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Please respect the time of our volunteer presenters and cancel if you are unable to attend the lecture.

Le Cercle Français

Everyone is welcome regardless of your ability to speak French. We speak in French and English about the French language and culture, we are planning excursions to some area french restaurants, and have set aside time for some fun books and French movies with English subtitles. Please RSVP to the Enrichment Center via the portal or by phone, so we know how many will be joining us. Everyone is welcome. Bienvenue au Cercle Français!

Facilitator: Lisa Baroni

Wednesdays, January 15th to April 16th

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

In Person and on Zoom

Complimentary - Please register on thecommonsclub.com so we know how many to expect.



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2. Email: registration@thecommonsclub.com with the class name time and your name and member number
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Make-Up for Mature Skin

Whether you're a makeup novice looking to master the basics or an enthusiast aiming to refine your techniques, our class offers a personalized and hands-on experience. Join us for an empowering journey of makeup mastery, where you'll not only enhance your skills but also embrace your beauty in a whole new light.

Facilitator: Robin Marcus

Friday, February 7th & Friday, March 7th

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)

Conversational Spanish

Join us as you learn some basic vocabulary which could be used whether traveling, going out to eat, or just speaking with a native. Highlights include pronunciation and "short cuts" - without the proper full verb conjugation.

No prior experience necessary - you may know more than you think.

Facilitator: Dianne Giglietti

Monday, February 10th

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



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Pickleball 101

Learn the basics and strategies of pickleball play- Ed Pieper, lifelong teacher and beginner pickleball teacher.

Facilitator: Ed Pieper

Thursday, February 13th

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



Recipe Exchange: Amuse-Bouche

We would like you to join us on February 18th to participate in the Commons Club first 2025 recipe exchange to be held at The Commons Club Enrichment Center.

“Amuse-bouches” will be the theme. In French it means “amuses the mouth”. There are bite-sized savory appetizers, hot or cold, served before a meal to awaken the palate.

The first 20 members to register will have to submit their proposed recipes ahead of the event in order to avoid duplication. Each participant will have to prepare and bring 20 samples of their culinary artistry the day of the event, with a maximum of two different recipes.

All participants will have the opportunity to taste the samples and discuss their recipes.

Participants will be provided with a packet of all recipes to take home.

You will be contacted by the person running the event after sign in to provide your proposed recipe, as recipe packets need to be printed in advance.

Facilitator: Richard Lucki

Monday, February 18th

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



How Target & Dayton Avoided a Hostile Takeover

How Target and Dayton’s Department Stores Survived a Hostile Takeover Attempt in 1987 (Of special interest to Minnesotans and anyone else who remembers Dayton’s or shops at Target)

Facilitator: Jim Hale, former Executive VP and General Counsel

Dayton Hudson Corporation/Target

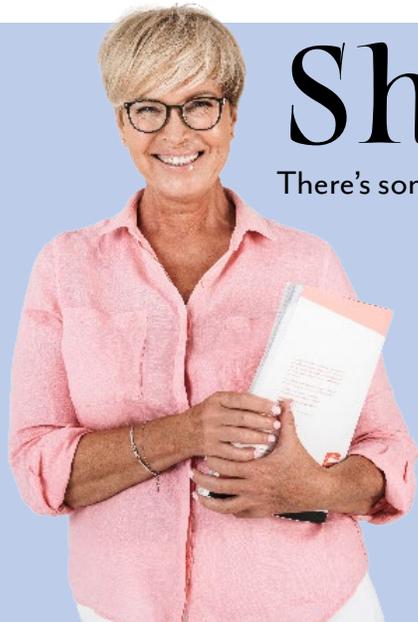
Monday, February 17th

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)

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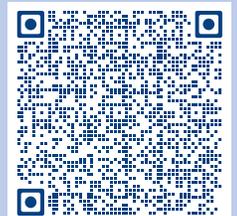


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Color Me Beautiful

Do you know which season YOU are? Do you know what colors will make you appear years younger? Are you wondering which lipstick shade is best for YOU? Color Me Beautiful presents Reinvent Yourself with Color Me Beautiful: 4 Seasons of Color, Makeup, and Style, by JoAnne Richmond.

