



Poinciana Today

OCTOBER 2021

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by **PAT SULLIVAN**

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." (W.M. Montgomery)

Let's hope that this month brings cooler weather our way, and we see more residents coming to the Clubhouse and enjoying everything it has to offer. Several changes and improvements have been made over the past year. The Executive Board has moved their office to the former Men's Club office. The old executive office is now the Social Committee office. If you are interested in volunteering to help with events, please leave your name and contact information at the office in the lobby.

Starting on October 1, the lobby office will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and on Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

This past summer, we were able to get the new flooring for the second floor of the Clubhouse. We now have new chairs for all the card rooms and the Terrace Room. New ceiling tiles and lighting have been installed in Mel's Way Bistro. There is a new dance floor in the Poinciana Room. Seven new toilets have been installed in the first-floor bathrooms. These toilets do not use 'flappers,' so hopefully, there will be fewer problems. We also have an ADA-compliant toilet and sink in the Handicap bathroom.

Let's move outside. New umbrellas and tables have been ordered for the pool. The original delivery date was pushed up to October. Remember to put the umbrella down when you leave or if it gets windy. Thank you. The new awning for the pool has been ordered. It was necessary to get a new survey before installation could be done.

Privacy greenery has been installed on the fences around the pool, and we have some beautiful new palms. Who needs an expensive resort?

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Some residents have asked, "Why the gray color for a wall?" Our buildings are all different colors. We tried to pick a neutral color that would stand out from the surrounding area and still provide an attractive welcome to our Community and visitors. We have new lighting on the walls and this month hope to have some colorful landscaping done to complete the job.

Last but certainly not least, let's talk about our "New" golf course. The Grillo's and their staff have been working very hard to turn our golf course into a great place to play a round of golf. You can see all of this happening from your lanai's. First thing every morning, I go out and look at the beautiful green grass growing in my yard! Besides being so knowledgeable about the course and golfing in general, they love what they do. To me, that is the most important thing, to love your work!

Please check your bulletin boards and articles inside for all the wonderful things happening here at Poinciana. Until next month stay well and be kind to yourself and others.

FRIENDSHIP
by Joyce Graham

"Friendship is a sheltering tree."
Samuel Taylor Coleridge

It's good to be back and starting our October through May Poinciana Today Newsletter. As you will see in this edition, our lives are getting busy again, and we are inching our way back to a new normal.

I, for one, have come to appreciate the people in my life more than ever. After living here for a little over seven years, I feel lucky that I have developed friendships that support me, that care, and who I can depend on and know that they can rely on me. Though difficult because of the uncertainty, the pandemic is more bearable because we have taken the time to check on one another, spend time together, talk on the phone, and look out for each other. We often share our fears and anger about the extent to which life has veered off course and our anxiety about getting it back. But, we also have a lot of fun, we laugh, and we socialize. Life is better because I have friends!

I find my circle of friends expanding because of the work I've taken on in pulling together the newsletter and because of the Poinciana Community Board work. I consider myself very lucky to know so many interesting people!

In this month's edition, you'll find an article about the new lessees of the golf course, Vincent and Paul Grillo, who tell why they are willing to take on the challenge of saving the golf course and what their plans are for the future. You'll also learn about refrigeration and air conditioning development here in Florida in one of Thomas Leonard's always interesting articles. Toni Mirobelli shares a delicious recipe for Pumpkin Crumb Cake. One of the benefits of our friendship is I get to be a taste tester! You won't be disappointed! Take some time to do the Friendship Word Search. Thanks to Ted Suss, the monthly calendar is back with all the activities and events going on in our community. Russ Donnelly and the Social Committee have been busy organizing activities to look forward to - be sure to read his article.

Unfortunately, there are veterans and seniors in our community who need a helping hand and the kindness of strangers. Would you please donate to our Holiday Charity Event benefitting those Veterans and Meals on Wheels? You'll find the details in the article about the event.

