



February 2012

## HOOT OF THE MONTH

### Meet Elvia Cacciatore:

I was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. After graduating from Jefferson High School, I went to work for Aetna Finance Company. I met my husband, Angelo, after he returned from serving in the military. We dated for a year, got married, and this past August, celebrated 58 years of marriage.

We have a son, Mark and three grandchildren: Celeste (age 23), AJ (age 21) and Maria (age 13). We own Cacciatore & Sons, an Italian specialty meat market, known for its famous Italian sausage, once located in Ybor City and later relocated to West Tampa. The store in recent years has grown to consist of a deli selling cooked foods, Cuban Sandwiches, devil crabs and also catering. In 1976 Angelo was in an auto accident leaving him disabled. Mark and I managed the business until I semi-retired six years ago.



Now I am enjoying the OWLS, having season tickets to the Straz center for the performing arts, and season tickets for the Spanish Lyric Theater. My hobbies are sewing, crocheting and crafts.

***"I enjoy being an OWL. The trips are wonderful and the outings are great! I want to thank all the volunteers who have made this group so special."***

*--- Elvia Cacciatore ---*

**"R J Art Tour" from Don Clark:** About one half of the OWLS that went to the Raymond James Art collection tour on January 11<sup>th</sup> were there for the second or third time. Every time you go you can see different art. They have about 2000 pieces of art in their building. It would take you 40 hours or a full work week to see the entire collection. Mr. Tom James, Owner & President, is going to open his own museum in St. Petersburg so that more people can enjoy his collection. If you have a group (two or more) that would like a tour the R.J. art collection, contact me. There was a very heavy downpour when we left for lunch. Our bus driver pulled right up to the door and no one got wet. At the Cracker Barrel Restaurant we had to run from the bus to the building....some got damp. After lunch, we had time for shopping in their store. Several asked when we are going again and I promised to do so in the Fall, or next Winter.

**"Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey" from Don Clark:** On Sunday, January 15th, the OWLS went to an afternoon Hockey game. Every time we go to a Rays' game they win. We were hoping the Lightning would follow the same script, but no, a 6-3 loss to Pittsburgh. We had our usual tailgate on the bus to the Forum. It was nice to see the Castens & the Katz' children & grandchildren going to the game. It is always fun to look at the expressions on faces as Bill leads us in a hoot every time the Lightning scored a goal! As the old saying goes, **"Wait 'till next time!"**

**St. Armands Shopping Adventure from Sylvia Katz:** Upon arrival at our destination, great \*japdip (just another perfect day in paradise) weather greeted a bus full of eager OWLS. Eager that is to get into the restaurant of choice. We were HUNGRY! Many of us go directly to the Columbia, but Sarasota has so many fabulous places to dine, lots of indoor or al fresco seating available. Some shopped with a mission to find a specific item. Many just ambled along window shopping until something hit their fancy. **St.Armands** has a diversity of shops, lots of beautiful work done by artists both local and national. Easy streets to travel as pedestrians have first rights to cross. Of course the last stop was the ice cream shop. You can't imagine how many OWLS were roosting there! All in all, a really fun day with OWL friends. **Everyone over 60 should live in Florida!**

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of our monthly meetings.

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