One attendee will experience JoAnne's "Magic Chair" where we will determine which of the 4 Seasons is YOUR best. We will also raffle off a private consultation as well as a gift. JoAnne Richmond has over 20 years of experience in the image consulting and fashion merchandising fields. Since 1996 she has been associated with Color Me Beautiful as an Independent Color Consultant and in 2001 was selected to become a National Certified Color Analysis Trainer for Color Me Beautiful.

Facilitator: JoAnne Richmond

Wednesday, February 19th

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)

More iPhone/iPad/iOS Tips

You know the basics of iPhone/iPad operation, but you'd like to move on to mastering some more advanced features or you have some feature you just can't get to work for you. This class will move beyond the basics to some of the less known settings and most useful apps and being limited to 8-10 participants, your questions will be answered.

Please bring a notebook & pen for notes.

Facilitator: Bob Deakin

Thursday, February 20th at 2:00pm to 3:30 pm

Thursday, March 20th at 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, April 17th at 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Complimentary (Reservations required)

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Israel - A long, desperate, crooked, and perilous Road to Lasting Peace

Why was Israel caught off-guard? How could Mossad be fooled? How should Israel respond?

Surrounded by well over 300 million Arabs, Persians, and other potential enemies, Israel is in a most difficult/if not vulnerable position. Hamas, a known terrorist group, conducted a very complex and nuanced invasion of Israel. This war is like no other. Hamas emerged from an elaborate tunnel system, by sea, and by air. The inescapable truth is that there was a massive failure of intelligence resulting in thousands of innocent Israeli civilians exposed to unimaginable horrors. The Israeli Defense Force ("IDF") was too late in responding as terrorists killed 260 concert attendees.

Hundreds of terrorists invaded several nearby kibbutzim and unleashed unspeakable horror on innocent families. Hundreds of Israelis have even been captured and are being held as hostages or shields. What are some of the reasons for all this carnage? A multifaceted invasion on this scale necessitated considerable planning and training. How could Mossad miss it? Could internal political dysfunction be a factor? What is the end game and how do we move forward from it?

Facilitator: Mike Quinlan

Monday, February 24th

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)

Search Your Family History

Native New Yorker Tom Myles will share information he has garnered in more than thirty years as an active genealogist. Tom's presentation is intended to help you get started. He will speak about how to begin, genealogy software, recommended websites, and tips for staying organized. He will also include personal vignettes about meeting 8th cousins in rural Iowa and 3rd cousins in County Tipperary, Ireland.

Tom has helped many others on their journey. In Jones County, Iowa

He has been called "The Legend". After helping one woman get the information she needed to become a Daughter of the American Revolution, she wrote, "You're my hero!"

Facilitator: Tom Myles

Tuesday, February 25th

10:00 am to 11:30 am

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Stanley's Favorite SWFL Restaurants

You do not want to miss this session. Learn the best deals and menu special options from a professional diner Stanley Ruskin. Stanley and his wife Judy eat out 4 to 5 times a week and know the best places with great deals! This workshop will include Stanley's up to date Restaurant spreadsheet. Take notes and ask questions on how to make reservations during the season!

Facilitator: Stanley Ruskin

Tuesday, February 25th

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



Navigating Turbulence

Understanding Boeing and our Defense.

The Boeing 737 Max 8 crash sent shockwaves through the aviation industry, resulting in tragic loss of lives and profound repercussions for Boeing's reputation and market standing. What systematic flaws in the design and certification process contributed to these accidents - regulatory oversights, inadequate pilot training, flawed software implementation? The lesser-known yet significant issue of the 737 Max 9 Door Plug highlights how seemingly minor oversights can escalate into major operational concerns, leading to delays, financial losses and erosion of consumer trust.

