

# HAWTHORNE HIGHLIGHTS

## **Citizen's Academy Sponsors: Tax Information Program Hawthorne's Tax Aide Team**

It is nearly Tax time which brings about many questions regarding the changes in the 2018 tax laws and how to prepare your taxes for submission to the IRS. The Citizen's Academy offers Hawthorne residents the opportunity to get solid information on both. Hawthorne's Tax Aide Team is our long term free tax service. It is sponsored by the AARP Foundation and our local AARP Chapter. These well trained volunteers will guide program attendees through the **2018 tax information**. Plan to be present to get the most up to date details for filing your 2018 taxes! George Sunday, the Tax Aide Program Coordinator, will bring his tax team to Dan Gorden Hall on January 24, 2019 at 2:00 PM. You will meet the program's tax preparers, quality reviewers and facilitators who will help residents understand the tax process. The tax team completes an IRS training program each year that they serve in the program. All the tax returns that they prepare are done on an IRS computer program and then e-filed to the IRS the same day. The local team prepares an average of 1200 tax returns a year. This service is available to anyone at Hawthorne at no charge.

Tax Aide services will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting February 4, 2019 through April 15, 2019. Tax appointments may be made starting January 1, 2019. Tax appointments may be made starting January 1, 2019. The phone number to make appointments is 352-360-6219. Leave a message and a tax facilitator will return your call and assist you. An hour spent at this informational tax meeting will surely make your information gathering easier and the preparation of your return smoother. Put the date on your calendar!

### **January 24, 2019 at 2:00PM**

Light refreshments will be served.

**Free tickets to the Tax Aide event will be given out in the Clubhouse in the Hospitality Room January 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup> as well as January 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>.**



## **“COMEDIE A TROIS”**

The Hawthorne Players are pulling out all stops to present a trilogy of three plays filled with tarradiddle and hoopla. Your favorite performers really strut their stuff.

*“Accused of Comedy”* is unthinkable! You’ll go to jail for telling or tittering at jokes. *“The Candle on the Table”* has all jeepers breaking loose when new arrivals at an assisted-living facility are seated together. *“At Halftime,”* a frustrated basketball coach and his team of rambunctious women are playing a game against a team of nuns.

Directors: Kathy Bowman, Derrick Johnston and Jim Therkildsen.

January 28-29, 2019, Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be sold from January 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, and sold at the door (if seats are available). Tickets are \$6.00.

Submitted by Autumn Lewis

## **THE MYSTERY DEEPENS**

Paul Bunyan didn’t just live in Minnesota. After my last article in the Hawthorne Highlights I was accosted by three of my friends from Maine who informed me that the true Paul Bunyan is located in Bangor, Maine. Not long after that another resident told me there is a statue of Paul in Michigan. This new information got me interested and after doing some research I learned that seven states claim Paul Bunyan Statues. Supposedly the tallest one resides in Portland, Oregon. I know of two husband and wife teams (Sonny and Eddie, and Norma and Bob) who traveled 11,000 and 14,000 miles during the past summer touring American. Maybe a road trip next summer to all of the Paul Bunyan Statues would be a fun way to see our famed American

Woodsman. Don’t forget to bring back pictures.

Also, in the last article I mentioned the term Chautauqua as it refers to an adult education movement popular in the 1920’s that brought music, art, conversation and debate to Americans prior to the introduction of radio, television and of course the internet. A resident from New York told me he is familiar with the term because there is the town of Chautauqua in upstate New York. I found out this area is the birthplace of Chautauqua movement and that the word is an Iriquois term meaning two moccasins tied together. It seem the lake by the town is shaped like two moccasins tied together. My first introduction to the word and the concept came when I visited friends in Boulder, Colorado which sits at the base of the Rocky Mountains. On Sundays we would go up to the Chautauqua on the west side of Boulder for breakfast. The grounds were made up of small cabins, a dining hall and the beautiful meeting hall/theatre. At the turn of the century the wealthy families from Denver would get away from the summer heat by going to the mountains where they had built their Chautauqua. As I traveled through this lovely place I heard the sounds of classical music wafting through the open doors of the theatre into the surrounding piney forest. What a unique and timeless setting.

I don’t know how many of us are rich in wealth here at Hawthorne, but I do know that we have created an environment that is rich in music and art and activity. To me, Hawthorne and its residents are continuing the spirit of the “Chautauqua,” here in Florida.

Submitted by Bob Goodwin

## **“THANKS TO OUR DECORATORS”**

Hawthorne was beautiful for the Christmas Holidays, both inside and out. Our volunteers did a great job this year as always.

**Indoor Christmas Decorators:** Ron & Kaye Miller and Committee

**Outdoor Christmas Decorators:** Cliff Frazier & Committee

**Tree Lighting:** Linda Roddy & Committee

**Hawthorne Players:** Inside Entertainment

**Hospitality Club:** Refreshments for tree lighting

**Individual Home Decorations:** Gail Maguire & Committee

So many people are involved to make the holiday season a nice one. Thank you to each and every one who had a part in this year's decorations both inside and out.

## **NEARBY STATE PARK RECREATION AREAS TO VISIT**

With wonderful seasonal weather upon us, plan to take advantage of Florida's parks and activity options!

### **Louisa State Park**

7305 US Highway 27, Clermont

Phone-352-394-3969

Hours: 8AM to sundown

Entrance fee: \$5 per vehicle with 2-8 occupants; \$4 for single-occupant; \$2 pedestrian and bikers.

Features: Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, boating, bicycling, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, picnicking, beach area.

