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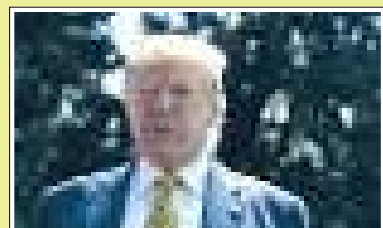
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A New Wave Of Cruise Options

VILLAGES RESIDENTS AND ENTERTAINERS EMBARKING ON THEMED EXCURSIONS

By KRISTEN FIORE
Daily Sun Senior Writer

If you think it's a party when Rocky and the Rollers play in the Villages, you should see how they rock the Caribbean.

Bart Henkle, of the Village Rio Grande, is one of the 800 people who usually embark on each of the popular Villages entertainers' Rockin' cruises, which take place three or four times a year.

"The entertainment is incredible," Henkle said. "When you're at sea, you get two shows a day. There are dances in the evening. It's big time entertainment from the '60s and '70s."

Villages residents like Henkle are part of the increasing number of adults 55 and older who are swapping long plane rides for leisurely days at sea, but there's a new trend brewing in the water: themed cruises.

The truth is, thousands of Villagers follow local entertainers like Rocky and the Rollers,

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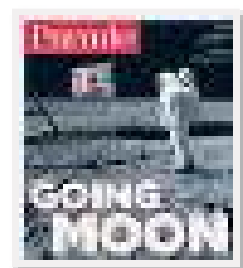
In 2018, 16.8 million people embarked on a cruise from a Florida port, a 4.4 percent increase from 2017.

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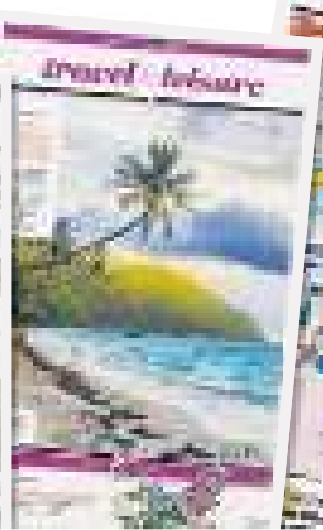
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CRUISES

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Scooter the DJ and Johnny Wild and the Delights from the squares to the seas each year, as well as pursue other interests onboard a cruise ship, contributing to what has become an industry-wide travel trajectory.

Tracey Codd, franchise owner of Expedia CruiseShipCenters, including the one in Colony Plaza, said Expedia Cruises has seen more than five times the passengers on themed cruises already in 2019 as compared to 2018.

Expedia Cruises offers a number of themed cruises, including Rocky and the Rollers' "Rockin'" Cruises.

"We offer all of the major cruise lines and there are approximately 20 million cruisers a year," Codd said. "Themed cruises are growing rapidly in popularity."

Themed cruises offer a space for people with niche interests to get together and celebrate those interests, whether it's a genre of music, an era, a sport, a culture or an activity.

"I think a themed cruise provides guests with a unique opportunity to choose to participate in an activity they enjoy while they are cruising on the high seas," said Greg Lovelace, director of marketing and business development at Port Tampa Bay. "It's like a vacation within a vacation."

Villagers have been known to cruise with their favorite bands, celebrities and sports players and even enjoy Halloween, disc golf, pickleball, cooking, wine-drinking and charity cruises.

Onboard a Rockin' cruise, Henkle and his fellow cruisers attend sock hops, prom nights and private concerts featuring not only Rocky and the Rollers, but acts such as The Shirelles and Gary Puckett & The Union Gap.

Village Palo Alto residents Mark and Marcia Adams hopped aboard the Legendary

Rhythm & Blues Cruise and jammed until dawn, while Kathy and Lou Peters, of the Village of Caroline, played water games with their favorite former and current Steelers football players on the Legends of Pittsburgh Cruise.

Because themed cruises are coordinated by varying entities — private organizations, travel agencies or cruise lines — it is difficult to calculate just what percentage of cruises are themed, but it is a trend that is definitely gaining popularity, according to Doug Wheeler, president and CEO of the Florida Ports Council.

