

The Bay Laker

Issue 177

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 4th lunch.....at 1:00
- Newsletter Article Deadline.....July 15th for the August issue.
- Saturday Morning Coffee 9:00 a.m. ..Free coffee & donuts ended May 3rd and may resume one day, sooner than you think.
- Romeos breakfast.....July 13th and July 27th at 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet)
- The Juliets..... will dine for lunch on Thursday, July 9th at 1:00 p.m. at Burgundy Square.
- The Juliets..... will be going to the BF Company at 9:30 for breakfast on Tuesday, July 21st

FROM THE EDITOR

contributor – Michael M Kloian 912-547-2416

250th YEARS OF FREEDOM

There is no doubt that July 4th holds a **special meaning** for many of you living here at Bay Lake Estates, so, if you care to share your story after reading this please email me and we will continue this column in future newsletters.

I realize all of us had relatives who arrived to America by boat or by plane at some point in time. We may be first generation born (like me), 2nd generation born, etc. Someone, somewhere, in your family tree came to this country for the same reason - freedom. Our doors are still open to the world – AMERICA REPRESENTS FREEDOM – a new life for all. With that in mind, I will share my story...

I grew up in a home whereas I heard the same stories over and over again, as told by my grandmother and father. These are stories that will probably be forgotten at some point in the future, although they have their synopsis posted on the Internet, thanks to my oldest brother Richard, author of the Armenian Genocide (I have a copy of his book if interested).



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The Armenian genocide took place in 1915 when the Turks attacked all the villages throughout Armenia and began to slaughter its citizens for no reason other than greed. They wanted their farms, their animals, their possessions and their money.

My dad watched as his entire family was beheaded, one by one, and

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their bodies were shoved into a river below the cliff. His little brother, Mesrob, was next, but he took off running. While the soldier on horseback chased him, sword in hand, dad chased the soldier and somehow managed to pull him off his horse and stab him with his own sword. Dad, 15 years old at the time, saved his little brother and the two of them took off by foot across Turkey and survived. Dad came to America in 1921 but there wasn't enough money for both of them to come so Mesrob ended up in France.

My grandmother, along with hundreds of women, were placed on the 'death march' and were forced to march across the mountains in Turkey without food, water or clothing. She was pregnant with my mother but lost her daughter to malnutrition who was strapped to her back before she was rescued by a Danish nun, Karen Petersen, in a small Armenian Village, (this story was mentioned in a book titled 'Memoirs of a Danish Missionary'). Karen smuggled my grandmother, after giving birth to my mother, and they ended up in Lebanon until the day grandmother and mom took a boat and came to America. While growing up I listened to the heartbreaking stories grandmother shared with me of her first-hand experience during those tumultuous times. Her husband, brothers and sisters were all murdered, yet she forged ahead with nothing other than my mom, who was a baby. They too came to America through Ellis Island in 1922.

I grew up with one grandmother, no grandfather, no uncles or aunts and no cousins.

There is much more to this story but all I can say is, **Thank You America** for opening your doors to all the immigrants who found refuge here in this wonderful land of ours.

Let freedom ring!

Please note: ALL articles and submissions may be edited or censored for remarks or comments that residents may find offensive. We strive towards creating a newsletter that represents our compassionate, loving community that is all

inclusive to all current and future residents. If by chance you read something in one of our newsletters that you find offensive, please don't hesitate to contact me, the editor, to discuss any concerns for future newsletters.

ON-GOING EVENTS...

- Monday:** Cornhole (6:00 p.m.) clubhouse
- Tuesdays:** Cards -Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays:** Golf in Venice (7:15 on Wed. when in season)
- Thursdays:** Cornhole – (3:00 p.m. clubhouse) Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)
- Fridays:** Golf in Venice - 6:30 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.
- Saturdays:** Coffee & donuts at 9:00 a.m. Game Night 7:00 p.m.
- Sundays:** Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse-no sign up sheet.



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2027 RUMMAGE SALE

At the **March 3, 2026 HOA meeting**, the following members were appointed as **Co-Chairs for the 2027 Rummage Sale**:

1. Deb Kreta
2. Scott Nekrasz
3. Robin Izbicki (Plant Sale)

The rummage sale is always a wonderful community event, but it also requires a great deal of planning, organization, and help from volunteers to make it successful. As we hope to reclaim our storage shed in the coming months, preparations will be getting underway.

If you would like to be part of this fun community effort, **we would love your help!** Please feel free to provide your name to any of the co-chairs if you're interested in volunteering.

