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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Our May 2023 meeting will be held on **Monday, June 12, 2023** starting at 7 pm. For our June meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom. In a few days OILA members will receive a Zoom meeting invitation by e-mail, with instructions on how to join the meeting.

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**SPECIAL THANKS to ERA
American Real Estate for Donating
the Flags to Decorate Okaloosa
Island for Memorial Day**



The Island Fabulous Flag Ladies, **Connie Herring** (left) and **Beth Jeter** (right) who set out flags on the Island for Memorial Day (Thank You Ladies!) show off a good-looking veteran they found wandering on the Island. Any ideal who he is?



THE OIL LANTERN- June 2023

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT – Ed Henderson

Members of OILA:

I'd like to say my year as your President went by fast, but I would not be truthful as there were many issues to deal with and it seemed there was always something on my things to do list.

I was able to have some great guest speakers that was kicked off in October with Councilman Trey Goodwin who established the BCC's thoughts on their stance regarding Santa Rosa Blvd, the Beach Vendor situation and the challenges we would face. He was made aware from our audience that the majority is against the reduction of lanes.

Okaloosa Fire Chief Ray Strawn presented his concerns for the proposed 2 lane reduction of the last western mile of Santa Rosa Blvd in December.

In February we had Crime Prevention Manager, Ashley Bailey and Community Resource Deputy Shane Bininger review OCSO calls from 2022. They discussed the best way to report information to the Sheriff's Office, house cameras and security tips, and free services offered by the Sheriff's Department. We had many questions and suggestions offered to help keep our Island safe and maintain our family atmosphere.

Congressman Matt Gaetz presented to our group at the March meeting and gave a very interesting overview of the national scene and was made aware of the local issues we faced from excellent questions and statements from our audience.

We heard Committee Reports throughout the year from Treasurer Jim Simpson, ARC's Nick Hall, Secretary John Donovan, Holiday Decorations' Nancy Hunt, Board of Directors Nominating Committee David Sherry and Membership Committee and Board Members Louis Belanger and Jack Pous and others on the many activities involving Okaloosa Island.

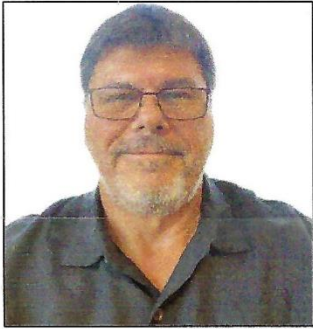
I also want to thank Board Members Frank Adcock, Louis Belanger, Jesse Hunt, David Jones, and Jack Pous for their participation this year as well as Secretary John Donovan, past president David Sherry and his wife Rebecca as well as my Chief Council, Facebook Administrator, and Supporting Wife, Cynthia Henderson during some difficult issues this year.

I am excited about the membership card developed by Louis Belanger, Frank Adcock and Brick Bradford and also Jim Simpson and the Garden Club taking the lead in my last President's Letter to help reverse the dwindling Monarch Butterfly population. I won't steal Jim's thunder but I feel this project will make national news!!!

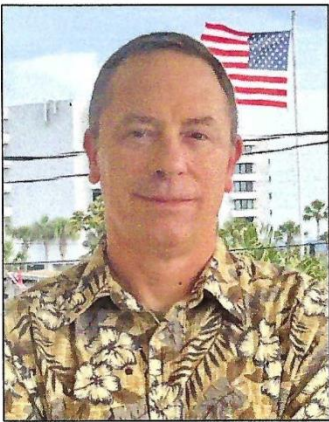
Welcome to new Board Members Jerry Boggess, Brian Harrington, Stanley King and Chris Miller replacing Jesse Hunt, Jack Pous and myself.



MEET THE OILA 2023-2024 DIRECTORS-ELECT At the May 8 meeting of the Leaseholders, the Nominating Committee presented the following 4 nominations to fill vacancies on the OILA Board of Directors: **Jerry Boggess, Brian Harrington, Stan King & Chris Miller.** President Henderson opened the floor to additional nominations. No additional nominations were made and the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee were approved by the membership. The Directors-elect will be installed at the June 12 meeting as the last item of business. Following is biographical information about the Directors-elect.



