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APRIL PROGRAM: JOHN JAKES AND THE HISTORICAL NOVEL

by Vic Reiling

The four-year Sesquicentennial anniversary of our Civil War began on April 12th. John Jakes, one of America's premier authors and historical novelists, spoke to our April luncheon about this propitious event, labeling it as the writers "Mother Lode" - having no comparisons to any other events!

Describing his work, the historical novel, as appealing to readers because combining history and fiction brings forth the emotions that help the reader feel the humanity of the story. John prefers to concentrate on a number of individual characters rather than larger groups and the excessive use of numbers and statistics. He described the latter as NUMBERITIS - which can over-run stories and turn off readers.

One of his favorite works is titled *SAVANNAH - A GIFT FOR MR. LINCOLN*. There is little combat mentioned, but rather the emotions, feelings and reactions of southerners, slaves and soldiers during the latter part of 1864.

John pointed out that much of the world has a great interest in our Civil War and expansion to the west. He said this was exemplified by the interest in Germany when comparing the experience of our once divided country during the civil war with the division between East and West Germany.

John Jakes made a wonderful writer's presentation, recalling Somerset Maughn's quote, "There are three rules for writing - which nobody knows!" •



MAY PROGRAM: MOAS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & COL. DAWSON, USCENTCOM

by Vic Reiling



USMCR Colonel David "Scotty" Dawson, born and raised in Scotland, is the Command Historian for the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) at MacDill AFB. Colonel Dawson will present our annual MOAS Scholarship Awards to accomplished Sarasota area high school JROTC students, and will discuss the evolution of the role of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Middle East.

A 1985 History and NROTC graduate from Cornell University, Colonel Dawson earned advanced degrees, primarily in history, from Kansas State University, The Ohio State University, and U.S. Army War College. His service assignments include Command Historian in Somalia during "Operation Restore Hope," and Commanding Officer, Marine Forces West Africa Training Cruise. Prior to joining USCENTCOM, he spent six months in Mosul and Basra as a recruiter for the Iraqi Army and, remaining in Basra, he was the Senior Recruiter and Site Chief - responsible for all recruiting activities in Southern Iraq. His military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and the Distinguished Marksman Badge. He has also been very involved in the composition of numerous U.S. Marine Corps history publications. •

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In September we will be inviting other SW Florida MOAA Chapters to join us at Michaels On East for our Joint Chapter Luncheon. We have also invited Admiral Norbert Ryan (Ret.), President of the Military Officers Association of America, to be our guest speaker. The upcoming budget issues in Congress will affect all of us so this will be a fortuitous visit from the national MOAA office.

The insert in last month's Breeze from our departing Chaplain, James Martin, entitled "My Own Journey" was an essay on his journey in life and faith. Jim has been an inspiration to our organization over the past five years that he has been our Chaplain. However, we are not saying good-bye to Jim because we will still continue to see him as he takes on his new role of a "Snow Birder." Chaplain Charles Caudill is assuming Jim's responsibilities, and will continue the spiritual support of our organization.

On March 26th Pat McLain and I were able to attend the championship round of the Sarasota County high schools' Academic Olympics. The championship competition was between Riverview and Pine View High Schools, and it went down to the very end with Pine View pulling it out. The picture I brought out is that of a great event with highly competitive, very smart young people, in a contest of the brain. I feel confident about the future of this country. Pat McLain does a great job with these kids, and her efforts represent MOAS well.

We all must work to maintain our membership numbers in order to continue to be the healthy, active organization we are. George Tracy is doing an outstanding job as our Membership Director, but you also can contribute as a recruiter. This does not mean you stand by off Route 41, under "Unconditional Surrender" in a cow suit waving a sign saying "Join MOAS." Of course, if someone wants to do that I will assist. The most effective recruiting is in your various social activities. When you meet someone who has served, tell them about our web site, (www.sarasotamoaa.com), or get their phone number/email address to George Tracy or myself. In just in the last few months I have met a half dozen people in different forums, and most have joined.

Do not forget the other side of recruiting is retention, and that depends on the programs we make available, and our members actively welcoming fellow members at the luncheons. We want everyone to feel welcome.