"We've seen a shift in the past decade where travelers want to invest in experiences rather than buying new things," Wheeler said. "Cruise lines continue to increase 'onboard experience' offerings and themed cruising taps into this movement combining an experience with a relaxing vacation."

Themed cruises also give individual travel agencies an exclusive product for clients to enjoy, according to Codd.

"Villagers love to travel in packs, so it really works well," Codd said. "It's a big business in The Villages. It's an incredible market and an incredible opportunity for them."

Those who go on themed cruises enjoy an indulgence in a hobby or interest on top of a vacation.

Cruising is also just a more convenient way to travel for many people.

"I think they like that everything is packaged together," said Jane-Ellen Greenwood, a travel consultant with Greenwood Cruise and Travel, which offers Scooter the DJ's Scooter Cruises. "People generally take a bus from The Villages. It's a little bit safer, and you don't have to travel completely on your own."

And Villagers are in a good location to enjoy cruising of any kind, at only approximately 90 miles from Port Tampa Bay and 100 miles from Port Canaveral.



Daily Sun staff

The Disney Dream embarks from Port Canaveral on a 3-night Bahamas cruise. From Mickey Mouse to Malt Shop Memories, themed cruises are a booming industry.

And it's no secret that Florida is the world leader in the cruise industry.

In 2018, 16.8 million people hopped on a cruise that embarked from a Florida port, a 4.4 percent increase from 2017, according to Wheeler. The state is home to the top three cruise ports in the world, and the state's seaports account for nearly two-thirds of all U.S. Cruise embarkations.

In fact, more than half of cruise passengers worldwide sailed from a Florida port in 2018, according to Greg Lovelace, director of marketing and business development at Port Tampa Bay.

"According to the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association, the cruise industry is the fastest-growing category in the leisure travel market," Lovelace said.

The interest in themed cruises among people 55 and older has positively impacted business for local travel agents, as well as the cruise industry.

The travel trend is popular with retired people because they have more time to enjoy life and pursue specific interests, according to Greenwood.

"(Interest in themed cruises) has grown quite a bit," said Greenwood, of the Village of St. James. "I've been here for six

years, and in the last six years, it's probably quadrupled my business."

Traveling in groups goes hand in hand with themed cruising. Groups anywhere from 10 to 100 embark on themed cruises, Greenwood said.

Codd said more often than not, people tell her that on themed cruises, they don't even have to get off the ship if they don't want to.

In fact, many cruisers are beginning to prefer themed cruises.

"I like them because you get the entertainment that you want," said Village of Osceola

Hills resident Karla Millsap, who has been on several blues music cruises. "The music is pretty much 24/7. I think they're so much better than going to a festival, because you have the convenience of going back to your room or having the good food."

Travelers can also embark on themed river cruises.

Chuck and Marsha Solms, of the Village of Bonita, have been on two classical music Amadeus River Cruises.

"Our two passions are golf and classical music," Chuck said. "I like river cruising, but my wife would rather be on a big cruise ship. So that's why we picked a themed cruise. It gives us some direction. Certainly other cruises are nice, but I think we would get bored. A themed cruise gives you something to do besides the usual things."

On the cruises, they went to music museums, listened to maestros give lectures and attended various recitals.

"It was just wonderful because all of the entertainment onboard the ship and all of the excursions off the ship had to do with classical music," Marsha said.

There's also a sense of community on themed cruises that is not as present in a regular cruise. Because passengers of themed cruises are surrounded by others with similar interests, there's something to bond over and talk about.

"You develop a camaraderie with everyone, because they're there for the same reasons," said Village of Liberty Park resident Fran Kilroy, who enjoyed an Irish-themed cruise. "They're usually very friendly. If it's something you can participate in, like dancing, that really helps."

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A DAILY SUN SPECIAL REPORT

For Many, Cruising Is More Than a Vacation, It's a Lifestyle

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

For some people a cruise is a vacation, for others it's a way of life. Jill Kohler has been on 116 cruises. "The most cruises I've been on in a year was 10," said Kohler, of the Village of Polo Ridge. "And it's always at the last minute. Sometimes I learn about it on a Wednesday and I leave on a Saturday." Kohler is originally from New York City and started cruising in the early '80s.

