB and be sure to wear your PJs!

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Pine Needle Weaving Class

Friday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

This class is a series of four weeks, each week being 1.5 hours long

Time: 10 a.m.

Price: \$60

Somerset Community Room



Come join us and see how to gather pine needles and prepare them for weaving. Learn about different types of thread or raffia used in weaving as well as different stitches used in coiling (we will only be using a basic running stitch in this class). You will also learn about different embellishing techniques and how to clean and preserve your basket. Complete a trial basket!

[Click here](#) for more information.

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com. Please make check payable to Dusty Holmes.

Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, March 12

Time: 12 p.m.

Connors Steak & Seafood



They specialize in fresh seafood and premium aged steaks as well as gourmet salads, pastas and more!

Enjoy a memorable lunch with a menu featuring the best cuts of beef, fresh seafood, enormous salads, tempting pastas, and made-for-sharing desserts. Connors uses wood-fired grills to bring out the full flavor of the cuts.

Connors maintains its commitment to providing a superior dining experience to all of their guests. Connors Steak & Seafood in Fort Myers, FL is AAA 3 Diamond Rated.

Restaurant Information:

Connors Steak & Seafood

10076 Gulf Center Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33913 [map](#)

Phone: (239) 267-2677

www.connorsrestaurant.com

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com no later than Monday, March 9.

Community Potluck

Monday, March 2

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Somerset Community Room



Join us for the community potluck, this month celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Don't know what to bring? Anything from traditional Irish recipes like corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew or any fun green food will be great! **Don't forget to BYOB!**

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com no later than Friday, March 13.

Business Fair

Saturday, March 21

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Somerset Amenity Center



Stop by and visit! This vendor fair will feature a variety of companies offering their services and products.

If you are interested please fill out and return the [Vendor Form](#) to Sandra Reynolds at Somerset Hall no later than Wednesday, March 4.

If you know of a company that you would like to recommend to others (eye doctor, hair salons, investment companies, pool services, painting companies, electricians, etc.), or if you would like to promote your own company please pass on the information to Sandra Reynolds via email at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Please note there will be a \$30 charge for non-resident companies to participate and a \$15 charge for resident businesses.

Comedy at Florida Repertory Theater Show and Lunch

Saturday, March 21

Time: 2 p.m.

Florida Repertory Theater

2267 Bay Street | Fort Myers, FL 33901

Price: \$25 per person for show (group rate). Center Section.

Minimum 10. Limited spaces are available!



Dividing the E\$tate by Horton Foote.

Resentment, Family Dysfunction, and Sibling Rivalry Have Never Been More Fun! The New York Times Raved, "A MASTERWORK!"

This Tony-Nominated BEST play from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Horton Foote is a human comedy about a family that must confront its past as it prepares for its very uncertain future. Matriarch Stella Gordon is determined not to divide her 100-year-old Texas estate despite her family's declining wealth. But her three children have another plan. Old resentments and sibling rivalries surface as the members of this deliciously dysfunctional family go head to head to see who might claim the biggest piece of the pie!

Join us for lunch before the show (12 p.m.) at **Twisted Vine Bistro!**

The restaurant is located in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District (2214 Bay St, Fort Myers, FL 33901) across from the newly renovated River Basin. They offer only the freshest seafood, certified Angus Beef and other unique and innovative entrees. They also feature an extensive boutique wine list, with over thirty wines by the glass. [Click here](#) to see more information about the restaurant.

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com by **Tuesday, March 3**. Please mention if you will be attending the luncheon. Payment is due at the time of reservation. No cancellations are allowed but substitutions can be made.

Game Show Trivolution

Thursday, March 26

Time: Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m.

Price: \$ 10 per person (Light snacks and soft drinks are included.)

Somerset Community Room

Spaces are limited. A minimum of 45 participants are required to have this event.



The classic game show is now the "Smartphone Trivia Game Show."

Have you always wanted to be on a TV Game Show but you couldn't travel to Hollywood? Game Show Trivolution is bringing the "Best of Game Shows" to Bridgetown and Somerset at the Plantation. Play GST's versions of Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, Family Feud and more! You could walk away with the \$500 grand prize or other prizes.

Download the app to your phone or tablet (even Kindle) by clicking on one of the links. Only one is needed per team.

www.itunes.apple.com

www.play.google.com

Download the speedquizzing app or go to my www.mygameshow.info.

Cancellation Policy» Cancellations for any reason including medical or family-related reasons are subject to forfeiture of the entire cost unless the space is re-sold in which case a refund will be issued.

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com no later than Monday, March 16. Payment is required at the time of reservation.

Spring Fling

Saturday, March 28

Time: 5:30-9:00 p.m .

Price: \$20 Single ticket

\$ 35 for two tickets

Bridgetown: Amenity Center



Join us for this Spring Fling Bash! We will have food, music and spring-themed fun. Don't forget to BYOB!

