“ROARING ‘20s” – 20th Annual Reverse Raffle

Donna Roberts (front),
Tommie McDermid, Arlo Koletzky,
Robyn Hutchinson, Jane Rowley,
Sue Dannahower, Jeff Lewis,
Ingrid Van Hekken, Kimberly Clarizio,
and Dana McSweeney (on Bar)
Photo by Wendy Dwyer

Saturday, August 16, 2014
Busy Summer in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce

by Sue Dannahower

July was a busy month! The 4th of July was filled with fireworks and patriotic celebrations at the annual “Stars Over St. Lucie” event. This year’s event fell on the 1st Friday of the month so we moved Friday Fest to the 2nd Friday and had two celebrations in July. Both were a huge success and enjoyed by thousands of folks from all over the four-county area.

August rings in Main Street’s most popular annual fundraiser, the Reverse Raffle and Silent & Live Auction at the Pelican Yacht Club. This year’s theme is the “Roaring Twenties.”

The “Roaring Twenties” describes the artistic and cultural boom of the 1920s. Vibrant and full of energy, the 1920s saw the rise of jazz and art deco. During this period, women and men experimented with new styles, like the flapper dress, headband accessories, and wide trousers or “oxford bags.”

The Pelican Yacht Club will be transformed into a private “Speak Easy” for the evening. The dress is 1920s or comfortable, casual attire. This will be one of the largest parties in Fort Pierce.

Thousands of dollars have been awarded to Reverse Raffle participants over the years. It is a night of guaranteed fun, cash prizes, wonderful silent auction items and spectacular live auction packages. The proceeds from this event will benefit the projects of Main Street Fort Pierce.

Main Street needs volunteers of all kinds to help with decorations, desserts, the silent auction, the live auction, check-in, and so much more. Volunteers are very important to Main Street. Volunteers make it possible to organize and run over 30 events each year. Those interested in helping, please call the Main Street office at 466-3880.

Members keep Main Street successful. Personal involvement and membership commitment helps Main Street Fort Pierce accomplish its goals, set new ones, and support downtown’s economic well-being, revitalization, and cultural vibrancy in the very heart and soul of our downtown community.

Don’t forget to shop in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce! I shop local — I hope you will too!

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Calendar

Dine, Shop and Enjoy Beautiful, Historic, Downtown Fort Pierce!

August 1, Friday: Friday Fest — 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Music & Entertainment by Devil’s Cut; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

August 13, Wednesday: Art Walk at Art Bank — Art Mundo Open Studio, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; The ArtBank at 111 Orange Avenue; Artmundo.org@gmail.com; 766-0021, www.artmundo.org.

Saturday, August 16: 20th Annual Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction “Roaring ’20s” — 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Music, Dancing, Silent Auction, Reverse Raffle & much more — Hottest party of the summer! Pelican Yacht Club; Tickets are limited — call 466-3880 for tickets & information: www.stlucie.lib.fl.us

Weekly Events

Tuesdays: Weight Watchers Meetings — 5:30 p.m. at Anytime Fitness; 461-2348.

Wednesdays: Art Mundo Open Studio — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; The ArtBank at 111 Orange Avenue; Artmundo.org@gmail.com, 766-0021, www.artmundo.org.

Wednesdays: Fort Pierce Green Market & Food Co-Op — 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Marina Square, Downtown Fort Pierce; 561-756-3600.

Thursdays: Fort Pierce Bike Night — 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.; 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce; Rinelli’s Yellowtail Restaurant, 466-5474.

Satudays: The Jazz Market — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north side of the Downtown Fort Pierce Library; Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5299, www.jazzsociety.org.

Satudays: Ft. Pierce Farmer’s Market — 8:00 a.m. to Noon; Marina Square on Melody Lane; Market Manager, 940-1145.

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Every downtown has a story. Downtowns are the traditional heart of a community. The lifeblood of a downtown consists of the merchants, businessmen and woman, politicians, residents, visitors, and patrons, both past and present. The history of a downtown is a major contributor to its character. All of these components are essential to a downtown story and every downtown deserves to be told.

Ten years ago, Main Street Fort Pierce decided to create a monthly newsletter in-house that would tell the stories of downtown Fort Pierce. Since this was a new venture, Main Street partnered with an experienced local publisher, Sue Roberts. In August 2004, the first issue of the Main Street Focus was released. Sue Robert’s publishing knowledge and advice was vital in the success of the Main Street Focus and since its inception, the publication has thrived.

