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The Joys of Spring - Renewal

Shortly after reading Sue Remy's interesting article about Mourning Dove's in the WW February issue, I noticed a Mourning Dove swooping through our front porch rather frequently. I didn't give it too much thought until I went to water an asparagus fern sitting atop an etagere. That was met with flapping wings and an immediate bird exiting from the midst of the fern. That Mourning Dove had moved in. Since it was on the very top of the etagere, I grabbed a step stool and looked down on a tiny nest with two eggs well camouflaged in the base of the plant. Hoping my watering didn't cause Mama or Papa Dove – Google informed me that both sexes participate in the nesting duties – to abandon the nest, I waited until later in the day and approached the etagere from an adjacent door. Sure enough, she/he was back on duty.

Going forward, I popped my head out several times a day and said, "hello, how's it going?" in my best Mourning Dove voice. I began to worry. I didn't hear anything from the nest. No 'hello world' chirping or begging for food with little mouths stretched skyward. One day, I looked again and here were two tiny mini-me's of the Mama/Papa. They were poking their heads out from under their parent's breast. It was uncanny. They had the same well-forming feathers – no downy fluff – and the same piercing black eyes as the adults.

Well, my enthusiasm got the best of me. I was always trying to find an angle to stick my phone up to catch a photo. (See attached) Mama/Papa pretty much tolerated my efforts. I figured all that chatter directed toward them each day had gained me some points.

One day, one of the parents was out of the nest. It was walking around the front porch about 8 feet from the etagere. For hours. I decided this was my big chance to capture the perfect photo of the fledglings. I carefully dragged out a step stool, this time with my good camera, and prepared to focus. Whoosh. Both took flight. They left the nest. They joined the world.

The Moral of the Story

Other than stop being so noisy and leave the birds alone, (oh, that was husband Jack's moral!). My take was you can't fool Mother Nature. The Mourning Dove knew that this was the perfect place to nest. Even the most cunning racoon wouldn't have considered the center of an asparagus fern a place to raid a nest and there really wasn't any room or reason for a bird of prey or crow to swoop into the porch. Despite my most anxious moments about scaring the babies out of the nest, obviously the parading parent was giving them the signal it was time to get moving. I just provided a little encouragement.

This was springtime at its best. And, as I write this in mid-April, she/he is sitting on its third pair of eggs. Renewal – it's happening all around us.





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Message from the President

As your new President, I have been faced with many challenges in our community.

The roof damage from Hurricane Ian has kept our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) working overtime to help homeowners move forward with their ARC roof replacement approvals. To date we have had 29 roof approvals and 37 other types of improvement in the Rivendell community. As President, I would like to thank all the members of the ARC for their dedicated commitment to the Rivendell community. On a lighter note, we are getting ready with our pool roofing replacement project that will commence on or about May 5. The solar panels need to be replaced from the damaged roof. We are still waiting for Curry Roofing to advise us when the new tile roof will be ready for installation. We have also recently installed a new 5HP pool pump that will hopefully keep the pool running trouble free. I know many of you enjoy using the pool regularly and we strive to keep it well maintained. A big thank you to the Maintenance Committee for all their efforts in what can be a monumental undertaking.

During April and into May I have focused on meeting with all the committee chairs to familiarize myself with their goals and the resources they may need from the Board of Directors. As the Board Liaison to the Communications Committee, I have been working closely with Chair Kristine Nickel and Past-chair Barbara Gahry. We are exploring the possibility of an ad-free and/or a printed version of The Woodlands Word. Hats off to the Communications Committee for keeping us well informed of the day-to-day activities as well as our group of interesting Rivendell residents. ComCom members – like all our wonderful volunteers -- are truly professional and I enjoy working with them.

I am looking forward to serving our Rivendell Community to the best of my ability in coming years. Early days have been a challenge, but I welcome challenges. This is what makes us move forward toward maintaining and increasing the of greatness in our community.

Bruce
Bruce Lorie
President



Note from Your Editor

Not all springtime activities are as delightful as my new BFF Mourning Doves. This is also the season of **mating alligators**. PLEASE be careful while walking through our beautiful neighborhoods. The males are on the prowl looking for their BFFs and we may by now have pods of babies in the ponds. Do not approach; instead grab your binoculars or telephoto lenses. Mama gators are very protective of their young.

