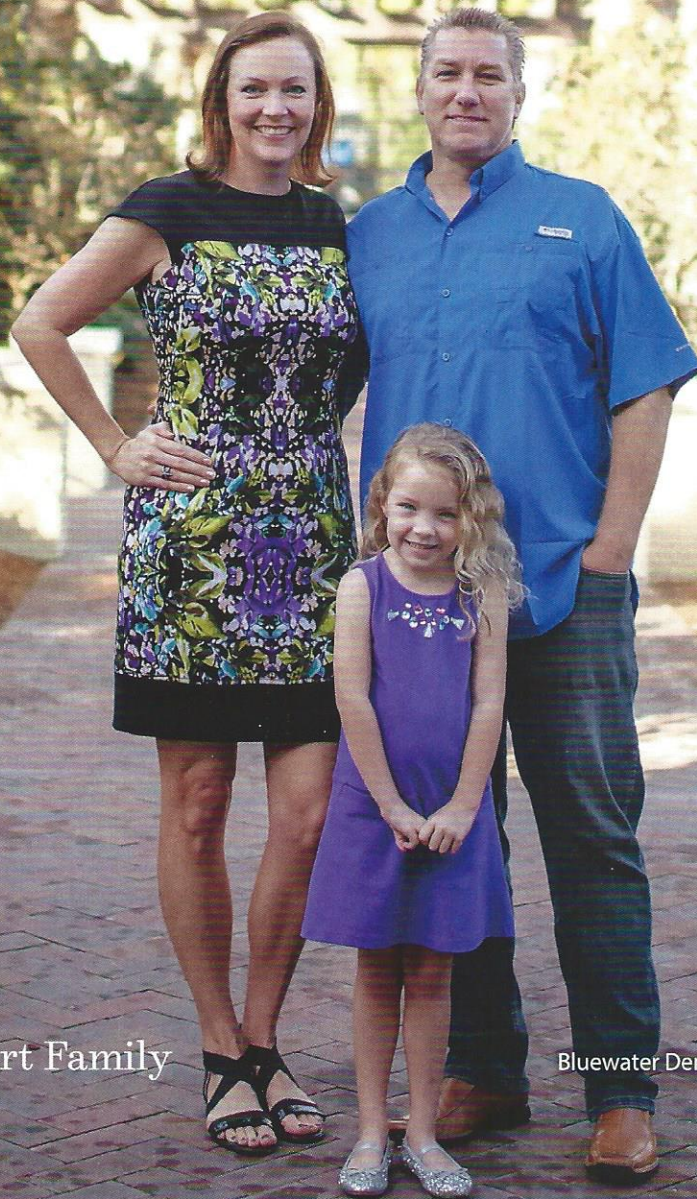


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# Between the BRIDGES

A Social Publication for the Residents of Nocatee



## Meet The Gearhart Family

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# Between the BRIDGES INVITES YOU



## COASTAL WINE MARKET & tasting room

### Coastal Wine Market's Weekly Events

Nocatee Town Center | Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:** Happy Hour from 4-7 p.m., featuring wines for \$5 and craft beers for \$3, \$10 Cheeseboard special and 2/\$5 or 3/\$7 Grilled Cheese and Prosciutto Sliders.

**Friday:** Wine tastings from 6-8 p.m., featuring six wines, gourmet cheese and crackers and 10% off a tasting bottle. All for \$10!



### -50+ Social Club

This Nocatee Resident-only Social Club is open to those ages 46-66 who enjoy a variety of pursuits. To RSVP, please check out their website at <https://kcisthe1.wixsite.com/socialclub>.

### "Pop-Up" Paint Nite at Coastal Oaks Clubhouse

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

The very talented Lenwood Bruce, Jr. will be coaching us thru an artistic journey as we recreate a beautiful work of art!

Cost is \$29.25 per person and limited to **30 attendees!**

Use Code: **Wood35** when checking out!!

### Digital Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

Rules of Engagement:

Form teams with no more than six people.

One person on team **Must Have** mobile phone with ability to receive text messages, take photos and record videos. This person's phone number **Must** be provided in advance to Club Hostesses.

Having a selfie stick will be handy in capturing all the group in photos! The teams will be provided a number of tasks with points associated with each. The team has two hours to complete as many tasks for as many points as possible.

