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Cathy's Column

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I have waited to write this column until after the election. It is now "the day after". I had been prepared to congratulate Americans for "breaking the glass ceiling", trying to use their franchise to elect the most qualified candidate who can "work together" for a more equitable America, preserve the environment, healthcare, financial stability, and safety on our shores and around the globe. I wanted to make sure that unions remained strong and that workers were given a fair wage and the best working conditions. I wanted, as you did, confidence in the preservation of the public school system as we have known it. I wanted the knowledge that our country would not discriminate against fellow Americans because of the color of their skin, their culture or religion. Alas! America has spoken and our candidate lost.

At 3:30 am this morning, as I continued mesmerized by the television and the realization that we had lost this most important election of the twenty-first century, I was given a glimmer of HOPE! Yes! Donald Trump's acceptance speech gave me some light to the future-not only ours, but to those of our children and grandchildren. He used Hillary's phrase, "working together", and that is what we can hope happens under his administration. It's been too long that we have endured this campaign—we are tired of it: Too expensive, divisive, and exhausting. I hope that we can join together and make for a more unified America where our Congress can get things done for "the better good". Where all Americans can be proud of our democracy and look forward to a better future for their families and loved ones.

Just a few reminders. WE CAN MAKE BIG DIFFERENCE. Our CHRISTMAS DRIVE for Egan Cottage will be winding down soon. We need to reach our goal so that the youngsters have a special Holiday culminating with a TRIF PIZZA PARTY at the Cottage. You are invited, not only to donate, but to join us on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30. Space is very limited, so reservations need to be made early. (Call Fred Egge 727-787-8580)



Joe and I sincerely wish all of you and your families peace, joy, and health throughout the holiday season and in the coming New Year.



Friday, December 9th Holiday Luncheon.

11:30 am

Back to Regency Oaks

Menu: Shrimp Cocktail, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon, Chocolate Cake and Beverage.

Cost: \$22.00 per person Bring Check or exact change.

Reservations must be in by December 1st at the latest. Call RHODA with your menu choice. 727-785-1099. This is a catered luncheon.

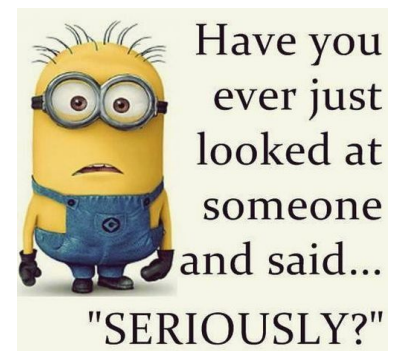
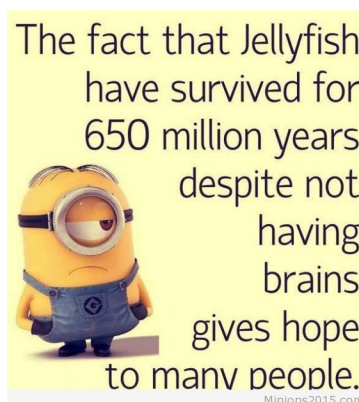
Directions:

From the North: Take McMullen Booth Rd. to Union St. (one traffic light south of Enterprise Rd.) Turn west on Union St. Follow road to gated entrance of Regency Oaks. Once inside turn right to the front of North Bldg.

Park in visitor's parking.

From the South: Alternatively, take US 19 to Sunset Point Rd. Turn east. Go to Soule St. Make a left on Soule St. and follow the road to the gated entrance of Regency Oaks. Once inside, turn right and follow signs to the front of North building. Park in visitor's parking.

More Random Thoughts From the President and Editor's Desk



"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters." Abraham Lincoln

"When widely followed public figures feel free to say anything without fact-checking, it becomes impossible for a democracy to think intelligently about big issues." Thomas Friedman

"Trump is what happens when reasonable people don't vote." Dr. DaShanne Stokes

Special Treat from November Luncheon



Attendees at our November Luncheon at Regency Oaks not only enjoyed a delicious meal, but were treated to an intriguing book talk by our long time executive board member, Fred Egge. The book is Borishka's Prophecy, originally published in 1991 and accounts in detail the trials and life of Alice Dunn Adler, Fred's cousin. Fred and his lovely wife, Betty, ghost wrote the book.

The book is the story of Alice, who was born in Hungary and survived the Holocaust, eventually came to live in New York, and later to Sarasota, Florida. Fred shared the background of their early lives together in Europe and later in the states. Fred tantalized us with his reading of the first chapter just to whet our appetites for more of the fascinating story of a young woman caught in the turmoil of a world war, her survival, and finally her escape.

Borishka was a renowned Hungarian clairvoyant who had a wait list of years for people to see her. If your future was dire, she refused to reveal what she saw.

You still had to pay her fee.

My husband, Joe, is reading it on his ipad, but the "hard copy" is available through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

from Cathy Lanza



ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Tampa Bay Downs

11225 Race Track Rd.

Tampa (Westchase), FL 33626

Meeting time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$22 per person (Includes buffet lunch, reserved clubhouse seating, program and parking)

Contact Rhoda for tickets: 727-785-1099

Make checks payable to NYSUT RC 43/Clearwater

Send to: Joseph Lanza, 7450 Evesborough Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34655

Write Tampa Bay Downs in the memo section

Directions: Take Tampa Rd., Curlew Rd., or SR 580 going east—merging into Tampa Rd. going east- Turn north (left) on Race Track Rd. and follow signs to Tampa Bay Downs.

The entrance will be on your right.

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