Be on the look-out for more information on the **Spring Cleaning** project. You can anticipate an email to arrive with your current homeowner's data to be approved or corrected sometime early in May. Please address it as soon as you receive – it's easy peasy and will only take a minute of your time.

With all the **roofing construction** going on, debris in the neighborhoods is on the rise. Recently, a very large sheet of plastic was found in one of the ponds. It was a PROJECT hauling that plastic out of the pond where it could have caused varying kinds of damage. Please make sure that your contractors are trash conscientious.

And finally . . . we bid a fond farewell to the Freestone's who recently sold their Mallard Marsh home. Jean and Frank were true stewards of this community. While you may not know them by name, most likely you have seen them on their regular neighborhood rounds picking up trash on the roadsides and along the sidewalks. Frank was a founding member of the Ponds & Preserves Committee and Jean, an accomplished artist and quilter, was active in the community as well. We hope they enjoy their new digs closer to their grandchildren. Thank you, Jean and Frank; you will be missed.

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Neighbors Yes, It Takes a Village

By Nancy Giordano

Walking through the neighborhood of the Cottages to visit with Marilee and Joe Casale provided the ideal framework for what would be an excellent reminder of the value of community, volunteerism, and good neighbors. With its charming white fences, sidewalks, and shaded streets, one immediately senses a welcoming, village-like atmosphere within the Cottages. And speaking with the Casales does everything to support and promote that sense of community.

Early Residents

Joe and Marilee purchased their Meadow Sweet Circle home in 2002. They enjoy spending the fall and winter in Florida with the remainder of the year spent in New Jersey, Joe's home state. Marilee found her way from Iowa, her home state, to New Jersey where she and Joe met. Both the Casales worked for AT&T for the greater part of their work lives; Marilee for over 31 years in Human Resources, retiring as HR Vice President with international emphasis, and Joe for 25 years in Information Technology with a focus on human factor analysis, the interaction between people and systems. Before retiring a final time, Marilee went on and worked another eight years for MetLife where she was a Vice President for the International Division and HR.

Marilee travelled frequently for work, so Joe kept the home fires burning for them and their two, now adult, daughters. He coached tennis, a sport he continues to enjoy, at his daughters' school and volunteered his time with a Food Bank organization and as a Counseling Agency Board member, as well as in various capacities with his adopted Florida community. In fact, Joe and Marilee share a strong belief in contributing their time to maintaining the beauty and feel to a neighborhood and community of which they are proud to be a part.



The Importance of Volunteerism

This is what led Marilee to become a member of the Board of the Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association (RU1NA) three years ago, first serving as Secretary and, since February 2021, as President. Leading a "cohesive" board, they have, among other things, established a standard HOA fee collection process; commissioned the Cottages HR Handbook; and standardized the Annual Election and Membership meeting process. Beyond such administrative accomplishments, which are important, Marilee wants to help improve and enhance daily life for residents. Working with the Sheriff's Department, she is especially pleased with the Board's recent sponsorship

of a program to raise awareness around crime prevention, what homeowners can do for themselves to stay safe and secure in their home and neighborhood. Over 40 homeowners attended. She also has led renovations at the clubhouse, and she works with others to ensure a strong social calendar for Cottage residents, including Joe's ROMEO (Real Old Men Eating Out) breakfast club. So...if you are old and hungry, for food and great conversation, Joe invites you to contact him for details! Of course, not to be outdone, the ladies also have a monthly "Girls Lunch Out."

The Casales recognize the importance of volunteerism and feel it is "rewarding to see we can make a difference." There is a lot of work that goes into keeping even small communities healthy, active, and aesthetically pleasing, so they encourage everyone's involvement because it indeed takes a village! Marilee said, "Volunteerism builds community, creating a sense of ownership and a means to look after one another." She added it also saves money for the community – an objective with which everyone can get onboard!

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Spring Wildlife Week: 80+ Different Wildlife Animals! Thanks to All Our Nature Watchers!

Sue Remy, Ponds & Preserves Committee.

During the week of March 18-25, 2023, the Ponds and Preserves Committee hosted another Rivendell Wildlife Week. Residents became Nature Watchers to help observe and record over 3,000 sightings of diverse wildlife, representing over 80 different animals, spotted in our own community. Special thanks to all of the neighbors who participated in Wildlife Week! We appreciate your support!