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Thank you to all the writers who contribute to the monthly newsletter. They provide you with information about your building and help keep us all in the know! Many of our advertisers have returned to support our newsletter. Please consider calling them when you can!

Until next month – Be Safe, Be Kind!

ACTIVITY OFFICE

The Activity office is now open five days a week, Monday thru Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and with additional hours on Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. If you need a key card, sign up for an event or donate to the Holiday Charity event, please come in, and one of the volunteers will be happy to help.

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BARCLAY BITS by Ina Baron

If you're like other residents of Poinciana and me, it seems that life during the rainy season is like being inside of a Mole Hole. The hurricane shades are closed and can be a bit daunting. It is just too darn hot and humid to go out and walk for exercise. You pass the fridge but don't open it until dinner time. It is either the television, the computer, or a book that occupies your time. My painting seems to have been put on hold. The lighting is not quite right. My other half plays games on the computer, writes a blog, or does crossword puzzles. Ah yes, and the occasional load of laundry gets done. SHIPT gets my food delivered, and we are golden. We're all looking forward to sunny days and activities with friends and neighbors

We have had a few new owners take residency so welcome to The Barclay. We celebrated two 93-year young birthdays at the Barclay, John Harvie and Jennie Houck, in July. John took six ladies out to dinner. We had a great time.

Our Snowbirds are starting to return for the winter, like the Swallows to Capistrano in California. Belated New Year's Greetings to our Jewish Residents. May you have a Sweet and Healthy year.

The AMBASSADOR By Sandra Wolf

It has been a long, hard summer! The time has finally come, our full-time residents are out and about, and we look forward to welcoming back our returning snowbirds. Of course, a special welcome to our new residents, Sheila Lynch, Barbara Whitaker, and John Hanlon.

We will be starting our famous Monday barbecues on October 11th at 4:30 PM. Bring down your burgers, hotdogs, chicken, steak, even fish, etc., and our Chef "Grillin' Al" will work his magic! Please bring down your own sides, plates, and utensils, drinks, and desserts. We do sometimes share! Everyone is invited – Ambassador and Barclay residents and guests.

After much questioning, I agreed to set a specific day and time for stretching exercises in the pool Saturdays at 2 PM. All are welcome.

We will be conducting a census for Palm Beach County. A board member will be contacting all our residents. Our open board meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30 PM in the Clubhouse (upstairs in the Community Room). We are in the process of getting estimates for work on our roof. PLEASE COME!! We have much to discuss. Of course, we will provide coffee and "wrapped" snacks.

I hope everyone continues to stay safe and be well.



COPS

By Barbara Crespy

Good news for our community because our COP Unit is back in service! I will be retraining the members of our unit next week so that we can be up to speed. We have been meeting and staying up to date on any changes in the Sheriff's Department.

Please keep your eyes open for anyone that doesn't belong in our community. There has been vandalism in parking lots. It was stopped when we parked the COP car in one of the locations. Let us know if it's happening in your location. If you see something, say something!!!

We desperately need new members, so consider donating 3 hours a week to keep our community safe!

Take care and stay safe!

Lieutenant Barbara Crespy. 215-813-7053
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CARLISLE CHATTER by Lynn Sands

It's October, and we are in print again. This was an especially hot and rainy summer; we are all looking forward to a cooler and dryer fall. Over the summer season, Carlisle's pool walk area was cleaned, and we are in the process of buying new pool seating.

Carlisle residents enjoyed summer visits with families. Kathy Roe spent time attending a wedding and visiting relatives in New York, New Jersey, and Maryland. She took a Turkey Hill Ice Cream Tour in Columbia, Pennsylvania, where she had fun making her own ice cream concoction.