### **Lake Griffin State Park**

2089 US Highway 27/441, Fruitland Park

Phone-352-360-6760

Hours: 8AM to sundown

Entrance fee: \$5 for vehicles with 2-8 occupants; \$4 for single occupant vehicles. Features: Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, wildlife viewing, geocaching, camping. Guided interpretative tours by kayak or pontoon boat by appointment.

### **Silver Springs State Park**

5656 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala

Phone-352-236-7148

Hours: 8 AM to sundown

Entrance fee: \$8 for vehicle with 2-8 occupants; \$5 for single occupant; \$4 per vessel launch fee for personal canoe, kayak; \$2 bikers.

Features: Canoeing, kayaking wildlife viewing, geocaching, camping, biking, horseback riding, glass bottom boat rides (10 AM-6PM, \$11 per adult/\$10 children).

## **ALZHEIMER'S**

I peek into your pale-blue windows  
See you wandering around inside  
I say your name, I want to shout  
“It's me, your daughter, come on out!”

When I was two and at the fair  
You threw me “way up to the sky”  
Then caught me in your loving arms  
You laughed until you cried

It must be very lonely  
When cherished memories fade  
Everyone you loved seems gone  
You're the only one who stayed

I gaze into your pale-blue eyes  
One memory I can still see  
You threw me “way up to the sky”  
And you said my name to me.

From the Poet's Corner in the Daily  
Sun

## **JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

1 – HRCA Holiday  
4 – Commodore's Ball  
5 – Community Breakfast  
7 – Woodcrafter's Ice Cream Social  
8 – Club Hawthorne Council Meeting  
10- HRCA Workshop/Agenda Meeting  
13- Memorial Service  
13- Archery Ice Cream Social  
14- Maintenance Day  
15- Club Hawthorne Group Meeting  
16- AARP Health Screening  
17- HRCA Board Meeting  
19- Gwumpkie Dinner  
21- HRCA Holiday  
22- Golden 50/80 Banquet  
23- First Year Resident Reception  
24- Citizens Academy Program  
25- Women for Hospice Fashion Show  
27- Dragon Boat Winter Festival  
27- Gun Club Ice Cream Social  
30- Florida Friendly Fashion Show  
31- Chorus Trivia Night

## **SECONDHAND ROSE FASHION SHOW AND TEA**

**Presented by Florida Friendly  
Landscaping**

A unique event is coming to Hawthorne on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 3:30 PM.

Thrift stores were begun as a necessary helping hand for many in need. Today with so many thrift stores around the Leesburg area for many Hawthorne residents "thrift store shopping" is a hobby...diversion...or even an obsession.

True shoppers know brand names and enjoy bragging rights on a great find. In many cases, folks drop off items at the back door and then go in the front to shop for themselves.

- All the fashions modeled by Hawthorne residents will have been borrowed or purchased from Morrison Opportunity Shop, The Haven, Baptist Church Thrift Shop, St. Paul's or many others.
- Attendees are encouraged to come in their fanciest secondhand finery especially tea party hats with price tags still dangling.
- Afternoon tea cakes, sandwiches and tea (of course) will be served.
- Feel free to bring your own favorite tea cup.
- Tealeaf readings by 3 trained readers will be available for \$5. Only 30 openings available.
- Door Prizes
- Gift baskets, silent auction and 50/50
- "Florida Floozies Finery", a thrift shop of our own for your shopping pleasure.
- Handsome gentlemen servers
- Music and entertainment and much, much more.

This one of a kind event is available for \$9 a person. Tickets to go on sale January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Get ready for a fun afternoon.

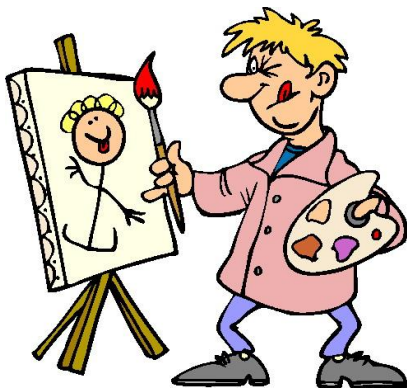


## Communication Men vs. Woman

**Woman 1:** Oh! You got a haircut! That's so cute! **Woman 2:** Do you think so? I wasn't sure when she gave me the mirror. I mean, you don't think it's too fluffy looking? **Woman 1:** Oh goodness no! No, it's perfect. I'd love to get my hair cut like that, but I think my face is too wide. I'm pretty much stuck with this stuff, I think. **Women 2:** Are you serious? I think your face is adorable. And you could easily get one of those layer cuts-that would look so cute, I think. I was actually going to do that except that I was afraid it would accent my long neck. **Women 1:** Oh, that's funny! I would love to have your neck! Anything to take attention away from this two-by-four I have for a shoulder line. **Women 2:** Are you kidding? I know girls that would love to have your shoulders. Everything drapes so well on you. I mean, look at my arms-see how short they are? If I had your shoulders I could get clothes to fit me so much easier. **Man 1:** Haircut? **Man 2:** Yeah.

## HAWTHORNE'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH

"Artist of the Month" is Gloria Foreman. Be sure to visit the Library where our artist of the month is featured. The artist is also on HTV98 the first Friday of the month.



## Health Fair Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon

We will be holding a "HEALTH FAIR" in the Clubhouse and we are excited to offer you the opportunity to come and meet area health facilitators. We will have a variety of different services and products such as hearing tests, assisted living, home health companion services, orthopedics, vision, nutrition and medical equipment. These are just a few of the many services offered to you free of charge and this is your opportunity to take advantage of them. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us during this time. You will receive many handouts from the participants. We will also have a several drawings.

Health &  
Wellness

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