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Social Club Calendar

September 2024

Monday, September 2, Labor Day Beast Feast, Clubhouse at 1 PM

Friday, September 13, Book Club, Clubhouse at 2 PM

Saturday, September 14, HOA Board Meeting, Clubhouse at 9:45 AM

Tuesday, September 17, Guys n Gals, Olive Garden at 1 PM

Thursday, September 19, Birthday Party, Clubhouse at 5 PM

Sunday, September 22, Feeding the Homeless Donations, all day at Clubhouse

Monday, September 23, Feeding the Homeless Meal Assembly, Clubhouse at 8 AM

Recurring Activities (Monthly)

- 2nd Fri Book Club 2 PM
- 3rd Tue Guys 'n Gals Luncheon 1 PM
- 3rd Thu Birthday Dinner 5 PM
- 3rd Fri Grandma's Bingo + Wine 6:30 PM

Recurring Activities (Weekly)

- Sundays = 1 PM Billiards
6 PM Euchre (Bring \$.50; Prizes)
- Mondays = 7 AM Exercise with Peg
10 AM Pool Aerobics
1 PM Wii Bowling
5 PM Bingo
- Tuesdays = 1 PM Billiards
2 PM Left, Right, Center
- Wednesdays = 7 AM Exercise with Peg
10 AM Pool Aerobics
6:30 PM Not Your Grandma's Bingo+Wine
- Thursdays = 1 PM Mahjongg
1 PM Shuffleboard
- Fridays = 7 AM Exercise with Peg
10 AM Pool Aerobics
1 PM Billiards
6:30 PM Not Your Grandma's Bingo

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Social Club News

Martha Grove, President



Happy September all from your Social Club. Make sure you don't miss our Labor Day Beast Feast at 1 pm at the Clubhouse. There will be various smoked/grilled meats, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, and ice tea and lemonade. You can bring sides, salads, or dessert if you would like. We will be playing quarters after clean up is finished.

We have been having a movie and snacks a couple of times a month watching the Jesse Stone series of movies starring Tom Selleck. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves—and Tom. Dates and times are posted on Facebook and on the calendar on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Our next big event will be our Halloween party. I believe it will be a luau theme; watch for the details. As the time approaches, please consider chairing or co-chairing our Thanksgiving meal or our Christmas meal.

If you are new to the community or don't follow Facebook—we have an amazing community filled with caring people. Thanks to Kelly Veilleux and Liz Dziedzic, we have been collecting food and donations to feed 85 plus homeless in camps around this area. We also supplied homeless and needy children with school supplies. We are out helping our neighbors clean up after storms. We live in a wonderful community!

Thank you to Carol Roberts for her hard work in publishing the summer Seagull.

Our first monthly social club meeting will be Tuesday, October 1st at 7 pm. Mark it on your calendar.

Greetings from the HOA

Randy Ellis, President



As I write this article, it is August 12. Since there was no meeting in August, I will keep this message short. Last week, we experienced our first tropical storm of 2024. Fortunately, Debbie left only minor damage and a 4-hour power outage. As I write this article, we see tropical storm Ernesto could be making its way. I know there could be more storms on the way by the time this edition of the *Seagull* reaches you, but please stay safe and

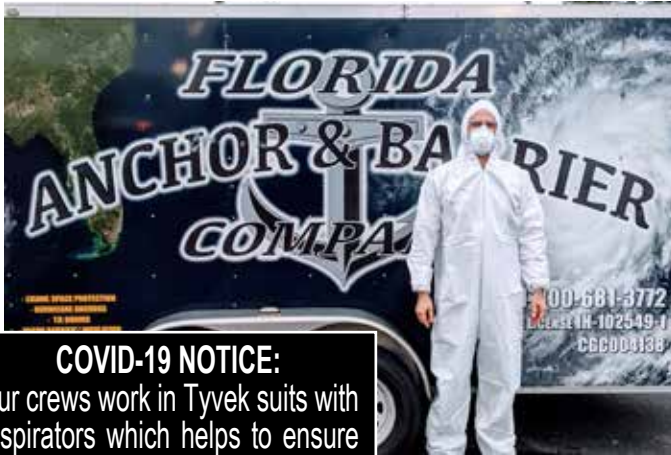
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The next HOA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, at 9:45 AM. We will meet again on October 12th, and November 9th. There will be no meeting in December, and then the mandatory Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 14th. Coffee & Donuts will be made available on Saturday mornings until the Coffee Klatch resumes in the fall. Prior to the September meeting, Carol Hetherington and I will be meeting with Park Management. Hopefully we will have a better idea of when the clubhouse remodel project will begin and shed updates. Each time we meet, there seems to be something new added, but it also seems there is progress. Sorry if it sounds like a broken record, but we can only report back to you what we are being told.