She's been to the Baltic Sea, Russia, Alaska, Scandinavia, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, Mexico and more.

She even tried out a themed cruise, an "oldies cruise" that featured pop music stars from the '50s and '60s like Neil



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Jill Kohler, of the Village of Polo Ridge, has been on 116 cruises, from the Baltic to the Caribbean.

Sedaka, Petula Clark and Jay Siegel.

"Every vice that you could possibly have can be satisfied on a cruise," Kohler said. "If you like to eat, there's plenty of food. If you like to nap, go back to your room. There are water activities. There's dancing. Whatever you have an interest in, it's available."

In Florida, Kohler finds cruising a convenient way to travel. Seniors in Florida get discounts, and there are plenty of ports to choose from.

"You unpack and pack once," Kohler said. "You're not living out of a suitcase. You don't have to carry around luggage from hotel to hotel. On a cruise, you empty it and you're free. All your meals are prepared. You don't have to look for restaurants."

For Sue Hughes, it's all about Disney.

She took her first Disney Cruise when her son graduated high school in 2000 and has been on 16 more since then.

To Hughes, the Disney cruises have a theme and a quality of service that you can't get anywhere else.

"While sunning on their private island of Castaway Cay, everyone can see the ship



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Sue Hughes, of the Village of Osceola Hills at Soaring Eagle Preserve, stops for a photo with her granddaughter, Madelyn, and a statue of Donald Duck on the Disney Dream.

across the beach," Hughes said. "I really appreciate not having to tender to the island. To top it off, a sand sculpture of the ship awaits your arrival. Entertainers are everywhere and make the five-day trip from Vancouver to Hawaii seem like a breeze."

Although people may expect a Disney Cruise to be just for kids, there are plenty of adult-only areas, and a lot of the kids are in groups doing organized activities, according to Hughes, of the Village of Osceola Hills at Soaring Eagle Preserve.

"They just do it right for whole families," she said.

The dining rooms change themes every day and Hughes



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Donna Fenster, right, of the Village of Silver Lake, has been on the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer every February for 12 years. The fundraising cruise features former Ohio State athletes.

gives the décor an A-plus.

"When I get on the ship, it feels like when I walk in the parks," Hughes said. "The stress just drains from me. Other cruises just don't compare."

Others keep cruising to support a cause.

Donna Fenster, of the Village of Silver Lake, has been on the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer every February for the past 12 years.

The cruise helps raise research money for cancer, and 2,500 to 3,000 people go on it, according to Fenster.

The cruise also includes former Ohio State athletes who interact with the passengers.

The camaraderie and the good cause is what keeps Fenster going back year after year.

"You know the people," she said. "It's casual and there are a lot of hugs. It's a lot of fun. The same people go on the cruise year after year."

