

Club Meetings and Other Points of Interest

Free listing for service clubs' and charitable organizations schedules and special events open to the public. Send information to About Town, 1313 Central Terrace, Lake Worth, FL 33460, fax 561-585-5434 or email lwheraldje@gmail.com. Please keep it brief. We reserve the right to edit and/or reject any announcement deemed not appropriate for this column.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION - Bryant Park Band Shell Thursday, May 6, 6-7 p.m. Representatives from 14 local faith groups will offer prayers and music for our country and the world. Hosted by Lake Worth Interfaith Network. Free to the public. Covid protocols in place for masking and social distancing. More information to follow.

LAKE WORTH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION - The Lake Worth High School graduating classes of 1970 and 1971 are holding a joint 50th class reunion on October 1st and 2nd, at the Airport Hilton in West Palm Beach. We are reaching out to all of our former classmates in an effort to inform them of this upcoming event. Questions concerning this reunion can be directed to either Bill Mauser (billmauser@aol.com) or Donna Linderson (gotoeuro@aol.com) for the Class of 1970 AND Kara Jo (Easton) Stevens (karastevens53@gmail.com) or Jon Geitner (jgeitner@embarqmail.com) for the Class of 1971. We hope to hear from all of our former classmates and GO TROJANS!

**LAKE WORTH ART LEAGUE** is now open with a brand new show. The show will run through April 11, Tuesday through Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. Masks will be required for entry and social distancing will be followed. Lake Worth Art League is located at 607 Lucerne Ave., downtown Lake Worth Beach.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Due to the Covid-19 please contact the club or organization of your choice for updated information

### LAKE WORTH MOOSE LODGE 994 & WOTM CHAP-

TER 46, a nonprofit club with activities to support our local community, Little Smiles, Mooseheart (a child city), and Moosehaven (a retirement community). Open to members and qualified guests. Women of the Moose have been raising funds to benefit Lighthouse for the Blind as our monthly activity. This week we have \$2 Tuesday Game Night at 5 p.m. Wed night Queen of Hearts ticket sales from 6-7 and drawing at 7:15 followed at 7:30 p.m. LOOM meeting. Thursday is Bar Bingo from 4-7 p.m. Friday night is our regular Fish dinner menu with Karaoke and music in the Pavilion. Saturday dinner is an After Easter Italian Fest followed by music and dancing with Arnie. Contact Lori Statzer at 561-358-2069 for more information.

LAKE WORTH ROTARY CLUB meets every Wednesday, 21 Noon, at Brogues Down Under located at 621 Lake Ave., in downtown Lake Worth Beach. Come visit, become a member!

### THE TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF LAKE

WORTH, a non-profit whose mission is to promote an interest in gardens, their design and management, and to cooperate in the protection of wildflowers, birds, native trees and shrubs, to encourage civic planning and to fund and award scholarships, meets the second Monday of every month October through May 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1415 North K Street, Lake Worth. Meetings include lunch and a guest speaker. There are several organized field trips throughout the season, Annual dues are \$30.

**CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday monthly from 1 to 3 p.m. New members always welcome. For additional information call Robert Burr at 561-267-1903 or visit www.cresthavenstamp.club.

**CASUARINA WOMAN'S CLUB** - Contact President Christine at 561-596-1896 or dragonwing58@yahoo.com.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF LAKE WORTH -** For meetings and times contact registrar-Garilaso@gmail.com.

**LAKE WORTH LIONS CLUB** is the oldest civic club in the area. For more information call 561-582-6126.

**AMERICAN LEGION VOGEL-LEE POST 47,** 2315 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth. 561-582-4616.

## **1946...75 years of Realities**

By Helen Vogt Greene

So many things have changed in 75 years. Like today, some of the changes were welcomed and some... Well, let's just say, in Lake Worth style, they were 'discussed.'

In January, 1946, parking meters were installed on Lake Avenue. They were just in time for the flight of the 'snowbirds.' Would anyone like to guess the reaction?

The cost of parking seemed reasonable and the City could always use the money for improvements. One cent could get the driver 12 minutes. Five cents was equalled to 60 minutes. If you did not contribute to the parking meters, you were given a ticket.

Not quite sure what the fine was in Lake Worth, but in Palm Beach a ticket was approximately \$35-\$60.

Lake Worth has always had excellent police protection. In April 1944, the safe from the Office of Western Union was stolen. The case remained unsolved partly until April, 1946. The opened safe was found in the woods of Lantana Road. The faded papers were recovered, but the \$431.06 was never found.

Many of the service organizations were very active 75 years ago. The Lions was one of the most active. They had their luncheon meetings at the Seminole Inn, on North "J" and 2nd Avenue.

In March, 1946, Karl Easton, son of Karland Helen Easton, owners of the "Lake Worth Herald" was a favorite speaker. Young Easton served as a U.S. Merchant Marine.

All of his 'war stories' were crowd pleasers, but organizations especially found his adventures on board ship during a typhoon, in the Indian Ocean and a hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean most exciting.

As if parking meters were not enough to stir 'opinions', the City Commission began discussing the possibility of giving "A" Street four lanes.

The voice of the people were heard...very loudly. The reasons remain the same after 75 years. It was and is a residential area. At the time there were at least three major schools: Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth Junior High School (which had not yet moved down to "A" Street,) West Grade Elementary, which became the History Building for LWHS. Also included was

the discussion of the Power Plant and the water wells on the hill.

