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*Our prayer is for every family touched by the Spectator and every home in between. God bless you and our troops,*

*Shellie & Scott*

## The Gift is Sharing

*By Shellie Miller-Farrugia*

She was a valued neighbor. A familiar face at block parties, commission meetings and community events. Widowed at a young age, after her three sons grew and moved far away, she remained rooted in city functions and showed up any time there was a cause to support or a neighbor in need.

He was a single dad and this particular Christmas, the kids were to be with their mom visiting her family out of state. He was somebody's lawn man, somebody's best friend and somebody else's son...and his parents had died years before.

Another couple have grown old together. Their holiday plans were TV dinners and a game of rummy, same as every night. He's been retired for 11 years and they never had children, but the scores of kids he drove on the school bus every day always kept him feeling young. He misses the cacophony and milestones of his favorite youngsters as they grew from grade to grade.

One of my favorite Holiday times over the years of growing our family has always been Christmas Eve. Where most people are surrounded by loved ones on that particular night, I always had an affection for the loners...the ones who didn't have so much to look forward to. Once upon a time, I was one myself, and with only my mom and little ones, 2 & 3, sharing ourselves with others gifted us with so much more than we were giving.

So that lovely widow brought a casserole side dish that we all supped in record time. She shared stories of raising three sons with me, a young mom of two and my older mom of just one daughter. She told us secrets to making the best black beans, and shared her memories about the Holidays in Cuba before she moved here as a youngster.

And the young dad listened intently as she shared that time with the kids is fleeting, and he vowed to cherish every available moment. He realized that working for the dollar wasn't as valuable as taking the time to enjoy every minute, no matter the activity, with his children.

When I look back today, I realize that the older couple modeled that enjoying my partner in life is not all about the kids we share. It is about the two of us delighting in every nuance of the years we have to spend with each other. It is about the celebratory moments and the mundane ones, too. Both are guaranteed. Both are lovely, and all come together in a beautiful seasoning that is the spice of a unique and wonderful life.

Fast forward a few years and our family has grown to include my husband and I, five kids, two daughter-in-laws, and two grandchildren...but the greatest thrill of the Holidays for me are those places at the table that are reserved for friends who would otherwise spend a very special day as if it were any other. Enjoying the company, laughter and friendship of people who value WHO you are instead of WHAT you can give them is the greatest gift by far.



*Publishers, Shellie & Scott Farrugia*

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Living in Coral Springs since 2001, Laura and Tony have exciting, busy lives with their four children, two dogs, and many activities. The Maniscalco kids are Jack, 14, Mackenzie, 13, Colin, 12, and Drew, 10.

Laura, has been a teacher at country Hills Elementary for 20 years, and Tony is a successful attorney. As if their lives didn't have enough going on, each of their children have scheduled activities that keep the family in constant motion. Jack has been part of the Coral Springs Swim Team since 5th grade, and the Coral Springs Charter Swim Team since 6th grade. Mackenzie plays for the Weston Explosion 14U Softball and runs on Coral Springs Charter's Cross Country team. Colin enjoys Broward Blizzard Travel Baseball, North Springs Baseball, and City of Coral Springs Flag Football. Drew is a teammate with the Coral Springs Basketball Club and also with Coral Springs Flag Football.

While the kids are having a great time, their parents are also active in their children's sporting activities. Laura is on the Board for North Springs Little League as the Player Agent and Tony has been a coach for North Springs Little League for many seasons. Laura tells us, "I am happy to be Team Mom and help with fundraisers for all the kids' sports."

The three older siblings all attend Coral Springs charter school. Jack is in the 9th Grade, and Art is his favorite subject. Mackenzie prefers Language Arts/Creative Writing, and is in the 8th grade. Colin is in 6th Grade where History is his strongest subject. Drew goes to 5th grade classes at Country Hills Elementary, and he also enjoys History the most.

Laura, says, "Traveling to different tournaments for both baseball and softball, we get to see different places while watching our kids do what they love. Recently we took a trip to Tennessee to watch Colin play in a Cal Ripken Tournament." When they aren't running around to different sporting activities for the kids, the family enjoys spending time together at the beach, playing board games, watching 90's movies and being with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins that all live in Coral Springs. When asked what she loves most about living here, Laura tells us, "Being close to family and all the great friendships we have made throughout the years."

One thing is for sure ... We are all in this together! When asked about pandemic life, Laura takes a moment before she answers thoughtfully. "We had time to be together, BBQ, watch movies, swim, and play board games. We are a family always on the go, so it was nice to have some uninterrupted time together."



