

VOICE OF THE VILLAS

April 11, 2022



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RESPONDED TO THE CALL FOR ACTION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 TO CLEAN OUT THE SHEDS AND STORAGE AREA. AN AMAZING COMMUNITY EFFORT...WELL DONE!!!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED....

Sunday, April 17, 1:00 pm

Lyle and Alice Kienitz' Annual Open Easter Dinner.

Come join us and spend the day with neighbors.

Let us know you are coming by calling 989-274-9827 or email avkienitz@aol.com



ONGOING VILLA ACTIVITIES

Women's Wednesday's - 4:00 to 6:00 pm- gather at Gazebo

Pool Aerobics - Monday to Friday, 10:00 am

Shuffleboard - Tuesdays @ 9:00 am

Bocce - Friday @ 9:00 am

SEE OTHER PLANNED ACTIVITIES POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD



'LIVING THE LEGACY'

It is truly a tribute to our Villa neighborhood that many current residents continue the legacy of their parents who were neighbors in years past.

We would like to honor the "first generation" neighbors who are no longer with us, but dearly remembered as we proudly introduce our first...



ROSILYN (KLOSKY) AND FERNAND P. (COKE) dePERCIN

With Appreciation to their son

PAUL dePERCIN

854 Bayport Circle

Paul's parents, Rosilyn (Rosie, a twin) and Coke, were born, raised and educated in New Jersey, graduating from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. They also lived in Northern VA/Washington DC area. Father earned his Ph.d from Harvard University and spent most of his distinguished career as a cold weather researcher for Department of the Army (civilian). His meteorological talent afforded him international travel as his expertise was widely recognized and sought, including a stint in Alaska's north slope in 1954.

Following successful careers and raising their four children, they headed to sunny Florida, first staying at Bay Indies and then in Bird Bay, where they were first introduced to Chestnut Creek Villas, a brand new community being built in 1988. They selected their lot, oversaw the construction and moved into their new home the following year. They immediately became engaged in the life of this nascent community. Paul's Mother, Rosie, an ardent gardener, passed away in 1999. Paul retired from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Cincinnati, then came to the Villas in 2007 to live with his Dad. Coke passed away in 2019. As Paul recounts, Dad was a 'social butterfly' and 'bon vivant', participating in every activity, especially fine dining with many of his neighbors. Among his favorite dining spots the Venice Cafe and Left Coast.

Paul continues the legacy of his parents, having served on both the Chestnut Creek Masters' Association and Villa Boards as a valued Director. Paul is always the first to lend a hand to whatever improvement projects are underway to benefit our community. His response to every request, 'YES, I'll be there'!

Shared Remembrances from...

LINNIE BAKER, SHARON IDE, BARBARA RAO...



Coke was a true Renaissance Man, a delightful, playful person whose energy and sense of humor delighted everyone who knew him... a caring, interesting and helpful neighbor. Coke was loquacious, funny and charming! He added much to this wonderful community. He was also a modest man, who served his country with distinction as a Weather Officer with the USAAF in the Pacific during World War II. His career was spent in Research and Development with the Department of the Army. He retired from the Army Staff as Director of the Army's Basic and Applied Research, and he spent time in Greenland where temperatures dropped to -75. An interesting and well lived life, both personally and professionally.

Coke's grandmother was good friends with Eleanor Roosevelt when they worked together as an exclusive private girl's school in New York City, and she attended the 1932 Inaugural Ball at the White House. It was told that Coke's family was related to the wife of Napoleon.

We were all enriched by his presence in the Villas for 30 years, and grateful to have Paul continue his parents' legacy to our community.



I first met Coke in the 1990s when my parents (Dorothy and Mel Hubbell) frequently hosted holiday parties with a wonderful group of neighbors. Everyone would bring something and have a great time. On one occasion, Coke insisted that he wanted to bring a special pie. My Mother was pleased because more than 20 people were expected, and she asked several others to bring pies, as well. The day of the party, Coke arrived carrying a large bag, handed it to my Mother and went to join the other men out on the linai. When she opened the bag, was she surprised to find a frozen pie! The women in the kitchen started laughing. They placed the frozen pie in the freezer and served all the other ones. No one said anything, and Coke was very pleased with his pie.



Coke was a gourmand! He knew the best restaurants in the area. Coke would share his finds and host outings at such places as MIGUEL'S on Siesta Key, and a great steak house in Tampa, BERN'S. He knew the best dishes in each restaurant and agreed to share his knowledge. Coke was a true gentleman who generously shared his love of life!

****COME SEE PHOTOS OF THE dePERCINS AND VILLA NEIGHBORS, PAST AND PRESENT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD****



*"We do not remember the days;
we remember the moments."*

Cesare Pavese



A Blessed Passover



A Happy Easter