Our Nature Watchers said they saw more wetland/wading and perching birds than other animals. This seems like a strong indication that our current pond and preserves management strategies are working to keep wildlife habitats healthy and attractive. Great news!

WILDLIFE TYPE (examples)	Spring 2023
Blackbirds/Crows: Grackles, Starlings	571
Wetlands/Wading: Herons, Egrets, Ducks, Cranes, Ibis, Cormorants, Storks	1,109
Perching Birds: Warblers, Cardinals, Mockingbirds, Doves, Finches	577
Birds of Prey: Eagles, Ospreys, Vultures, Owls, Hawks	159
Insects: Butterflies, Moths, Dragonflies	111
Amphibians: Green Frogs, Cuban Treefrogs	15
Reptiles: Alligators, Anoles, Turtles, Snakes	197
Mammals: Deer, Bobcat, Rabbits, Squirrels, Raccoons	304
	3,043

Ibis Earns Top Spot. Nature Watchers reported that the most sightings of wildlife this Spring was the beloved Ibis. In Rivendell, two species were often seen with their distinctive long curved bill – the White Ibis and the Glossy Ibis. Let’s learn more about these visitors commonly seen in our ponds, wetlands, yards, and flying overhead.



WHITE IBIS (*Eudocimus albus*)

The white ibis is a mid-sized bird, about 22 inches long with a wingspan of 37 inches. They often gather in groups in shallow wetlands. Adults are mostly white with black tipped wings, a red face, red legs, and a very distinct down-curved, pink bill which is used to probe the ground for food while foraging. Their diet consists of crabs, crayfish, fish, snakes, frogs, and insects.



GLOSSY IBIS (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

At a distance, Glossy Ibises look uniformly dark, but a close look in good light reveals stunning colors: deep maroon, emerald, bronze, and violet. Similar in size to the White Ibis, this long-legged, long-billed bird forages in flocks through wetlands and wet agricultural fields, searching for insects, small fish, and seeds. When flying, their necks and feet are outstretched.

[Photos: Bob Frank. Source: AllAboutBirds.org]

Click here to visit the Ponds & Preserves website at <https://www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds>.

Rivendell's Ice Cream Social a Big Success!

By Adele Kellman • Photos by Nancy Dobias

On Saturday, March 25th, the Ice Cream Social was held in Rivendell's Crescent Park. It was a beautiful day and over 80 Rivendell residents turned out for ice cream, playground fun and raffle prizes for both kids and adults. Lisa Boggess organized the event with a great team of neighborhood volunteers that included Allie Sandow, Kathy and Ted Lysak, Kathy Halaiko, Edith Norby, Larry Dobias, Greg Volack and Kevin Boggess. Alex Elshimy contributed the adult door prizes, and people were excited to win them.

As attendees listened to some Frank Sinatra tunes, small groups gathered and caught up on the latest news in the neighborhood. A wonderful time was had by all.



One happy family, volunteers Lisa and Allie (with Jane Stevens on the left), and a prize winner from the raffle!



Last Artist's Corner of the Season

April Artists Corner featured Barbara Thierfelder presenting her beautiful watercolors. Barbara mostly enjoys painting florals and animals. Barbara has only been painting for ten years now and is fortunate to have uncovered her hidden talent! The April event was the last of the monthly Artists Corner events. Rivendell is lucky to have some many talented artists who have shared their works with the community. Congratulations to Social Committee member Allie Sandow who organized these events, and to the artists who participated.





Book Nook

Book Group I and II have been busy turning pages this spring. Group I read and discussed one of the 2022-23 book season's biggest sellers, *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. In fact, the New York Times, Washington Post and NPR all named it the best book of 2022. Our infamous neighbor on Casey Key, Mr. King called it, "witty, sometimes hilarious . . . the *Catch-22* of early feminism." It is certainly a book that keeps the reader entertained beginning to end. The May selection is *Crying in the H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. This NYT's best-selling memoir explores the experiences of being Korean American as well as an indie rock sensation, eventually reconnecting with her roots in a heart touching way.