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com no later than Friday, March 20. Payment is required with reservation.

Other Events...

Jewelry Workshop

Tuesday, March 10

Time: 10 a.m.

Price: \$25 Earrings, \$30 bracelets & necklaces

Somerset Community Room



Come and join us! Design and make your own jewelry!

All materials are included.

Please make check payable to Becky Gutschow. Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Seminar: "Fraud, Scams and Cons"

Tuesday, March 10

Time: 2 p.m.

Somerset Community Room



Dr. Kim Swanson of the Lee County Sheriff's Office will present a talk on Defending Yourself against Scams and Fraud. Learn about the latest scams targeting Lee County residents, how scammers work, information about the Sheriff's Office Fraud Line, how to protect yourself, and who to report a scam to. Attendees will learn about card skimmers, actual fraud cases, and see pictures of confiscated fraudulent evidence. There will be time for questions and answers at the end and each attendee will receive a fraud protection book to take home. This 1 hour seminar will provide you with the information you need to help you and your neighbors be better protected against fraud victimization.

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Seminar: "Who Has My Keys?"

Thursday, March 12

Time: 3 p.m.

No Charge

Somerset Community Room



Join us for wine and cheese, valuable information, prizes and more.

Seminar overview:

- Do I really need a home watch company?
- What can happen when I am gone?
- What do they do and how much does it cost?
- How do I prepare my home before I leave Florida?

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Paper Craft Workshop

Saturday, March 14

Time: 10 a.m.

Price: \$10 (Supplies are included)

Bridgetown Community Room

Come and join us for some fun as we create unique greeting cards and gifts using various techniques including rubber stamping, embossing, creative folds and more! Great for any occasion.



Please make check payable to Carol Morris. Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at atsreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Mermaid

Date: Sunday, March 15

Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

Class Fee: \$55 per student

Somerset Community Center

Jenny M. Licht, Art Instructor

www.facebook.com/WissotaArt

Registration and Payment are Required Prior the Class



Students will paint this beauty that has been cut and shaped to look like a Mermaid that you can hang on your lanai or inside. The tail is shaped like the fin taking advantage of the characteristics of the organic materials. All materials include palm bark, Spanish moss (her hair can actually grow!), jewels, shells, acrylic paint, glue and use of glue gun, sparkle medium, hanging loop plus class supplies such as use of brushes, water cups, cloths, as well as step by step art direction. Any level of interest or ability welcome.
All materials are included.

Please make check payable to Jenny Licht.

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Seminar: "Long Term Care Basics"

Tuesday, March 17

Time: 2 p.m.

Somerset Community Room



These are just a few topics you will learn about:

- What long-term care is and where it's provided
- Strategies to pay for long-term care
- Key features and government incentives for long-term care insurance
- How medicare and medicaid factor into long-term care planning.

You will also receive a free workbook created just for this presentation. The workbook contains key information, worksheets and questions to help you remember important points from the seminar.

Dustin is the owner of Rinaldi Wealth Management. He has completed the necessary courses, experience requirements and rigorous exam to become a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™.

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at ssreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com

Photo Editing with Picasa

Thursday, March 19

Time: 10 a.m.

Price: \$25

Somerset Community Room



We have all had that photo that we love, but it's just not quite right. Maybe it's too dark or too light or something is in the frame that shouldn't be there. Perhaps you have a bunch of photos of a particular person scattered in numerous folders that

you would like to group together and view as a slideshow. Then Picasa is the program for you. This free download from Google works on both Windows and Apple platforms and is a great way to get started in photo editing and organization. This class will show ways to improve your photos, or just have fun with them. It is highly recommended that you bring your laptop, if you have one, and have Picasa already loaded on your computer.

Please make check payable to Frank Berna. Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Roseate Spoonbill bird Painting on Canvas

Date: Tuesday, March 24

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Class Fee: \$35 per student

Somerset Community Center

Jenny M. Licht, Art Instructor

www.facebook.com/WissotaArt

Registration and Payment are Required Prior the Class



All materials provided: Gallery wrapped 11" x 14" canvas, use of brushes, palette, easel, paint cloths, acrylic paint, and other supplies as well as art guidance. All you need to do is arrive in your painting clothes ready to enjoy a fun and relaxing time of painting. You'll leave after the three hour class with a beautiful completed masterpiece ready to hang when you get home. Any level of interest or ability is welcome. Invite a friend!

Please make check payable to Jenny Licht. Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

iPhone User Class

Thursday, March 26

Time: 2 p.m.

Price: \$25 each class

Instructor: Kara Livingston

(A minimum of 8 participants is required for this class.)

Somerset Community Room



ATTENTION IPHONE USERS *MEDICAL EMERGENCY*****

What if you or your loved one had a medical emergency but your iPhone is locked and no one knows the code? There is a brand new way to make your medical history including allergies, blood type, medical conditions and medications available to others who may be trying to help.