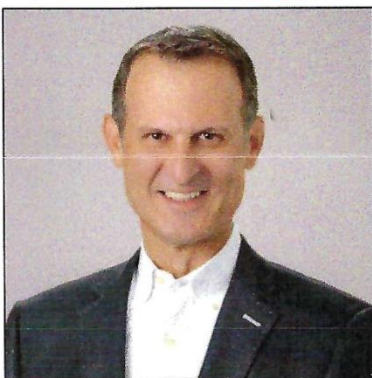
Jerry Boggess retired from the Navy in 2003 after serving a little over 21 years combined active and reserve. Jerry also has over 35 years' experience in business, facilities engineering and maintenance with DuPont and now Chemours. Jerry and his wife Dawn have 4 kids, 7 grandkids, and they are both OILA members. Jerry has been coming to Okaloosa Island since 1982, when he was a teenager, fell in love with the Island, and has owned property on Okaloosa Island since 2015. Jerry is currently the Board of Directors President for Waters Edge Condominium, a position he has had for the last 5 years and has served as a director for 6 years. Jerry has been active in Island issues for years and is a no-nonsense person who will work for the Island and his fellow islanders. Jerry pledges to act with only the membership's best interest in mind.



Brian Harrington and his wife Silvia are full-time Okaloosa Island residents, having built their forever home on Pelican Drive seven years ago. Brian is a retired Army Green Beret who served in leadership positions for 24 years. Upon retirement, Brian and Silvia moved to Fort Walton Beach where their family opened and currently operates a martial arts studio. Brian is experienced with owners' associations and is currently the president of his business plaza's HOA. He is an active OILA member and is serving on OILA's Architectural Review Committee.



Stan King is a 30-year Air Force veteran, making grade O-6 (Colonel). He was stationed at Eglin and Duke field several times. His last assignment was at the Pentagon. Stan was also a pilot for Delta Airlines, works for an aerospace company, and has a long list of accomplishments. His wife Victoria is a retired attorney. Stan has been an owner on Okaloosa Island since 1976, and maintained a home on the Island continuously for the last 47 years. He is currently and has been for over 15 years an Okaloosa Island condo HOA president. He owns at Island Surf, Emerald Towers West, and Bella Riva. He has been involved with the issues facing Okaloosa Island for many years, and he is concerned with our influence over government officials regarding our living conditions. Stan, his wife Victoria, and his brother Steve are all OILA members.



Chris Miller is an Information Technology professional, working in computer operations, administration, hardware and software sales, and sales management. He is also a member of the Sea Dunes board of directors on Okaloosa Island. Chris lives in Freeport, Florida in Walton County and is considering a permanent move to Okaloosa Island, currently looking at houses and vacant lots. Chris has always had an interest in local politics, including a run for City Council. Chris is a gracious host and an excellent cook.

June 12, 2023 Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, June 12, 2023 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.



May 2023 Rainfall 2.2 Inches

May 1.....**0.6** inches
 May 2.....**0.4** inches
 May 8.....**0.2** inches
 May 14.....**0.3** inches
 May 15.....**0.2** inches
 May 21.... **0.1** inches
 May 24.....**0.1** inches
 May 23.....**0.3** inches

Avg Rainfall for May **4.0** inches.
 Variance to Average: **- 1.8** inches

June Avg Rainfall.....**6.1** inches
 June Record High.....**102° F** (1969)
 June Record Low **48° F** (1984)
 June Avg Water .Temperature...**81° F**

July Avg Rainfall.....**8.5** inches
 July Record High.....**107.0° F** (1980)
 July Record Low **55° F** (1967)
 July Avg Water Temperature.....**83° F**

YTD Variance **- 8.5** inches
 Year to Date Rainfall.....**15.8** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

I. PLACE: For our June 2023 meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call of Board Members: Ed Henderson

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: John Donovan

Past Draft Meeting Minutes will be posted in the 2023 July/August Summer Special edition of the OIL Lantern

V. Treasurer's Report for June 2023 - Jim Simpson, Treasurer

VI. Standing Committee Reports:

Brian Smith: Architectural Review Committee Report for May 2023 (printed in this newsletter and for info only)

VII. New and Unfinished Business

- A Progress Report for OILA’s Educational/Recruiting USPS Postcard Project
- B. Establish a Project to Promote the Planting of Milkweed in the Women’s Veterans Memorial Park on Okaloosa Island to save the Monarch Butterfly.
- C. Inauguration of Board Members elected at the May 8, 2023 Meeting