Let's come together as a community to make this event a wonderful success!

SCAM WARNING

contributor Steve Rollison (614)327-3792

Future Columns

My intention is to make Scam Warning a regular column in The Bay Laker. But different than this month's column which could be classified as "general scam education." Future columns will be shorter and focus on "actionable steps to prevent being scammed."

Planned Outline for Future Columns.

Different how? The focus will be on actionable preparations, rather than general scam-avoidance advice like you see above.

- The newest scam that has ripped off seniors
- How the scam works
- What the scammer will say to you
- The first thing you must do to avoid the scam
- Further steps to avoid being victimized
- Scammers are very skilled and devious. What to do if despite your best efforts you are scammed anyway.

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BAY LAKE BOOK GROUP

by Karen Limkemann -

We would like to have more people come to our Reading Book Group. I know there are more readers out there. I see you reading books at the pool.

Joining a book club, turns a solitary hobby into a shared experience, offering discussion, debate, and intellectual and personal growth.

One of the great things about belonging to a book club is that you discover new genres, authors and challenging books that you wouldn't normally pick up.

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Analyzing plots, characters and themes boost critical thinking. Keeping your brain active and engaging with complex ideas and stories sharpen your mind.

There is also the socialization and meeting new people and making new friends when you join a book club.

We have been meeting on Wednesdays in the library at 1:00. But, to encourage more readers to come we are changing our time to 7:00 PM. Bring your own beverage, and dessert will be provided.

In March and April we start thinking about books that we would like to read and discuss for next season. If you have read a book that you think others would enjoy we would love to hear from you.

The book that we are reading this month is:

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston

It is about a kind lonely elderly man who is facing eviction. He is mistaken for a missing resident at a nursing home. It is a hilarious, feel-good novel about forgiveness, redemption and second chances.

Super fun book!

This is Anna Johnston's first book.

She refers to herself as a former baby, aspiring octogenarian, and debut Australian author with a love for the heartfelt and hilarious. She grew up in country Victoria before moving to Melbourne, by the beach, where she lives with her husband, two daughters, and elderly Italian Greyhound.

PLANT SALE?

Bay Lake Community. So, as Plant Sale Chairman, I would like to ask our residents to keep us in mind if you have no longer needed empty pots, unwanted plants, etc. Although the future plant sale is not quite a year away, hopefully it will be paired with the Rummage Sale. You can call me at 860 608 3271 with questions; ROBIN IZBICKI 169 Oleander St.

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JULIETS LUNCH

Helen Baker 309-830-8449

The Juliets will dine for lunch on Thursday, July 9th at 1:00 p.m. at Burgundy Square, Venice. Please use the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

JULIETS BREAKFAST

Judy Gerarge 847-401-0115

The Juliets will be going to The BF Company, 4832 S. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota at 9:30 for breakfast on Tuesday July 21st..

Please use the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

THE ROMEOS

Tim Swain 317-258-3400



The Romeos (the men of BLE) meet for breakfast usually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. They leave the park at 8:45. PLEASE check the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for the location and more details and to be certain breakfast is still scheduled.

YOUR DAILY BREAD

contributor yung pueblo (Author)