The HOA Board meets on the 2nd Saturday of the each month (September – May and July + September) at 9:45 AM, and annually on the 2nd Tuesday evening in January. We encourage you to attend and assist the board in making decisions about the future of our park. Keep in mind, every one of us is on the same TEAM.

If you are not on Facebook, and do not have an email address and would like to receive a hard copy of my communications, please message me, and I will do my best to provide you with such. If you are not receiving emails from the HOA, please contact us so that you can be added to our emailing list. Any information that the HOA receives from a resident is not shared with any outside groups. With your consent, it can be shared with the Social Club and our in-park directory. Resident Information Forms are located at the clubhouse for anyone to update their personal information. We also have a Comment/Wish List form at the clubhouse and a locked box where anyone can submit these. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact me anytime.

Randy Ellis – President

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Manager's Corner

Malinda Brown, Community Manager



Welcome to September! Hopefully, we can start getting some cooler weather and enjoy being outside more. I want to thank those that have been doing a great job on their landscaping and exterior of their homes. With the high heat indexes, I know this is challenging. I've gotten plenty of Home Improvement forms lately which shows that you are continually working on upgrading and beautifying your homes. Great Job! As for the Yard of the Month, we still throw our (Darlene and I, and now Ryan, too) votes in a jar and add the ones we are receiving from those that have been participating by offering their recommendations as well. So, if you want to be a part of the voting every month, give us a call or when you see us, let us know who you would like to vote for each month. We collect votes at the end of the month and then pull out a site like a raffle. So, your choice can be one in the jar too. Just let us know!

We are currently working on our ELS hosted Fall Cookout. You already know how we like to throw a good party and have as much fun with it as we can, so expect the same with this one! We have decided our theme to be a **Cowboy Cookout**. We are not keeping the theme a secret this time as we hope you will dress up and play along. So, put on your bandanas, cowboy hats & boots, holsters, chaps, etc., and join us in the fun! The menu will include hotdogs and burgers with all the fixin's, my famous cowboy beans, Darlene's famous potato salad, drinks, and dessert. This cookout will be held on Friday, October 11th at 12 pm. The Clubhouse will be closed that day. Doors will open at 11:45.

If you haven't heard yet, the pool is getting a brand new fence! This installation is due to happen this month. The pool will be closed for one week. I will let you know the exact date as soon as it is set. We are getting a 5' tall, 3-rail aluminum spear top fence. Not only will it be more pleasing to the eye, but it will also be much more secure. And yes, we will be getting the keyless entry door locks that open with a code. This action should successfully keep any unwanted persons from entering this area. I'm hoping you appreciate the efforts of having a private pool again and adjust to the small inconvenience of having to open the gate. I will share the gate code with EVERY RESIDENT as soon as the locks are

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installed. DO NOT SHARE THE CODE. If they don't have the code, they shouldn't be in our pool!

One more important thing I want to remind you all of. Rule #23 that states "abusive, profane or threatening language, harassment of residents or their guests, and annoying parties shall not be permitted." This is one rule I WILL NOT tolerate being broken. There is no exception to the rule that would justify treating anyone in the park this way. I have ZERO tolerance to this kind of behavior and treatment towards one another. So, do us all a favor and act like respectful adults! As we keep trudging along through the year, please keep communication open with the office on any happenings that we should be made aware of, any requests, issues, and/or concerns. Also, help me welcome Ryan Simpson, our newest team member. We are so happy to have him here with us, and we hope you are too.