During the May Luncheon we will award scholarships to some very deserving young people who are starting a new phase of their lives -- college. Please assist us in hosting them and their parents at our luncheon by including a donation to pay for their lunch when you make your luncheon reservations. •

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The Board meeting was called to order at 1600 hours on 4 April 2011 at the Meadows Community Center, President John O'Brien presiding.

ATTENDANCE. Board members present: John O'Brien (Pres), Troy Scott (IVP), Vic Reiling (2VP), George Binswanger (Secy), Don Kuyper (Treas), Bill LaFollette (Dir), Alan Forrester (Dir) and Len Friedlander (IPP). Board members absent: George Tracy (Dir). Committee members and visitors present: Max Jonah, Pat McLain, and Barbara Hamilton.

PRESIDENTS REPORT. The Academic Olympics was a huge success. Riverview High School almost pulled off an upset, but lost to Pine View in the end.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Minutes of the Board Meeting of 7 March 2011 were approved. MOAS name tags are available at \$15.00 each. Make out check to MOAS. Contact the Secretary at 941-922-1824 or at cbinsy@verizon.net.

BOARD MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS - 2011		
Month	Board Meeting	Luncheon
May	2	20
June	6	17
July	5	15
August	1	19
September	6	16
October	3	21
November	7	18
December	5	11 (gala)

TREASURER'S REPORT. As of 31 March, 2011:

- a. The balance of the MOAS Operating Fund is \$8,225.72
- b. The balance of the Scholarship Fund is \$31,575.57 which includes \$6,539.16 in Special Accounts (Support Our Troops & Taylor Funds).

Board approved the Treasurer's report subject to a spreadsheet breakdown to be provided next month.

OLD BUSINESS. Troy Scott presented and led a discussion about a proposed agreement for the MOAAFL proposed convention to be managed by MOAS and held 7-9 June 2013 at the Hyatt Hotel in Sarasota. Clarifications were discussed. No agreement will be signed until the Florida Council has given MOAS approval to proceed.

PROGRAMS.

May	Scholarship Awards (COL Dave Dawson - CENTCOM)
June	Jan Solomon (Sarasota Woman of the Year)
July	TBA

MEMBERSHIP

MOAS	2010	2011
Regular	342	334
Auxiliary	96	100
Allied	4	4
Total	442	438

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROJECTS. Scholarship applications have been received from: Riverview (1), Sarasota Military (3), Booker (2), Pine View (1), and Cardinal Mooney (1). High School Plaques need repair. Repairs not to exceed \$50 were approved. The Newsletter Editor and Compiler asked for some bio data on the May Luncheon scholarship recipients.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. John O'Brien is in the process of transferring parts of the SOT operation to Troy Scott and Len Friedlander.

PUBLICITY. MOAS has been getting excellent publicity in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, the Observer and the Pelican Press. The Herald-Tribune has been carrying the notice of our luncheons.

SARASOTA COUNTY VETERANS COMMISSION. MIA Hunters of America (Christopher & Brian Moon) who for 20 plus years have self-funded and led expeditions to search for our missing in action from primarily WWII and have concentrated their efforts recently in the Papua, New Guinea area. They have been named Number One by DOD in successful results.

NEW BUSINESS. Len Friedlander discussed the problem of accounting within an operating budget, such as the Opera, Booker High School Show, Gift Glasses, Postage paid out-of-pocket for the Breeze/Directory, etc. This to be on the Agenda for May.

NEXT MEETING. The Board adjourned at 1755 hours. The next Board meeting is on 2 May, 2011 at 1600 hours on the Meadows Community Center. All members are welcome to attend.●

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As we go to press with this issue of the Breeze, it looks as though Agreement has been reached in Congress and the FY2011 Budget is FINALLY going to be signed into law after almost a year of wrangling, manipulating, and cutting. Now the FY2012 Budget will move toward center stage (alongside the Debt Limit Legislation) with entitlements appearing to be the primary reduction target. Until there is something to report on those areas, here are a few items that I hope will interest you.