Join us on March 26 at 2 p.m. for a guided tutorial on how to enable your iPhone to possibly help save your or your loved one's life!

Please make check payable to Kara Livingston. Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Seminar: "Priceless Conversations: The Difference Between Inheritance and Legacy"

Monday, March 30 (First Session) & Wednesday, April 1 (Second Session)

Time: 2:00 pm

Somerset Hall Community Center



Join Patrick B. Casey, J.D., CPA as he discusses the differences between inheritance and legacy. Learn facts you may not know and get your questions answered.

Please note this is a 2 day presentation.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Fused Glass Workshop

Tuesday, March 31

Time: 2 p.m.

Price range between \$25- \$40. Depending on the piece that you choose. Includes all materials.

Somerset Community Room



Pick which piece you would like to design and make it!

You can choose from a pendant, sun-catchers, wind-chimes, plates and more.

Workshops are scheduled for two hours. Glass components are assembled and 'fired' in a kiln to melt or 'fuse' the glass into a single art piece. The instructor will take the pieces, fire them, add any findings if necessary and then deliver them the following week. The Lifestyle Director will contact the participants to pick up their pieces at their convenience.

Please make check payable to Karen Vernon. Please RSVP to Sandra Reynolds at sreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

Event Recap...

Ladies' Luncheon

We had a total of 26 ladies! This is a great choice for seafood and steak lovers who are looking for something different. There are three types of ethnic dishes here: Peruvian, Brazilian and a small part Italian. As soon as you step into El Gaucho Inca, you first see a wall full of wines, beautifully organized into a custom built wine holder. The rest of the place has booths and tables but lovely nonetheless. Everywhere you look there is an item relevant to the theme of the restaurant, Peruvian (Inca), Argentinian (Gaucho) and Italian. [Click here to view the pictures.](#)



Mardi Gras Parade

If you did not attend this event be sure to participate next year because we will be having it again! Thanks to the residents that took the time to decorate their rides. This was such a fun event! We had bicycles and golf carts in the parade that were beautifully decorated. The participants were wearing masks and throwing beads to the residents that were outside. After the parade, we gathered outside the Bridgetown amenity center to purchase food from the Traveling Tomato (Stevie Tomato's food truck), the food was delicious! [Click here to view pictures.](#)



Happy Hour at the Club

Plantation Golf & Country Club

We will continue having our Friday night Happy Hour in February. Happy Hour specials from 5-7 p.m. and A la carte menu from 5-8 p.m. with entertainment: 6:30-9:30 p.m.



March 6 - Wendy Renee

March 13 - Eddie Micheal

March 20 - Wayne L. Entertainer

March 27 - Ron Rutz

More Club Events...

Mexican Night

Wednesday, March 4

Reservations will be accepted from 6-8 p.m. for this amazing buffet.



Pasta Night

Wednesday, March 11 & 25

The sauté pans will be sizzling with pasta and your selection of ingredients. Reservations will be accepted from 6 - 8 p.m. This is always a sellout so make your reservations early.

Sunday Brunch at the Great House

Sunday, March 15

Reservations will be taken from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A La Carte Dining

Wednesday, March 18

Join us for a night of chef Kevin's fabulous cuisine. Reservations will be accepted between 6-8 p.m.

Club Hours of Operation:

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Light Fare Menu and Bar 3:00-6 p.m.

Contact Angi Eberhard for more details: (239) 561- 8650 ext. 3617 or fandb@plantationgolfcc.com.

Community Room Policies, Reminders & Reservations

If you would like to reserve the Community Room for a private gathering, contact the Lifestyle Director's office to see if the date you are looking for is available. **It is recommended to follow the 15 day reservation policy in order to ensure a guaranteed date.**



It is very important to follow the Rules and Regulations regarding the community room at the time of your event.

\$500 refundable security deposit is required at the time of your reservation. Deposit will be returned upon reasonable clean- up of your event.

Residents and designees are required to make reservations in advance for all activities and special events for the Community Room. All other areas of the Amenity Center are not available for reservations. These areas may not be reserved by sectioning off or pulling furniture together to create private areas.

The Community Rooms have been reserved for private parties on:

Somerset Hall

Sunday, March 1 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 from 6-9 p.m.

Bridgetown

Tuesday, March 17 from 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 from 1-4 p.m.

The rooms will be unavailable for general use during this time.

For reservations or questions, please call (239) 225-1480 or email atsreynolds@hamptongolfclubs.com.

**Amenities Center
Hours of Operation**

Pool Hours

Dawn to Dusk

Fitness Center Hours

5:00 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Amenities Center Hours

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Plantation Contact Information

Lifestyle Director: (239) 225-1480

Somerset Gatehouse: (239) 225-7221

Bridgetown Gatehouse: (239) 768-3459

Plantation Clubhouse: (239) 561-8650

Evergreen Lifestyles Management: (877) 221-6919