In the late 1990s, the Mayor at the time, Eddie Enns, started the monthly Coffee with the Mayor event to encourage positive news about the City of Fort Pierce. The Main Street Focus follows his lead and reports on the good news happening within the boundaries of downtown Fort Pierce. The Main Street Focus supports the goals of Main Street Fort Pierce by promoting the businesses, events, people and places that make up downtown Fort Pierce.

Today, the Main Street Focus continues to tell the stories of downtown Fort Pierce. Businesses within the Main Street Fort Pierce boundaries are welcome to submit informative articles relating to their businesses as often as once a month. Organizations that have events taking place in the downtown area may also send informative articles about their events by the 5th of the month to be included in the following month’s edition.

New businesses and/or established businesses are encouraged to contact the Main Street office to promote their business through articles in the Main Street Focus. Writers and photographers interested in volunteering are welcomed and needed to help tell the stories of downtown Fort Pierce. The Main Street Focus thanks all the wonderful volunteers throughout the years that have submitted articles and photos.

The people, events, and history of downtown Fort Pierce is constantly evolving and the story of downtown Fort Pierce continues. The Main Street Focus is excited to start the next decade of documenting the important stories that make up this special town.
Benjamin K. Pierce Returns!

by Ellen Gillette

Most of us pass buildings and streets named for someone and don't take the time or thought to inquire further. Not so with two Michiganders, each connected to Fort Pierce by an odd turn of events close to twenty years apart.

A winter visitor aboard his sailboat Windsong for the past two seasons at Fort Pierce's K-Dock, former librarian Tom Lee was approached by a former co-worker trying to locate a particular book by Louis H. Burbey. When Lee researched the matter, he found more than he'd anticipated; not only did fellow Michigander Burbey write the one book, he also penned a biography of none other than Benjamin K. Pierce, for whom Fort Pierce is named.

Lee was intrigued. What prompted Burbey to write the book in the first place? Who was Benjamin K. Pierce and more importantly, why was there so little information about him? And because this was Tom Lee, who thought nothing of sailing the Windsong from Lake Michigan to Fort Pierce in 2012, he turned his curiosity into a mission.

What he discovered only whetted his interest in Burbey and Pierce. Aided by local historian James Halbe and the staff of the Indian River Community (now State) College Historical Data Center, Burbey compiled Our Worthy Commander (The Life and Times of Benjamin K. Pierce) and the IRCC/Pioneer Press published it in 1976.

At one time, the St. Lucie County Historical Society gave copies away, but Lee could only locate four copies anywhere online, and at a premium price.

When Lee returned to K-Dock this past winter with his wife Margaret, the couple decided to do more research, compiling a book entitled Searching for Lt. Col. Benjamin Kendrick Pierce. They hope to generate enough interest in Burbey's book that it will be republished. They came up with a humdinger of a way to do just that — re-creating Pierce himself. With a librarian's keen attention to detail, Lee relied on Pierce's wedding portrait (painted in Michigan) to fashion a historically correct costume in his own size.

Lee appeared as Lt. Col. Pierce for the first time at January's Pirate Fest. Throughout the season, “Pierce” visited Archie's Seabreeze, the Fort Pierce Marina, the Old Fort Park, and other venues. Everywhere he went, people were delighted, expressing enthusiastic interest in Burbey's book.

As Burbey wrote, “Fort Pierce's namesake has every right to shine in the glory of his own accomplishments.” Lee points out that Pierce may well have contributed to his country in more ways than his more-famous brother, President Franklin Pierce.

To contact the Lees for more information about promoting the “Ben Pierce Project,” e-mail them at: landmark@up.net.
Cindi O’Connell comes from generations of successful contractors, builders and real estate professionals. Cindi’s great-great-grandfather, William DaCamara was President of the Palm Beach Mercantile Company “The Big Store,” which he built from his hardware store on Clematis Street in West Palm Beach in the early 1900s. Her great-grandfather, William Harley DaCamara Jr., operated DaCamara Chase Construction Company in the mid 1920s. Her grandfather, William DaCamara III, owned a cement block company called Maule Industries. He was also a Broker for Bonnell Realty and eventually purchased Bonnell in 1968.

Cindi, a John Carroll alumni, began her career in real estate 25 years ago. In 2003, she met her husband Tim while vacationing in Connecticut. They moved back to Cindi’s hometown of Fort Pierce where they continued their careers in real estate. In June 2010, Cindi and Tim left their existing firms to start their own, OC Realty. This was the beginning of an exciting, new venture until soon after, in the same month, Cindi received life-changing news. She had breast cancer.