Book Group II's April selection was another best seller; this one the Pulitzer Prize fiction winner of 2014 *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Again, from Mr. King in the New York Time Book Review, it . . . "connects with the heart as well as the mind." At 700+ pages it also requires dedication to this Dickensian novel. The book conjured the descriptors of "loss", "survival" and "redemption" from the group. May brings another highly rated novel, *The Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead. This book charts the course of a daredevil female aviator of determination and pluck covering the times of Prohibition through World War II from Montana to London and beyond.

Check the Social Calendar for more information on the book groups and how to join in. Read on!

RIVENDELL Social Committee Calendar: May 2023

Monday, May 1, 5:30pm. WOW (Women of Wine and Spirit) at the Rivendell pool deck.

Sign up is not required. Contact Kathy Lysak at 941-539-6749 for more information.

Thursday, May 4, 1:00 pm. Bridge Club.
RSVP to Barb Loe at 651-398-2256.

Monday, May 8, 7:30pm. Book Group I.
RSVP to Adele Kellman at adele.kellman@gmail.com or Lesley Glick at lesleymg8@gmail.com.

Wednesday, May 10, 9:30 am. Kayaking.
RSVP to Jane Stevens at 617-319-2653.

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 pm. Book Group II.
RSVP to Karen Morgan at k@gatortrax.net.

Thursday, May 18, 5:30 pm. Dining Out Group.
RSVP to Lisa Boggess at lbogg@msn.com or Adele Kellman at adele.kellman@gmail.com

Friday, May 19, 10am to 12 pm. Inquisitive Minds Discussion Group.
RSVP to Mike Gruenfeld at 941-685-5166.

Thursday, May 25, 1 pm. Bridge Club.
RSVP to Barb Loe at 651-398-2256.



"Cottages Corner" Crime Prevention at Meadow Sweet Circle

By Jim & Marilyn May

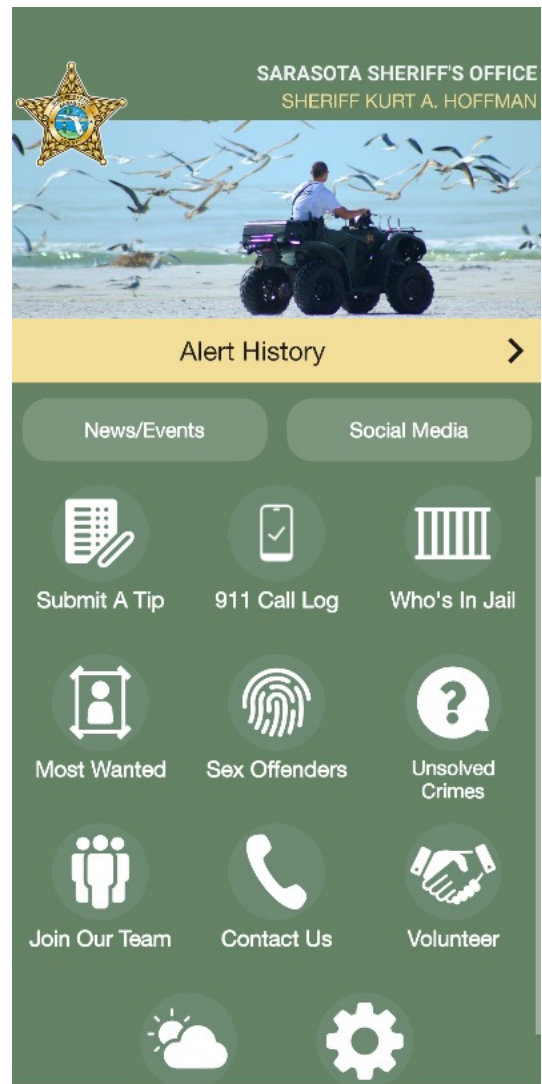
To help improve the safety and security of our Cottages neighborhood and better understand when to report suspicious persons or activities, the Board invited Deputy Cathy Duff from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Unit, to conduct a Crime Prevention Seminar for the community. It was held on Saturday morning, March 18 in the Clubhouse.

Thirty-six Cottages homeowners packed the Clubhouse for the seminar. Deputy Duff provided an informative presentation where she explained the types of criminal activities that neighborhoods like ours typically face.

Distraction burglaries, where a falsehood, trick or distraction is used to gain access to your house or car to commit a burglary, are a common crime that occur not only in neighborhoods but also in parking lots outside stores. Remembering to lock your car is an important security measure. We discussed how the increased use of night lighting and motion detection lighting can help make the dark sections of our streets and neighborhood safer.