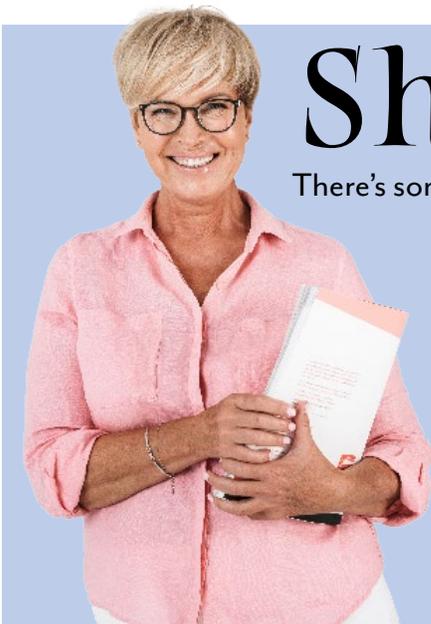
In the Space & Defense domain, Boeing's challenges with the KC-46 Tanker program have been marred by persistent technical issues, delivery delays, and cost overruns. Supply chain bottlenecks, integration complexities, and contractual obligations reveal the multifaceted nature of these setbacks. By contrasting the Commercial and Space & Defense sectors, we discern the nuanced differences in regulatory frameworks, market dynamics and risk management approaches.

Facilitator: Craig Korkoian

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South and East of Naples on the Tamiami Trail

We will look at the history and attractions southeast of Naples, including:

- Marco Island:** Historical Museum; Tigertail Beach
- Rookery Bay:** Learning Center, Shell Island ((Briggs Boardwalk and Rena Point); Keewaydin
- Ochopee:** Big Cypress National Preserve (Welcome Center and Oasis Visitor Center); Kirby Storter Park; Turner River, HP Williams Roadside Park; the smallest post office in the USA; Loop Road; Clyde Butcher Gallers; Collier-Seminole State Park
- Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge
- Copeland:** Big Cypress bend Boardwalk; Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
- Building the Tamiami Trail;** 1923 to 1928
- The start of the Everglades National Park**

Facilitator: Paul Pactor

Friday, February 28th

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)

Suzie's Silk Flower Arranging

No skill necessary

A little background on me:

I first came into creating silks through my job at a Floral shop in Ft Payne, AL back in 2002.

I learned the basics behind flower arranging and really fell in love with creating something beautiful that would make someone smile.

After I had my child, I left the shop to go out on my own and I created my own business called Inspired Additions, where I created silk arrangements upon request. I didn't have a store front or anything, I operated off word of mouth.

Enough about me!

If you sign up for class you will need to get a few things.

I will supply; Glue guns and glue sticks, Floral foam, Moss and moss pins, Floral sticks

Here are the supplies you'll need to get before class....

1. A candlestick (big or small) but not a glass one
2. Silk flowers in the colors you desire.
Make sure you have 1-3 big head flowers,(depending on the height of your candlestick
3. Small flowers for fill in (best to get those as a bunch)
4. GREENERY

In silk arranging its waste not want not so I'll teach you to use all pieces.

Facilitator: Suzie Tjarks

Monday, March 3rd

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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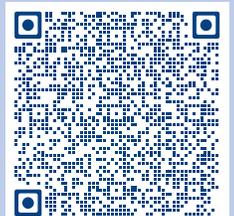


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Building Your Balanced News Diet

In today's social media driven world, all of us are consumers and producers of news content.

With the bitterness of the Presidential election behind us, veteran newsman Clark Bell believes it's time for Commons Club members to review their media consumption habits and build a stronger news diet.

Like most things in life, the "healthiest" way to stay informed requires planning, moderation and variety. Bell will outline how to take control of your intake of media consumption with the goal of becoming a more efficient and better-informed consumer of news.

He also will discuss the future of journalism and the trust issues plaguing the news media.

Facilitator: Clark Bell

Monday, March 3rd

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



Concerned About Local Water Quality?

Do you enjoy our Gulf beaches? Have you been kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding or fishing in Estero Bay? Are you concerned about reports of fecal bacteria, red tide, algae, fish kills in local waters? Hear some facts, causes and solutions from an expert from RighttoCleanWater.org. This is your chance to learn about, and help to protect, our precious natural resources.