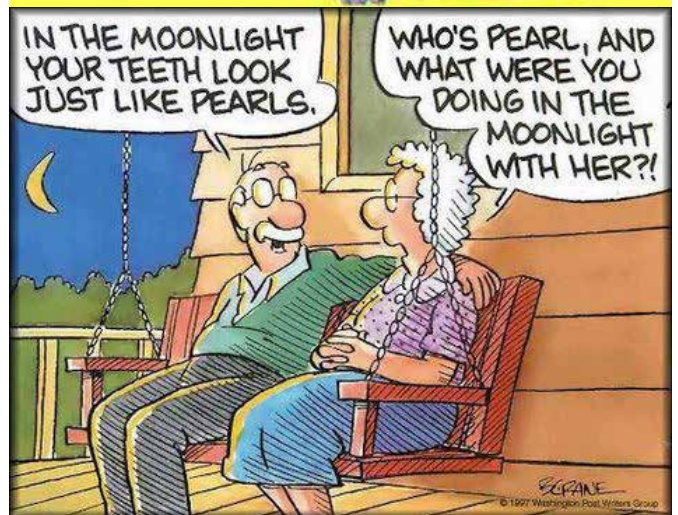
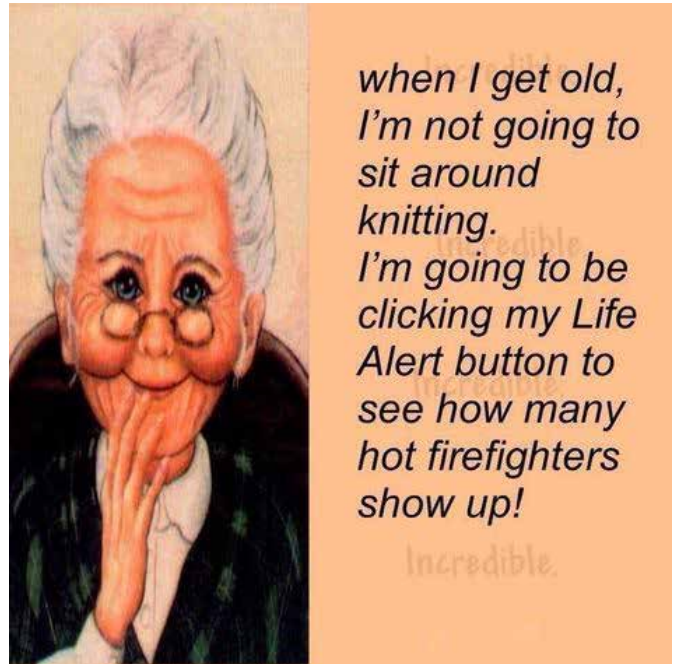


before you can see someone else clearly you must first be aware that your mind will impulsively filter what it sees through the lens of your past conditioning and present emotional state...

NEWSLETTERS

As you may have noticed with the May issue it was not delivered to your mailbox. Please pick up your copy at the clubhouse around the 1st of each month. You can always access past newsletters on-line at www.BayLakeEstates.org.

A LITTLE HUMOR



RECIPE OF MONTH

courtesy of Michael M Kloian

Apricot Glazed Chicken serves 2-4 (depending on the size of the chicken breast)

Using the following recipe I cooked two very large Greenwise chicken breasts:

1 TBS honey, 1 TBS Dijon mustard, 2 TBS Apricot preserves, ¾ tsp reduced sodium soy sauce, 3 TBS panko bread crumbs, 2-4 boneless-skinless chicken breasts, depending on the size (rinsed and patted dry).

Sprinkle a little salt & pepper over the breasts and let it rest for about 5 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375.

In a small bowl mix together the honey, mustard, apricot preserves, soy sauce, blending well.

Coat a baking pan with olive oil spray. Arrange the breasts in the pan.

Spread the apricot-honey mix on top of each breast.

Using your fingers, pat the panko bread crumbs over the glaze.

Bake for about 25-30 minutes, making sure breasts are thoroughly cooked.

This recipe creates its own sauce so spoon some over the chicken when serving.

Serve with whatever pasta, rice, potato or vegetable you love the most.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN BAY LAKE ESTATES? STAY CURRENT

contributor Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

YOUR MOST VALUABLE ACCOUNT – EVENT ALERTS

What exactly are the Event Alerts, you ask?

They are short e-mail “blasts” sent out whenever there are news items, announcements, events or activities you’d want to know about. The Bay Laker Newsletter is great, but like any printed information, it’s pretty much out of date by the time you pick it up.

Alerts are the best way to stay on top of things at Bay Lake.

If you’re not already a subscriber, becoming one couldn’t be any easier. Just send Steve a request at: EventAlerts@SteveRollison.com

A brief “Please subscribe me,” along with your name, is all you need to send.

New residents are encouraged to subscribe so as to keep up with any last minute changes or events.

MY FAVORITE FILM OR TV SHOW

contributor Michael M Kloian 912-547-2416

INDEPENDENCE DAY!

I know you’ve seen this film in the past, since it’s been around a long time (since 96), but it screams the American Dream of being free after being attacked by aliens from outer space, seemingly with no defense, at first. Starring Jeff Goldblum, among other notable actors like Bill Pullman, who plays the President of the USA, and Will Smith, the pilot, Judd Hirsch, Randy Quaid, Margaret Colin and more. The best one liner is when Will Smith takes off inside an alien spacecraft that was salvaged and shoots out of Area 51 on his way to fight the aliens and says, “I’ve got to get me one of these.” This film is worthy of watching every so often. Below is a very brief synopsis.

For the first time in history alien ships approach earth. Their goal is to kill humans and strip the planet of all its resources and move on. However, the USA is not going to sit back and take it and we figure out a way to fight back to rid these aliens once and for all from our planet.