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"With a presence already in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia," Kendra continues, "this puts us in the Southeast region of the country. The name South State is perfect, and a good description of our broader reach."

Already a popular community bank, Kendra talks about the added benefits of the coming merger. "Not only does this expand our products and services menu, but it also provides us with better, more advanced technology."

This makes a lot of our processes more efficient than they have been in the past. Being a larger financial institution obviously expands our footprint, and will make us more visible in our communities." With three offices currently in Broward county, Kendra is hopeful for more local branches in the coming years.

Another big concern for clients has been Covid. "Early on in the first stages of COVID-19, like most financial institutions, we closed our lobby banking offices, and transactions were taking place at our drive-through," Kendra reports. "Now, our lobbies are open for limited hours, and we practice social distancing and require facemasks. We have many customers who have figured out that they can do their banking online or through the drive-through, and we are servicing our clients in the best way that we know how given the circumstances. Most of our employees are working remotely at this time." Most of the branch's employees have been with Kendra for

more than 10 years. The Coral Springs office manager, Sophia Rowe, has been with Kendra for over 20 years and recently achieved a promotion to Vice President!

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Kendra tells us, "We are a full-service, local community bank, and it's important to maintain that culture for our clients. The founders of our organization believe that it's very important to maintain that, and also empower local management to make decisions relative to their own markets."

With valued, long-standing relationships with many of her clients, some for more than two decades, Kendra says, "Every relationship I have with any client is very special to me. What I love most about what I do is being able to help my customers by providing a better service or better product to them; perhaps some thing that is more efficient or effective for their business. Essentially, my

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## North Springs ... Ready To Take The Field

By Stacy Case

North Springs Little League was so excited to celebrate its 25th birthday last year, but only one week into the season the pandemic called a time-out and ultimately shut down the rest of the program's 2020 games.

As Dean Sullivan takes the seat as the league's new president, his optimism for the 2021 season hopes to be more contagious than that of the the virus that has changed the way we live.

"Our goal as parents and as a league is to work tirelessly to present this ageless game to our kids in an environment that is family friendly," says Dean, who is accompanied by 14 other Board Members. "We celebrated 25 years on opening night in 2020 with great fanfare and nostalgia, only to shut the season down seven days later as the world came to a halt and lives completely turned upside down with the onset of COVID-19."

And to try to ease that, North Springs once again plans to offer play to both boys and girls within its specific boundaries that include residence or school enrollment on the northern portion of Wiles Road to the Sawgrass Expressway, east to the city limits of Coral Springs. Additionally, it offers its recreational play to those as young as 4-years-old at the T-ball level to those as old as age 16 who play in the league's Seniors division. Over the years, North Springs has consistently had hundreds of players participate during its regular season of play, which typically spans from early March until just before Memorial Day.

Then, in the heat of the summer is when North Springs has earned its esteemed reputation around the All-Star circuit. The league has amassed numerous accolades at the District, Section, State and Regional levels. Additionally, it was the Senior team from North Springs that made back-to-back World Series appearances in both 2017 and 2018, having been crowned National Champions in their first visit.

Perhaps it is the league's impressive number of players each year who choose to don the North Springs Little League uniform every Spring at North Community Park in Coral Springs, but it may also be due to the caliber of its athletes who hail from its small sector from one year to the next. The organization has been known to be impactful to some of its former players.

"Little League, especially North Springs, is a big part of who I am today because of the great community and teammates I built myself around," says former North Springs player Coby Mayo, who was drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 MLB draft by the Baltimore Orioles. "Going to the field almost everyday during the season and competing versus the best kids in my area, helped my development in such a positive way," adds Coby, who was an integral part of some of North Springs' All Star titles, including both Seniors titles.

And while many players' baseball schedules went on hiatus over the past several months, once play resumes, Coby reminds the Little League players of all ages and abilities something he will forever remember..."I was always told as a young player (growing up in Little League) to keep putting in the hard work everyday and you will eventually come closer and closer to your dream."

North Springs has already opened its registration for the 2021 season online and will host its final on-site registration on Dec. 5th from 9am-12pm at North Community Park.

"As a society, we are resilient and, thankfully, our kids have very short memories," adds Dean. "When I look ahead, I see long evenings at the ballpark; kids with purple Slushie mustaches, coaches who love this game and their ballplayers, and smiles from those who suddenly realize she/he has found their passion."

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# Parkland Little League Prepares For Play

By Stacy Case

While so many cancellations, adjustments and rescheduled events have consumed many of our agendas since mid March, Parkland Little League is providing an outlet for area sluggers so kids can just be kids again.