Facilitator: Bob Lienesch

Tuesday, March 4th

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)

Joint Replacement Panel Discussion

"Be Your Own Health Advocate"

Join fellow Members for a "Joint Replacement Panel" highlighting their personal experiences with knee and hip replacements. They will provide a lay "best practices" discussion on how to be your own health advocate. We know many CC members are contemplating joint replacements and this session will provide how the panelists ultimately decided that they could no longer live with joint pain.

Facilitators: Alice Brusky, Nick Bellino, and Norm Wells

Thursday, March 6th

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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A Tour of Edinburgh Scotland

Join us for a video/photo tour of historic Edinburgh. Meet Greenfriar Bobby, walk the Royal Mile, tour the Edinburgh Castle, and visit the National Museum of Scotland, United Kingdom's most popular attraction outside of London.

Facilitators: Debbie & Gary Gotsch

Friday, March 7th

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



How to Navigate The Commons Club Website

The Commons Club website is your gateway to the Rookery, Beach Club, Health and Lifestyle Center, Enrichment Center and now Pickleball.

Have you ever wanted to know what events were happening at the Rookery or were you interested in taking a Fitness class but couldn't find the email that had the current month's newsletter? Maybe you need to see your current statement?

Understanding how to navigate The Commons Club website will give you all this information and more.

Join us for this presentation, we will focus on:

- Navigating the overall website
- How to access and complete forms
- How to register for dining reservations, a fitness class or other events
- How to access your statement

Facilitator: Bob Deakin

Monday, March 10th

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Complimentary (Reservations required)



Essentials & Budgeting For Your Financial Future

A simple format for different approaches to budgeting and the essential information needed to achieve your realistic financial goals. The presentation will also include a discussion on vital information to have available in the event of a life changing event. Please come prepared to take notes and join in the discussion.

Facilitator: Christina Lowery

Monday, March 24th

10:00 am to 11:30 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)

Travel To...

Interested in traveling? Overwhelmed by the options? Fear of going solo? "Life begins where your comfort zone ends"

Learn and discuss the latest tips and ideas on how to prepare for an enjoyable vacation or trip of a lifetime! Whether it be land tours, ocean or river cruises, etc...

How to pack, iPhone tips, applying for Global Entry, regional cuisines, culture and history.

Personal experiences and class participation make great discussion!

Facilitator: Gloria Gajos

Tuesday, March 11th

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

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Update on Development in Estero

Estero is booming! Steve Sarkozy & Frank Connolly will cover recent land use development in Estero, the continuing growth of Lee County, environmental issues with growth, the outlook of real estate values, and an update on the former Winn Dixie property.

Steve Sarkozy, has been Village Manager of Estero since 2015. He previously has been a professional city manager in several communities. The position of Village Manager is not an elected position, but an appointment by the Village Council to run the Village. The position is not political and does not associate with a political party. Frank Connolly has had a career in Connecticut local government as a Town Planner, Town Manager, and School Finance Director. He is also an author, having written two books on local government. One book is a textbook on Connecticut local governmental operations and the other is a fictional novel on local government.

Facilitators: Frank Connolly & Steve Sarkozy, Village of Estero Manager

Thursday, March 13th

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Complimentary (reservations required)



Veterans Round Table

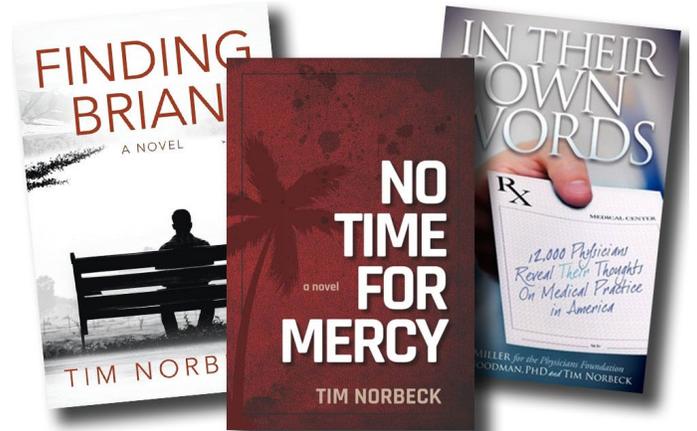
Would you like to talk about your experiences? Share your thoughts and feelings with other Veterans from all branches? We are having a round table discussion, combat, noncombat, all eras are welcome. Jim Kline is moderating at the table and would enjoy having fellow veterans join him for this panel discussion.