Also, if you have a burglar alarm, use it – plus register it with the Sheriff's Office so they know you have one. Deputy Duff explained how the Sheriff's Office uses crime mapping to help prevent crime. We learned there is a Sheriff's Office app available to residents from Google Play and the Apple App Store. Just search for Sarasota County Sheriff to add it to your phone. The app allows you to get alerts and view a variety of criminal activity-related information.

Perhaps the number one tip from the seminar: If you see something, say something. And by say something, we mean call either 911 for emergencies or call the Sheriff's non-emergency number – 941-316-1201 – to report suspicious activities or those that seem out of the ordinary. Deputy Duff said Meadow Sweet Circle is a generally safe, low crime neighborhood and we can help keep it that way by looking out for each other. Everyone who attended the seminar felt like they left with at least one idea they could use to keep Meadow Sweet Circle a little safer.



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Sue Remy, Ponds & Preserves Committee.

Thank You Homeowners for Your Strong Support of Pond LMZs.

At the February, 2023 HOA Annual Meeting, the community voted to amend our covenant and thereby make Low Maintenance Zones (LMZs - buffer zones) required for all of our stormwater ponds. We are very grateful for our Homeowners overwhelmingly approval of this important action to keep our ponds vibrant and reduce erosion. Our wildlife friends thank you too! Maintaining healthy ponds requires ongoing efforts and we appreciate your continued support.

This amendment to require the installation and maintenance of pond LMZs is a huge step to help control erosion damage, reduce flooding, absorb excess nutrients, and keep our natural habitats attractive for our wildlife friends. However, our work is not done. Pond health is a work-in-progress and a delicate balance between time, resources, expenses, and expertise.

P&P Participates in County's "HOA Healthy Pond Workshop" to Gain Knowledge.

In January, three P&P Committee members participated in a pond health workshop designed for HOA members. Sponsored by Sarasota County's various stormwater groups, the workshop included expert speakers, panel discussions, clinics, and outdoor sessions. Topics included watershed connections (from pond to creek to bay), pond assessment, plus clinics on managing nutrient and runoff, native plant selection, plus available funding and resources.

Two Rivendell P&P members, **Bob Frank**, and **Sue Remy**, joined panel discussions to share "HOA Success Stories" about Rivendell's pond experiences. **Frank Freestone** also attended this valuable workshop. Building relationships with leading experts helps us to continually learn new skills to take care of our ponds, finetune our pond management plan, and exchange ideas with other communities facing similar challenges.

This workshop also helped us validate that we are on the right path for success. As a follow up, Rivendell shared with workshop sponsors that our pond LMZs are now required, as part of our covenants. Their reactions have been very positive and enthusiastic! Victoria Goldner, Healthy Pond Collaborative's Communications Coordinator, responded, "**Thank you for sharing that fantastic news! It is absolutely a major victory, and great to hear that you have so much buy-in from residents.**" We agree.

Everyone's Actions affects the Water Quality of our Ponds.

Our own choices for fertilizer and water use, as a community and as homeowners, affect both our water quality and algae concerns. We have made strides with our community contractors to reduce use of toxic herbicides and fertilizers. We also remind all homeowners to follow Sarasota County's guidelines for responsible fertilizer and irrigation practices and reduce usage where possible.

The P&P will continue to install shoreline plants as part of our ponds management program. However that is only half the story. We all need to work together to reduce the amount of fertilizer and toxins from runoff that goes into our ponds, especially from our own backyards. Healthy ponds result in significant benefits we all enjoy: improved water quality, attractive wildlife habitats, beautiful natural aesthetics... plus strong property values.

Click here to visit the Ponds & Preserves website at <https://www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds>.



Thank You! We are very grateful for Homeowners' overwhelming approval to amend our covenant and require LMZs on all our ponds. Installing LMZs on all our ponds is a huge step to help control erosion damage, reduce flooding, absorb excess nutrients, and keep our natural habitats attractive for our wildlife friends.

In January, Rivendell homeowners, Bob Frank, Frank Freestone and Sue Remy, attended the HOA Healthy Ponds Workshop. Building relationships and gaining insights from leading experts helps us to continually learn more about taking care of our ponds, finetune our pond management plan, and exchange ideas with other communities facing similar challenges. It's a win-win-win!