Faced with this diagnosis, Cindi’s concerns went beyond the possibility of death. “I was underinsured and my fear, other than dying, was leaving my family with a huge financial burden. I was introduced to Friends In Pink (www.PinkTieFriends.org). They helped manage the stress of it all,” says Cindi. Local doctors, Dr. Singh, Dr. Yekes-Roden, and Dr. Ramesh Kumar were there to help Cindi. “This exceptional team of doctors helped me put things into perspective in order to get through it all.”

Cindi has been cancer-free since October, 2010. As a breast cancer survivor, Cindi emerged from her experience with a higher consciousness and is awakened with a closer connection to life. She will soon be launching her very own non-profit called SOAR — Strength, Opportunity, Action, and Respect — that will lend support to people in need. “I have been given so many second chances that it was time for me to do the same for others. We all need to love and help one another,” says Cindi.

Cindi’s positive and creative energy has helped build strong relationships with both her clients and team. Cindi’s husband, Tim O’Connell serves as Agent/Project Manager. Tim is also a former U.S. Marine and currently serves on the City of Ft. Pierce Planning Board. Other members of the team include: Buyer’s Agent, Carol Cobb; Office Manager/Agent Andrea Levengood; Financial Controller Stacy Moore; and Kevin Murray Director of Innovation. Kevin brings over 20 years of experience in Sales, Management, IT and Marketing to the team. “We’re using the latest technology, project management, and marketing tools to maximize our clients’ profits and help our agents manage their daily responsibilities so they can focus on their clients and new opportunities,” says Kevin, who also manages OC’s Internet Marketing Team, which specializes in reaching buyers on an international level. “Our motto is: ‘Don’t just hire a Realtor, partner with a cutting edge team.’”

OC Realty is located in Historic Edgartown at 420 N. 2nd Street in Fort Pierce, in the “Little Blue Bungalow” which is also the company’s iconic symbol for its logo and branding. Connect with Cindi and the team by calling 772-924-2911 or check out their all-new website at www.OCR ealtyTeam.com where you can search properties, download the OC property search app, and learn about selling and investing. OC Realty is a full-service, non-traditional Real Estate firm. They focus on sharing great energy and always challenging the paradigm to create opportunities. See for yourself and follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/OCRealtyTeam or your preferred social network.
The House on Holly’s Hill
by Michael R. Howard

The old house is on the Fort Pierce “Ghost Tour” but its new owner, Holly Theuns, doesn’t think there are any spirits hanging around inside her home at 419 North 2nd Street in Edgertown. She hasn’t spent the night yet but she believes the only spirits close by are those served next door at the Sailfish Brewing Company. Holly recently bought this historic home with ambitious plans to restore it and make it comfortable for herself and her mother. Recently, Holly took time from her busy schedule as Executive Director of Art Mundo to kindly give me a grand tour of the home. It was obvious that it has great potential to become another fine asset in the growing list of restored historic homes and buildings in downtown Fort Pierce.

One can easily imagine how it looked when originally built over a hundred years ago. Walking the grounds and poking around inside, it was also easy to envision how it will look when restored. Holly’s enthusiasm and vision is palpable. It’s only a matter of time before this old house has a handsome makeover ensuring another century of life. It will be a daunting undertaking but one Holly is anxious to start before the end of the year. She’s not alone in her desire to move forward, as those close to her share her enthusiasm for the project.

The house was built in 1905 by Fort Pierce pioneers, Annie and Benjamin Hoagg. They managed to save enough to buy the land and build the house through her business in town and his shipping business on the river. Holly bought the home from the estate of Mr. Robert Edgell who had purchased the home in 1972. The house was damaged by two hurricanes, Francis and Jeanne, in 2004 and unfortunately the damage was never adequately repaired. Holly added an attractive new roof immediately, which prevented further deterioration.

The expansive yard is populated with tall mango, gumbo limbo, and cabbage palms. Night Blooming Cereus with huge blooms creep up the palms. The neighbors are friendly and Holly pointed out the nice river view from the top of the porch. The back borders the railroad but it’s well concealed. A passing train was hardly noticeable while we were inside. Holly plans on “Xeriscaping” her yard, which is a landscaping technique that focuses on water conservation. Inside, one doesn’t have to look far to find remnants of its earlier glamour. The original front door and stairs are quite decorative, common for the early 1900s. The stairs are solid with a huge Newel Post and thick grip banisters and patterned beams. Climbing the stairs one can sense how sturdy this house was in years past. Windows, arranged for cross ventilation, sport the old weight and pulley system. An old dining room ceiling light was once lit by gas. Every wall is old “bead board – tongue-in-groove.” The kitchen cupboard retains its pie cooling shelf. One very intriguing item was an old “Hoosier Cabinet” with its original flour dispenser. A cook could quickly measure out their flour to make homemade biscuits and bread. Holly has special plans for this unique cabinet.