Back to School with LST

Spearheaded by Liz Dziedzic and Kelly Veilleux, our full-time resident community donated over 200 items to Friends of the Homeless for needy Lake County students to return to school on August 12th. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604758884279001>



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FMO Update

Now that September is here, the FMO is ready to kick off another season. Our meeting schedules are set, and guest speakers are in place as well. They are as follows:

October 24, 2024

Corey Island, 138 Kings Blvd
Leesburg, FL 34748
Topic: Changes in Medicare
Speaker: Julie Graham

November 21, 2024

Water Oaks, 216 Magnolia Drive
Lady Lake, FL 32159
Topic: Set Up Neighborhood Watch
Speaker: Walter Wolf

January 16, 2025

Lake Griffin Harbor, 33399 WaterView Ln
Leesburg, FL 34788
Topic: Update on Ashley House
Speaker:
Ret. Army/Navy Veteran Kathryn Wilgus

February 20, 2025

Grand Island Resort
13318 Sea Breeze Lane
Grand Island, FL 32735
Topic: Growth In Lake County
Speaker: Cnty Commissioner Leslie Campione

March 20, 2025

Woodlands at Church Lake
1124 Heritage Drive
Groveland FL 34736

Please Note: Guest speakers subject to change.

Again, please consider joining **FMO**, whose purpose is to **Protect us as Florida Mobile Homeowners**. Dues are only \$30 per year or \$75 for three years. You will find an FMO application in this month's *Seagull*, or you can pick one up at the Clubhouse. You can also apply online at FMO.org.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact me at **508-697-8745** or email me:

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Fun Things To Do In Lake County

Ruth Bernier



First of all, welcome to our new residents of Lakeside Terrace. I hope you enjoy your new home, whether full-time or part-time. Our community is a very friendly one, and many are willing to lend a helping hand if you need one. The HOA Board works very hard for all of us and is striving to get improvements for the park. Stop by the clubhouse to pick up a phone directory and a copy of the park's paper—*The Seagull*—published by the Lakeside Terrace Social Club. You will find out the happenings in the park and important phone numbers to help you navigate the area.

Our location makes it easy to get to any possible need that you desire—restaurants, medical facilities, shopping, grocery stores, service stations, car washes, pizza places, postal services including USPS, UPS, and Fedex, pharmacies, thrift stores, hair salons, many state parks, entertainment in many communities including Fruitland Park. All this is available within minutes. This is a great reason to be living in Lakeside Terrace.

Check out the following things to do in Lake County

A. Bass Fishing—Largemouth Central Fishing Charters, Harris Chain of Lakes Tel: 518-578-9273

B. Renninger's Farmer and Flea Market, Mount Dora Tel:352-383-3141

C. Animal Preservation and Education Sanctuary [APE] is a non-profit to help wild or endangered animals in need of permanent care. Go to www.apesplace.com

D. Uncle Donald's Farm, Lady Lake—a great place to bring grandchildren to see llamas, ostriches, swans, ducks, peacocks, goat milking, and enjoy hay rides. Tel:352-753-2882

E. Catch a movie—AMC Lake Square 12, Leesburg, FL Tel: 352-728-5980

F. Sheriff's Ranches Thrift Store, Leesburg, FL
Tel: 352-787-0633

G. Discovery Gardens—3.5 acre site which boasts 20 major theme gardens with over 700 different plants. Lake County Extension Center, 1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL Tel: 352-343-4101

H. President's Hall of Fame, 123 N. Highway 27, Clermont, FL—Lifelike sculptures of the presidents and first ladies. Tel: 352-394-2836.

I. Craft Beers—Bru Tap House, Tavares, FL Tel: 352-508-9321; Bully Brewing Inc, Leesburg, FL Tel: 352-638-9207; Maggie's Attic, Mount Dora, FL Tel:352-383-5451

J. Off-Road Adventures: Revolution Off Road ATV's- Clermont FL Tel:352-400-1322 www.revolutionoffroad.com

These are just samples of over 101 fun things to do. There are many outdoor activities: strawberry and blueberry festivals in many counties and towns. You may also pick pumpkins and cut your own Christmas tree! Flea markets abound in many towns, and almost every day you can find one to explore.