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**WHERE TO DINE –
WHAT TO ORDER**

contributor – Michael M Kloian

**YO DADDIO! AUTHENTIC TEXAS
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Just a quick heads up! We had the pleasure of ordering a slab of ribs from Yo Daddio on June 17th, just to try them out since we were sorely disappointed in Gold Rush (overcooked, dry and very little meat on the bones) & Darrell's ribs (too fatty for me) over the past month. There is no way I was going to serve their ribs for our July 4th lunch.

We felt Yo Daddio's were some of the best tasting ribs ever. Perfectly seasoned and smoked, meaty and fall off the bone tender. We also tried several side dishes (FYI not included in the price of the ribs) and everything was delicious. The sauce for the ribs is definitely home-made and yummy. This is a must-try place for everyone who loves ribs, brisket, pulled pork and turkey. Highly recommended by Chef Michael.

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— Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own

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Please note, when voting for the election of directors **only one member of the HOA per household** are allowed to vote, per #723 of the Florida Statue. Annual renters and occupants may purchase an Associate membership for \$10.00 a year as well. All members may vote on HOA issues and expenditures and attend HOA meetings. HOA memberships are important to receive discounts or to join special events, like the Welcome Back Breakfast, Ice Cream Social, Valentine’s Day dinner and dance, Halloween Party and more.

Memberships will be sold at Saturday morning coffee and at association meetings, or by calling John Kreta at 513-886-4201.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title & Author</u>	<u>Leader</u>
November 18 (3rd week)	This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay pub: 2022	Susan Rollison
December 16	The Most Fun We Ever Had by Claire Lombards pub: 2019	Carrie Stranto
January 13	When We Believed in Mermaids by Barbara O’Neal pub: 2019	Diane Adamson
February 17	Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Felt pub: 2023	Raylene Baylis
March 24	Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen pub:1813	Karen Limkemann
April 14	The Housemaid by Freida McFadden pub: 2022	Marian Brook



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND

ANNIVERSARIES

by Steve Limkemann (734) 419-9142

JULY Birthdays

- 3 Shirley Lashinske
- 3 Barbara Perigo
- 5 Shand Wentworth
- 6 James Bidwell
- 7 Gail Bonin
- 7 Marilyn Nash-Hemrick
- 11 Linda Wood
- 12 Jesus Febres
- 13 Marc Lindman
- 14 Jerry Shupp
- 21 Jane Van Buskirk
- 21 John Zimmermann
- 22 Kenneth Collins
- 23 Tom Priar
- 24 Lisa Godsoe
- 30 Michael McVicar
- 30 Janice Smith
- 31 Brenda St. Jacques

JULY Anniversaries

- 3 Lisa & Randy Godsoe
- 6 Jane Ann & Ronald Miller
- 6 Dan & Teresa Loman
- 20 Brenda & Peter St. Jacques
- 29 Julie & Scott Tomash
- 30 Harold & Pat Bellmore
- 31 David & Janice Smith

HAPPY
Anniversary!

We may not have everyone's birthday and/or anniversary month and day. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary this month and we missed it, or listed it incorrectly, please send a correction to stevelim@wwnet.com. That's also the e-mail address to use to send your info if you are a new resident or have a phone.



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"I have worn hearing aids for a number of years, on and off. I say on and off because it has been off more with my most recent pair purchased from another provider in Venice. I had an annoying problem with feed-back, which neither they nor another local provider were able to correct or alleviate. Both told me I should consider newer, more advanced models, which they would be happy to sell me. Since mine were similar, I felt they were more interested in making a sale than helping me. As a result, they wound up in my dresser drawer (not an uncommon situation.) I decided to give it one more go. A friend referred me to Blair Post at Contemporary Hearing.

