



THRIVING IN PLACE NEWSLETTER

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Thriving In Place – Facts and Figures

Member Count:	104
Volunteer Count:	92
Service Requests this Fiscal Year*:	645
(*Fiscal Year runs Oct 1 through Sept 30)	

New Location for Thriving In Place!



Part of History; Part of Thriving In Place!

Thriving In Place has a new address: 690 Celebration Avenue. For those of you who are new to the area, the building is often referred to as “the big brick building with all the skinny white pillars,” or “the brick building with the white columns next door to the Post Office and Sweet Escapes.” Our new home is both, historically our new location is one of the original buildings within the Celebration community designed by a world-famous architect.

Completed in 1996, the public building was designed by Philip Johnson and named Johnson Hall. As it initially housed most of the community’s day-to-day operations, it was referred to as Town Hall. As the population grew, Town Hall’s operations outgrew Johnson Hall and the majority of the staff relocated to its current location at 851 Celebration Avenue.

In November 2009, the Celebration History Center opened its doors at

690 Celebration Avenue, Johnson Hall or the “Old Town Hall.” Opening during Founders Weekend, the History Center sold Celebration merchandise with the famous Celebration logo to residents and visitors from around the world. In addition to merchandise, their goal was to collect, preserve and make available documentation and memorabilia about the history of Celebration, Florida.

Fast forward several years and on March 1, 2018, Celebration Foundation – Thriving In Place became the proud occupants of the historical Johnson Hall. Thriving In Place has opened its doors to all Thriving In Place activities, meetings and social gatherings. Thriving In Place invites you to pay us a visit and join us as we play friendly games of Poker, have spirited conversations about the latest book being read or knit and crochet a warm hat for a new little baby born at Celebration Health.

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The majestic green door is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Many town volunteers are offering their time to serve as Ambassadors and Greeters for both residents and out-of-town visitors with answers to commonly asked questions such as “Where is the Post Office?”, “Where do we

receive our identification badges?” or most recently, “When is the Porch and Yard Sale?”

Thriving In Place is thrilled to be the next piece of history housed in Johnson Hall.

Mini-Lunch’N’Learn

Thank you to our friends of Thriving In Place

Thriving In Place thanks you for spending your time and talents with our group during lunch.

Merrill Gardens Senior Living

Anything Goes Celebration – Demetri Skopos

Ashton Lauren

Walter Morgan, MD

James G. Scelfo, MD

Eloise Stiglitz, PhD

Celebration Lifelong

Thriving In Place Excursion Committee



Thriving in Place Members Lunches



Kudos to those sponsoring our
recent lunches!

Chick-Fil-A

Flippers Pizza

Don and Kathy Gordy

Marian Otto

Mike and Debi Jackson

Merrill Gardens Senior Living

Our members are grateful and appreciative of the funds to feed their hungry stomachs. Lunch gatherings are a special time for our members to visit with their friends who have become their families.

Thriving In Place members thank you for your generosity in making these lunches possible!

Thriving In Place lunches are held in the Activities Room at 851 Celebration Ave. If you are not a current member of Thriving In Place, please feel free to join us for a small \$5 contribution.

If you are interested in becoming a food sponsor of Thriving In Place, please contact

Mary Pat Rosenthal
407-572-9850

Thank You, Volunteers!

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes...

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. These amazing people bring to the table all different talents and perspectives.

Volunteers are worth their weight in gold, but they don't ask to be paid for their skills or their time.

Thriving In Place, much like any other Not-for-profit organization, relies heavily on Volunteers. Currently there are 92 trained volunteers for Thriving In Place. Tasks include driving members to and from social activities and medical appointments; changing out a hard to reach light bulb, visiting with a lonely member who lives alone or joking with participants at lunch. Volunteers

serve on committees that enhance the operations of all things Thriving In Place. They give with open hearts and share skills practiced during their lives before retirement.

