



# ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 15, 2017

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## News You Can Use

### HERON CLUB AT PRESTANCIA IS HOSTING AN ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Heron Club, located at 3749 Sarasota Square Blvd., is hosting an Alzheimer's Support Group. Their next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Laurie Blackwell at Heron Club (941) 922-1669.



### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT COVENANT LIFE CHURCH

Covenant Life Church, located at 8490 McIntosh Road, has issued an invitation to attend their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. There will be two candlelight services on **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**. The **5:30pm** Modern Service will feature the worship band, while the **7:30pm** Classic Service will feature the choir and classic hymns. For more information, call (941) 926-4777.

### SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY – BIRD WATCHING TOURS

The Sarasota Audubon Society is hosting bird watching field trips from 8:30am to 10:00am on Thursday's, throughout the month of **December (December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>)** at Oscar Scherer State Park, 1843 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229. Park opens 8:00am and park entrance fee applies. No reservations necessary. No pets please. Wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent. Be sure to bring drinking water; camera and binoculars recommended. Guided bird walk on sandy hiking trails through the various park habitats, guided by the Venice Audubon Society.



### STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE - **FLYER ATTACHED**

### CONDO & HOA DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION COURSES

Free Director Certification Courses featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells, Esq. will be held at TPC Prestancia, 4409 Tournament Players Club Drive. Sarasota, FL. The Condo course will be held on **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** and the HOA course will be held on **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. **Courses are from: 8:30am - 10:30am, registration will begin at 8:00am**. RSVP to Estelle Pittman at [epittman@kevinwellspa.com](mailto:epittman@kevinwellspa.com) by noon the Monday before the event, as space is limited.



### 2018 TOUR DE PARKS – SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

Friends of The Legacy Trail and the Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club will once again be teaming up to organize this great bike ride next year. The date for the 2017 Tour de Parks ride has been set for **Sunday, March 25, 2018**. More information to follow.



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### TRAM TOUR FOR PALMER RANCH RESIDENTS AT OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK

Last month, the Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee arranged with residents for tours of Oscar Scherer State Park. On the tour, participants learned the secrets of the park, wildlife habitats, and the flora and fauna.

This park's large acreage of scrubby flatwoods makes it one of the best places in southwest Florida to view Florida Scrub Jays, an imperiled species found only Florida.



### OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK - HISTORY & NATURE

In her will, Elsa Scherer Burrows (1884-1955) left the family's 460-acre South Creek Ranch to the state in memory of her father Oscar Scherer (who invented a process for dyeing leather in 1872). After a year of preparation, Oscar Scherer State Park opened to the public in 1956.

Three decades later, realtor and environmentalist, Jon Thaxton began campaigning for the state to purchase and protect adjoining Florida scrub-jay territory. With the help of The Nature Conservancy, Sarasota County and wide public support, the state purchased an additional 922 acres from the adjacent Palmer Ranch in 1991. The park now preserves more than two square-miles of natural land in a rapidly developing region, and provides resource-based recreation for over 100,000 visitors annually.



For more information about the park, go to <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Oscar-Scherer>.



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Palmer Ranch Master Association – Mission Statement

*'Our mission is to enhance and maintain the aesthetic quality of Palmer Ranch and to preserve the overall unique identity and sense of community.'*

# Working Together to Save Lives



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## BLOOD DRIVE

8801 STONEYBROOK BLVD., SARASOTA 34238

VISIT THE BLOODMOBILE AT THE CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**FROM 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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