Every old house has its “urban legends” and this one is no exception. It’s believed that a previous occupant kept a live “gator” in his upstairs bathtub. Seeing that it took three grown men to haul out the old concrete bathtub, this sure seems feasible. It’s also rumored that an occupant kept machine guns hidden in the house. During initial work, a false wall was discovered in an upstairs closet. Behind this wall were shelves and hooks that could easily hold an arsenal of weapons. But the greatest treasure so far was a handwritten photography log from 1929 through 1931, with detailed descriptions and notes for photo plates taken during those years. Although the photo plates were not with the log, a significant number of photo plates were discovered next door during the recent Sailfish Brewery renovation. Holly hopes these will match the log entries. These treasures were all donated to the St. Lucie Historical Center where Holly hopes to eventually complete a project to match these old photo plates with the log.

Holly expects the renovation to take at least six months. In addition to the basic restoration, she plans to add a wrap-around, screened-in porch and a back extension. Seeing as the house sits in a designated Historic District and is listed as a Historically Significant Building, Holly hopes to eventually find state and federal funds to help with this crucial preservation effort. Regardless, this century plus old home should soon get a new lease on life and once again take its rightful place in the forefront of beautiful and historic Fort Pierce homes.
“ROARING ’20s” – 20TH ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

by Pam Gillette

The 1920s was a time for rejoicing! The war had just ended, the economy was booming, life was made easier with the inventions of cars, telephones and radios, and women were given the right to vote. People were happy and ready to enjoy life. Americans expressed their happiness in flamboyant ways by their style of dress, listening to free-spirited jazz music and dancing to new dances like the Charleston.

Main Street Fort Pierce is excited to recreate the joyous and carefree lifestyle of the 1920s at the 20th Annual Reverse Raffle. All In Fun and the Main Street Reverse Raffle committee will transform the Pelican Yacht Club back in time where ’20s attire is encouraged and dancing is the objective of the evening. The Reverse Raffle is the hottest party of the summer and will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014.

The Reverse Raffle “Roaring ’20s” will be held at the Pelican Yacht Club on Seaway Drive in Fort Pierce. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. with registration, dancing, and the silent auction. The Reverse Raffle drawing will begin at 6:30 p.m.

What is a Reverse Raffle? A Reverse Raffle begins with 250 numbers. The first number wins $50, up to 225. The last ten numbers win $50, up to 225. The first number wins $100 and then every number, admission for two, light appetizers, music, dancing, and a fabulous live and silent auction. Tickets are limited, advanced ticket purchase only, and no tickets will be available at the door. DJ Jeff Brown from Clear Channel Media and Entertainment will be there playing today’s dance music and a few dance tunes from the ’20s.

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High quality cardiac services are a hallmark of the Treasure Coast Healthcare System. With the opening of Lawnwood Regional Medical Center’s cardiac cath lab in 1988, St. Lucie Medical Center’s lab in 1997, and the launch of open-heart services with the addition of The Heart Institute at LRMC in 1999, the system has grown to meet a full range of patient needs when it’s a matter of the heart. In July 2011, SLMCs lab received a major renovation and began offering interventional procedures as well.

Over the years services at both facilities have improved and patients have benefited from leading edge technology and techniques in order to experience the best outcomes. A patient’s experience may begin with a stress test and diagnostic catheterization at one of the hospitals. When intervention is required, both hospitals are now well equipped to provide PCI (angioplasty) in order to remove a blockage. And, if surgery is imminent, a renewed sense of health and well being for an improved quality of life. This Fort Pierce wellness center offers drug-free chiropractic care for chronic pain, as well as treatment for auto accidents, slip & falls, workers’ compensation and school, sports, employment, and DOT physicals. In addition, they provide massage therapy and weight loss programs. Dr. Carter is certified in the Webster Technique and is accepting new patients from newborns to geriatric.

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Along with traditional cardiac catheterization, both hospitals now offer patients an option using the radial approach. Using the artery in the patient’s wrist rather than the groin, this approach provides excellent results including less bleeding and swelling, along with quicker recovery time. Patients are able to sit and stand almost immediately and leave the hospital with a simple band aid on their wrist. The Treasure Coast Healthcare System is well staffed with talented, specially trained hospital personnel, cardiologists, and cardiac surgeons, who have a wealth of experience and a passion for quality heart care.