Facilitator: Jim Kline

Tuesday, March 18th

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



Meet the Author: Tim Norbeck

Tim will discuss how he came to write novels after his retirement from a 53-year career in healthcare, but he will also mention his sometimes amusing role in an unprecedented RICO class action lawsuit on behalf of the 850,000 practicing physicians in the U.S. against an egregious managed care insurance industry (2001-2003). It was a most interesting “David vs Goliath” type case, the settlement (which Tim had presided over) being carried live on CNN.

He has published four novels, with his fifth (“Mr. Lawrence”) having recently come out. In his novels, he has weaved into the stories some of the interesting people that he has met during his career—Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Owens, an amusing encounter with Senator Ted Kennedy and Dr. Christian Barnard (first heart transplant surgeon) and many politicians among them, with some interesting anecdotes about them and others.

It should be a lively hour of discussion, and there will be some memorable and cogent quotations and laughs as well.

Facilitator: Tim Norbeck

Wednesday, March 19th

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

(Happy Hour/Beer and Wine for purchase)

Complimentary (reservations required)

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African Safari & How to Get There with Free Air Tickets

Jon and Melody visit South Africa 1-2 times a year for safari and over the past 15 years they have added side trips to Victoria Falls, Krueger Park, Cape Town, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Tanzania, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Mali, Madagascar and more... They will show you a 20 min movie with an overview of what a 10-14 day trip would look like to Cape Town and a safari.

Melody calls herself "the frequent flier queen". She will end the presentation with all the tricks for how to find a "free" air ticket to Africa or anywhere else in the world.

Facilitators: Melody and Jon Dill

Friday, March 21st

4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

(Beer and Wine for purchase)

Complimentary (reservations required)



Destination Canada

Learn more about our gracious neighbors to the North from our Canadian fellow Brooks Member. He will provide you with an overview of some Canadian "coast to coast to coast" destinations & travel ideas for some of best places to visit and tour based on their personal experience. You will not want to miss this special presentation on planning your getaway from Florida (or wherever you may be in the off season) to experience Canada!

Facilitator: Gary Renaud

Monday, March 24th

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

"Happy Canadian Cocktail" available for purchase

Complimentary (reservations required)

60 Household Tips in 60 Minutes

Come join Joan Merritt for one hour to hear her household tips to make your day go easier. Please bring a tip of your own to share with others.

Facilitator: Joan Merritt

Tuesday, March 25th

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Complimentary (reservations required)



Family Favorite Recipe Exchange

Still looking for some cooking inspiration? Please join us for our spring recipe exchange! This time the focus will be favorite family spring-time recipes. Whether it's a gem passed down through generations or something you've discovered that you love to cook for those you love, please consider sharing it with all of us.

In addition to the written recipe submitted in advance, participants should provide bite sized tasting samples for 20 people the day of the event. Each of us will have the opportunity to taste the samples and discuss the recipes. Participants will be provided with a recipe packet of all 20 recipes to take home.

You will be contacted by the person running the event.

Facilitator: Maggie Franklin

Tuesday, March 25th

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

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From Pets to Predators: Python Population Explodes Out of the Everglades

The Burmese python, a nonvenomous constrictor native to Southeast Asia, has long been popular in the pet trade. Between 1996 and 2006, roughly 100,000 pythons were imported into the United States as pets. Owners found that their new pet – a 20 inch “hatchling” – could grow into an 8-foot predator within one year. Many were released in South Florida. More importantly, the destruction of a large breeding facility during Hurricane Andrew released an extensive breeding population into the Everglades. Today, the population is expanding dramatically. As they multiply, they expand their territory, decimating the mammal population as they go. Experts have extensively explored methods to capture and remove pythons, but so far, there are no easy solutions. Don't miss out on this fascinating presentation about this rapidly expanding invasive species and its impact on the Florida ecosystem.