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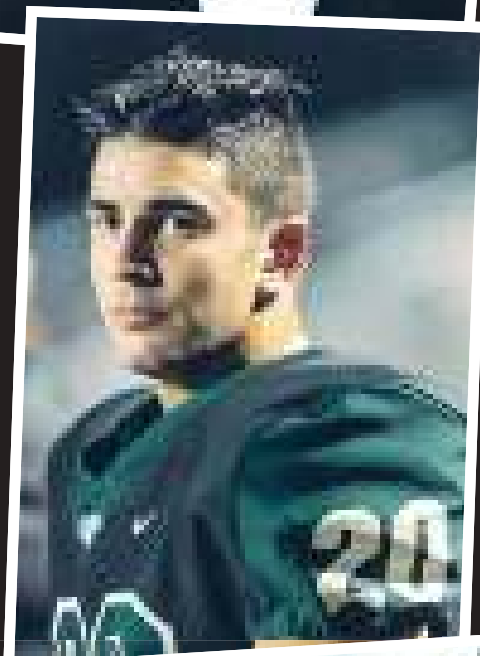
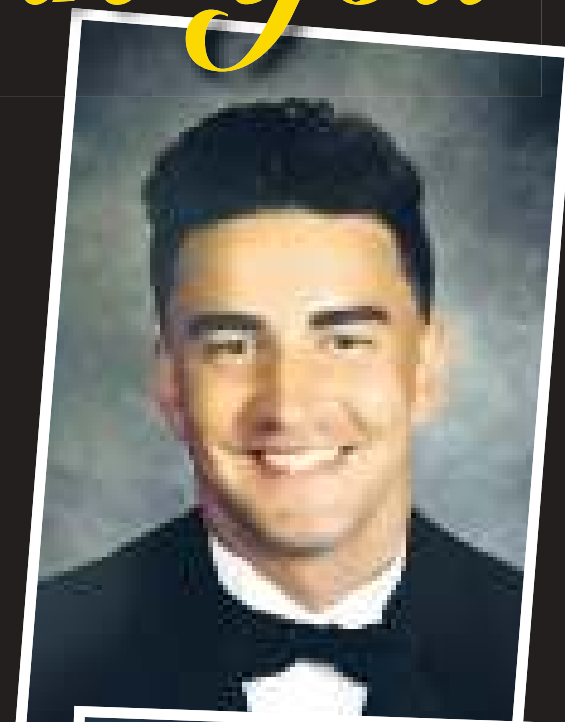
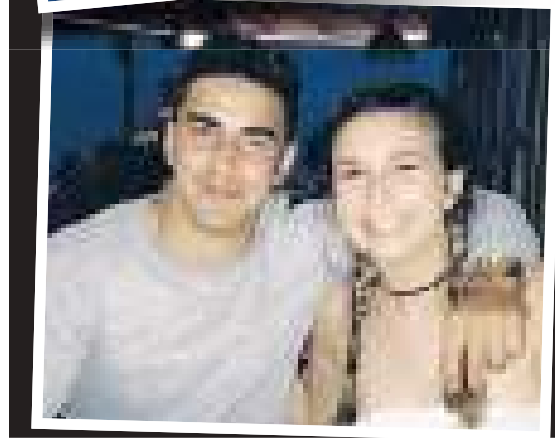
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A DAILY SUN SPECIAL REPORT

Villagers Performers Take Shows To Sea

By KRISTEN FIORE
Daily Sun Senior Writer

Villagers will follow their favorite local entertainers anywhere — from the tropical Caribbean to chilly Alaska.

Thousands of Villagers hop on a ship with Rocky and the Rollers, Johnny Wild and the Delights and Scooter the DJ each year as they embark away from the squares for something extra with their highest-ranking fans.

And since the cruises are themed around the bands, fans enjoy private concerts, interaction with band members, new content and more.

Rocky and the Rollers

It all started when Gerry “Rocky” Seader started rockin’ the Caribbean about 15 years ago.

Seader, founder of Rocky and the Rollers, used to work on cruises and noticed there weren’t a lot of events on the ships.

“There was nothing going on, so I came up with the idea to do Rockin’ the Caribbean,” Seader said. “We started doing it here in The Villages. There were about 400 people and 350 of them were Villagers. It just started growing from there.”

Now Seader takes fans on three or four cruises a year with 800 people attending each cruise. His cruises, which include popular music groups from the ‘60s, go to the Caribbean and to Alaska. In 2020, the cruise will go to Australia for the first time.

Rocky and the Rollers cruises are now exclusive with Expedia CruiseShipCenters.

“So we don’t just get Villagers, we get people from around the world and around the country,” Seader said.

This helps bring awareness to The Villages, according to Seader. Non-Villagers notice all the Villagers on the ship and wonder what The Villages is.

“After they find out, they come visit,” Seader said. “I know of a few who have bought houses because of it.”

The Rocky and the Rollers cruises also feature other acts, such as The Shirelles and Gary Puckett & The Union Gap.

There are numerous shows and five themed dances per week, including a sock hop and a prom night.

“When we do the prom night, we pick a king and a queen, and on most of the cruises I’ve done now, people will come up to me afterward crying,” Seader said.

