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Our New Neighbor, Gretzky, aka "The Great One" Berzins By Mike Bergman



On one of those recent dog days of summer I turned a corner to see my neighbor, Deborah **Berzins**, exercising her new canine friend, **Gretzky**. Actually, it seemed like the **Corgi** mix (Corgi, Golden Retriever, & Austrian Spitz) was leading Deborah back home. This magnificent, tan, longhaired dog was just what Deb and husband George needed to re-start their daily exercise program. As Gretzky would say, "If you're a dog, when you gotta go..."

As Deborah explained, their beloved former Corgi mix, **Princess**, died of old age, and left a deep void in their hearts, as well as in their walking regimen. They pined for a dog to replace Princess. They mentioned their desire to family and friends. And, in this age of Google, their wish was granted. About two months ago, a friend, Hope Kocian, who lives in Maine, and son, Alexander Berzins, from Virginia contacted them on the same day. They each found a corgi mix up for adoption on **Petfinder.com**. That led to the same Tampa-based rescue adoption site on the web. GuardianAngelDogRescue.org had listed Gretzky. He'd been put up for adoption in Polk County by an elderly couple who could no longer keep up with the responsibility. After careful vetting by the Berzins and the adoption agency, Gretzky came home to Rivendell.

It turns out that Gretzky is very well mannered, sociable, follows directions, and loves to play catch with a yellow tennis ball. He is very structured, and likes his routine. He knows when 5 PM suppertime is nigh, when it's time for his walks, and which direction he'll be traveling. He knows that on his morning walk he'll meet up with his cute new "girlfriend" **Bella**, on New Forest Lane. And in the evenings he can hang out with his friend, **Harley**, on Stillwater court.

When Deborah and George need a rare break from Gretzky, they hire a Rivendell Pine View Student, Zoe Gavette, to dog

Next Rivendell Board Meeting
August 3rd 6pm
at Historic Spanish Point in Osprey
Any changes to this date will
be posted on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com

Shorter Newsletter By Carol Heckert

You have probably noticed that *The Woodlands Word* is shorter than usual. In order to assist On Trac Publishing in economizing on the high cost of publishing our newsletter, we have agreed to reduce its size. As *The Woodlands Word* is published at no cost to Rivendell, we are happy to help in this way. Be assured that anything noteworthy from our Board or committees will be passed on to you in a timely manner.

sit. Zoe hopes to be a vet when she graduates, and that works out well for all concerned. The Berzins feel fortunate to be living in such a pet friendly area. The Rivendell dog walking community took to Gretzky immediately, and encouraged the newcomer to be part of the neighborhood.



"Yup, I like tennis balls." ~ photos by Deborah Berzins



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Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

The Maintenance Committee meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Cottages Clubhouse

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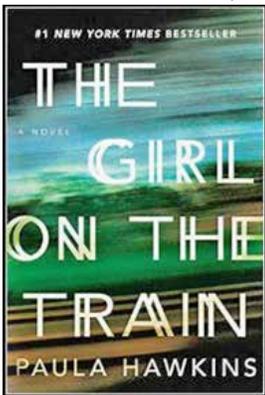
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Book Group Schedule

By Marilyn Probert



The Book Group will meet on Monday, August 10, to discuss *The Girl on the Train*, a suspense novel by Paula Hawkins, in which Rachel Watson becomes embroiled in the lives of people whom she sees every day as she rides to work. Pam Babbitt will host at 743 Fordingbridge Way; please call her at 941-918-8781 if you'd like to attend.

On September 14 the group will analyze Donna Tartt's *The Goldfinch*, which describes the turbulent events

in his life after thirteen-year-old Theodore Decker acquires a valuable painting.

The October selection will be *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. This is a historical novel that details the adventurous life and accomplishments of Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group gatherings. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm; please call the month's hostess if you'd like to participate.



Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.

Deadline: Submit articles and information to **Judy Sokal (judysokal@gmail.com)** by the tenth of the month.

Clever Palindromes

Compiled by Marilyn Probert

The word "palindrome" is derived from the Greek "palindromos" which means "running back again." Thus, a palindrome may be a word, a phrase, or a sentence which reads the same backward and forward. Examples such as "Madam, I'm Adam," "Able was I ere I saw Elba", and even "A man, a plan, a canal, Panama!" are quite well known. Following are some more samples gleaned from various Internet sources. Can you make up some of your own?