Facilitator: Bruce Croft

**Tuesday, March 25th
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Complimentary (reservations required)

Libby the Free Library App

Meet Libby! It's the free library app that allows you to browse, sample, and download hundreds of e-books and audiobooks from the library. From the comfort of your home—anytime of the day or night you can instantly find your favorite books and authors. All you need is a library card, an iPad or iPhone or Kindle. Welcome, all book lovers!

Facilitator: Mary Lou Smith

**Wednesday, March 26th
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

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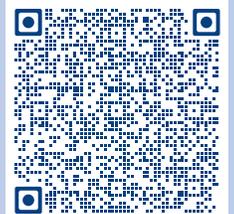


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A Writer's Inside View of Hollywood

Have you ever wondered how a writer sells a project to Hollywood? Or how one breaks into Hollywood as a second career? Do you have a story you think would be of interest to Hollywood?

Author Paula Blackman will share insider's secrets of how agents and producers identify projects by reading only a few pages of a script. She'll walk us through how a prospective movie, series, or documentary moves from submission, to option, to greenlight, to screen.

Film school professor, Kate Wright in "Screenwriting is Storytelling" used Paula as the example of how a second career writer can break into Hollywood. Paula's stories have been optioned by Sony Pictures Television. "Night Train to Nashville" is being adapted into both a televised series and documentary film. Bring your questions (or your stories) to Paula during her presentation on a writer's inside look at the industry.

Facilitator: Paula Blackman Iacampo

Wednesday, March 26th

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Meet the Author - Michael Springer

Michael Springer, a resident of Spring Run, recently published his first book, UNBRIDLED: A novel of Murder and Revenge.

Loosely based on a true story, this is the first book in a planned trilogy about the deadly Equestrian Mafia of Chicago. Following a series of careers as a screenwriter, editor, and publisher, Michael has now begun a new chapter as a novelist.

What is the story behind his story of writing and publishing a book?

Learn about the novel UNBRIDLED: A Novel of Murder and Revenge, as well as what goes into writing a novel and getting it published.

Facilitator: Michael Springer

Friday, March 28th

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Complimentary (reservations required)



Costa Rica - Pura Vida!

This is an ecologically-focused look at Costa Rica. After a general look into to this beautiful country, we will visit Camo Negro Refuge Wildlife Refuge, Arenal Volcano National Park, and the forests of San Gerardo de Dota. We will find an amazing array of birds and wildlife on nature hikes and while cruising the Rio Frio and the Rio Tarcoles. For example, the toucan, macaw, quetzal, agouti, coati, caiman, and crocodile. Before finishing in the capital, San Jose, we will stop at spice and coffee plantations.

Facilitator: Paul Pacter

Monday, March 31st

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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Contact Us!

We would be more than happy to help.

The Enrichment Center & Social Activities

(239) 949-3800

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The Health & Lifestyle Center

(239) 498-8888

Monday to Friday 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Rookery

(239) 498-7777

Lakeside Lunch: Tuesday to Friday

11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Happy Hour: Tuesday to Saturday

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Dinner Service: Tuesday to Saturday

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Beach Club

Open Daily 9:00 am to Sunset

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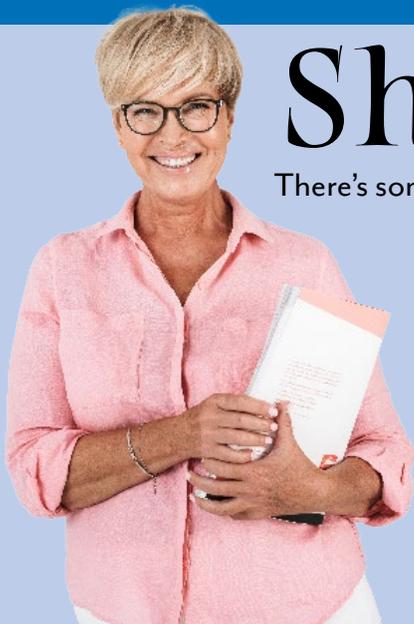


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