Seader remembers one woman who said she never got to go to her high-school prom because her husband had to go to Vietnam. Attending prom night on the cruise was a sort of do-over for them.

“Our cruises are sometimes a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for people,” Seader said. “A lot of people are reliving their youth and doing a bucket list at the same time. I think that’s kind of neat and what’s so different about themed cruises.”

Bart Henkle, of the Village Rio Grande, has been on six Rocky and the Rollers cruises and is booked for a seventh in November.

Henkle said he’s been to the Caribbean about a dozen times, and by the time the ship reaches the third port, he’s not always interested in getting off of the ship.

“Having stuff to do on the ship is great,” Henkle said. “I just enjoy every member of the band. The piano player works out every day on the ship and so do I, so we’re always doing treadmills and weights together because we eat so much on the ship.”

Though the next Rocky and the Rollers cruise in November is mostly booked, the band has two cruises in February that are on sale now. To sign up, visit the Expedia Cruise Ship Center at 313 Colony Blvd. in The Villages.

Johnny Wild and the Delights

Johnny Wild and the Delights wanted to give something extra to their most loyal fans.

“We have this group of fans that come to every show,” said Andy Matchett, lead singer in

who are having a good time with us regularly.”

Matchett said on the band’s cruises, which are weeklong annual excursions usually in April, the group tries to put on shows that the fans haven’t seen before. They add new material, do special

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Rocky and the Rollers started performing on their own cruises 15 years ago and now take three or four cruises each year, with 800 fans on each cruise.

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Johnny Wild and the Delights take annual cruises with their most loyal fans.



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Scooter the DJ dances with fans on a recent Scooter Cruise. He says he likes to make his cruises like summer camp. His next cruise is scheduled for March 2020.

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dedications for the people who are on the cruise and host themed dances.

"The people who come on the cruise are like VIPs to us," Matchett said. "We hang out with them and get to know them a little better. They see us at dinner. It's like creating an extended family, almost. This offers the chance for anyone who wants to get to know us a little better."

On his most recent cruise, Matchett did a full, unplugged set in the cocktail lounge.

"We had the power go out on the (The Villages town) square once, and the sound system wasn't working," Matchett said. "We still had time left to kill, so I grabbed the acoustic guitar and had the audience sitting around me as I played, and people really responded to that, so I tried to recreate it on the ship."

So Matchett did an acoustic sing-along on the cruise, and it went really well.

The intimacy of the experience is a big part of the draw for everyone.

It's also a good change of scenery for the band, Matchett said.

"It's kind of like a vacation for us at the same time, and that's a really big help in a year when we're so busy and playing so frequently," Matchett said. "This allows us to take a trip but also to do something that celebrates the band with our closest fans."

Allen and Marijane Sunnock, of the Village of Ashland, have been on two Johnny Wild Cruises and enjoyed the band's private concerts and friendliness.

"You can interact with them," Allen said. "My wife and I were going to do zip lining, and we were sitting down waiting and there were two people next to us who were with the band. They took a video of us zip lining and emailed it to us. That's the kind of people they are. It's really fun spending time with them."

Johnny Wild Cruises usually have 75 cabins available. To book a Johnny Wild Cruise or learn more, visit AAA Lady Lake at The Villages at 955 Bichara Blvd.

Scooter the DJ

Michael Miller, also known as Scooter the DJ, said he likes to make his cruises like summer camp.

Before leaving for the cruise, Miller holds what he calls a bon voyage party at Evans Prairie Country Club or somewhere else with a breezeway. People receive Scooter Cruise shirts, and Miller tries to learn everyone's name.

On board, cruisers enjoy private Scooter dance parties and dinner with Miller.

"In port, we tell them where we will be for dancing after they shop for a while, and we usually hit a Margaritaville or Señor Frog's and dance like kids again!" he said.

There are also scavenger hunts and other surprises.

"We hope people get positive, fun experiences from going with us," Miller said. "We've had several people come on multiple cruises with us and can't wait for our next ones. I see my former Scooter Cruisers on the squares dancing and always point them out."

