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While sitting here pondering my President's message, I am listening to the Governor of New York. And as I am saying to myself, "What can I say during this time that has not been said, Governor says it for me. So, in case you did not hear his morning update, I am going to take a part of his briefing and use it as my message to you. While showing slides of the current situation and explaining his reasoning behind what he is doing, he gives us this advice.

Plan forward

Look for the silver lining

That does not mean we do not do everything in our power to make this the best day of our life but while doing that we can also plan how tomorrow and the ones to come will be even better.

I am sure many of you have seen, read, and heard countless anecdotes of people being heroic and helping others during very trying times and that is what all of us need to do. Don't focus on what is wrong but focus on how I can make it better by doing something for others. No matter how small your act of selfless may seem, sometimes that can be the turning point in another person's life.

As I have said many times, this group of people in the Garden Club-you, you, and yes even you-are the most gracious and selfless group I know and that is why I am asking each of you and challenging myself to make the "months of Corona" some of the best times ever to make silver linings by talking to friends, family, neighbors, strangers, and anyone else who reaches out to you.

Clean out that closet that has been waiting for your gentle touch for so long. Read all that stack of books or magazines that you have been piling up and then pass them on to others. Call that long lost friend, cousin, aunt or uncle, or other relative just to check in and say hello. I could go on endlessly but am looking forward to our first meeting when the question of the day will be "What silver lining did you find during your shelter at home coronavirus time?"

Till then-stay safe and healthy.

Fondly,

Peggy

If you have any comments about this newsletter, please contact Liane at: plantationgardenclubfl@gmail.com. Be sure to put "Newsletter" in the subject line.

COVID-19 INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Dr. Mehmet Oz posted this list on his Twitter feed
(<https://twitter.com/droz>)

DR. OZ CORONAVIRUS PREP
10 HIDDEN PLACES YOU MAY FORGET TO CLEAN!

-  **REFRIGERATOR HANDLE**
-  **VACUUM HANDLE**
-  **CLEANING SPRAY BOTTLE**
-  **FLOOR BASEBOARD**
■ ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE YOUNG KIDS
-  **MICROWAVE TOUCHPAD**
-  **LIGHT SWITCHES**
-  **TOILET FLUSER**
■ YOU PROBABLY ALREADY CLEAN THE FAUCETS AND THE TOILET SEAT BUT THIS GETS FORGOTTEN
-  **DOOR KNOBS**
-  **DRESSER HANDLES**
-  **CAR**
■ THIS INCLUDES YOUR STEERING WHEEL, DOOR HANDLE, RADIO, GEAR SHIFT, AND KEYS
- BONUS ITEM**  **THE MAIL BOX**

WEBPAGES

CDC [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)

WHO [who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

Broward County:

<https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/default.aspx>

Questions related to COVID-19 can be directed to 954-357-9500, or by emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov

City of Plantation: <http://www.plantation.org/COVID19>

PHONE NUMBERS











Members of the public with general questions about COVID-19 should call their state health department's main daytime telephone number or they can **contact CDC at www.cdc.gov/cdc-info or 1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) or TTY 888-232-6348**. These phone lines are monitored at all times, and travelers may call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week unless noted.

Florida State Department of Health 1-850-245-4401

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SORTING OUT THE SYMPTOMS: COVID-19, COMMON COLD & FLU

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	COMMON COLD	FLU
 Fever	Common	Rarely	Typical
 Cough	Common, usually dry	Sometimes, Mild	Common, usually dry
 Fatigue	Common	Sometimes	Typical
 Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Headache	Less common	Rarely	Common
 Body aches	Less common	Sometimes, Mild	Common
 Sore Throat	Less common	Common	Sometimes
 Chills	Less common	Rarely	Common
 Runny or Stuffy nose	Not Typically	Common	Sometimes
 Sneezing	Not Typically	Common	Sometimes

If you think you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, call your healthcare provider.



SORTING OUT THE SYMPTOMS: COVID-19 & SEASONAL ALLERGIES

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	SEASONAL ALLERGIES
 Fever	Common/Typical	No
 Cough	Common, usually dry	Sometimes
 Fatigue	Common	Sometimes
 Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No
 Headache	Less common	Sometimes
 Body aches	Less common	No
 Sore Throat	Less common	Sometimes
 Chills	Less common	No
 Runny or Stuffy nose	Not Typically	Common
 Sneezing	Not Typically	Common
 Nausea/Diarrhea	Sometimes	No

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WELCOME

All regular meetings are on the **third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon** at the **El Dorado clubhouse**, 1 El Dorado Clubhouse Parkway (1 SW 75th Ave.), Plantation, FL 33317 (954) 583-0940.

Meeting schedule is as follows:

APRIL 15, 2020 – MEETING: Meeting has been cancelled due to COVID-19 Virus.



Event Cancellations/ Postponements

Treasures in the Park Garage Sale
POSTPONED

End of the Year Luncheon
POSTPONED – POSSIBLY CANCELLED

Woman of the Year Luncheon
POSTPONED

Plantation Historical Society
Plant Affair
CANCELLED

2019/20 Monthly Schedule

Thanks so much to **Sandy Fernandes** for volunteering to take over Roxie's spot in the newsletter. For the next few series of issues, she will provide some great summarized gardening tips she found in a garden guide by Bib Haehle and M.E. Depalma.

As we continue to enjoy the bright show of color from bougainvillea and yellow tabebuia, the month of April brings new challenges from windy and dry weather.

Annuals like marigolds, asters, zinnias and coleus should be planted soon.

Plant vegetables including sweet potatoes, snap beans and southern peas and herbs like dill, basil, lemon verbena, fennel and parsley.

Trees, palms, citrus and shrubs should be planted as long as water is available.

Control spider mites, scale, mealybugs, white flies and aphids, which will be showing up on new growth.

Watch rain amounts and if it stops, start regular watering until June wet season.

April and May are the most critical watering months of the year.



Sharon Hall 9th
Flossie Fisher 16th
Kimberly Fried 24th
Cece Ramirez 28th
Carol Goodman 29th

