

RIVENDELL SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- **BOOK GROUP I**

We are currently meeting in person, and, as always, meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Books are selected from suggestions from the group, normally when at least two people have read and recommended the book. Members of the group are expected to volunteer to lead book discussions, and, if convenient, to host group meetings in their homes. If you are interested in joining the group you should email her at lesleymg8@gmail.com or 973-219-5839.

- **BOOK GROUP II**

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Members of the group are expected to volunteer to lead book discussions, and, if convenient, to host group meetings in their homes. Contact Deb Jones at 517-515-4994 or email her at debraljones@gmail.com for more information!

- **Ready for a night out ladies? then we have the club for you: WOW “Women of Wine (and Spirits)** will meet on the deck of the Rivendell Pool the First Monday of the month beginning October 3rd, 5:30pm - ? BYO and have some fun with the ladies!

Contact Kathy Lysak for more information: 841-914-6895

- **MIX and MINGLE** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5 - 6:30pm at the pool deck. It's BYOB and if you'd like, feel free to bring an appetizer to share. Our next M&M is October 20th. Contact Kathy Halaiko at 941-914-6524 if you have any questions.

- **The BRIDGE CLUB** is welcoming experienced players for contract bridge. The group meets the first and third Thursday of the Month from 1-4 pm. The meeting location varies, please contact Barb Loe for more information at 651-398-2256.

- **CARDS/GAME NIGHT** will be held on the last week of the month from 7–8:30pm, see calendar for exact date. It's BYO and bring a snack (if you want one). No experience needed, singles, couples welcome. We'll provide a variety of games to choose from and rotate between tables. Or bring a game you'd like to play. The goal is to have fun and enjoy one another's company.

- **RIVENDELL TRAVELERS**

Are you a person who is, or has been, bitten by the travel bug? Would you like to be part of a group to discuss traveling, both in the pre- and post-pandemic world? If so, please contact me to see about meeting with other folks (beginning in November or December) to share experiences and information about travel. At the first meeting we'll develop a list of topics to form the core of each meeting, with people volunteering to lead the meetings, sharing their perspectives and experiences. Ideas for topics might be: Cruising Then and Now, Favorite European trips, Favorite Asian trips, Travel and Overseas Health Insurance Tips for Travelers, Best Caribbean Destinations, Ideas for Traveling on a Smaller Budget, Favorite Travel Companies, etc. If you would like to attend an organizational meeting for this group in late November, please send me an email: Adele Kellman at adele.kellman@gmail.com.

- **Did you know that the Rivendell community has some folks with unique artistic talent ?**

The ARTIST CORNER invites you to come and get acquainted on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Starting in November the “artist of the month” will present their skill in a casual setting allowing time for questions and answers, an hour or so.

Nov. 2022- Photography

Dec. 2022- Abstract and Collage on Paper

Jan. 2023- Cyanotypes

Feb. 2023- Quilts

March 2023- Oriental and Landscape Art Quilts

April 2023- Watercolors

Space is limited to 15 people, there will be a wait list in the hope we can find a larger space to gather. Exact location to be announced early November.

November 9th we'll kick off with photographer Craig Sterling. Check out his wonderful website at: <http://www.craigsterling.com/>

For questions and to register contact Allie Sandow 513-403-7228

- **Calling all new and experienced paddlers to join the KAYAK CLUB.** We paddle the intracoastal waterways to enjoying the scenery, get a little exercise and met our neighbors. On occasion, we even stop for refreshments afterward! Please contact Jane Stevens at janie0441@gmail.com. Please remember to bring PFD, water, big repellent, sunscreen, a snack and bathing suit if you wish to stop during the paddle for a swim at the beach. There are kayak rental vendors site or will deliver to the site I suggest you reserve that beforehand for 2 hours or more if you wish to explore more. They provide PFD 's for rentals. Vendors include: Sarasota Watersports---Ride and

Paddle-----Siesta Key Bike and Kayak

- **YOGA/MEDITATION CLASS** is currently offered via Zoom. Instructor (and Rivendell neighbor) Yely Rivas-Staley offers the 30 minute classes the first Monday of the month. Please contact Yely for Zoom sign in information at yogayely@gmail.com.
- **The very popular....DINING OUT CLUB** resumed in October and our December evening is completely booked up. Dining Out group has 2 more dinners occurring during the upcoming season. If you would like to be kept on a mailing list for information about upcoming dinners, please send your information to either Lisa Boggess at lbogg@msn.com, or Adele Kellman at adele.kellman@gmail.com. If you are willing to volunteer your home as a gathering place for a future dinner, please let us know.
- **INQUISITIVE MINDS**
You're invited to join a group to discuss topics of interest in philosophy and science, excluding topics involving politics and religion. Topics in philosophy and religion will be solicited, offered and selected through voting at the start of each meeting. The meetings will provide an opportunity for group contemplation and enjoyment by discussing important subjects, without the rancor that can accompany discussions of politics and religion. This group would meet once per month, for about two hours. Mike Gruenfeld will facilitate these meetings, although this function can be rotated per members preference. Contact Mike for more information 941-685-5166. Next meeting is in January. Examples of topics for discussion: Is exceptional intelligence necessary for great wisdom or achievement? ; What is art and when is art no longer art? Are the customs, laws, and culture of our civilization superior to those of past civilizations? Does education confer wisdom, or are they totally separate attributes? Do concepts of wisdom change, and if so, what is wisdom? Is there such a thing as a life well lived, and what is it? Has the human species improved over the past 3,000 years, and if so, how?