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Main Street would like to thank these businesses for making the Reverse Raffle possible and for supporting Main Street. When your need arises, support our local businesses that support our local community. The Reverse Raffle is a fundraiser for projects and goals of Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to purchase a ticket, please call Main Street at (772) 466-3880.

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Main Street Fort Pierce would like to thank the City of Fort Pierce for a dazzling fireworks show and festival on Friday, July 4. Even with the rain showers, thousands of Treasure Coast residents came out for Stars over St. Lucie, where the crowd was treated to music by Category 5 and the Storm Horns, DJ Jeff Brown from Clear Channel Media and Entertainment and the People Upstairs. The rain left us around 7 p.m. and the skies cleared for the fireworks show at 9:00 p.m.

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Support Local Arts — Become a Member

by Anne Satterlee

Patrons of the performing arts are not the only benefactors of a local theatre. The whole community benefits from a cultural arts venue as special as the historic Sunrise Theatre. This summer, treat yourself to a Sunrise Theatre Annual Membership — the gift that keeps on giving through 2015. Individual memberships start at just $50 and in return you get the best seats in the house for the upcoming Season! With your tax-deductible membership contribution, you are eligible for a variety of benefits at the Sunrise Theatre.

Each membership level offers amazing benefits during the next Season. Membership benefits include: Meet the Stars Back Stage, Recognition in the Playbill, discounted and free tickets, waived processing fees, member’s special discounts at participating Downtown businesses and restaurants, and more!

With the 9th season around the corner, the Sunrise Theatre continues its time-honored tradition of bringing the best entertainment on the Treasure Coast in a wonderful, 1,200-seat intimate venue in historic Downtown Fort Pierce. Performances vary from national touring Broadway shows, musical and comedy acts, ballet and opera companies with full orchestras, country stars, and classic rock icons. Some of the shows booked for the upcoming season include: Paul Anka, Michael Bolton, Don Williams, Howie Mandel, Engelbert Humperdinck, Sister Act, The Buddy Holly Story, Flashdance, Je- kyll and Hyde, Smokey Joe’s Cafe and more.

Sunrise Theatre members have the opportunity to purchase tickets prior to the general public in August when tick- ets go on sale. So what are you waiting for? Get a head start on another show-stopping, standing ovation, fabulous Sun- rise Theatre season! Contact the box office at 772.461.4775 or visit www.sunriseTheatre.com to apply on-line.

You will be glad you did. See you at the Sunrise Theatre!
The Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society continues to surprise me. Let me explain. I moved to Fort Pierce twelve years ago after more than twenty years in the cruise industry. Living in Miami, as the Entertainment Producer for Royal Caribbean Cruises, I traveled to entertainment venues all over America and to most major cities of Europe, constantly seeking new talent and new production ideas for our ships. I seldom missed a Broadway show or a Vegas production, and probably have seen 25 different ice shows. (Yes, there are Ice Shows on many Royal Caribbean ships.) My job was to find and direct top creative talent for most every aspect of shipboard theatrical production.

Prior to my cruise line employment, I was a musician. I played, for many bread and butter years, in countless roadside joints and Hollywood Inns before reaching the world of Duke Ellington, Tex Beneke, Vic Damone, the Newport Jazz Festival, Carnegie Hall, Tanglewood, Hollywood Bowl, Las Vegas Hotels, Johnny Carson, Symphony Orchestras, and many major TV shows.

After years of stimulating cultural life, I experienced an unexpected letdown when I retired to Fort Pierce. The bottom of the kind of cultural appreciation I was used to had suddenly dropped out. For a year or so, I found it difficult to assimilate into the community. I lost myself in writing, though this was not a bad experience and I produced five books to date.

Of course the friendliness of the town’s people, the ease of life here and the relative calmness compared to living in major metro areas, were really valued. But it wasn’t until the day I discovered the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society that I began to feel connected. For the first time, I had a local connection to the arts, at a professional level, though I no longer played the sax. I discovered a nucleus of civic-minded musicians and non-musician volunteers who were deeply concerned about sharing the joy of America’s original art form—Jazz.

I joined the Society and later became a member of its Board of Directors. To my mind the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society is a remarkably vibrant and forward-thinking organization. It has become the most active jazz organization in the State—with more events, a wider range of programs and a quality of goals consistently higher than any other such organization. It reaches into the schools of four counties, stages hundreds of Jazz Jams, produces Blues Programs free to the public, awards scholarships each year to worthy high school seniors, produces a jazz summer music camp, runs the weekly waterfront Jazz Market, and is now planning a major Jazz Festival. I am continually surprised by the dedication of its membership, which now numbers over 500.

Why not consider becoming a member or sponsoring a scholarship? Your participation is encouraged and welcomed. It’s easy to make a meaningful difference in the quality of life of the Treasure Coast.

