

DINING & Entertaining



DAR chapter delivers donations

The Bertha Hereford Hall Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently made its biannual donation to the Malcom Randall Fisher House in Gainesville.

The Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes around the world to host military and veteran families, free of charge, while their loved ones are being treated at U.S. military and VA hospitals, according to the DAR chapter.

“Upon arrival [at the Fisher House], I spoke with a woman who was checking in,” said Annette Freeman, the chapter’s Service for Veterans chairman. “She felt very blessed to have a place to stay while her husband was in the VA Hospital.”

Freeman spearheaded an effort over many months to collect single-serving sized foods and kitchen supplies from chapter members and through her own initiative. The chapter’s donation is intended to offer a supply of foods that guests can quickly heat up between visits to their loved-one’s bedside.

The DAR, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women’s service organization with 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters. Any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership.

For more information on DAR membership, there are two local chapters to consider: Bertha Hereford Hall Chapter meets at 10 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, October through May, at Leesburg’s Venetian Center (contact bhhdar@gmail.com), and the Mary Ellen Robertson Chapter meets at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month, October through May, at the Marianne Beck Memorial Library in Howey-In-The-Hills (contact regentmaryellenrobertson@gmail.com).



Annette Freeman, left, and Kelly Wilson, of The Fisher House. Photo courtesy Bertha Hereford Hall Chapter.

Gallery 54 Realty Announces Opening of New Tavares Office

Whether you are buying or selling a home, looking for land or investment properties, Gallery 54 Realty can help. The new local office is located at 227 N. Joanna Ave in Tavares.

Debra Stewart started her real estate career in Downtown Mount Dora in 2002 and has been a broker since 2010. Debra has lived in Lake County for 42 years. Gallery 54 Realty is a member of the Tavares Chamber of Commerce. Debra and her team look forward to meeting prospective buyers and sellers. For more information call 352-508-6807 or visit www.gallery54realty.com



Last Call celebrates end of summer

July 30, Mount Dora will host its second annual end-of-summer concert and fireworks event, 6–10 p.m. at Sunset Park. The celebration will feature live music and DJ Lon, interactive street entertainment and games, and grown-up drinks.

The fireworks display over Lake Dora will light up the sky starting at 9:15 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the city of Mount Dora, 103.1 The Wolf, Mount Dora Community Trust, Wharton-Smith, Inc. Construction Group, Pisces Rising, Mullinax Ford, Gator Harley and Visit Lake, FL – Lake County Tourism.



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