Just half a mile from here is Lake Griffin State Park. They offer kayaks and boat rides. One of the oldest trees in Florida can be found in the park. Good walking trails are provided also. They are open almost every day.

For all you readers, the Lake County Library System is a culmination of knowledge and resources pulled together from various municipalities within the area. Books and other media are easily accessible and moved between locations to arrive at the one most convenient to you. Visit <http://www.mylakelibrary.org> for additional information.

This is just a minute part of the Lake County area. I'm sure that as you familiarize yourself with the area, you will find many places to explore and have fun while you are doing so. Have fun exploring, and enjoy living in Lakeside Terrace. We hope to see everyone at our dinners, various clubs, and game nights. Join in—you'll meet many nice people from many parts of the country!

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Oliver

Jeanne Sullivan



Something bad was coming. I could feel it in the air. I couldn't hear the sound of the people or boats that usually wandered up and down the river. My family had packed a few things and said they would be back in a couple of days. They often went fishing or hunting. I used to go, but now that I have grown old, I am happiest just lying around the house. My hearing is not as good as it was, and my joints are swollen and pained with arthritis. My favorite place is the front porch. It faces the beautiful river. Most of the people wave as they go by.

The next morning the wind began to blow incredibly hard. The river that usually wound its way lazily between its banks was dark and gloomy. Heavy rain was beginning to wash away the banks of the river, sweeping the sand along as the current rushed to its destination. The sudden crash of thunder scared me. It continued so violently that I shook with uncontrollable fear. I tried hiding in the bedroom closet. I always felt safe there. The thunder increased, and I huddled deeper into the depths of

the closet. I was born in this house. I thought I knew every sight and sound, but this night it was different.

I don't know how long I hid in the closet. The thunder and rain subsided, and I napped a bit from time to time. The sound of splashing water alerted me to the fact that my feet were getting wet. I realized that the water was rapidly rising and flooding the first floor. I tried to step out onto the porch, but the water was coming under the door too fast. I didn't know where to go or what to do. There had never been water in the house before. I thought about the loft. That would surely be drier. I made my way cautiously up the dark stairway. Debris floated along my pathway. At last I made my way to the top of the stairs and hid under the bed. The windows were blown out and most of the roof was gone, but there was a section just over the bed that was still relatively dry. I lay under the bed and slept fitfully for a while. I woke abruptly when the water rose to the second floor. I got up on the bed. It was wet but at least it wasn't under water, yet. I realized I wouldn't be safe here much longer. Did I dare leave? What if the family came back looking for me? I never was very fond of the water. I have to admit I don't like getting wet. Maybe I should stay here. I always take

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care of the house. I don't want the family to come back and find me gone. I knew they would worry. If I just stayed on the bed maybe I wouldn't get too wet.

Eventually, the water became too deep. I would have to leave and take my chances. It was only a matter of time before I would drown. I looked out of the window. Water and floating debris was all I could see. I would have to swim to safety. I had to take the chance. It was starting to get dark again. I raised myself up onto the windowsill and with only a slight hesitation I leaped into the cold murky water. The river had overflowed its banks. The strong current swept me along, sometimes bumping me into submerged debris. There were trees down everywhere. It was difficult to get my bearings. I knew I had to find a place to get out of the water. I tried to climb onto a piece of floating wood, but I was too weak. I was exhausted but somehow I managed to swim on. I had no idea how far the rushing water was taking me. I only knew I had to keep on until I found a way out of the dark and putrid water. Several times, I found myself beginning to sink under the water. I swallowed some of the foul liquid, gasped, and began flailing about until I gained some control again. I had to get out of this water.

I felt my feet touching something solid. My heart began to pound. I could feel the ground beneath me. I pulled myself out of the water and lay down on the bank. I was exhausted. Where were all the people? I crawled a little farther from the water's edge. I wasn't sure where I was. Nothing looked familiar, but I had the feeling I had been here before. At least it was better than being in the water. Anything was better than the water. I was hungry and so very thirsty. There was water everywhere, but it smelled funny, and I knew I shouldn't drink it. Maybe, if I could walk a little way I would find someone who would give me some food or water. I walked slowly now. Blood was flowing from my foot. I had cut myself on some glass when I jumped out of the window. I limped along the dark deserted streets. My head hurt, and one eye was almost closed. The rescuers huddled closer together, and I heard only hushed whispers as they looked at me. One of the men laid his hand on my shoulder and spoke. "Take it easy old timer. You're safe now," he said. "You must be very thirsty," one of my rescuers said. I was. She gave me a sip of water. "Not too much at a time," she said softly. "We are taking you to a place where they can take care of your foot and