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~ M.J. Bridle, Venice

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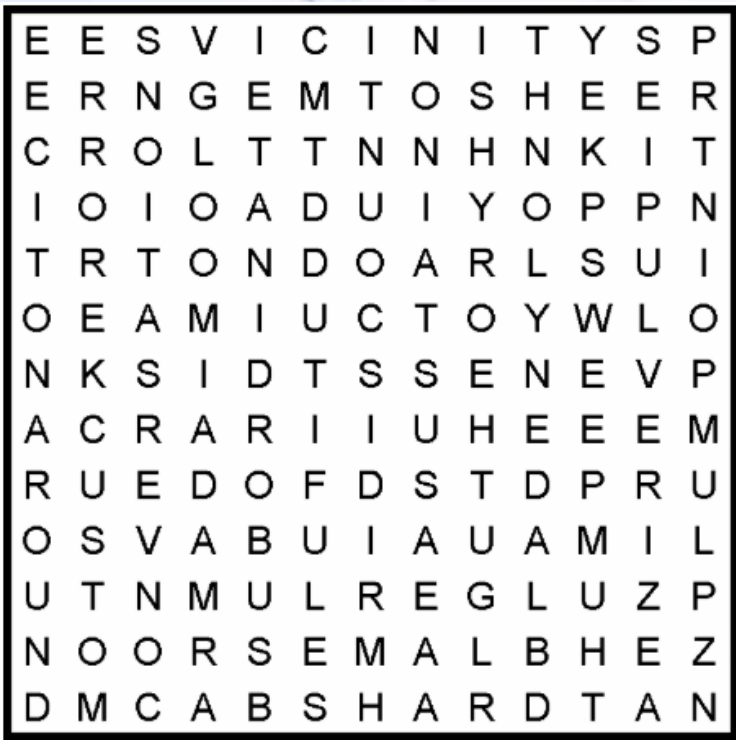
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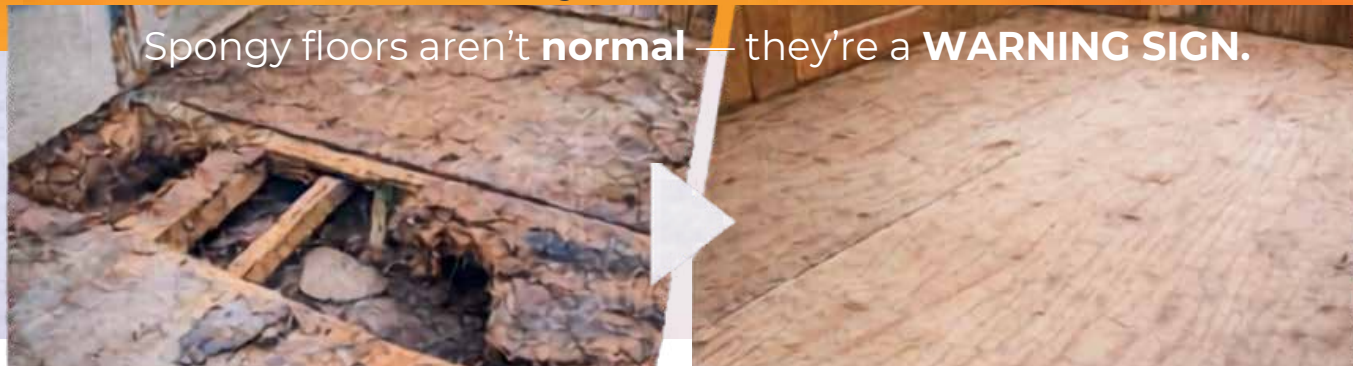
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Golf in Venice (7:15 on Wed. when in season)	2 Cornhole - (3:00 p.m. clubhouse); Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)	3 Golf in Venice - 6:30 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.	4 Game Night 7:00 p.m.
5 Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse- no sign up sheet.	6 Cornhole (6:00 p.m.)	7 Romeos breakfast 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet) Cards -Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.	8 Golf in Venice (7:15 on Wed. when in season)	9 The Juliets 1:00 p.m. at Burgundy Square Cornhole - (3:00 p.m. clubhouse); Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)	10 Golf in Venice - 6:30 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.	11 Game Night 7:00 p.m.
12 Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse- no sign up sheet.	13 Romeos breakfast 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet) Cornhole (6:00 p.m.)	14 Romeos breakfast 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet) Cards -Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.	15 Newsletter Article Deadline Golf in Venice (7:15 on Wed. when in season)	16 Cornhole - (3:00 p.m. clubhouse); Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)	17 Golf in Venice - 6:30 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.	18 Game Night 7:00 p.m.
19 Domino's every week at 6:30 at the clubhouse- no sign up sheet.	20 Cornhole (6:00 p.m.)	21 Romeos breakfast 8:45 a.m. (see the sign-up sheet) The Juliets BF Company at 9:30 Cards -Texas Hold-em for BLE residents only 6:30 p.m.	22 Golf in Venice (7:15 on Wed. when in season)	23 Cornhole - (3:00 p.m. clubhouse); Shuffleboard (6:00 p.m.)	24 Golf in Venice - 6:30 Mahjong 1:00 p.m. Cards (dealer's choice) 6:30 p.m. Euchre 6:00 p.m.	25 Game Night 7:00 p.m.
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