The term that was used, that no one really knew what it meant, was "that the plan' to widen "A" Street would not 'augur' well." Meaning, In truth, no one could predict the possible problems. Wisely, "A" Street remained, with 'speed bumps' now, two-lanes.

All organizations were doing their part to make Lake Worth a better 'hometown' community. Seventy-five years ago, the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the American Legion would sponsor one of the biggest events on Veteran's Day in September.

Over 3,000 people would enjoy a parade and a bar-beque at Sunset Ridge Park. In the evening there was swimming and dancing at the Casino. It was always a grand affair.

Recreation Director Henry Oren and golfers Vic Bass and Jimmy Faherty would entertain the young people with games and teaching them the game of golf.

There appeared to be a problem in 'paradise.' Juvenile delinquency seemed to be presenting a problem. The City Father's 'workshopped' the problem with a Dr. Workman (no first name was given) to find some the causes and solutions.

According to Dr. Workman, the City's planned activities were 'designed for the older generations.' The young people were not welcome at the shuffleboard courts, golf course or even the dances. Only the theater and the skating rink were youth friendly.

The wisdom of Police Chief G.S. Sanders suggested that 90 percent of Lake Worth's delinquency problem rested at the door of the parents. Deventy-five percent came from broken homes. The City Commission listened to parents as well. Together they developed a a plan.

The Recreation Director was requested to add some additional programs, especially at the pool, during the summer months. The swimming program became second to none. Also, during the school year, they would work more closely with the schools. What was a problem, improved.

The problems of our yesterdays seem to be shadowed



**Aarnio, William**, of Lake Worth.

86, of Atlantis. **Denmark, Donald**, 56

Bride, William W. III,

Denmark, Donald, 56 of Lake Worth.

**Graham, Gloria Joan Simpson**, 88, of Manalapan.

**Hallison, Debra C.**, 68, of Lake Worth.

**Kanu, Theresa Jakes**, 75, of Lake Worth.

Killoran, John T., 85, of Lake Worth.

Tuckwood, Helene, 88, formerly of Lake Worth.

Valitalo, Kevin Robert, 51, of Lake Worth.

White-Larose, Venessa Kay, 60, of Palm Springs.

# Looking Back...

### New Park to Have Room For 700 Cars

All clearing away of underbrush and undesirable growth in the new park to be established on the ocean front has now been completed and V. L. McCoy, who has charge of this work for the city, says that the next move is the building of driveways and arranging the layout with regard to shrubbery, hedges and all such things as go to make up the natural beauty of a park. The Ocean Boulevard will be widened along the entire distance of the park, as will also the driveway leading from the bridge to the beach. Besides this, there will be a driveway thru the park. Mr. McCoy says that according to present plans parking space will be provided for about 700 cars. Every effort is being made to have the park completed in every detail for next season, and if arrangements can be made for the construction of the large bath house and pavilion, Lake Worth will have another feature of great importance to show the tourists when they arrive for the season of 1929-21.

### First National Bank Buys Building Site

At a meeting held last week, the directors of the First National Bank decided to build their place of business on the two lots adjoining the Towler building on corner of Lake and J.

They proceeded at once to obtain an option on these lots and all that re mains to make the sale complete is the transfer of papers. These lots were owned by Messrs. A. H. Thomas and D. L. Nisbet.

The type of structure to be built has not been decided, as this matter will be left in the haiyls of a building committee, which will start work just as soon as the order has been received by the bank officials that they may start business. But it is assured that it will be a thoroughly fireproof structure, either of tile or cement blocks.

G. B. Ogle and Iloy Goodman, two of the directors, are both construction engineers and will no doubt assist with the building arrangements. The building will be 50 feet wide, covering the full width of both lots.

Mr. Thomas will move the house that is now on the one lot on to one of his lots in the residence district between here and the lake. Mr. Menoher will vacate this and move into the rooms vacated by the Fuquay department store.

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by those that we are experiencing today. But, like 75 years ago, if we learn to talk

to each other, we can have better tomorrows and that is a reality.

# STAMP COLLECTING

## WITH DAN MADDALINO

On June 22, 1943 the first issue of what would become a 13-stamp series titled The Overrun Countries was placed on sale in both Chicago, Ilinois and Washington, D.C. This series was to pay tribute to countries overrun and occupied by the Axis powers during World War II. The countries chosen for this tribute are: Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Greece,

Yugoslavia, Albania, Austria, Denmark, and Korea.

This series was quite popular and large quantities were purchased and saved, resulting in the availability of inexpensive gem quality sets today. Each stamp featured a true color depiction of the flag of the country being honored.

Following Poland, issued on June 22, 1943, came Czechoslovakia on July 12. Next was Norway on July 27 and Luxembourg August 10. The series continued with Netherlands August 24, Belgium September 14, France September 28, Greece October 12, Yugoslavia October 26, Albania November 6, Austria November 23, and closing out 1943 with Denmark on December 7. The 13th stamp in this commorative set was issued almost a year later on November 7, 1943. This stamp paid tribute to Korea. This is the only non-European country in the set.

In addition to the national flags there are other subjects shown. These are allegorical: Rays of light for hope, a rising phoenix for renewal of life, and a kneeling figure breaking her chains (of servitude).

Do not overlook these stamps on First Day Covers (FDC), as these can be very attractive works of patriotic art.

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