Betty Salas, of the Village of Duval, has been on two Scooter Cruises.

"I like them because they're very organized," she said. "It's all-inclusive and they literally take care of everything. All I have to do is show up."

She also enjoys the gregarious atmosphere on the cruises.

"They're a lot of fun and very personable," Salas said. "It's not like you go on the cruise and they abandon you or send you off on your own. There's a lot of camaraderie. I've met a lot of great people through the cruises."

The next Scooter Cruise is in March 2020. Miller said he usually takes 80 to 100 people, and the cruise is currently halfway booked. Learn more or sign up online at greenwoodcruiseandtravel.com or by calling 352-633-7118.

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Villagers Recall Themed Cruise Experiences

If you have a specific interest, you can probably find a cruise for it. Mark and Marcia Adams, blues lovers from the Village Palo Alto, went on a Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise, while classic movie lovers Pam and Joe Walker, of the Village of Piedmont, enjoyed a Turner Classic Movie Cruise. Former Pittsburghers and lifelong Steelers fans Kathy and Lou Peters, of the Village of Caroline, partied with former and current players on the Legends of Pittsburgh Cruise, and David and Jeanne Young, of the Village of Polo Ridge, went to prom and enjoyed '50s music on the Malt Shop Memories Cruise. — *Kristen Fiore, Daily Sun*



Mark and Marcia Adams, of the Village Palo Alto, have gone on a few music cruises, including the Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise. The cruise features 35 to 40 blues bands and seven nights of entertainment. *Max Gersh | Daily Sun*

LEGENDARY RHYTHM & BLUES CRUISE

Marcia and Mark Adams, of the Village Palo Alto, have been on a few traditional cruises, but eventually got bored with them.

"You can only eat, drink and sunburn so much," Marcia said. "It just wasn't for us."

But then they found out about the Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise and Keeping the Blues Alive at Sea.

Mark and Marcia are blues lovers and the founders of The Villages Blues Society, so the theme was right up their alley.

The cruise features 35 to 40 blues bands and seven nights of non-stop entertainment.

"There are tons of musicians and they're right there with you on the cruise, eating breakfast with you," Marcia said. "And then there are jams all night, sometimes until morning."

The couple said they enjoy the cruise for more than just the blues music, however. It also gives them a place to meet other blues lovers.

"We're all on the cruise for the same interests," Marcia said. "We're all there with that commonality, and we talk it all the time. Consequently, people

on the boat talk to each other and interact with each other more on the boat than on a regular cruise, because we do have the same interest."

GO ON THE CRUISE

Cruise line: Holland America Line
Dates: October 2020
To book: Bluescruise.com. Prebooking starts July 25. Dates, ship and itinerary will be announced Tuesday.



Kathy and Lou Peters, of the Village of Caroline, are lifelong Steelers fans who went on the Legends of Pittsburgh Cruise.

LEGENDS OF PITTSBURGH CRUISE

Kathy Peters, of the Village of Caroline, was scrolling on Facebook one day when an advertisement for the Legends of Pittsburgh Cruise came up.

Intrigued, Kathy showed her husband, Lou, and he said, "Let's go."

So Kathy and Lou, originally from Pittsburgh, booked the cruise, a "tailgate-at-sea vacation" that features both past and current players from

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the Steelers.
 “It was a chance to meet semi-famous people we admired for so many years and who brought so much fun into our lives,” Kathy said. “You could not live in Pittsburgh in the ‘60s and ‘70s without becoming a huge fan.”

The cruise featured cocktail parties at which the cruisers could meet the players and listen to the players’ stories, cannonball and belly-flop contests, beach parties and beach “Olympics.”

“Each player had a team, and they’d take a mix of kids and older people,” Kathy said. “It was very family-oriented.”

All of the entertainers on the cruise were from Pittsburgh, as well.

“It was very eclectic,” Kathy said. “There was just all kinds of stuff going on, and the players were more than happy to stop and take pictures with you.”

Kathy and Lou got to meet players like JuJu Smith-Schuster and retired star Rocky Bleier.

