

## NEWSLETTER #3 SEPTEMBER 2008

### BRITISH AMERICAN CONNEXION

President : Vincent Wallace

V. President: Ian Cairns

Treasurer : Derek Johnson

Secretary : Jean Wallace

The Committee welcomes everyone back and hopes all have had a wonderful summer.

A luncheon was organized at the Boathouse Restaurant in Crystal River in August and was very well attended with 23 members present. It seems everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie and we look forward to meeting for lunch again soon.

For those of you who have signed up for the theater trip to "Phantom of the Opera" on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Sheila Aja has organized this through the Share Club. Checks for \$79pp are due September 29 payable to Tally-Ho Vacations Travel Agency in Inverness. Individuals are responsible for making their own payment by the due date.

Pick up:

Inverness Fairgrounds Bus Departs 8:45am

Estimated return 6:30pm

Meadowcrest Bus Departs 9:30am

Estimated return 6:00pm

Before the show the bus will stop at Citrus Park Mall for lunch (on your own)

Any member who is not aware of this trip and would like to take part should contact Sheila directly.

As you know Doug and Judi Matthews have invited members to a Pool Party at their home on Saturday, September 13th. If you intend being there and have not contacted either the President or Doug please do so asap. Judi reminds everyone that they should bring their own beverage.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking Doug and Judi for opening their home to the membership.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party/Dinner will be held at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Gifts will be exchanged during the evening. This year it has been decided to organize a Secret Santa gift sharing so, in October, names will be placed in a receptacle and EVERYONE will pick one out. If you get your own name you can choose again. Gifts should be no less than \$10.00.

Anyone interested in a boat trip?

Tour times for the Heritage Eco River Tour are:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

10:00am and 1:30pm

Tours are nearly 1-1/2 hours in length. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$8 for children, under 6 years of age are no charge. Check-in no less than 15 minutes prior to departure. Restrooms are available at the Visitor Center but not onboard the vessel. For more info call the Park office at 352 563 0450.

Directions are:

US 19north of Crystal River, turn west at Gulf Coast Ford on State Park St. and follow to the end.

### FYI

As we all know when an emergency, Ambulance, Fire, Police strikes, speed of response is often measured in minutes, if not seconds. When you report an emergency after you give your address, etc., inform the operator/responder that you will leave your car in the garage with the door open and the emergency flasher on this will assist in identifying your residence. DO NOT PUT THE CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY, you will impede access.

You have probably seen emergency vehicles driving slowly down a street at night looking for the house number this can often slow down

response time especially in more remote areas. If you have an exceptionally long or obscured driveway tell them that the vehicle is at the entrance to the driveway BUT NOT OBSTRUCTING IT.

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Congratulations to the following:

#### **AUGUST**

Rita Carlson, Bob Hawkes,  
Doug Matthews, Edith Stewart,  
Jean Wallace.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

John Chouinard, Ed Henning, Dave Jones,  
Shirley Jones, Mary Meyer.

### **Barbara asks:**

Pensacola is known as the city of .....flags.

(a) 5 (b) 8 (c) 2 (d) 7

Answer at the September meeting.

### **NATURE NOTES by Brian Pasby**

In the last issue it was pointed out that Spanish moss benefits by using trees for support and that the trees are unaffected. The relationship between two totally unrelated organisms is called commensalism. Another example is the benefit cattle egrets get from following cattle who stir up insects for them. Commensalism is only one of three forms of these relationships (symbioses). Another, perhaps more familiar type is parasitism where the "host" organism is harmed and the parasite benefits.

Mistletoe, common on oaks in Florida, is an example of a hemi (half) parasite. It photosynthesizes with its green leaves, just like any other plant, but obtains water and minerals by having its roots burrow into the tree to tap into the host's water transporting system.

Mistletoe has sticky berries which birds eat then may deposit the seed, complete with a packet of fertilizer, on another tree. Mistletoe will often kill its host. A good parasite allows its host to live because, if the host dies, so does the parasite. There are three types of symbiosis and we have discussed two, commensalism and parasitism. I will leave the third for the next issue.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular monthly club meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be held in the new **HOMOSASSA LIBRARY**, 5530 S. Mason Creek Road at the intersection of Grover Cleveland Boulevard. Please note the new time of this meeting is 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The Committee has organized this venue on a **trial basis only** and the matter will be further discussed in September.

### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

Pineapple Bake

½ cup Butter      1 cup sugar

4 eggs              ¾ cup drained crushed

Pineapple

¾ cup Mandarin Oranges

5 slices Pepperidge/Arnold Bread  
(crust removed) cubed

Cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs. Add Pineapple+oranges, fold in bread. Place in ovenproof dish.

Bake 350degrees for 50 – 60 minutes.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 13 - Pool Party

September 22 - Monthly meeting (Homosassa)

October 27 - Monthly meeting

November 6 - Theater

November 24 - Monthly meeting

December 5- Christmas Party

December 22 - Monthly meeting