

chased Amelia Island Plantation, a 1,350-acre resort and residential community. That was back in 1978. Cooper has been quietly running both the resort and his Cleveland-based coal company, Lakeway Fuel, ever since.

"Although Amelia is one of the most beautiful places I've been, Cleveland is home. We typically spend half the year in each location," Cooper says.

Amelia Island Plantation is AAA Four-Diamond rated and attracts guests year-round for its championship golfing, boating, tennis and wildlife. Lodging options range from hotel rooms to three-bedroom villas and penthouses, many with beach views.

The resort recently opened a 13,200-square-foot spa that features water treatments such as ionotherapy (negative ion therapy) and Watsu (underwater massage). With such a balmy paradise as his second home, it looks as if Cooper has little personal use for all that coal he sells. More information is available at 800-874-6878 or www.aipfl.com.

— Barbara Wayman

RePlay for Kids

Every child has a holiday wish list, and for most, toys are at the top. But for children with disabilities, finding functional, easy-to-use toys can be a difficult task.

Enter **Bill Memberg**. In the early 1990s, Memberg came across a *Plain Dealer* ad from the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities asking for volunteers to fix its toys. An engineering graduate student, he thought he would put his skills to work. "I tend to fix things anyway, so it seemed pretty easy to do," says Memberg, now a biomedical engineer at Case Western Reserve University. Friends offered to help, and by 1994, RePlay for Kids was born.

The nonprofit RePlay for Kids works with area agencies — including the Boards of

Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties; United Cerebral Palsy of Cleveland; United Disability Services of Akron; Achievement Centers for Children; Medina's Society for Handicapped Citizens; Aristocrat Berea Skilled Nursing Facility; and public school programs in Cuyahoga, Lake, Summit and Geauga counties — to repair and adapt hundreds of toys and assist-

ive devices for kids with disabilities. RePlay's free service saves the agencies thousands of dollars a year in replacement costs, and lets them use toys that are too expensive to repair or replace.

For more information on RePlay — including workshop volunteer info — visit www.replayforkids.org.

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