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March 2018 Newsletter

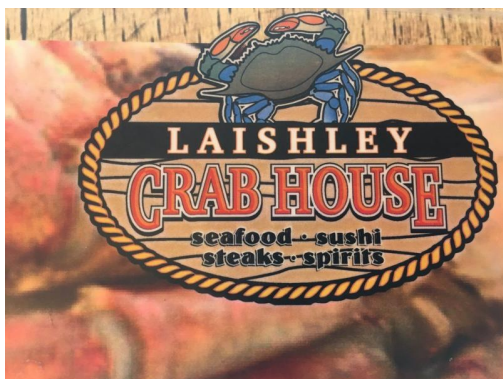
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Friday, March 2, 2018 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

General Meeting & Program on Brazil

Laishley Crab House

150 Laishley Ct, Punta Gorda, 941-205-5566



Set your GPS and join us at a new location, the Laishley Crab House Meeting Room, to enjoy our March meeting. Since many of our members are preparing to leave on their outbound journey to two Brazil clubs, we will have a Q & A program discussing travel to this unique region of the world.

Come early to talk to your fellow members. We will enjoy a lovely lunch there following the meeting.

Note: Reminder to all Brazil Ambassadors -

Please bring the sealed envelope with your medical form and photocopy of passport to the March Meeting. Please plan on staying after the meeting just for a few minutes for a quick talk and summary of what is to come.

Need a ride? Phone a member friend and you can carpool together.

Outbound Brazil Journey

April 8-21, 2018 with add on package to Rio and Iguazu Falls



Images of Brazil

Our trip to Brazil is almost here. Thirteen of our members are set for fun, adventures and new friendships with two different clubs. A few more of our members are even doing an additional add on trip with the new club in the Villages.

Saturday, March 3 - Fashion Fun at Sue's House

11 am - 2:30 pm

258 Venezia Ct, Punta Gorda



Drop in any time between 11 and 2:30 if you are interested in a new way to shop for fashion. A trained stylist will be at Sue's house to teach us about current trends and what is best for our individual body type. No pressure to buy, just fashion fun and snacks. Let Sue know if you are coming by calling her at 941-833-9287 or email her at rs.linehan@embarqmail.com

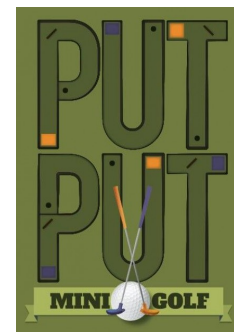
Sunday, March 4 - Celebrate World FF Day

Potluck followed by Miniature Golf Outing, 3 pm

10845 Ani Circle, Estero

Join Beverly and club members next Saturday for a fun Pot Luck followed by a round of Miniature Golf.

Be sure to let Bev know you are coming by contacting her at 816-210-6216 or by email at harmonbj@hotmail.com



Pot Luck and Sailing on *Catalyst*
Tuesday, March 13

12:30 p.m.
258 Venezia Ct, Punta Gorda



From Sue and Rob..."Have you wished you could do the day sail with our ambassadors on *Catalyst*? If so, let's do a Pot Luck Lunch at 12:30 p.m. at our home and we'll follow it with an Afternoon Sail on Charlotte Harbor. If the weather is not good, we can change the date to the 14th or 15th. We are hoping to sell our boat soon - so this may be your *last chance!*"

Let them know if you are coming by 3/9/18 by phoning them at 941-833-9287 or email them at rs.linehan@embarqmail.com

Out and About
Bluegrass Music at Alliance for the Arts
Sunday, March 18, 2 pm - 5 pm



We're going to hear Bluegrass Music. If you are interested, come along on Sunday, March 18 from 2 pm - 5 pm. Address is 10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers. Keep in mind that the last concert sold out. Get your tickets early by calling 239-939-2787. We'll have dinner at Cristof's after the concert.

On our last outing, Bev Harmon, Maureen Butt, Susan Beaudry, Ginny Dooley and Michelle Kemps had a great time on the Punta Gorda mural tour on February 20th. Maureen was well versed in each of the murals and what we passed on the walk along the way. An excellent lunch followed with the group at Lashley Crab House.

Any ideas for another Out and About Outing? Let us know and we'll join you in becoming a tourist in your own home town!



Michelle, Bev, Ginny, Susan and Maureen are "Out and About" in Punta Gorda

Lasting Memories abound with West Michigan Club Trip Here

The Inbound Journey from West Michigan went off very well. So many of our members stepped up as hosts, dinner hosts, day hosts and committee chairs - some people doing all of the above! Thanks all of you! I think there was much we learned both to continue and to improve on. From the comments we received from the MI ambassadors, they were very happy with the program and activities. We tried some new events *e.g.*, the tours of Koreshan State Historic Site and Indian Mounds of Bokeelia. We also enjoyed the lunch at Sandy Hook Fish & Rib House in Matlacha and exploring the newly opened Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Garden.



One happy W Michigan ambassador!

For the first time, we had a theme for the Farewell Party - Florida Beach decorations with



Hugh rescues "Dottie"

Karaoke. Just terrific! And who can forget Jo Cooley's creation - "Dottie", our own Polka-Dot Bikini girl? SO GREAT! THANKS, JO! You are a master seamstress, so creative! One positive comment was the performance by the men in our club. They loved the spontaneity of our guys out there dancing without their shirts. It shows that opening up ourselves to fun, even if it might seem embarrassing, allows others to have fun and appreciate the efforts. I think one of the impressions that we made as a club, was our close friendship with each other and how often we get together for meetings or just to enjoy each other's company.



Maureen sings "Stand by Your Man" to Hank

We will soon be creating a manual to give to future Journey Coordinators, both for inbound and out bound journeys. Jack Cooley will be using his career experience as a manual writer to help make it clear. If you have suggestions or ideas to share, please be sure you speak with one of the board members. Thanks to all of you who stepped in to make this journey a major success! We appreciate you!

- Sue Linehan and Ginny Dooley



Dottie sings Karaoke with the girls



Carol teaches us to line dance

Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome two new associate members of our club...

Beverly & Dennis Haggarty, who we met on our last Canadian Exchange, and who live as snowbirds in North Fort Myers.

Welcome to our Club!



Lost and Found

I gave out the club copy of
The Other Side of the Mountain
(History of FF)
Lost track of who has it.

Lent out the book
Wild Swan
to someone who was interested in China.

Michelle



President's Comments

Oh, what a month we had!

The Inbound Michigan Journey was a ton of work, but boy did it pay off! I have received many compliments.

I am so proud of our club. We had nearly 100% participation.

Now we need to catch our breath, pause and remember that March 1 is National Friendship Force Day. Thank you, Bev, for coming up with a great Pot Luck Miniature Golf Event on March 4th to celebrate.

We need to thank President Carter, wife Rosalyn, and Wayne Smith. If you have not read *The Other Side of the Mountain*, let me know I have a copy I can lend you. It is the History of how FF got started. GREAT BOOK!

See you at the March 2 meeting.

In Friendship,

Michelle



Michelle's gorgeous outfit at Stratford Playhouse, Ontario, Canada

Parting Shot



***West Michigan Journey to Southwest Florida
February 1 -7, 2018***

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2nd Vice President

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