For more information or to join the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society, please call the Jazz Hotline at 772/460-5299 and prepare to be rejuvenated. I was.
Discover the Joy of Cooking with “Garlic Joy”

by Matt Hurley

For thousands of years, garlic has been used in cooking, but did you know that research has shown that it also has strong medicinal uses to ward off viruses, combat disease, lower cholesterol and blood pressure. It also has been proven to help prevent blood clots and it has been shown to be highly effective in aiding in the healthy digestion of foods. It need not be said that it has been used widely in Hollywood to also scare off vampires.

In addition to its healing powers and warding off vampires, garlic has become known as the “Wonder Food.” Today it can be enjoyed for its uses in prepared foods at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. Come to the market and discover the healthy and delectable assortment of freshly prepared foods at Garlic Joy. Here you can purchase the best of garlic essence in garlic spreads, pesto, olive oils, olive tapenade, pasta sauce, salad dressings, and more.

Joy’s International Foods was founded in 2003. It’s not rocket science, but the former Aerospace Engineer, Jean Najjar, created the business and named it after his daughter Joy. Jean recounts how he treasures recipes of his grandparents and how he brought the taste of the Mediterranean to America’s dinner table. He brought his love of garlic and spices and created his unique culinary business, which he launched when he began producing Garlic Joy Spreads at local gourmet markets in Melbourne and now at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market.

The all-natural versatility and unique flavors of his products created a loyal following and as demand for his products increased, distribution grew into Publix Supermarkets and Whole Foods throughout the Southeast. Made with raw natural blended ingredients, Garlic Joy is kosher approved, vegetarian, vegan, free of preservatives, dairy, cholesterol, trans-fat, and sugar. The numerous health benefits are unmatched only by its remarkable taste.

Jean continues to share his passion for his products by conducting personal product demonstrations each Saturday at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. Many customers agree, “eating healthy never tasted so good!”

Jean and his business partner Henry Riley love the location of the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market for its variety of offerings, great vendors, and the diverse crowds who attend each week. “I love the fact that you always have a band playing, creating a wonderful atmosphere where people can get to relax after a hard week at work. Our clients are educated, foodies, and health conscious people.”

Garlic Joy can be used to spice up any recipe, from seasoning meats, stews and vegetables to spreading on sandwich, wraps and breads. The product packs the delicious and nutritious benefits of pure fresh garlic – more than 20 bulbs per jar in a creamy spread that dissolves easily and tastes great! As distribution and production continues to grow Jean still blends and oversees production personally, ensuring the quality and freshness of Garlic Joy. The company has developed new products since and will continue to introduce new healthy creations in the future.

What better way to enjoy cooking with Garlic Joy products than to prepare the following healthy dinner:

**Almond Encrusted Mahi-Mahi**

1. Lb of Mahi Mahi (Grouper, Snapper or any white fish)
2. Tbsp of JOY’s Gourmet Garlic Joy (Original)
3. Tbsp of JOY’s Gourmet Basil Pesto
4. Salt to taste

**Preparation**

Mix the JOY’s Gourmet Garlic Joy & Basil Pesto. Place the fish in a zip-lock bag, add 2 tbsps. of the Garlic & Pesto mixture, let it marinate for ½-hour. (Make sure the fish is covered with the mixture.) Place the fish in a backing dish, add more of the Garlic & Pesto mixture on top and encrust with the chopped almond. Bake for 18 minutes at 400˚F or until the fish separates when you push a fork in it.

**Presentation**

Spread some of the remaining mixture in the bottom of the plate and place the baked fish on top. Serve with Garlic mashed potatoes and wild rice.

Please go to the website at www.joyofgarlic.com/recipe for more delicious and easy recipes.

Come and discover the extraordinary tastes of the healthy freshly prepared foods at Garlic Joy at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. The delicious homemade products are sure to bring you back for more.

The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market will celebrate their 18th anniversary in January. Our farmers market is host to more than 60 vendors and is attended by more than 1,500 people each week. That number grows to more than 3,500 people in season as our popularity continues to grow.

Now through September 13th, we ask you to vote to make our Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market the #1 farmers market in Florida and the country. This event is sponsored by the American Farmland Trust out of Washington DC, which is committed to raising the awareness of the importance of farming to protect our lands. Independent farming efforts are critical to the success of farmers markets everywhere and your weekly vote will show your support for our local Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market and our local farmers who bring their products to our seaside venue.