VIII. Announcements, Speakers and Programs:

XI. Adjournment



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MAY 2023: The OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received and reviewed the following during April 2023 and upon review and adherence to the OILA Covenants, has approved the following project(s):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/POC/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In-Compliance & Approved</u>
05/04	488	8	R. Whiteley 831 Tarpon Drive	New Siding, windows, doors and carport	Yes
05/18	453	8	M. Neaville 802 Tarpon Drive	Concrete Patio	Yes
05/30	368	7	M. Estoup 758 Seahorse Ave	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Yes

Special Notes: The OILA ARC instructions for your project are located on the OILA website:

[Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association - OILA - Architecture Review](#)

Please read and follow the instructions for submission of an OILA ARC application:

1. OILA ARC review package:
 - 1.1. Completed OILA ARC application,
 - 1.2. Survey plat of the property,
 - 1.3. Overlaid illustration of the project on a copy of the survey plat.
 - 1.4. Other supporting documents* (drawings, plans, specifications, etc.) (*If these are large files, they can be submitted separately).
 - 1.5. (Combine the files into one file for submission to the ARC, either in MS Word or Adobe PDF format.)
2. Email the completed ARC application file to the OILA ARC for review at OILAARC@yahoo.com.

The ARC applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and the review will be completed within 2 weeks of a completed application. (Note: The ARC no longer holds meetings in-person/zoom meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursday’s of the month)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2023 – APPROVED AT THE MAY 8, 2023 MEETING

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 280

April 10, 2023 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 28,822.53

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 10, 2023..... \$ 27,313.32

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT

	Membership dues.....	\$ 21,00
* Donated by Robert & Holly Tassin	Donation.....	\$ <u>74.00*</u>
	Total Receipts	\$ 95.00

EXPENDITURES:

Payment to Gilmore Insurance & Bonding to Renew Commercial General Liability Coverage with Southern-Owners Insurance Company for May 16, 2023 to May 16, 2024..... \$ 1,878.84

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for the cost of stamps to mail the May 2023 OIL Lantern \$ 31.50

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF MAY 8, 2023 \$ 25,497.98

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 10, 2023..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT No Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF May 8, 2023..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 10, 2023..... \$ 88.05

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT No Expenditures

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF May 8, 2023 \$ 88.05

SUMMARY: May 8, 2023 Fund Balances

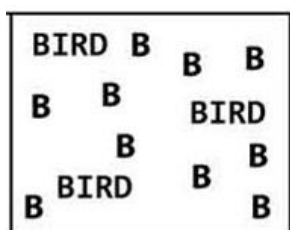
-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.....	\$ 25,497.98
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$ 1,421.28
-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$ <u>88.05</u>

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE..... \$ 27,007.31

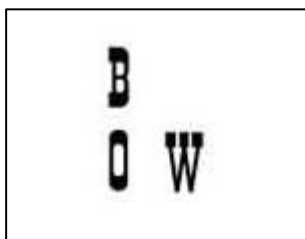
Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simpson, Treasurer

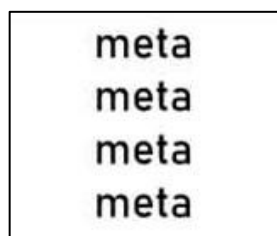
WUZZLE PUZZLES - What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are available on page of this newsletter.



Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – JUNE

June 1, 1495 - First written record of Scotch Whisky appears in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, Friar John Cor is the distiller.

June 6, 1944 – [World War II D-Day](#). Allied forces successfully landed in Normandy, France.

June 6, 1946 – Henry Morgan is the first to take his shirt off on television.

June 14, 1924 – Thomas J. Watson renames the Computer Tabulating Recording Company (CTR) to International Business Machines Company (IBM)

June 16, 600 – Pope Gregory the Great issues a decree saying “God Bless You” is the proper response to a sneeze.

June 17, 1994 – Accused of murdering his wife, police chase O.J. Simpson in his Ford Bronco for 1 1/2 hours as Americans watch live on national television.

June 28, 1820 – Colonel Robert Gibbon eats a tomato on the step of the courthouse in Salem, MA. to prove that they are not poisonous.