NEW RULES CHANGES COULD AFFECT MILITARY LEGISLATION

The House of Representatives approved a number of new rules at the start of the new Congress that dramatically change their process for acting on legislation, and could significantly affect defense legislation.

Previously in both Republican- and Democratic-controlled Houses, the party in power kept a tight rein on the amendment process, using the Rules Committee to limit floor amendments to issues the leaders were willing to consider. This year, the new rules will operate much more like the Senate, with individual members able to offer a variety of amendments for open debate.

Among other things, this change could have serious impacts on the annual defense authorization bill. Historically, the House quickly approved its version of the defense bill with few amendments, while the Senate often consumed a week or more, debating hundreds of proposed amendments. This year, that could be the scene in both chambers, which could be good or bad news.

While the open amendment process provides more opportunity for insertion of 'personnel-friendly' actions, it likewise opens the process to a potential budget-cutting free-for-all, with the possibility of disadvantageous amendments being offered on relatively short notice, limiting time for rebuttal before a vote is taken.

The only predictable thing about the change is that it's sure to drag out the legislative process and increase the potential for unintended consequences.

Additionally, the House instituted new rules intended to block "pork" spending (earmarks). Accordingly, House Armed Services Committee guidelines state that no provision can be inserted in Committee action on the defense bill designating money to be spent in a specific district or locality; alternate spending initiatives will be subject to open debate and vote; and any proposal to increase spending will have to be offset by an equivalent spending reduction.

TRICARE USER FEES

If military retirees think the Pentagon plan to raise TRICARE fees does not include them, they better think again. In a statement on March 17th, DoD indicated that TRICARE for Life (TFL) is a primary cost cutting target.

Responding to National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) testimony stating that DoD manipulated military health care data in order to blame military retirees for the rising costs of the military health program, and asking Congress to hold the line against fee increases, DoD spokeswoman Cynthia O. Smith asserted that TFL was one of the biggest factors contributing to growing costs for military health care. She said the problem is the introduction of the TFL benefit for elderly retirees, and asserted that a second large factor for increasing expenses is the fact that "working age" military retirees actually use the benefit they earned as a result of a 20-year career in the uniformed service. It is not that "working age" military retirees pay too little a share in enrollment fees; rather, she said, it's the fact that those who've earned the benefit actually use it.

The plan for TRICARE increases may seem modest at first look, but the plan may very well be a nose under the tent, before rolling out substantial increases in TRICARE fees and co-pays beyond just TRICARE Prime. (DoD estimates that for every 10% increase in out-of-pocket costs, the number of beneficiaries using TRICARE Prime is reduced by 1%.) There was no mention of the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as contributing to military healthcare cost increases.

Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC), and Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK) have introduced H.R.1092 to strip DoD of its present authority to increase TRICARE fees and co-pays. It expresses the sense of Congress that a primary incentive for enduring the extraordinary sacrifices inherent in a military career is a system of promised retirement benefits, including healthcare coverage. It acknowledges that while the DoD has made some efforts to constrain TRICARE program costs, a large part of the Department's effort has been aimed at shifting a larger share of cost burdens to retired service members.

Most important, this bipartisan bill prohibits increases in TRICARE premiums, fees and co-pays including charges for DOD inpatient care. Similar legislation has served as the platform for defeating assaults on earned healthcare benefits in the past. Under current law, DoD retains the authority to raise certain fees such as TRICARE Prime premiums and pharmacy co-pays. ●



Jim Martin receives Certificate for years as MOAS chaplain



ACADEMIC OLYMPICS WRAP-UP

The conclusion of the three month Academic Olympic competitions occurred at an all-day session in the School Board auditorium on March 26th when the final four top teams out of the nine competitors came to determine who would take home the honors. In the first game Cardinal Mooney was in the lead against Riverview most of the way but then Riverview got all the points available for questions 26 and 27 out of the 30 and went on to win the match 158-144. In the next game Pine View outscored Booker 221-138. In the afternoon Cardinal Mooney took on Booker to determine the third place spot and after a hard fought match Booker won 163-139. Then the two morning winners were pitted against each other with the lead going back and forth until Pine View ultimately took home the prize again with a score of 212 to 180.