the cut over your eye." So, I was cut over the eye. I knew my foot was painful and my head throbbed. I don't remember much about the ride. I drifted in and out of consciousness. Each time the female voice comforted me and told me I was safe. The van came to a stop. "Look who we found," she said to someone. "Oliver," shouted a familiar voice. Was it really little Maggie or was I dreaming? "We thought we lost you." Soft little arms encircled my neck and stroked my head. I could feel her warm salty tears on my face. "You are so brave. You found your way to us. We have been so worried. We will never leave you again." All I could do was wag my tail.

With hurricane season breathing down our necks and so much talk on preparedness, be sure to find a safe place for all members of your family.

A World Away

Kelly Veilleux



Last month two friends and I took a trip down to Orlando to a section of the city we had never seen before. It is located just a few blocks from the huge stadium where many diverse and affluent Orlando businesses are located. Yet it is a world away from the comfortable life that we consider "normal." After parking in a small crowded lot, we walked through a gate, and it was like stepping into a 3rd world country. It was such a stark contrast to the world we are accustomed to in the "land of opportunity."

Christian Service Center is a place for homeless people to receive help for basic human needs. As we toured the facility, there were at least 200 people there that day, each one with a story and a hurting heart. It was so sad to witness, yet I was thrilled to see the many volunteers and ministries that work long hours every day to help these hurting people. I noticed wide and varied demographics of needy people, from a young pregnant girl to many elderly people and lots of middle aged men and women. Sadly, homelessness is on the rise all over our country for many reasons (beyond the scope of this article).



I have been doing some volunteering in our area for the last eighteen months with

two ministries that help the homeless and needy of Leesburg and the surrounding area. I have met many homeless (unhoused) folks and taken the time to listen to some of their stories. Homeless are people from all walks of life, young and old, people like us—in need. One of the ministries, Friends of the Homeless, does a weekly feeding route all around Leesburg and Fruitland Park. I tagged along with the volunteer last month and was overwhelmed to see the many places around our area that are full of encampments of people trying to survive day to day. We handed out food and basic supplies to help, and offered an encouraging word. It is truly overwhelming to see the way people are living just a few blocks away.



As I shared this experience with my exercise class at the clubhouse, they immediately wanted to help! So, we committed to make sandwiches and provide fruit, water, and cookies for the Friends of the Homeless ministry once a month. We welcome donations from anyone who would like to contribute food items, cases of water, or cash to help us fulfill our monthly commitment.

There will be an orange sheet of paper on the bulletin board each month, 2 weeks ahead. Sometimes there is a need for blankets, tarps, and other camping items. If you would like to contribute—look for the orange sign-up sheet, or contact:



Liz (pictured left) at 352-805-4467, 64 Eden Dr.
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History, Mystery, or Conspiracy (and Some Laughter on the Side)

Rich McFadden



• History tells us the Egyptians built pyramids over hundreds of years, hauling large blocks of stone across the desert sands. ***That had to be the biggest Teamster contract ever!***

- Columbus sailed from Spain in 1492, but he never actually set foot on the American continent. *He took a cruise to the Bahamas instead where he booked an Air B&B.*
- We recently celebrated July 4th and our war for independence. We are reminded of the midnight ride of Paul Revere warning the colonists that “The British are coming! The British are coming! *Of course he was referring to the first Rolling Stones concert in Boston—how old are these guys?*”
- Another celebration was the 2022 fiftieth anniversary of the last Apollo Moon Mission.
- 1st Question: Why haven't we been back to the moon in 50 years?
- 2nd Question: When the astronaut first stepped off ladder onto the moon's surface, who took the picture? *Thank God for Hollywood!*
- **On a more serious note—**
- On November 22, 1963, President John F Kennedy was assassinated in the Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas. If you believe that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman, then you have to answer only one question. *How did Oswald know to get a job at the school book depository over a month before the presidential motorcade route was even proposed?*
- Going back further in time, in the early 1930's Adolf Hitler was convicted and imprisoned in Germany with a ten-year sentence. He was released in two years for good behavior. *Had he served out the original ten years, WWII with Germany would never have occurred.*
- 9/11—Before the Twin Towers were attacked, a couple of weeks prior, most US government offices in the towers were closed and all files removed prior to “renovation.” *Think about that one! Real hard!*