THE P-51 Mustang --

“CADILLAC OF THE SKY”



The P-51 Mustang was a solution to the need for an effective Bomber escort. It used a common, reliable engine and had internal space for a larger-than-average fuel load. With external fuel tanks, it could accompany the bombers from England to Germany and back.

The numerical superiority of the USAAF fighters, superb flying characteristics of the P-51, and pilot proficiency helped cripple the Luftwaffe's fighter force. As a result, the fighter threat to the US, and later British, bombers were greatly diminished by July 1944.

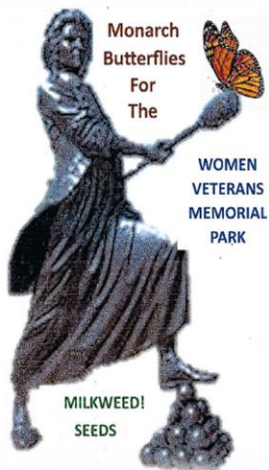
The Mustang also proved useful against the V-1s launched toward London. P-51B/Cs, using 150-octane fuel, were fast enough to catch the V-1 and operated in concert with shorter-range aircraft such as advanced marks of the Supermarine Spitfire and Hawker Tempest.

By 8 May 1945, the 8th, 9th, and 15th Air Force's P-51 groups claimed some 4,950 aircraft shot down (about half of all USAAF claims in the European theater, the most claimed by any Allied fighter in air-to-air combat) and 4,131 destroyed on the ground. Losses were about 2,520 aircraft.

The P-51 was a relative latecomer to the Pacific theater, due largely to the need for the aircraft in Europe, although the P-38's twin-engined design was considered a safety advantage for long, over-water flights. The first P-51s were deployed in the Far East later in 1944, operating in close-support and escort missions, as well as tactical photoreconnaissance. As the war in Europe wound down, the P-51 became more common. With the capture of Iwo Jima, USAAF P-51 Mustang fighters of the VII Fighter Command were stationed on that island starting in March 1945, being initially tasked with escorting Boeing B-29 Superfortress missions against the Japanese homeland.

The P-51 also had a connection with **Eglin Field** during WWII. The Army Air Forces Proving Ground Command at Eglin Field tested 3 P-51's from August 7 to November 1, 1942 to determine its tactical suitability for combat duty. The determination of the tests was that the P-51 was “the best low altitude American fighter yet developed”.

There is no doubt that the P-51 was a major factor in shifting the air war in the European and Pacific theaters during WWII to total victory for the Allied Forces. In summary, a “hellva fighter plane”.



SAVE THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY – AN OKALOOSA ISLAND PROJECT

by Jim Simpson

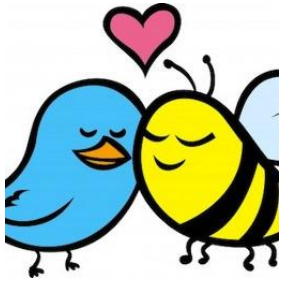
The picture to the left is the official logo of the drive to save (and bring) the monarch butterfly back to this area and Okaloosa Island in particular. The goal is to plant milkweed seeds in the Women Veterans Memorial Park website: <https://myokaloosa.com/bcc/women-veterans-memorial>, in anticipation of this year's monarch butterfly migration. I thought it was interesting that the County website features a photo of a Monarch.

The key to attracting the monarch is its nursery plant, the milkweed. I have obtained 400 seed packets of this plant. The park is a large, mostly natural area. Most of it is not landscaped. Seems like it would be ideal place for planting a “weed”. My vision would be to have a “Save the Monarchs” Plant-a-Thon. Gather the volunteers in a joint meeting in the Convention Center where a qualified horticulturist could provide professional guidance on how to plant the seeds (depth, spacing, etc.). After instructions, the teams would go to the park and proceed to plant. Using this approach, we could make a community effort, provide professional planting instructions and utilize an area which is very pedestrian friendly. Wouldn't it be amazing if we were successful, and the grateful monarchs clustered on a lady veteran statue and provided her with a butterfly uniform.

We will need the approval of Okaloosa County. If you would like to help, please contact me at 850-585-2116 or by email at sanleanna@cox.net. We will need to plant this summer in order to have mature milkweed plants ready for the monarch migration starting around November.

WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



The Birds & the Bees

Wuzzle No. 2



Elbow

Wuzzle No. 3



My sister is the devil.

Metaphor

Wuzzle No. 4



Cocktail