MOAS President, COL John O'Brien came to watch the final game and to present the MOAS Awards to the winner and runner-up. Pat McLain presented the awards to Booker and to Cardinal Mooney after their match. The rest of the team awards were delivered to them.

Education Foundation Director, Cindy Kaiser, presented the beautiful Eagle trophy to the Pine View Team and their Coach Blake Wiley.

The students selected by the coaches to go the State Competition in Orlando are Anthony Grebe and Faisal Sikdar from Pine View, Jeff Adams and Preston Davis from Riverview, Juan Masi from Cardinal Mooney and Dan Woods from North Port. We wish them good luck.

VPA

May 4,5,6,7 - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Musical) - 7:00 PM

May 7th Matinee at 2:00 PM

Tickets: Adults \$15; Seniors \$10; Students \$5
Call Judy Piercy, 355-2967

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee premiered on Broadway on April 15, 2005 and closed on January 20, 2008 after 1,136 performances. The director was James Lapine and the choreographer Dan Knechtges. The show won Tony Awards for Best Book (Rachel Sheinkin) and Best Featured Actor (Dan Fogler).

The story is a hilarious tale of overachievers' angst chronicling the experience of six adolescent outsiders in the throes of puberty vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves. The lesson is that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

- May 10 - VPA Music Senior Recital - 7:00 PM
- May 12 - Chamber Music Concert - 7:00 PM
- May 20 - TV/Film Showcase - 7:00 PM
- May 26 - VPA Theatre Senior Recital - 7:00 PM
- May 27 - VPA Art/TV/Dance Senior Recital - 7:00 PM
- June 1 - Classical Music Concert - 7:00 PM
- June 2 - Jazz Concert - 7:00 PM

Have also learned that the Sarasota High School Drama Guild will be presenting *Peter Pan* in the school auditorium on May 11-13 at 7:00. Tickets are \$5. For Information call 941-809-1845. They recently did *Beauty and the Beast* but that was in April, too late for this publication. ●



**AUBREY S. NEWMAN
WINTER WARRIOR AWARD**

Receiving individual trophies for awards presented at 2010 Gala
 <<<<--- LTG
Jerry Hilmes
 COL ---->>>
Troy Scott



**MARTIN HERTZ LIFETIME
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**



Next month's Breeze will carry full coverage of the April 16 MOAS Camel Races at Staleyhill Downs with action pictures and revealing in-depth interviews. Please note the April 25 Kayak Trip has been moved to May 31st. May 4th will be a cruise/lunch at Snook Haven on the Myakka River; June 11th a Sightseeing Lunch Cruise on the Caloosahatchee River, Ft Myers, and July 9th a Marina Jack Luncheon Cruise. (See photo below. Other details will be in June *Breeze*.)



We have just confirmed August 13th for LTG Hilmes' YAHOO Sunset Beach Party on Lido Key. (Details in a later *Breeze*.)

The April 25th kayak trip, sponsored by Ray Day, has been postponed until May 31st due to John Sarkozy having some surgery. See *May 31* below.

MAY 4 - TERRY'S RIVER TOURS AND LUNCH AT SNOOK HAVEN

Come join Carol and John O'Brien for an elegant river cruise and lunch at Snook Haven, the ultimate 5 star YAHOO old Florida experience. Terry's River Tour is providing an "exclusive" YAHOO ONLY Myakka River adventure on the mighty vessel Nan-Sea. While on this Florida Wild & Scenic River you will learn about local history and see native birds, frolicking alligators and cute 30-foot



anacondas.

The adventure begins "about" 11:10 AM when we start to board the vessel, so we recommend that you arrive before that time to look around, check out the area and use the restrooms before the trip. The boat tour begins at 11:30 AM and hopefully, with a little luck, returns to Snook Haven dock at 12:30 PM. The cost for the boat tour

is \$13.95 per person, CASH ONLY.