The couple has been on two of the cruises and is booked for a third one in 2020.



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Jeanne and David Young dressed up for prom on the Malt Shop Memories Cruise. They’ve traveled on 20 cruises.

GO ON THE CRUISE

Cruise line: Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
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MALT SHOP MEMORIES CRUISE

Jeanne and David Young went to a travel show at Savannah Center, and the grand prize was a trip on the Malt Shop Memories Cruise.

“I said to my husband, ‘I want to win that,’ and I did,” Jeanne said. “We went together with another couple that had signed up for the cruise.”

The cruise was entirely

‘50s-themed and featured entertainers like Frankie Avalon, Chubby Checker, The Drifters, Sonny Turner, The Coasters and more.

The cruise had dances, including a sock hop, prom night and a dress-up night for Halloween, since it was in October.

The cruise also features Q&A sessions with the artists onboard, panel discussions and hosted game shows.

“We got to sit with the Drifters and interact with the entertainers on the cruise,” Jeanne said.

There was an Elvis impersonator night, and

impersonators from around the country came and sang as a panel of judges scored them.

“We’ve been on 20 cruises and they were all really nice, but this one was so special because it went back to the ‘50s,” Jeanne said.

GO ON THE CRUISE

Cruise line: Holland America Line
Dates: Nov. 2-9, 2019
To book: This cruise is sold out. Join the wait list at maltshopcruise.com.

TURNER CLASSIC MOVIE CRUISES

Joe Walker, of the Village of Piedmont, enjoys classic movies so much that he shows them in his driveway. He invites neighbors to come, watch the movie and have popcorn and wine.

Walker and his wife, Pam, have been on four Turner Classic Movie Cruises and are booked for a fifth this year.

The cruise organizers arrange for movie stars from the era of classic movies to come on the cruises, and Walker has met and talked with stars like Margaret O’Brien, Diane Baker and Shirley Jones.

“It’s a wonderful experience if you’re a classic movie fan like I am,” he said. “We’ve met probably 30 big-name stars on the cruises we’ve been on.”

In 2016, Kim Novak was on the cruise, so the cruisers sat and watched Alfred Hitchcock’s “Vertigo.”

“I walked out after the movie started to get something to drink, and Kim Novak came out of the theater,” Walker said. “I told her she was great in the movie and she planted a kiss on me!”

Alex Trebek usually does the trivia games on the cruises, and Walker described him as friendly and down-to-earth.

The cruises are held on Disney ships and include a stop at Disney’s private island,

GO ON THE CRUISE

Cruise line: Disney
Dates: Oct. 22-27, 2019
To book: This cruise is sold out. Join the waitlist at tcmcruise.com

Castaway Cay.

Walker said that he’s met other movie lovers through the cruises and enjoys seeing them each time he goes.

“We like it because it’s more than just a cruise,” Walker said. “It’s an opportunity to meet these people we’ve seen on the silver screen from the golden age of Hollywood.”

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Clubs That Cruise Together Stay Together

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Sometimes when you travel, it's good to bring along a familiar face — or 60. Many clubs and neighborhood groups venture out of their recreation centers and villages for an adventure at sea. Members of the resident Disney-lovers club, Mickey's "Fan"atics, have gone on a Disney cruise every year for the past eight years and are booked for a ninth in December.

"Our club is so large that people get to know each other better through smaller groups," said club President Debbie Winters, of the Village of Country Club Hills. "The cruise is really magical because people who have been on the cruise a bunch of times like showing the newbies around. We know the cruise

ship as much as we know the parks."

Winters said 40 to 60 club members usually attend the cruise. They dine together and bond at the swimming pool, bars, private night club, adults-only restaurant and Disney's island, Castaway Cay.

They interact with the characters, go to the spa and enjoy a

pirate dress-up night.

The whole thing is just more fun with a group, Winters said. They have shirts made and play Secret Santa, since the cruise is around Christmas time.

"A lot of friendships have really developed because of the cruising. So when they get to the meetings, they know each other better," Winters said.