With that, the league is preparing for its 2021 season and will commingle safety measures with America's favorite past time in order for local youths to take to the fields at Pine Trails and Terramar Parks.

Entering into his fourth year as PLL's President, Rob Travinski and his six other Board Members have been hard at work over the past few months gearing up for the Spring games, and are optimistic that they will have good enrollment once again.

"We saw our highest enrollment with 525 players (last season) and we expect similar numbers, if not higher, for the Spring," says Rob, about his 31 year-old Parkland Little League.

And during those decades, PLL has had impressive showings around the all star circuit amongst its various age groups, which include T-ball, 8u, 10u, 12u, Intermediate 50/70, Juniors, and Seniors.

Most recently, the league is still basking in the glory of when its Intermediate/50- 70 team earned titles of District 10 and Section 8 Champions, along with earning the title as runners-up in the 2019 State Tournament.

With the pandemic and youth sports being forced to take a time out for several months, Rob and his Board have been trying to make plans according to safety guidelines, per local mandates.

"The most important thing is for our

kids to be safe, and we've been keeping a close watch on everything that has been happening," says Ron Emanuel, who is in his second year as Parkland Little League's safety officer. "We demand strict compliance at our field, ask that nobody congregates when watching the games/practices, and we make sure that the umpires and coaches wear masks at all times."

Additionally, Ron says the league will continue to follow the required rules and regulations that are set forth by area officials.

Moreover, such protocols will be adhered to once the league begins pre-season practices in early February, following regular season play that commences. In fact, the league has already begun registration, which has been set to conclude on Dec. 31 in order to give the league ample time to configure its divisions and teams accordingly.

As it is a true recreational league, PLL welcomes both boys and girls who reside and/or attend school within the Parkland city limits.

With the excitement that will have mounted up by then for the Spring season to get underway, Opening Day has been scheduled for Mar 6 at Terramar Park.

"Our goals and expectations for the season are to promote, develop, and teach youth boys and girls good sportsmanship," adds Rob.

He concludes..."to have fun and, of course, play the game of baseball in a safe environment."

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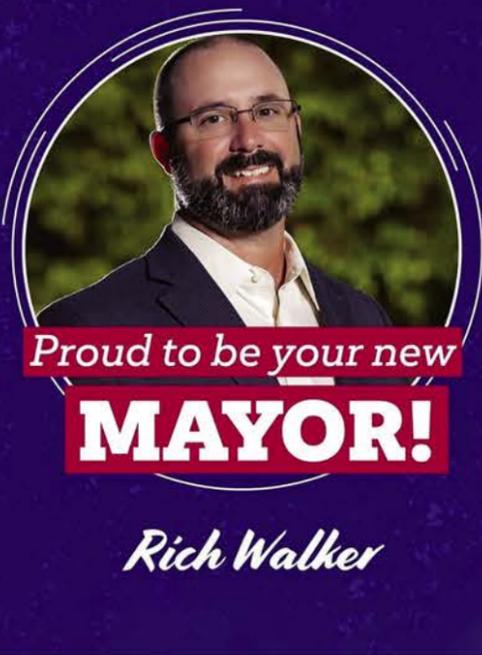


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Congratulations to the new commissioners. They have shown a great commitment to our City and I am excited to work alongside them. This was a unique Campaigning experience solidified by two weeks of 12 hour days spent with so many amazing residents.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my campaign treasurer Scott Tulloch. My Campaign Dream Team. This is an incredible, dedicated group of individuals that I have truly been blessed with: Tracy McQueen, Melissa Sackman, Heather Chapman, Melinda Green and my wife Catherine. These women had a brief pause between my commission race in 2018 and our recent Mayoral race. Thank you for prioritizing your time, committing your strength and heart into this campaign... Our city... And your faith in my leadership. Thank you to your wonderful families for sharing your time with us.

I am incredibly proud of my family for their dedication and commitment during this journey. The two weeks of early voting was an intense time within my household with 12 hour days at the polls combined with E-Learning and a myriad of "normal" everyday commitments. We are grateful for the village that surrounds our family that ensured no stone was left unturned. Neighbors that delivered dinners... Friends that drove our kids to practices... And an incredible amount of love and support.. We are in this together and Team Walker looks forward to the future!



One of the most incredible components of this race was the camaraderie and genuine commitment of so many residents that we have met along the way. There is no way that I could have done it without their support. I am so excited for all of us and the progress within our city that can be made over the next 2 years. **I can always be contacted via email or phone: [Rwalker@cityofparkland.org](mailto:Rwalker@cityofparkland.org) • 973.399.1453**

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By Dr. Howard Gelb

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