Volunteers are not the same as employees. They choose to participate in services and activities out of love of giving back to the community and respect for others. Their efforts are invaluable to the success of a program such as Thriving In Place.

National Volunteer Week is, this year, officially celebrated during the week of April 15 through 22. During this special week and the remaining weeks of the year, we wish to showcase this special group of people for their selfless work and commitment by bestowing a simple "Thank You" for playing a huge role in the lives of our members and the successes of Thriving In Place.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our
Thriving In Place
Members
& Volunteers



April

- 4.3 Catherine Sherman
- 4.4 Jane Gibson
- 4.5 Susan Buckley
- 4.5 Brian Crawford
- 4.8 Anita Long
- 4.14 Judith Conk
- 4.15 Garry Cartwright
- 4.17 Paul Kinser
- 4.30 John Kraft



May

- 5/1 Susan Northridge
- 5/13 Hank Kirschner
- 5/17 Art Ramos
- 5/24 Judie Lobb
- 5/30 Jodi Roth



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Horoscopes

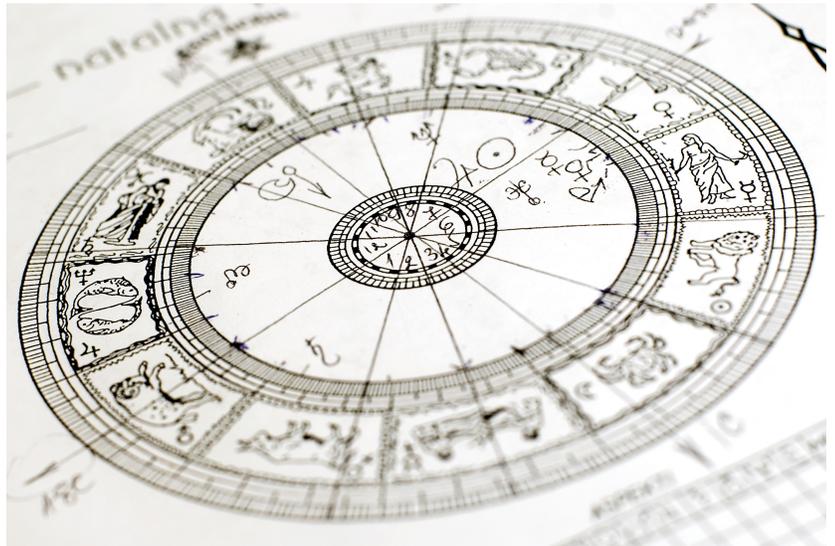
Planetary Influences in 2018 Horoscope

The year 2018 will be marked by two major aspects. Mars, the planet of action, will be in retrograde in Capricorn and Aquarius, from June 26th through August 27th.

This means that all the plans for changing status will be remixed. All we thought about a certain function, about an authority will gain new valences next summer.

The second outstanding aspect of 2018 will be Venus retrograde in Libra and Scorpio, between October 6th and November 16th.

When Venus is in retrograde motion, love lasts three months. We recommend you to avoid getting involved in a serious relationship at the end of next year. You can experiment intense passion and you can have many expectations. But it will be for nothing.



Saturn, The Great Teacher, will be in transit through Capricorn since the end of 2017. This means that each one of us will responsibly reevaluate our achievements, figuring out if all we've built in life is authentic and solid.

Uranus, the Rebel Planet, will enter in Taurus for a short period of time, shaking all the financial activity. Money will be differently gained and they will lead to new initiatives.

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The four Zodiac Elements in the year 2018



The Fire The Fire Zodiac Signs (Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius) will have at their disposal plenty of space and time to develop their personal hobbies during 2018. Fire signs will attract powerful members to their team. Naturally, you will work hard and from this perspective you will gain plenty of benefits during 2018.



The Earth Zodiac Signs (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) will impose cosmic attention during 2018. There are three periods when Mercury is retrograde, in most cases, under earth signs. Work and make efforts more carefully and use your experience; this is the recommendation for all earth signs. Saturn will be in transit in Capricorn, bringing power and even a hidden power for all earth signs. After August, everything will diminish in terms of chance and success opportunities, but that doesn't mean you will suffer any loss. Simply put, it's going to be a white period of time, with no special events or developments.