Turning Pages

Linda Greer



The July Book Club selection, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, was a delightful novel connecting three characters: a seventy-year-old widow named

Tova Sullivan, an unemployed thirty-year-old man named Cameron Cashmore, and a giant Pacific octopus living in the Sowell Bay Aquarium named Marcellus.

After Tova's husband dies, she decides to start working as the nighttime cleaning lady at the Sowell Aquarium. Every night she makes her rounds, greeting all the sea creatures living in glass tanks. She quickly becomes an expert in cleaning fingerprints and other prints off the glass and keeps the floors spotless using her own personal cleaners. Tova is also a mother to eighteen-year-old Erik who mysteriously vanished from a boat in the Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Marcellus is a smart creature, capable of changing color to match his surroundings, using his tentacles to open boxes and more. Marcellus also knows his time in the aquarium is limited; the average life span is four years, 1460 days. It is now day 1299 of captivity in the Sowell Bay Aquarium. Marcellus and Tova's relationship begins when she discovers the octopus in the staff breakroom, trapped in electrical cords. She helps untangle the octopus and returns him to his tank. Once Marcellus can recover from his adventure, he reaches out for Tova, wrapping his tentacles around her arm, leaving suction marks on her skin. Tova does not withdraw from this kind gesture of thanks from this curious creature.

Cameron was raised by his Aunt Jeanne from the time he was nine years old. His mother was an addict, and he never knew his father. His adult life has been a series of jobs he can never keep, leading to failed relationships, no where to live, and his current situation, living on a friend's couch. On a visit to Aunt Jeanne, Cameron receives a box of his mother's belongings. In the box, Cameron discovers a class ring from Sowell Bay High School Class of 1989 and a photograph of his mother and a young man. With nothing else to do, Cameron begins investigating the photo and class ring. While searching the Sowell High School 1989 yearbook, he discovers the name of the man in the

picture, Simon Brinks. After a quick plane ride to Washington, Cameron's luggage is lost, leaving him with \$4 in his pocket and no clothes. With a loan from his Aunt, Cameron purchases a run-down, old camper to make the rest of the journey to Sowell Bay, Washington, to find the man he believes to be his father.

In the town of Sowell Bay is the Shop-Way owned and operated by Ethan. As the store cashier, there is nothing Ethan doesn't know about the people and the town of Sowell Bay. Tova is one of his favorite customers and he regularly flirts with her. Ethan becomes one of the links connecting Tova and Cameron. When Cameron arrives in town, needing a job, Ethan takes a chance on him in the Shop-Way. Ethan also helps find Cameron a second short term job, nighttime cleaner at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, filling in for their permanent employee, Tova, who has been injured.

Tova, Cameron, and Marcellus begin to develop a special bond while working together. Tova refuses to stay home while she recovers, so she comes to the Aquarium nightly to teach the replacement how to properly clean the floors and the glass tanks. Marcellus continues his nightly wandering and begins to tell the tale of treasures he has collected on his adventures including one of Tova's keys, an earring, a class ring. He even manages to take Cameron's driver's license. Listening to Tova and Cameron's conversations, the very intelligent creature discovers that Tova and Cameron are more than just friends. After weeks of calls to Simon Brinks and his employees, Cameron meets with him. Simon shares stories of his relationship with Daphne Cashmore, Cameron's mother. They were merely friends because she was in love with another boy who was killed when he fell out of a boat in the Puget Sound. Shortly after his death, her sister, Jeanne, took her now pregnant little sister to live with her in California.

This book was an easy read with some plot twists from a Giant Pacific Octopus. Marcellus uses his skills as detective to deduce what happened to Tova's son and works to help her discover the truth before it is too late for him and her. Tova has decided to move to the Charter Village retirement community in Bellingham. For Marcellus it is day 1352 in captivity. And the class ring? It was inscribed with the letters ELS for Ernest Lindgren Sullivan.

