



# Casco Dorado Community News

## Inexpensive Activities That Residents Love

Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy, near the Ringling Art Museum. Free at times.

Shopping at Tampa's IKEA and eating Swedish meatballs.

Traveling over the Skyway Bridge for the beautiful views, especially around sunset. Free

Annual Chalk Festival on Pine Avenue in Anna Maria. Free

Port Manatee tours are fun informative. It's so popular you might call a couple of months ahead to book it. Free.

Meeting friends at Coquina Beach, before sunset for a picnic, then the sunset. Free

Bishop Planetarium's *Think and Drink (science) and Stelliferous Live* presentations, 7 p.m., \$3-\$5. Wine and Beer and snacks on sell to take inside.

Garage Sales every Saturday.

Japanese Tappanyki at the Samuri on First Street.

Cortez Fish Festival. 2/14-2/15.

Sweet Adelines at the State College of Florida in Neal Auditorium 2/14.

Read at the pool or on the patio, while sitting in the sun.

The RiverWalk is a beautiful walk along Manatee River. Free

## Rummage Sale a Big Success!

Thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered for The Annual Rummage Sale on Jan. 10th. After a lot of hard work, it came together and was a great success and fun. According to Dave Waite, they took in a whopping \$720.00! Betty Waite took



*Dave and Tom give a thumbs up after making quite a few sales.*

care of cashiering at the door. The Rummage Sale is a huge undertaking that Dave and Betty organized for many years with Ruth and Gus Jordan, Nancy Levitt, Joan Kraase, Judy Ripley, their significant others, and more. A number of new volunteers assisted, including Tom Paech, our Toronto winter resident. He got a kick out of selling a few of the bigger items, like a nice rug donated by Lynn Aragon, who he then turned around and convinced to buy a chair. New owner, Mrs. Deissler, also helped while becoming acquainted with Casco residents. Winter renter Helen Munson helped out, as well. It's quite a testimony to how loved the community is when the seasonal people pitch in for us. The DAMAS ladies club donates part of the proceeds to SOLVE Maternity Home, paper goods for the clubhouse, and foods for our special events, like the Pizza Party. Congratulations to all.



# Christmas Gift Exchange



Everyone who attended the Christmas Party received a gift. But, what kind of gift? That's another story. Flamingo lawn ornaments and oversized holiday wine glasses were in demand and being traded back and forth. Other gifts included chocolates and wines of all sorts, a junior tool set, beach themed picture frames, and last but not least a sleep device that hummed sounds like the oceans and rivers. Gene Kraase played

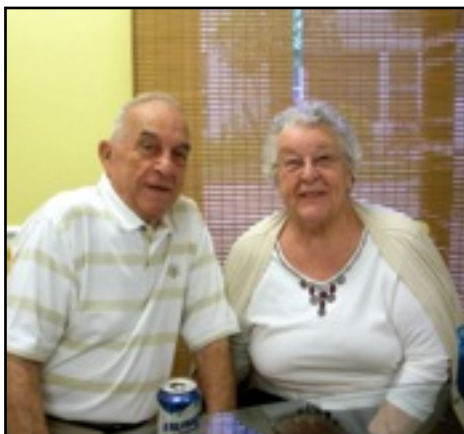
host for the gift exchange, making everyone draw their numbers to be fair. Residents savored numerous homemade snacks, cheese logs and crackers, dips, marinated herring, mini-spanakopita, sausages in a blanket, meatballs, hamburger sliders on rye, mini-cheesecakes, and cookies, and a variety of wines and beers. Another successful activity, with the help of the ladies from the DAMAS club and volunteers!.



*We're happy that Christmas is over now, but we won't forget the good times that we all had in December.*

# January Pizza Party!

45 people and 16 pizzas later...



**VALENTINE'S HAPPY HOUR/DINNER,**  
**Friday, Feb. 13th, begins at 4 p.m.**  
**\$5.00 fee includes lasagne, salad, garlic bread, dessert**  
**Bring your own drinks and appetizers**  
**MUST SIGN UP BY 2/11 AT CLUBHOUSE AND LAUNDRY ROOM**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER TO OWNERS WHO RENT**

**Please make your annual and seasonal renter residents aware of these items:**

Rules and Regulations Handout (leave a copy in an obvious place for them to read inside the condo).

Garbage Pick-Up is on Mon. and Thurs, around 7 a.m. Everyone should always take garbage out on those days, versus leaving in the trash can for another day, because of the raccoon concerns. Provide your renters with secure garbage cans. Spraying with ammonia on the outside of can might help keep raccoons away, but lids must also fit properly. No garbage is allowed in the Recycle Shed. Cardboard needs to be broken down. No styrofoam in recycles.

You must leave a key for renters to open the Clubhouse.

