



Sunshine Report

May 02, 2026

Cathy Hula, President of the Social Activities Committee, welcomed everyone to coffee, and thanked Bruce Corsey for filling last Saturday.

- **Pledge of Allegiance: Julia West** led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a moment of silence.
- **Coffee Committee:** Sandy Paparelli, Tina Nausedas, Charlie Gillmette, Bob Goguen, Bruce Corsey, and Patty Corsey prepared coffee today. Thank you!
- **No new homeowners, renters or guests today.**
- **Seniors in Service:** Will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on Thursday, May 14 at 11 AM in the Hacienda. The topic will be Extreme Weather Preparedness. Lunch will be provided for free. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Hacienda hallway.
- **Penny Pot: Renee Smith**
 - For the month of April, \$255.00 was donated for St. Judes Children's Research Hospital. Thanks to everyone for the generous donations.
 - For the month of May, donations will go to Shriners Hospital.
- **Cares Network – Julia West**
 - The YouTube channel replaces Spectrum channel 732. If you need assistance finding the information on YouTube, let us know.
 - Game Night is on vacation until we find a location to hold this event that does not conflict with other scheduled events at the Hacienda.
 - HOA Cares Network – Looking for volunteers to share ideas and attend meetings. Also need volunteers to add to our emergency list to assist in major weather events. Contact Debbie Mills to sign up as a volunteer: 309-696-1444.
- **Bus Trips: Sydney Runkles:** We will be paying a deposit to the Suncoast theater for all three shows listed below. Will advise when final payment is due for each show.
 - October 10, 2026 – Pretty Woman
 - December 3, 2026 – Christmas Carol
 - February 20, 2027 – Aint to Proud (life and times of the Temptations)

- **Did You Know? – Dave Casady:** Dave shared several trivia facts with us:
 1. A single dragonfly can eat up to 100 mosquitos every single day. They have a 95% hunt success rate, the highest of any predator on earth.
 2. Dragonflies are “living fossils”- they’ve been around for over 300 million years.
 3. Bottled water often comes from municipal tap sources; not the pristine natural mountain glacier springs seen on commercials. The plastic used in the water bottle can take up to 450 years to fully decompose.
 4. 1 billion birds die from window collisions in the U.S. every year. Spring migration makes it worse; the exhausted migrants don’t see the glass. Birds don’t understand reflections, they see sky or trees and fly toward the window.
 5. McDonalds is structurally and financially a real estate company that uses burgers to pay rent. While McDonalds sells food to drive the brand, the company makes most of its profit by owning 45% of the land and 70% of the buildings and leasing them to franchisees.
 6. With over \$40 billion in properties, McDonalds is one of the world’s largest landowners.
 7. McDonalds is the world’s largest distributor of toys thanks to the popularity of the Happy Meal.
 8. White Castle is credited as the first fast food hamburger chain, founded in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas.
 9. Chick-fil-A chicken tastes unique because the meat is marinated in pickle juice before cooking the filet.
 10. Mulch volcanoes kill trees. Piling mulch on the trunk causes rot - keep 3 inches away from the trunk.
- **Trivia – Brad Kalway:** Next event is on Thursday, May 7th at 6pm in the Hacienda. The event typically lasts about 90 minutes. All are welcome.
- **Women's Club - Brenda Deprey**
 - On Tuesday, May 12th we will be having a Ladies Only Lunch off site to wrap up the season. The lunch will be at the Acropol Family restaurant at 1170 Starky Road, here in Largo. No tickets will be sold; however, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway at the Hacienda clubhouse. Ruth Ann Morton is coordinating this outing, and she needs the head count by Friday May 8th to complete our reservation. We can arrive at the restaurant at 11:30am and order at noon.
 - Save the Date:**
 - Welcome Back Dinner & Dance - Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 5pm – 8pm. Terri Casady is coordinating the entertainment.
 - Fall Bazaar – is scheduled for Sunday, 11/08, 2026. Stay tuned for more details.
 - Fall Clothing Swap – is scheduled for Saturday, 11/21, 2026. Bring men or women’s usable clothing items. Any left-over items will be donated to charity.
 - Toys for Tots – This will be in November – date to be announced.
- **Sunshine Report: Karen Ray**
 - Bill Reynolds and Dave Neumore are in rehab. Please keep him your thoughts and prayers.
 - Ron Dennis is back at home and doing well.
 - Kay Voorheis is home after surgery – her daughter is helping her.
 - Karen shared some jokes with the audience.

➤ **Men's Club - Dennis Juda:**

- Kentucky Derby: Dennis will be holding “Ranchero Derby Day” races on Saturday, May 2nd from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Hacienda clubhouse. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Individuals may take “dibs” on a table right after Saturday Coffee. You may come in and decorate your table any time after Saturday Coffee. 50/50 tickets will be sold, and there will be ONE big winner. The actual Kentucky Derby race will be on TV at 7:00pm. All proceeds will go to Toys for Tots.

There were 7 \$10 50/50 winners.

There were 41 people in attendance and baked goods available for sale.