Carlisle welcomes back Susan and Lenny Genovese. They were happy to visit their children up north; they hadn't seen them since COVID-19. Visits are great, but it's always good to be back-home. This writer spent a few weeks in New York and New Jersey visiting children and cousins. While in Long Island, I was greeted by a mouse in my cousin's basement. I screamed, and the mouse ran. Not sure who was more frightened, the mouse or me. Once home, I opened my outside Carlisle door and was face to face with a squirrel clinging onto my screen. I jumped, and the squirrel ran off. Why this rodent attraction to me?

Carlisle wishes belated birthday congratulations to our summer birthday owners: Helene Ponton, Walter Charles, Freda Grant, Giuseppe Governali. An additional Happy Birthday to our October babies: Kate Walker, Barbara Silver, Lynn Sands. If any Carlisle owners wish to receive birthday acknowledgments on their Poinciana newsletter month, just send an email to gipsee1@yahoo.com or knock on my door, #105. Print your name and your birthday month. The day and year are unnecessary.

Our social committee is planning some events starting in November/December and continuing into 2022. The Social Calendar will be posted shortly at the Carlisle mailboxes. Restaurants will have outdoor seating and distance separation for our group. All events are subject to COVID outbreak severities.

"Th..th..tha..That's all folks!"
More news next month.

CONDO 1 & 2 by Joy Finer, President

The 2021-2022 season is here, and it is going to be a great one! We are looking forward to seeing all our snowbirds as they return this season and especially those who couldn't come down last season. This summer has also been a very active sales season.

We welcome our new residents to Poinciana 1 and 2. You are going to enjoy your new home. Our Social Committee is busy planning the 2021/22 season activities. Watch your bulletin boards for upcoming events.

Over the summer, major construction has been happening on our buildings. Most of the work is completed. We want to thank everyone for their cooperation during construction times by moving vehicles and observing safety measures. We are almost done. The Board has been working very hard to keep construction costs down, and we encourage our residents to help in that effort by maintaining their condos.

This month's reminder:

Do NOT flush any wipes down your toilets (even if they say flushable).

Do NOT put any type of oil or grease down your kitchen drains. We've had a number of very expensive repairs to our drain system recently. PLEASE HELP US!!!

Our website has been updated, and all pertinent information, required documents, reports, minutes, and updated information can be found by logging into it at www.poinciana1and2.com.

All residents are encouraged to join all Board Meetings from Poinciana 1 and 2 and our Community Board. Please check your emails and bulletin boards for dates and times.

Our association pool at 3663 Via Poinciana is open from sunrise to sunset every day. The Bocce court and shuffleboard courts are all ready for play.

If you suspect a violation of our Rules and Regulations, please contact the office by email. Please continue to lock your vehicles and set your alarms. If you see any suspicious behavior, please contact the Sheriff at 911 IMMEDIATELY, no matter what time of day.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this season.

POINCIANA PLACE CONDOMINIUM 3 A, B and C by Ira Beckoff

Welcome back, all owners and renters of Poinciana Place Condo 3, A, B, & C. We're anxious to greet the brave snowbirds who return to Poinciana 3 this season.

All the invading palm trees have been cut down and removed from the flood canal along Birdie Drive. No one is happy about it. We are slowly experimenting with various trees and tall border shrubs to see which ones thrive best on our property. At our last board meeting, some owners urged the board to replant and restore areas where the canal crosses Birdie Drive. A few Hibiscus bushes were planted on both sides of the road that goes over the culvert and about two dozen Clusia shrubs along the tree line. A few days later, Alex, David, and I were checking on their progress when a supervisor from the Lakeworth Water District, who maintains the canal, drove his pickup truck up and down Birdie Drive. We saw him stop, get out of the pickup uproot, and toss the new Clusias we had planted onto the ground. We quickly walked up to him and asked him what and why. He told us the canal and the land in all the surveyed areas were his domain, and we had no right to plant on his side of the line, including the area touching the bridge over Birdie Drive. The plants were 4 inches over the boundary line. The Hibiscus was planted on his property. We scowled at him and asked him when he would clean up his property, the canal, and its banks. Oh, that's phase 3, he told us as he drove away. The Hibiscus bushes met a different fate. That night after we planted them, the Green Iguanas who are invading Florida gobbled them up for a late-night snack. You can learn all about iguanas at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/reptiles/green-iguana>. It is a good read; you can become an iguana expert.