Happy SEPTEMBER Birthday!

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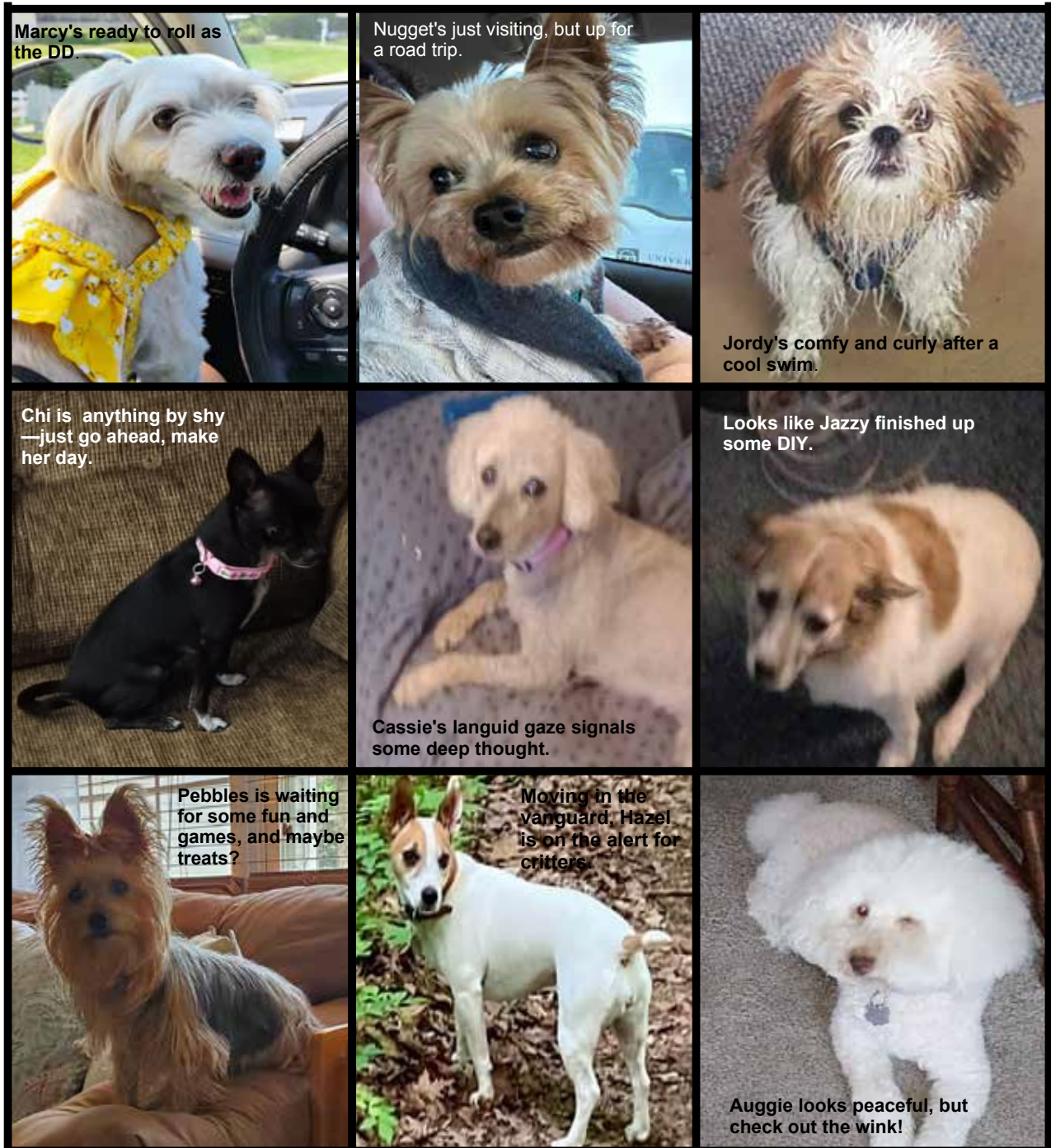
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