Lunch will be at the famous Snook Haven restaurant (reservation for 30 people @ 12:30 PM). Everyone will pay for their own lunch, and credit cards are accepted at the restaurant. RSVP Carol at 907-8891 or cobrienvt@aol.com NLT 25 April so we can confirm these rare and hard to obtain reservations.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-75 to Exit 191. Travel South on River Rd. Left at Venice Avenue, which is a tree-lined dirt road of the kind familiar to most YAHOOs. Snook Haven stands stately at the end of the road. If you miss the restaurant, you will be in the river.

MAY 31 - 8:30 AM YAHOO KAYAK TRIP

Originally scheduled for April 25th, we are now on for May 31st. This kayak trip, sponsored by Ray Day, will be to a new area. Our guide, John Sarkozy, has recommended the north end of Sarasota Bay, and our launch point will be the bay side South Coquina Beach ramp area. This is located immediately north of the Longboat Pass Bridge, and is on the east side of Anna Maria Island. After you cross the Longboat Pass Bridge, take the first right turn into the parking area. We will meet at the parking area at 0830 and prepare for a launch NLT 0900 hrs. Our kayaking route will be north past mangrove covered Leffis Key. At the Bradenton Beach City Pier we will cross the channel to the fishing village of Cortez, visit a bird rookery, and return to our launch point by 1230 hrs. YAHOO R&R after kayaking will be at the Mar Vista Dockside Restaurant and Pub, 760 Broadway, Longboat Key.

RSVP: Ray (941) 927-0398, or email DayR1@comcast.net. To reserve a kayak for this outing, the fee is \$25 per person and includes all the necessary equipment. If you bring your own kayak, the fee is \$10 per person. Payment is by check to "Raymond Day" and he will pay John with a single check. Don't forget the necessary Florida equipment of water, hat, sunscreen, snacks, and water shoes.

JUNE 11 - LUNCH CRUISE ON THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER - FT MYERS

The YAHOO's are headed south for something different in June. Carol and John O'Brien are sponsoring a lunch cruise out of Ft. Myers aboard the climate controlled triple decked paddle wheeler, The Capt. P. for a 4½ hour cruise on the Caloosahatchee River. The river is lined with beautiful homes surrounded by lush tropical growth. Hopefully we will see a few manatees and other Florida wildlife in their natural habitat. We will also see some of the Intracoastal Waterway and the W. P. Franklin Locks that control the waters of Lake Okeechobee. During the cruise we will enjoy a YAHOO All You Can Eat Buffet Luncheon with a cash bar, therefore no coolers on this trip. Don't forget hats, camera, water and sunscreen.

We have a reservation for 20 - 30 people. The cost is \$34.98 per person. Please make a check out to John or Carol O'Brien and send to 7606 Broomsedge Ct. Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202. RSVP to the O'Brien's with a check to assure your reservation NLT June 1st. We will then write one check that needs to be received by the cruise company a week in advance.

Boarding: 10:30 AM. **Departure:** 11:00 AM. We recommend arriving NLT 10:15 AM. The boat returns to the dock at 3:30 PM. **Directions:** Take I-75 to Exit 141. Head west about 6 miles to downtown Fort Myers. Turn right onto Hendry St. (Dead ends at river). Boat address is 1300 Hendry St. Ft. Myers, FL 33902. ●



THE NEW SEASON

After the University of Florida lost their basketball game during March Madness, my pastor, an avid fan of the Gators, used the loss in his children's sermon. He pulled from his Gator Bag a basketball and told us he had tried to deflate it as a symbol of his disappointment. He held up the ball and told the children *"Even if our lives get deflated, God's spirit will breathe into us a new beginning."* If the spirit is out of us we remain deflated in our own frailness.

It seems that every spring God breathes His spirit upon the earth once again and the new season begins. The blossoms of the redbud trees seem to light the way on the roads and the pastel green leaves sing out that the roots are deep enough to handle the new growth making trees larger than the year before.

We need to take stock of our own lives at the beginning of spring to see if our own lives can handle what is to come. Are we just a deflated basketball after losses or are we inflated to handle the future?

I worry that many of us are depending on outward appearances, but our inner selves are crumbling. This was brought to my attention over a tooth that I had capped with a gold crown. It was so shiny and looked great; however, after a recent visit to the dentist, I was told that the tooth now had an abscess and the crown and tooth had to go. The crown had not been properly sealed. The gold looked beautiful, but it now had no purpose, because the tooth was dead.