The new roof of building A has been successfully installed. The trucks, 120-foot lift cranes, generators, pneumatic pumps, that and more filled the A building parking lot have left. Their endless construction noise is a thing of the past. The new roof, installed by Weathertight Roofing, is doing an excellent job of keeping rainwater out of the building. Residents of the sixth floor have discovered they have better insulation from both the heat of the sun and the noise of the Air Conditioner compressors on the roof.

Poinciana Condominium 3 continues top next column

We hope social events will return to all of Poinciana this season. Hopefully, our own ABC events will also return. Currently, Covid vaccinated adults can gather under the awning for barbeques and parties at our pool. Of course, everyone must still follow the safety recommendations of the CDC. Event planners and volunteers are always needed to make good times happen.

If you are an early swimmer, you may find the pool locked on weekend mornings and holidays when we have no morning staff to open the gates. Please contact me ahead of time for information and instructions on unlocking the pool.



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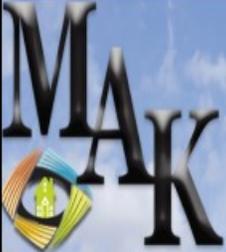
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CSI EVENTS
By **KARA MARTIN**

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- 10/15** What is Wrong with Healthcare in America
Q&A and Snacks
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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Hospitality Room
- 10/26** Nutritional Demonstration with Wellmax
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Community Room
- 10/27** Memory Screening
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Appointment Required
Hospitality Room



LIBRARY NEWS
by **Pat Sullivan**

Thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute books to our library. We accept non-fiction, biography, and fiction books published after 2010. We do not accept cookbooks, how-to books, CDs, or books that are torn or yellow with age. Please leave your donations in the white container next to the desk in the library. Returned books can be left on the desk. We will be happy to put them away for you.

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Poinciana Place Condo IV **By Dorothy Coustakis**

Fall is almost here, and with fall comes the return of our northern neighbors. We are hopeful this year they will be well and able to return to our warm and sunny bit of paradise. We would also like to welcome our new neighbors. Although by the time you read this, the Jewish holidays will be over, we hope the holidays were spent with family and friends.

This has been an incredible year. We pray that all of you are well. Most of us have been vaccinated and are looking forward to enjoying our southern living. Brian Jensen, our wonderful maintenance manager, had surgery for his shoulder. Thankfully, he is doing very well.

It has been a difficult time for those of us who live here full time. The pool was closed due to Covid mandates, and then after being opened for a few weeks, we discovered numerous issues that caused us to shut down the pool again. We are thankful that we were able to use the Clubhouse pool. We are now at the end stage of our pool repairs, and we should be open by the end of September or sooner. We have new lounges, chairs, and tables. The leaks and pipes have been repaired, and the floors have been sand-blasted and repainted. We are looking forward to having water aerobics a few mornings a week. We will have updates on our website.

On the 4th of July, we had a BBQ even though the pool was not opened for use. We had a good turnout, although the temperature was in the 90's and we all felt like we were melting. The food was excellent. We want to thank Lou Rodino and Marlon Rostov for the time they spent behind the grill making our hamburgers and hotdogs. We are planning another BBQ for November. This would be a wonderful way to meet new people and enjoy the company of old friends.

The work on Building 9 has been completed. No more noisy hammering and drilling. The Board has been working on the projects that need to be completed. We are updating the electrical system to meet the requirements of our insurance carrier. Mike Ezratty, Bruce Lapidus, and Lou Rodino have been on top of our contractors, ensuring their work is top-notch. As soon as the electrical system is complete, we will be adding the video cameras.

We look forward to a new year with all our neighbors. Please stay safe and healthy.