The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market is a most valuable asset to our community. According to our market’s Executive Director, Eric Seibenick, “our market provides a unique family retail environment every Saturday from 8 – 12, rain or shine, year-round. The market offers live entertainment and a diverse selection of products for you to choose from including fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh baked goods, flowers and plants, honeys, jellies, jams, sauces, soaps and moisturizing oils. We also offer a wide selection of coffees, teas, fresh fruit drinks, herbs and spices and freshly prepared foods.”

Go to www.loveyfarmersmarket.org to cast your vote weekly to make the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market the number one farmers market in the nation. Show your support for your local market and join us in celebrating our unique seaside venue. Bring your friends and join us at the Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. It’s a Saturday morning tradition.
Chief R. Sean Baldwin is honored to announce that after 33 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Fort Pierce, Deputy Chief Gregory L. Kirk will be retiring. The police department invited the community to celebrate Deputy Chief Kirk’s service at a reception held on June 16, at Fort Pierce City Hall. This reception was followed by a presentation during the City Commission meeting later that evening.

Deputy Chief Gregory L. Kirk is retiring from the Fort Pierce Police Department after 33 years in law enforcement. Deputy Chief Kirk began his career as a police officer for the Fort Pierce Police Department on August 17, 1981, and has a distinguished record of accomplishment.

Deputy Chief Kirk has worked in and been a supervisor in every division of the agency, building expertise in patrol, investigations, and administration. He currently serves as the police department’s second in command, Community Policing Bureau Commander, SWAT and Tactical Operations Commander, and Federal Terrorism Liaison.

During his service, Deputy Chief Kirk has received numerous awards and commendations; including, Police Combat Cross, Lifesaving Award, Exceptional Police Service Award and several Management Awards. Deputy Chief Kirk has achieved the following notable accomplishments:

- Agency’s first chaplain
- Member of original SWAT Team and longest tenured SWAT Team Commander
- Developed and supervised first bicycle patrol unit
- Developed and supervised first Honor Guard team
- Produced the agency’s first recruiting video
- Agency’s first coordinator for LE Torch Run to benefit the Special Olympics
- Agency’s first polygraph examiner
- Created Elite Interrogator Award for CID Detective
- Graduated from Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute’s Senior Leadership Development Course
- Graduate of the Southern Police Institute’s Command Officers Development Course
- Graduate of the International Academy of Polygraph
- Graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy, Class 235
- Received a Masters Degree in Public Administration
- Deputy Chief Kirk has also served as law enforcement trainer with expertise in tactical operations, crisis intervention, hazardous duty response, patrol operations and investigative techniques. Beyond policing, Deputy Chief has extended his service as a committed community leader. He has served as a board member and president for the ARC of Saint Lucie County, advisory board Vice Chair for John Carroll High School and a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Pierce.

“It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Fort Pierce for almost 33 years as a police officer. While we continue to struggle with violent crime, I can say that I have seen a drastic improvement over my years of service. I wish all employees of the Fort Pierce Police Department the very best and encourage them to continue our quest for making Fort Pierce one of the safest and most desirable cities in which to live,” said Deputy Chief Gregory Kirk.

Prior to his service as a law enforcement officer, Gregory Kirk served in the United States Army as a paratrooper. He also served briefly as an officer at the Daytona Beach Police Department.

Chief Baldwin said, “Deputy Chief Kirk’s distinguished service and commitment toward Protecting our Community, has made Fort Pierce a safer place for all of us. His active leadership and mentoring have helped shape the police department. Greg’s loss is bittersweet — we are awfully proud of him, but hate to lose him — he is part of FPPD’s DNA.”
Art Mundo Welcomes Two New Board Members and Plans Wednesday Night Fun

by Holly Theuns

The Art Mundo Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of two new board members, Cheryl Boglioli and Debi Crouse. Crouse and Boglioli join Martha Cross, Sherry Horton, Shelly Polvere, Gretchen Green, and Janet Fuller on Art Mundo’s Board of Directors.

Cheryl Boglioli is a mixed media artist, educator and professional designer. In addition to working and teaching in her studio at the Orange Avenue Studios, she works as a marketing and design representative for a number of national crafts companies. She is heading up Art Mundo’s education committee and is eager to implement some exciting arts educational ideas that she has planned. She will be Art Mundo’s education lead on our new partnership with St. Andrews Episcopal Academy and their plans for a downtown upper school and wants to include the business of art in to Art Mundo’s educational offerings – How to Market Your Work on Social Media, and How to Get Your Work Into Galleries, are two upcoming topics.