I am reminded of a pilot who had been shot down over North Vietnam. He told me this story. He was flying behind a F-105 that had been hit by a missile. He saw the debris from the flaming F-105 heading for his engine intake. He knew that his own plane would explode so he bailed out. As he ejected, still strapped to his seat, his plane did explode. The fireball generated by the explosion passed over him, melting his parachute buckle and nearly burning the gloves from his hands. Shrapnel penetrated his seat and helmet knocking him unconscious. The fireball passed and the seat dropped away. He was falling toward the ocean when his parachute opened. He was immediately seen by a "Jolly Green Giant" helicopter before he hit the water. Gaining consciousness in the hospital he awoke to watch the doctor looking at his flight suit and shaking his head. The doctor told the pilot that he should be dead as he wrung out the jet fuel from his flight suit.



The pilot looked at me and said he knew he was given a new life. He was anxious to see his wife and children to show them how his priorities had changed. No longer would his career, and acquiring things be his priority. Instead it would be showing his family how he loved them.

Too often, we are like Willie Loman in "Death of a Salesman." His goal was merely to become the salesman with the best sales record. He had no goals for living and no faith to assist him. The tragic ending came with his suicide.

Frequently we live in a winter season with possibilities of life, but have a deflated soul. We must learn to let God's Spirit fill us with "Life anew." Amazingly, all we have to do is ask. As someone once said: *"The man who has no inner life is a slave to his surroundings."*



One of our biggest Support Our Troop (SOT) Drives of the year is approaching, the Sarasota Memorial Day Parade on Main Street Monday, May 30.

The time is right to support our soldiers. They are already engaged in the Taliban Spring Campaign. We need volunteers for the MOAS Support Our Troops efforts. We will be handing out MOAS SOT Kits at the traditional spot at the Ceremonial area at the parade's end. We are also going to repeat our highly successful efforts by Mike and Patt Staley to bring up the end of the parade handing out SOT boxes from Mike's truck.



The Memorial Day Parade starts about 10:00 AM on East Main, and goes west, finishing an hour later (11:00 AM) at the ceremonial area in downtown Sarasota near the intersection of Main Street and Rountt 41. The Memorial Day ceremony takes about 45 minutes.

We should be finished about 12:00-12:30 PM, and retire to O'Leary's on Sarasota Bay for the appropriate beverages. Parking will be an issue. However the meter maids do not work that day and parking is available at the new parking garage on Palm Avenue. Hats, patriotic clothes, and sunscreen are recommended. To volunteer, or for more information, please call John O'Brien at 907-8891, email obrienjc@aol.com.



Althea Seikunas, on left, with guests Bill & Nancy Thompson



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(l to r) Our speaker, novelist John Jakes, his wife, Rachel and Vic Reiling, who arranged the program.

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(l to r) Senator Bob Johnson & his wife, Pat, with their guests, Linda and Dr. David Thompson and Dennis Campagnone. Dr. Thompson is a recent enlistee in the U.S. Army. Bob Johnson was honored later in the day at New College. A sculpture was unveiled. LTG Rolland Heiser credited existence and growth of the school to Bob.



Florence Marino, on left, with her guests, Bill & Mary Murray (Florence's daughter)



Peter Fagen, on the right, with his guest, John Menyes, in the center, accompanied by Len Friedlander, on the left



**(l to r) LTG Howard & Sally Crowell and
Linda & Dr. David Thompson**



**Anne Mack with her guest,
Dr. Martin Rammer
(who joined MOAS)**



**George & Kay Tracy, on the right, with guest,
Monika Renard**



**Ronald & Jean(Rudolph) Cota,
Newlyweds**



**(l to r) Elliot & Carole Welch (Elliot was former
MOAS Treasurer), Anita Kincade & Bobbie
Fernander (Bobbie was former MOAS President)**



**Winnifred Gillette
(Welcome Back)**



TAPS
Our Heartfelt Sympathy
is Extended to the Family of
*William T. Nash,
CAPT USN (Ret)*
*preceded in death
last September by his wife,
Gwen*