THE DORCHESTER **by Marilyn Siegel**

Since we were last in print, the Dorchester has welcomed new residents, Judy Redfearn, Kenneth Camer, Edward Trapido, and George Fitzgerald. By now, each of them is well settled into their new homes and hopefully will become active in our Poinciana community. Sandy Leib has moved from the Dorchester to another building. We wish her well and hope to see her often as she is still in the neighborhood. A belated congratulations to Jackie Rome, who became President of the Ladies Social Club last June.

Our July 4th barbeque was a successful return to events out by the pool, but, on a social level, the summer months have been quiet. We are now planning a possible Halloween event and a December holiday party; and then resuming the occasional party events that were part of our lives before the nasty pandemic. Please get in touch with one of the Board members if you are willing to volunteer for either the Social or Flower Committees.

Property maintenance has included continuing to work on the North elevator repairs and updates. This work should be completed by the end of the year. The South elevator had new, more modern call buttons installed. The trees and shrubs were all trimmed and pruned. It looks great, and we thank everyone who moved their cars to facilitate the process. Next up is significant maintenance to the building's Fire Sprinkler System. The Board has begun to work on the 2022 Budget. Our first Dorchester Board Meeting for the Fall season is not yet announced but is expected very soon.

Wishing everyone a Happy Columbus Day and Halloween!

THE GRAMERCY **By Donna Lee O'Brien**

I hope everyone had a great summer. The holidays will be upon us before we know it!

We are grateful that the golf course will be restored to its former glory due to the Grillo brothers. Thanks to the Executive Board for all their hard work on that project.

Gramercy would like to welcome our new unit owners Sue Burgert and Eleni Torbo.

Please let's continue to be vigilant against covid and the variant viruses. Please continue to practice safety measures.

ESSEX

by Toni Mirobelli

A reminder....at the end of each month, the Board is posting an Essex update with current information about the building. The update is posted on bulletin boards at the South end and the North end by the mailboxes. Please take a few minutes to read these notices. We are working on a website for Essex and will provide information regarding it as soon as possible.

In the August update, we advised we have received some information about our increased insurance expense for next year. This will be discussed at our Annual Budget meeting in November.

Welcome to our new residents Katheryn Jackson, Paula and Charles Davis, Phyllis Stacy, Frank and Elizabeth Pernice. We hope you are happy in your new homes and look forward to seeing you at our Cookouts!

We have been trying for at least a month to hold a Cookout! Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated. Please check the bulletin board for the next event!

Our most sincere condolences to Christiane Decady and her family on the recent loss of her son-in-law. We were all saddened by the death of Marcia Chauncy who lived at the Essex a short time, but eagerly engaged in all our activities. She is missed.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Poinciana community will be undertaking a holiday project to benefit local veterans and Meals on Wheels. Please consider donating to this very worthwhile cause. You may take your donations directly to the Clubhouse Activity Office or you may drop them off to me (#111) for delivery.

A quote to consider: Friendship isn't one big thing....it's a million little things.



SAFE DRIVER CLASS

A Safe Driver class will be held in the Clubhouse Community Room on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022. The six-hour course will be presented by AARP Instructor (and a Poinciana-Essex resident) Toni Mirobelli. Toni reports that the course has been updated with new participant workbooks and videos. Class details and registration information will be in the November 2021 Poinciana Today Newsletter.

The Patio Homes

By Ruth Ruttkay

We are looking forward to welcoming back our snowbirds later this month. I'm sure that they will appreciate the greenery that the rainy season has produced. Just remember to set your sprinklers to run, even when you are away, to ensure that we continue to have the green lawns that we love to see.

We want to welcome our new owners who arrived here during the summer...please join me in welcoming Paulette Bird and her husband, James, and Benita (Tina) Breslin. A new resident, Jill Collins, has recently joined us as well. We hope you will find the Patio Homes a great place to live!