*Thank you for your prompt attention to these items. Our winter residents are wonderful people and we know that they will help in keeping our community orderly, but owners must provide them with all of the information that owners have.*

*Gene Kraase, Treasurer*

**NEXT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, FEB. 19TH, @ 2 p.m.**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH, SIGN IN 6:30 p.m.**

**Committee Volunteers are Needed. Please call 251-5950 to volunteer.**  
**Bruce Blakey and Bob Cole are working on Rules and Regulations. See them if you have input.**

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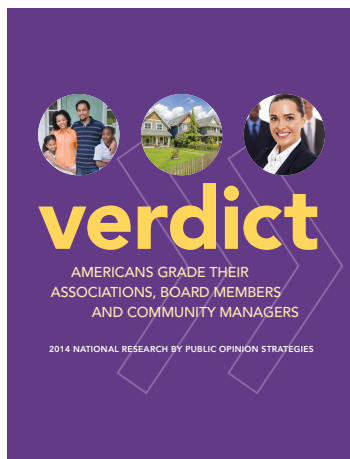
**Need Proof Insurance? Call Bouchard Insurance (727) 447-6482**

**Burke and Sons Electric Deal! (Michael and Danny Burke)**

**\$50. Breaker Box Safety Check for Casco Residents Only.**

Burke will mark the panel, make sure breakers are safe, tighten connections, check main breaker...to help you to avoid costly expenses later. Burke contracts frequently with the board for electrical work in our community. He needs a few more people signing up for us to take advantage of this deal, approx. 4-5. The target date is early February, so call now if you want to get your name on his list.

Phone 941-400-9179 or email [mburkelectric@aol.com](mailto:mburkelectric@aol.com) Lic #ER0011474



## Why Community Associations Work A Finding from the CAI Survey

“By their nature, community associations bring people together, strengthen neighborhood bonds and promote a sense of community and belonging— attributes that are often overlooked in a highly transient society. A large percentage of the more than 65 million Americans who make their homes in associations take advantage of association-sponsored activities like holiday events, social clubs, athletic and fitness activities, pool parties and more. These activities help residents get to know their neighbors, forge new and supportive friendships, and build a stronger sense of community.”

The 2014 survey was based on an online survey of 800 American adults residing in homeowners associations, condominiums, cooperatives and other planned communities, collectively called “community associations” in this report. Similar national tracking surveys in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2012 were based on telephone interviews. The 2014 findings track closely with previous survey results, affirming the validity of the online survey. Visit [www.caionline.org](http://www.caionline.org) or call (888)224-4321. Write to get a copy of the entire survey results on a pdf. or read online. Reprinted with permission of Community Associations Institute (CAI).

**Looking for a way to assess the governance-related operations of your community association? Minimally, a quality community association should comply with all of the following statements. Community Associations Institute (CAI) Best Practices Report for Governance, Resident Involvement & Conflict Resolution.**

- There is a functioning board that meets regularly and that is carrying out its duties and responsibilities as prescribed by applicable laws and governing documents.
- The board has disclosed to the owners the association information that is required by law and the governing documents.
- The association’s legal documents, resolutions, books and records are kept in a location that is open to inspection by owners on reasonable notice during regular business hours.
- Owners may attend board meetings, except when the board meets in executive session.
- The board provides for due process (the opportunity to be heard) for owners in association-related matters and the board encourages the use of alternative dispute resolution in appropriate matters.
- The board conducts, and produces minutes of, an annual owners meeting as required by the governing documents.
- Election procedures conform to the governing documents and applicable law, with information regarding the process available to all owners.
- A system is in place to respond to owners’ requests for association maintenance and for other association-related matters.
- A system is in place for property inspections and monitoring to ensure proper maintenance and appearance, both current and preventive.
- The board communicates with the owners periodically to provide information concerning the association and to get feedback from the owners.
- There exists a mechanism and procedure for assuring residents’ obligations to adhere to the governing documents, and a confidential and safe forum for the resolution of disputes.
- Management is licensed, certified or holds appropriate credentials evidencing its competence to manage the community.



## Flourless Egg Muffins

Broccoli, peppers, veggies of your choice

Spinach

Green onion

Chopped tomatoes

Cheese, ricotta, or other

Green chillies

Fresh coriander

You can add chicken or other lean meats

Eggs 6 beaten with 2 tbsp milk and black pepper to taste.

Preheat oven at 200C

Grease a muffin tin

Add vegetables and cheese

Pour beaten egg mixture over it

Place muffin pan on the center rack and bake for 20-25 minutes

or until muffins are light brown, puffy, and the eggs are set.

Let muffins cool for a few minutes before removing.

Loosen gently with knife if they seem to be sticking.

Eat immediately or let cool.

They can be stored in refrigerator and reheated in the microwave.



*We love our talented, outdoorsy water-worshipping Casco pets. Take our Daisy Nowicki, for example. She's a cool momma in her pink safety vest and turquoise kayak. Taking the helm for Sandi and Jerry's daughter, Jodi Nowicki-Brandt, she's right at ease. Can you imagine what's up next on her recreational agenda? Maybe scuba diving or deep sea fishing. And, watch out lizards, because Daisy is on the prowl day and night for pesky reptiles. When she's not kayaking or hunting lizards, Daisy enjoys her mountain of toys, which she shares with the other neighborhood dogs when they visit.*

## Don't Miss Out!

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If you would like to be a reporter, join our team by calling Lynn. Writers needed.

### Mission Statement

**"To create a newsletter that engages the community in a positive manner, in common interests, informs residents, and ties together the regular events going with the wonderful people living here."**

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