The Air Zodiac Signs (Gemini, Libra and Aquarius) unlike the previous year (2017), will enjoy a much comfortable year in 2018. Team work, communication and mutual understanding are the defining factors for stability and success in 2018. These are not foreign aspects and abilities for you, so you will have no difficulties adapting, all it takes is the desire to make the effort in this direction. Year 2018 will be a favorable year for all air Europeans Zodiac signs.



The Water Zodiac Signs (Cancer, Scorpio and Pieces) are, as always, sensitive, which might be an advantage during 2018. This year, they will face new beginnings, in the best sense. A new beginning...for some people means a new job, a new business...a new course in life.

From Horoscope 2018 Guru

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THE LAZY COP

Submitted by William Boyle

To the gentleman that I gave a ticket
to.
I heard him say to his companion
As I walked away,
"All these cops are too lazy to work
and just go
around and bother honest people."

Allow me to tell you friend,
What my work is like.

That light that you ran through.
Last month another did the same
thing.
Said he saw nothing coming.
Didn't see the ten year old
riding his bike.
Hit him doing forty.

Through tears said he was sorry,
Didn't see the kid.
It took us twenty minutes to find the
severed arm.
We found it under the carriage.

Maybe you should have been with
me
when I informed his family
that their child was dead.
The anguished cry of his Mom,
The silent pain in his Dad's eyes.

I'll tell you friend, no amount of time
Will ever erase that moment.

Allow me to move to another scene.
One that was familiar.
We have been here before.

I knock on the door.
It is answered by a woman.
Her face is bruised and bloody.
In a corner there is a cowering child.
A man with angry eyes and bourbon
breath
Sits at the table.
Bruised knuckles and bloody shirt.

He stopped at the bar,
after a rough day at work.
When he got home, his supper was
cold.

But, his punching bag was there.
She was asked to press charges, she
said no.

I saw the crime and arrested him.
I took him to jail.
She posted bail
On money borrowed from friends.



In disbelief I ask her, why?
 Her answer as she cried,
 "Without his pay check we will not eat.
 We will have no heat and the rent is due."

A month later, the same call.
 We walked down the hall, knocked on
 the door.

This time it was answered by a crying
 child.
 He let us in.

On the floor the wife is dead.
 Her head had been crushed.

The killer passed out on the bed,
 a bloody beer bottle still in his hand.

So, tell me friend,
 Would you like to change jobs?

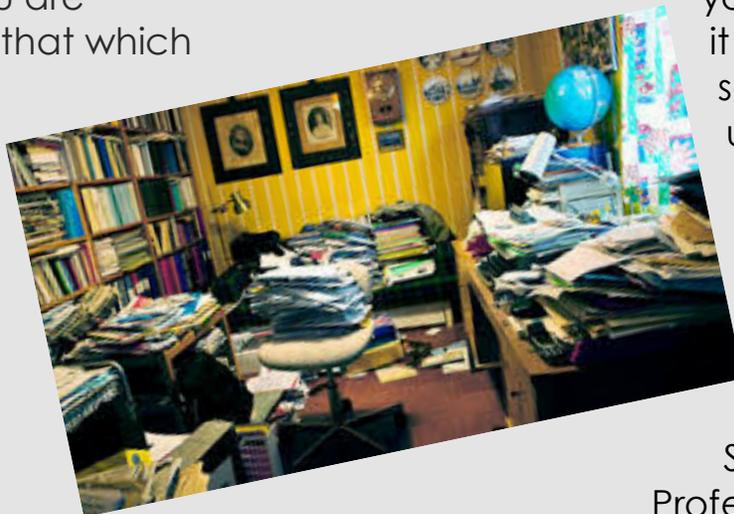
Oh yeah after twenty years or so,
 I will retire with half pay.