The team will gather, post the 'hunt' to provide their results to the Hostesses, who will tally-up the score.

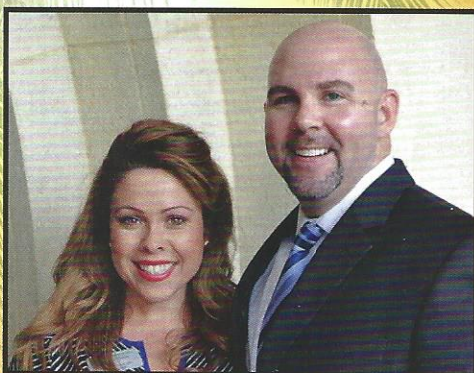
Incredible prizes will be provided to the first, second and third team members. (depending on number of entries)

There may be bonus tasks provided during the two-hour window - so keep your phone handy!

**Tickets are \$25 per person and include handling fees.**

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## around town

Cheryl Wierda, Resident Staff Writer



When looking to meet new friends and neighbors, the first thought was to find a Nocatee club to join. Kimberly (Kim) Cornwell along with Tracy Tillman and Michelle Therrien noted many of the current clubs catered to moms or a younger demographic, unless you lived in the age-exclusive communities of Del Webb or Artisan Lakes. Both Kim and Tracy

had only lived in Nocatee for about nine months, both were newly minted domestic-engineers, both their husbands, Russ Ritenour and Harry Tillman, respectively, travel a great deal for work, both couples are empty nesters, and they couldn't figure out how to meet new friends in their very new, disperse community. Kim met Michelle and her husband, Rick Therrien, and together with Tracy, started to brainstorm. They realized the need to reach across more neighborhoods, so they enlisted the help of another woman, Judy Shivers and her husband, Glenn, who seemed to be very well-connected and ideas started to form. This grassroots social club is for Nocatee-only residents with a focused demographic aged roughly between 46-65 years old. Thanks to these four wonderful women and their spouses, the Nocatee plus or minus fifty social club was born.

The club has been almost a full-time job for Kim, but she is encouraged by the positive response. Kim and her husband hosted a soft kick-off in June 2017 and the official inaugural club event in July, an Italian Potluck attended by ninety people. Kim manages most of the membership through their very interactive Facebook page. She also built a webpage and encourages you to check it out! She and Tracy answer questions, create and take polls and plan events – lots of events! Regular club events are scheduled the second Saturday of each month, with several “pop-up” events planned as negotiations with vendors are completed. E-vites are issued via messenger and sent directly to email. Included is a description of the event, how-to purchase a ticket and most importantly the headcount. The biggest challenge is ensuring that folks R.S.V.P. to events as many venues limit the headcount of participants. They try to always include a waitlist for events. There have been two exceptional Saturday dining-out evenings at Table One and Pusser's Bar and Grille, both with over eighty members attending, two wildly successful week-night pop-up Happy Hours at 3 Palms Grille, a brilliantly-executed catered Holiday Party with live entertainment, an elaborate Holiday Cookie Exchange at two host-homes, a club-member exclusive Corks n' Forks tour of St. Augustine, a Jacksonville Icemen game as VIP guests, a week-day afternoon tea and a rainy day at the movies, too!

With the success of the -50+ Social Club, Kim has scheduled events well into 2018. Some future events include a Paint Nite, an Escape Room and

# -50+ Social Club



Table 1 dinner

Irish Pub, Murder Mystery Dinner Show, Digital Scavenger Hunt, a catered lunch and play at Top Golf, Home-hosted Game Night, Go-Kart racing, Home-hosted Fiesta Night and Alhambra Dinner Theater. They've also introduced sub-groups for club members kicking off in 2018, two Bunco groups and a Ladies Golf club. This is pretty amazing for a club that has done zero advertising. The roster is currently over three hundred members and they are receiving requests each day. The only requirements are to participate in one event per year, to live in Nocatee and you or your spouse meet the age demographic. There are no dues, but donations to cover miscellaneous expenses are welcome. Kim, Tracy, Michelle and Judy are thrilled with the response and are so excited to have met so many new neighbors and make new friends.

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