Members of a dancing group also have strengthened their friendships by taking a cruise.

Susan and Mark O'Brien, of the Village of Polo Ridge, are the leaders for the Social Dancing on the Squares group. They went on a cruise with club members in February and are planning another one for next February.

"We try to make sure that it's still a cruise for them," Susan said. "People don't want to go on a cruise and work. So on sea days, we teach classes in the morning and the afternoon. It becomes almost like a workshop."

When they weren't dancing, the members had dinner together and went on various excursions.

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Kristeen Kilgore and Debbie Williams, members of the Social Dancing on the Squares club, went on a cruise with the club in February.

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Resident Disney fan club Mickey's "Fan"atics has been going on a Disney cruise every year for the past eight years and is booked for a ninth in December.

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Around 30 members of the South of 60 Club went on a Halloween Cruise in October last year.

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"We meet at different lounges at night," Susan said. "That way they get to practice their dancing. Even some of the ports we go into have music playing and we dance around. They get a lot of exposure."

Another group leader found a cruise to be a good way to get to know members better.

Barney Saunders, Village of Duval resident and founder of the South of Sixty club, went on a Halloween Cruise with about 30 of his club members in October.

"I was always so busy running the club that I never really got to meet anybody, so on the cruise I actually got to sit down and talk to people," Saunders said. "I ended up becoming good friends with a lot of them."

Saunders said members got together for meals and various adventures on and off the ship, and that it was a way for them to not only bond as a club but also meet new people, as well.

Some club members hit it off so much with another couple on the cruise that the couple ended up buying a house in The Villages, according to Saunders.

"I've never really liked cruises, but this one changed

my mind," Saunders said. "It was a lot of fun."

Neighborhood groups like Fernandina and Friends, Dunedin Social Group and Fenney Friends are all known for going on club cruises, and it's also common for neighbors to travel together.

Larry and Patti Dittburner, Rich and Robin Leimbach and Don and Karen Hansen, all from Hyde Park in the Village of Charlotte, recently went on a two-week cruise from Singapore to Abu Dhabi.

"Karen and I cruise probably every other year or so and have been ever since 2004," Don said. "Our neighbors, Larry and Patti, were planning the cruise. We hadn't been in that area of the world before and thought it would be kind of cool to check it out, so we signed up with them."

Later, another couple from the neighborhood, the Leimbachs, heard about it and signed up, too.

"Karen plays mah-jongg and cards with Patti and Robin, and I play golf with Rich, so we had known each other for two or three years but had never done anything like this with them," Don said. "It worked out really well because there were a number of sea days on this cruise, so we were able to

spend time together and play cards. It was a lot of fun."

Off the ship, everyone was impressed with the beauty of Abu Dhabi and enjoyed seeing Thailand, Sri Lanka and India.

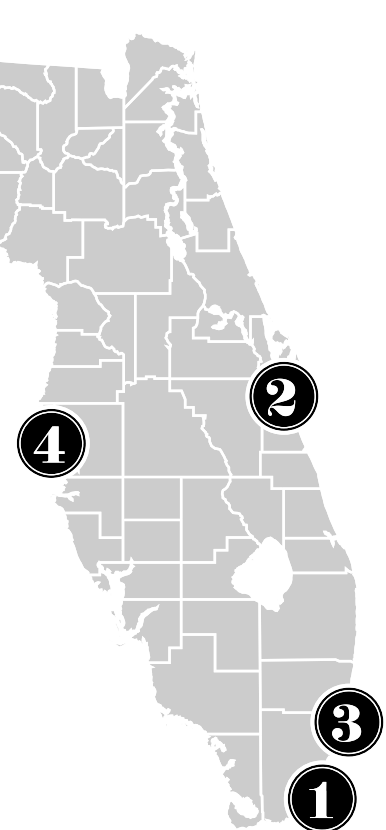
"It was a trip that was well worth taking," Don said. "We enjoyed it, but we enjoyed it more because we knew people on the cruise. We made friends that weren't part of our group, but it was nice having folks from The Villages. It added an extra dimension to our friendship."

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