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April Birthdays (l to r) Bonnie Cyr, Betty Sargeant, Marguerite Taylor, Russ Thompson, Tom Mazzone, Margaret Platt, Maddy Teele, John O'Brien

Friday **MOAS Luncheon**
May 20, 2011
Michael's on East



SERVED LUNCHEON

Michael's On East Chopped salad with Romaine, Iceberg, Shredded Carrots, Swiss, Parmesan, Gorgonzola, Black Olives, Grape Tomatoes & Chopped Cucumbers with Garlic Oregano Dressing & Crushed Black Pepper

ENTREE:

Salisbury steak "kicked up" for this generation with a rich red wine caramelized onion and mushroom gravy
Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Baby Carrots & Green Beans

Signature Bread Basket

SERVED DESSERT

Profiteroles: Miniature Cream Puffs Filled with Homemade Macadamia Crunch Ice Cream with Cocolate Sauce

Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea

MOAS LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

For 5/20/2011 at 11:30 AM - Michael's on East

PLEASE NOTE PRICE AMOUNT

Please reserve _____ places for the luncheon.

and _____ additional places for students/parents.

A check for \$ _____ is enclosed based on \$24.00 for each person attending (Tax & Tip included).

NAME, RANK & PHONE # of Requesting Member.

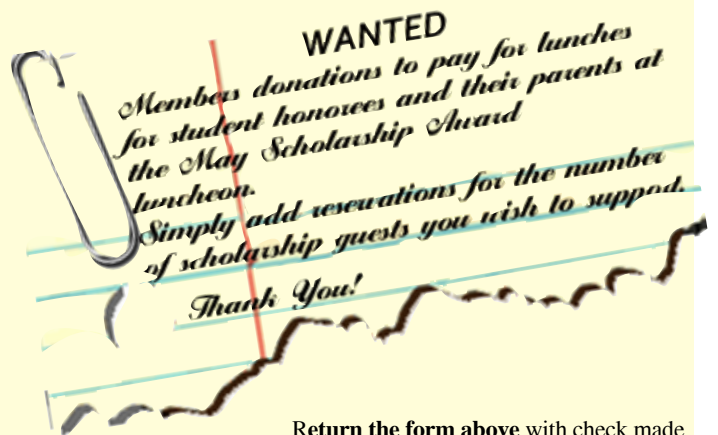
Please print names of additional persons attending.
(Please see the note below)

(Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary)

New or First Time Attending Member _____

Is this your birthday month? _____

Is this your spouse's birthday month? _____



Return the form above with check made out to MOAS. Mail to:

ELKE SCOTT
841 FORESTVIEW COURT
SARASOTA, FL 34232

Please Note: Elke's Phone #379-3023

NOTICE





We must provide the restaurant with an exact number of reservations at least 48 hours in advance of event. No additional requests or refunds will be honored after that time.

Requests for menu changes due to dietary restrictions should be provided at the time of reservation. Please do not contact Michael's-on-East directly. Thank you. •



MOAS CALENDAR – MAY - JUNE 2011



Date	 Event 	Time
May 2, Mon	Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association	4:00 PM
May 4, Wed	River Tour & Lunch at Snook Haven - Details Page 6	11:00 AM
May 4-7	VPA Show 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee - Details Page 5	7:00 PM
May 20, Fri	MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East - Scholarship Awards; COL Dawson, CENTCOM 	11:30 AM
May 31, Tue	YAHOO EVENT - Kayak Trip (postponed fr April 25th) - Details Page 6	8:30 AM
Jun 1, Wed	VPA Classical Music Concert - Details on Page 5	7:00 PM
Jun 2, Thur	VPA Jazz Concert - Details on Page 5	7:00 PM
Jun 6, Mon	Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association	4:00 PM
Jun 11, Sat	YAHOO Event - Lunch Cruise on Caloosahatchee River - Details Page 6	10:30 AM
Jun 17, Fri	MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East - Jan Solomon (Sarasota Woman of the Year) 	11:30 AM