Debi Crouse is a successful businessperson and a mixed media artist who works in assemblage, and her favorite medium – digital art created with Photoshop. She has two studios at the Orange Avenue Studios, a loft studio offering retail opportunities and an underground studio, complete with bank vault door, to host her digital art world. Crouse, an arts educator, is responsible for establishing the Art Mundo arts partnerships with St. Andrews Episcopal Academy, Lincoln Park Academy, DECA Sorority at Indian River State College and Sunrise Montessori. She enjoys mentoring young artists and encourages talent wherever she finds it.

Speaking of “young artists,” Art Mundo’s annual Emerging Artists program focuses on artists who are at an early point in their career. The five 2014 Emerging Artists are Jan Hoff, clay; Melanie KJ Neach, wood jewelry; Imani Noel, mixed media; Frank Samuel, digital art; and Judith Sharpe-Levy, acrylics. The Emerging Artists Show will be on exhibit at Art Mundo in the Underground Gallery until Saturday, August 30th.

A good time to visit Art Mundo and the Orange Avenue Studios is during Art Walk on Wednesday, August 13th, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In addition to the Emerging Artists in the Underground, there will be a show called “Serengeti” in the third floor loft gallery and in the foyer – the work of local surfer artist “Dubz.” “Dubz” will finish the surfboard he started at the July Art Walk, live during the August Art Walk. Art Mundo is proud to welcome the Humane Society and some of their adoptable cats to “Serengeti.” If you have been thinking about adopting a cat, come interview some candidates at the August Art Walk.

On Wednesday, August 20th, we will kick off our Art and Jazz on Wednesday series from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring an art project to work on and listen to live jazz music courtesy of the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society. Water and soft drinks will be for sale and we will all kick back on Wednesday night.

The Art Mundo Center for Creative Expression, a not-for-profit, community arts education organization is located in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce, Florida, at the intersection of Orange Avenue and Indian River Drive. For more information on classes, call to artists and upcoming events, visit our website, www.artmundo.org, or call the office at 772-466-1010. Forty working artists share the refurbished bank headquarters building with us. Come and see the artists at work in the Orange Avenue Studios, and visit the Loft third floor galleries. There is something for everyone at the Orange Avenue Studios.
How to Take care of your Largest Organ
by Joanne Augusto, Owner Nutrition World

Even though it is what we see most of when we look at ourselves in the mirror, few realize that our skin is our largest organ. Because it interfaces with the environment, skin plays a key role in protecting the body against pathogens and excessive water loss. Its other functions are insulation, temperature regulation, sensation, synthesis of vitamin D, and the protection of B folates. It has an amazing ability to put up with abuse and neglect. Sometimes the abuse comes from the innocence of trying to smell or look better. When we think of our skin as a separate barrier from the rest of our body problems will occur.

Many of the skin care products that we see advertised promise to reverse aging. With catch phrases like, wrinkle free, soft, glowing, firmer, radiating and eliminate age spots they are hard to resist. Unfortunately many of them just deliver a combination of chemicals that have never been tested together. Phthalates, for example, which are often found in artificial fragrances, are a class of hormone disruptor linked to birth defects, sperm damage and infertility. Artificial fragrances, which frequently contain phthalates, can also trigger allergic reactions and other health problems. Be mindful of the hidden dangers that “fragrance” or “parfum” listed on ingredients labels can pose.

By simplifying your skin care routine and choosing natural products you can save money and give your body the tools it needs to realistically be the healthiest skin you can have.

First of all you must consider your food and fluid intake. Your skin will reflect everything you do. Lack of nutrition, water, sleep or movement will reflect on your skin as well as taking in any type of toxin. Here are some tips:

- Go fragrance free. Use essential oils to add aroma.
- Use coconut oil as a moisturizer.
- Make homemade beauty products or purchase natural ones (Pinterest has an amazing Rose Body Scrub Recipe).
- Do dry skin brushing a couple of minutes a day to increase circulation and detoxify.
- Sweat – get those toxins out of your body.
- Drink at least 10 glasses of water a day.
- Make veggie smoothies, the skin loves veggies!

Nutrition World is located at 200 N. Second Street in Fort Pierce.

Calico Baked Beans
I’ve been making this recipe for over 35 years. It’s from a Boy Scout potluck dinner.

2 14 ounce can of Bush’s Baked Beans
1 14 ounce can garbanzo beans, drained
1 can great northern beans, drained
½ pound bacon, diced and browned
1 pound ground beef, browned & broken into pieces
1 onion, chopped fine & browned
½ cup your favorite BBQ sauce
½ cup brown sugar
2 Tablespoons Dijon mustard

Combine all ingredients and put in large baking pan. Bake 350 degrees for 1 hour. Serves 10 – 12.
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