(Bob Frank's wildlife photos)

ARC Meeting - March 28, 2023

Meeting held at: Cottages Meeting Room - 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

ARC Members Present: M. Emmons, J. Casale, J. Duncan, B. Lorie, J. Lorie, R. Bunce

HOA Board Member Liaison Present: Bruce Lorie

No.	Address	Description Of Request	Approved	Denied
1	568 Meadow Sweet Circle	Hurricane rated windows - white with front window grids	X	
2	812 Shadow Bay Way	Roof - Eagle Flat tile, Color Dark Charcoal (4595).	X	
3	1004 Oak Meadow Lane	Sliding doors - replace with PGT hurricane rated. Lanai door, same color as existing.	X	
4	1127 Mallard Marsh Drive	Rear landscaping - Updating landscaping near pool by (1) removing landscape planted by rear pool deck, sod area, and replant 4-6 feet back and (2) remove hedge on side of pool deck and replace with sod.	X	
5	1088 Mallard Marsh Drive	Replace front double door with hurricane rated door. Color - dark, black/gray stain	X	
6	699 Rivendell Blvd	Front and Rear garden clean out and refreshing of plants. - No change to existing garden footprint	X	
7	812 Foothill Court	Roof replacement - Color and style (small barrel tile) match to existing roof	X	
8	966 Scherer Way	Paint - repaint body of house. Same color as existing	X	
9	734 - B Shadow Bay Way	Screening fence (48") & side walkway installation that matches driveway pavers	X	
10	928 Eagle Isle Ct.	Roof replacement - small barrel tile, color red	X	
11	1176 Mallard Marsh Drive (A)	Generator - Install 22KW Generac. Approval contingent on screening fence to be submitted on separate ARC request by next meeting once specifics are known.	X	
12	1176 Mallard Marsh Drive (B)	Propane tank - Install 500 gallon underground propane tank - Remove leased 125 gallon propane tank	X	
13	1176 Mallard Marsh Drive (C)	Remove two black olive trees and Florida myrtle bushes - Plant area with hedge. Grind out tree stumps	X	
14	525 Meadow Sweet Circle	Replace eleven windows with hurricane impact windows. Frame color white, style and front grids to match existing	X	
15	702 Anna Hope Lane	Roof replacement - Asphalt shingles - color charcoal	X	
16	1084 Mallard Marsh Drive	Remove front oak tree, grind out stump, cover with sod. Tree is in danger of falling	X	
17	1185 Lost Creek Court	Replace front garage lighting fixtures (3)	X	

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Submit articles and information to Kristine Nickel
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Rechargeable Hearing Aids

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Rechargeable hearing aids are now available for demo.

During the past few months, we asked our clients to give us honest feedback about these new hearing aids. We have received raves about these new hearing aids.

We heard the hype from the manufacturers but the response from our clients has been better than we hoped for about these rechargeable hearing aids.

Our clients were impressed with the clarity of speech and the lack of distracting background noise. They did like having the convenience of putting the hearing aids in the charger case and not having to fiddle with small batteries. Yet each client was more impressed with the sound quality.

We currently have four models available for demonstration, from different manufacturers. We carry a variety of brands to ensure the sound quality is what you want to hear. We had a few clients who tried two brands before they knew exactly which hearing aid gave them more confidence in conversations.

We always want the hype from manufacturers to be accurate, but we think they are underselling this new technology. Not only is there better speech clarity but the ease of not having to fiddle with tiny batteries is such a bonus.

We are offering you a chance to experience rechargeable hearing aids at no cost to you. If you have been curious about rechargeable hearing aids and want to try them, call us for a free demo 941-244-9300.



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Another Dinner for the Dining Out Group

The Rivendell Dining Out Group will have its final dinner of the 2022 - 2023 season at Waterfront Too on Thursday, May 18th beginning at 5:30 pm. The dinner is limited to a maximum of 25 people, so please RSVP if you want to attend this event. Contact Lisa Boggess at lbogg@msn.com by Friday, May 12th if you would like to attend. The dinner begins at 7:00 pm, and there is a "Meet and Greet" beginning at 5:30 pm. This is the first dinner of the season to be held on a weekday, so regulars take note!



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