1. Senile felines.
2. Wonton? Not now.
3. UFO tofu.
4. Oh no! Don Ho!
5. Maps, DNA, and spam.
6. Too hot to hoot.
7. No lemons, no melon.
8. Warsaw was raw.
9. Race fast, safe car!
10. In words, alas, drown I.
11. Did Hannah see bees? Hannah did.
12. Drab as a fool, aloof as a bard.
13. Gateman sees name, garage man sees nametag.
14. Some men interpret nine memos.
15. Zeus was deified, saw Suez.
16. Madame, not one man is selfless. I name not one, madam.
17. Saw tide rose? So red it was.
18. Ma is as selfless as I am.
19. Are we not drawn onward, we few, drawn onward to new era?
20. Straw? No, too stupid a fad; I put soot on warts.

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www.rivendellcommunity.com

Contact Lighthouse Management for the password to the residents section of the website.

For other information regarding the Rivendell classifieds please contact Gary Mruz gary.mruz@gmail.com

RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

MATHEMATICS TUTORING: Calculus and Statistics. Specializing in AP courses. Retired Math teacher from the NE with 30+ years experience in public and private schools. New Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. Ref: Who's Who in American Education, New Jersey Governor's Teacher Award. Limited enrollment and accepting reservations for Fall 2015. Call **Carol: 941-866-0270** OR email gdontheroad@yahoo.com

BABYSITTER: 14 year-old Rivendell Pine View student has certified American Red Cross Babysitter's Training with Pediatric First Aid and CPR. I absolutely love kids! Call **Zoe Gavette** at **941-918-8200**.

LAMPPOST REPAIR: Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** is offering lamppost repair services. Is your lamppost light staying on? Charge is \$40 for parts, labor and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$15, and this includes new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-918-8386**.

BABYSITTER: **Sivan Yohann, 941- 408-5549**, a Pine View junior and a very experienced babysitter. I will keep your kids busy with soccer and crafts and all sorts of activities. I am extremely friendly and responsible! References available upon request.

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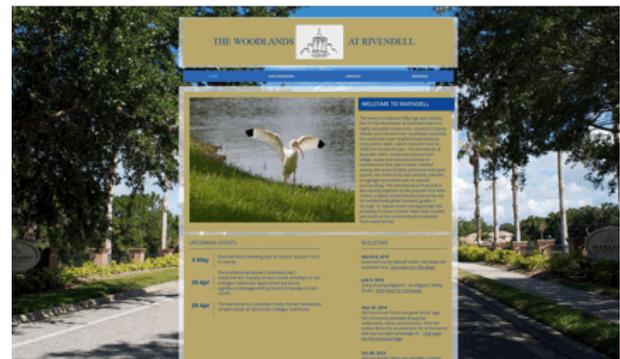
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SEAMSTRESS NEEDED: Rivendell resident **Lois Konet** has several dresses that need re-hemming. Fee is negotiable. Can anyone help her out? Please call Lois at **941-966-8917** or email her at loisjkonet@yahoo.com.

PETSITTER, HOUSESITTER: An adult resident of Rivendell for 15 years, I love cats, dogs, birds, and bunnies. I am also very qualified to take care of your home while you are away. A dependable daily, (for pets) bi-weekly, weekly, or monthly visit can be scheduled. Or I can stay at your home, if you prefer. My experience and references will provide you with peace of mind that your pets and/or house are being well cared for. Call **Carolanne Haddock** at **941-539-6176**.

Rivendell Residents

Please send your name, phone number, and a description of the service you can provide to other Rivendell residents. Email your information to Marilyn at marilynprobert@gmail.com



The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at

WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM

Please contact Lighthouse Management for the password to the RESIDENTS section or check your annual voting ballot/proxy mailer.



Places to Go:

Lake Manatee State Park

Excerpted from Neighborhood Section of the Your Observer, 7/23/2014 by Pam Eubanks

Drive around Lake Manatee State Park and take a camera or binoculars, as you will see a wide variety of wildlife and various habitats.

The 500-acre Lake Manatee State Park, located at 20007 State Road 64, Bradenton, is home to Manatee County's drinking water supply and also a variety of plants and animals, including bobcats, horned owls, eagles, gopher tortoises and the Florida golden aster, a plant currently only found in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Hardee and Manatee counties in Florida.

Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hiking, picnicking and swimming are popular activities. Camping and a limited boat ramp are also available. Other amenities include restrooms, playground, and a pavilion. Entry Fee: \$5.00 per vehicle. For more information, call 941-741-3028 or visit the website: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/lakemanatee>

Howard's in Englewood

By Catherine Middleton

Although I don't venture "south" very often, my group of friends from the gym all live in Venice or south. We go to lunch once a month, often at a restaurant I've never heard of, living way up here in Osprey as I do... That was the case with Howard's, which, I discovered, has been open since 1955 and is very popular.

There were 16 of us for lunch and the staff was friendly and accommodating. This restaurant is famous for its salad bar and that is what almost all of us had. Included are a very large variety of salads, vegetables and other cold dishes from which to choose-something for everyone, I would say. And included in the price (\$9.00!) is a bowl, not a cup, of one of two homemade soups. That day they offered Manhattan clam chowder and chicken tortilla soup. I had the latter which was quite tasty.

Their website is extensive and will give you all of the information you might need, including menus, bar offerings and, of course, directions. It took me about 30 minutes to get there from here, but I would recommend Howard's as a fun place to try. <http://www.howardsinenglewood.com>

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Architectural Review Committee Report - 6/30/2015

Attendees: Maggi Verhagen, Chairperson, Cindy Caria, John Martin, John Fitzgibbon, Joe Sefack, Board Liaison.

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of Committee members present.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	584 Sweet Meadow Circle	2 different types of roofs on application	Resolved: Denied Motion: Maggi 2 nd : John M. Need to decide on 1 roof & submit color sample
2.	990 Scherer Way	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: John F. 2 nd : John M.
3.	527 Meadow Sweet Circle	Fence, arbor, landscape	Resolved: Denied Motion: Cindy 2 nd : John M. Survey missing
4.	804 Golden Pond Court	Exterior accents	Resolved: Denied Motion: Cindy 2 nd : John M. Exterior accents do not conform to community appearance
5.	546 Meadow Sweet Circle	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: John M. 2 nd : Cindy
6.	1065 Scherer Way	Landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: John F. 2 nd : John M.
7.	1000 Scherer Way	Remove & replace tree	Resolved: Approved Motion: John F. 2 nd : John M.
8.	529 Meadow Sweet Circle	Hurricane window protection	Resolved: Approved Motion: John F. 2 nd : John M. Must comply with hurricane regulations
9.	655 Rivendell Boulevard	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: John M. 2 nd : John F.
10.	1155 Mallard Marsh Drive	Repaint pool cage & deck	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 nd : John M.
11.	1357 New Forest Lane	Remove tree	Resolved: Denied Motion: John F. 2 nd : Cindy Survey missing

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:34pm Next meetings July 28 and August 29, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the third Tuesday of each month.



Rivendell Community Contacts

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Chair: Margaret Verhagen
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Chair: Jim Stepien
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For a more detailed list of committee members and contact information please see the printed Rivendell Directory or the Rivendell website.

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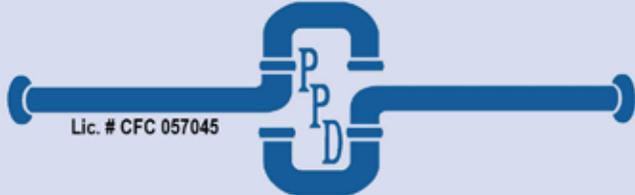
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My Mom, MaryEllen, was so excited when she learned we were having Evan. She loved helping us adjust to our new baby. She was thrilled when we would invite her for dinner and just leave her to rocking her new grandson.

The time came for Karen and I to go out on a date and leave our newborn for the first time. Of course we called my Mom. We were certain she would be thrilled and honored to watch Evan for a couple of hours so we could spend some time alone.

Mom was not as happy as I was hoping and she tried politely to refuse. I didn't understand why she was refusing and wasn't sure how to proceed. I still remember her heart-wrenching answer. My Mom didn't have enough confidence to watch her grandson because she was afraid she could not hear his cries.

I knew she struggled to hear higher sounds like birds, women, and young children. But I never really acknowledged how much of an impact it had on her confidence in certain situations. I knew she couldn't hear birds or high frequency due to her profound loss, but I did not realize it would impact her confidence to be alone with her new grandson. My heart ached for her.

As we come into the summer months and more of our clients spend time with grandkids they are experiencing listening to higher frequencies.

The best fix is a program adjusted for the kids. Even though they may be here temporarily, a program set to allow you comfort and confidence around them can ease everyone's experience.

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