But I will dream, and memories keep,
 Ones that won't go away.

Organizing Thoughts

By getting rid of that which is no longer of use, you are making room for that which is priceless. New, happy memories await you. Make room for them to enter your life.

Anything that does not bring you great joy or serve a purpose is CLUTTER. Get rid of it. Your life will feel calmer as you

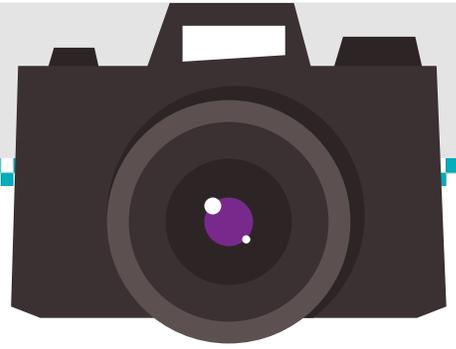


lighten the load of clutter around you. Donate it, pass it along to someone that can use it or ditch it. Get it out NOW.

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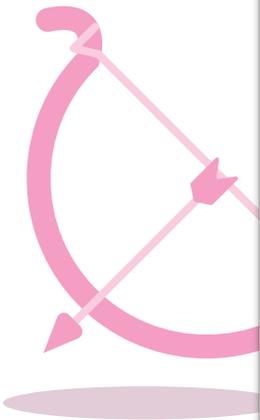
Happy Memories



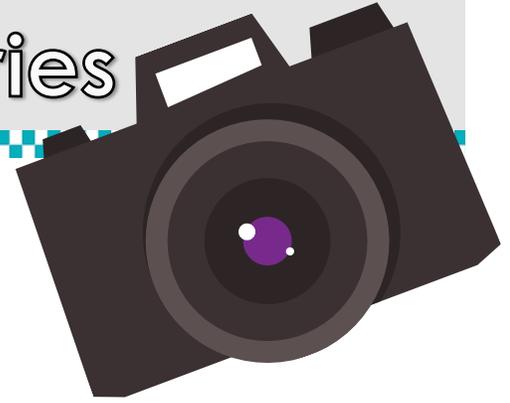
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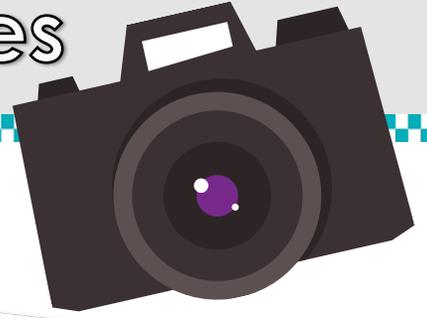
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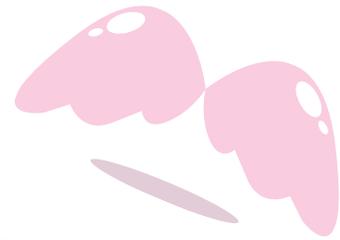
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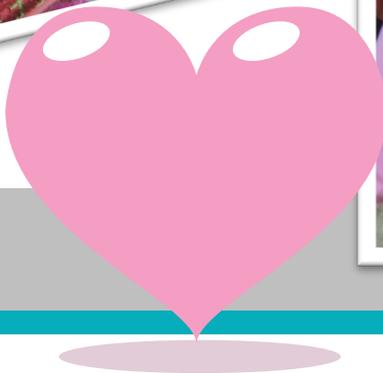
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Celebration Foundation - Thriving In Place

If you know of anyone interested in joining Thriving In Place or becoming a volunteer, please have him or her contact the Thriving In Place office at (407) 572-9850.

Celebration was founded with the belief that people need to be involved in their community to be truly fulfilled. The hope was, and continues to be, that Celebration will possess a community spirit that promotes this sense of belonging,

shared values, and mutual dependence. As stakeholders, the Foundation hopes to help members build a strong sense of community that will endure and thrive for generations to come.



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