As a reminder for some of our new residents and some of our seasoned folks, trash pickup is as follows:

Wednesday: All trash, yard waste, and recycling.
Saturday: Trash pick and Bulk Waste (including up to 3 bulk items). If you require additional Bulk pickup, you can call SWA at 561-697-2700 to schedule a pickup up. Additional charges will apply. Trash cans, recycling bins, and yard waste must be put in front of your home no earlier than 3 PM the day before pickup. All containers should be removed the same day as the pickup and stored in a place not visible.

Pool update: Sorry to say our pool is still closed. I have updated everyone via email over the summer. We are still waiting for permits for the fence from the County. By the time this is published, I hope we will be well on our way to having the permit in hand and work underway. We will continue to keep you updated. If you have any questions regarding this or any other issue, feel free to contact MaryAnne Pirozzi, President of our HOA, at 649-8188.

On a sad note, we lost a friend here in Bert Buchanan. Bert passed away over the summer. He will be missed.

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HAMLET by Russ Donnelly

So here we are again. It seems that we have again survived the long hot summer and are about to start welcoming back our Hamlet Snowbirds. As you can see, we have been busy here at the Hamlet. The pool deck and walkways have been repaired and painted, some new Palm Trees have been added to the east and west side. Our work on the scuppers on the roof is complete, and they have been replaced. We are also still waiting for parts to replace our backflow pump. The ongoing virus has affected more than people. It has created shortages in every aspect of our daily existence.

On a sad note, we lost a good neighbor, friend, and Veteran, Bernard Sussman, R.I.P. We all send our condolences to his spouse Francine Sussman.

The Poinciana Place Townhomes By Marc Menzie

Things have been pretty quiet here in the Townhomes. No major storms have found us so far (cross our fingers). Our new hedge plants to replace the hedge the Drainage District tore out were put in place behind Strawflower Way. A few of them were dug up and stolen near 10th Ave, so it's important to be vigilant in our community for our homes.

We would like to welcome to our Townhomes new residents Alick and Vanessa, Robert and Sharon, Joseph and Lynne, Larry and Caroline, Gejendra and Shastri. I hope you all enjoy your home in good health. I know a couple of birthdays are coming up for some residents in September, and I hope they have many more. Incredible! Everyone I know is having a birthday this year! (Groans to that joke).

Well, that's it for now from the Townhomes.



Attention Bunco Player!
Bunco is the second THURSDAY of each month at 7 PM in the Community Room.
Admission Fee is \$5.00 and a small, unwrapped gift for the Loser Bag.

Reservations Required. Please call Mindy Dorffman (561) 328-8977 or (561) 778-2212



Poinciana Social Committee By Russ Donnelly

Welcome to the 2022 Season! Presently we are not going to schedule any stage shows in the Poinciana Room other than occasional entertainment. Due to the covid-19 virus, entertainment venues are not holding showcases that are necessary to book entertainment, so we will be providing entertainment that we can verify the quality in other ways.

So far this year, we have our first casino trip scheduled for Dec.8th to Gulfstream Park. Reservations can be made now in the Activity Office located in the lobby of the Clubhouse. There is limited seating on the bus (58) so make your reservations as soon as possible. The trip cost is \$21.00. You will receive \$10 free play, a \$5 food voucher, and a tip for the bus driver is also included.

An Evening with Sinatra, a Dinner Show featuring tribute singer Tony Quarant, is scheduled for December 5th at Mel's Way Bistro. Tickets are on sale as of October 1st and can be purchased at the Activity Office. The price is \$39.50 per person and includes the show, dinner, and gratuities.

We will hold our first Left/Right/Center tournament on the 23rd of January. This event will be a fundraiser for St. Judes Children's Hospital. The return of our yearly Night at the Races, will be held on February 27th, 2022. Horses will go on sale on November 1st, 2021.

We will be looking at other ways to provide quality entertainment for our residents. We are hoping for a good year! Welcome back to the snowbirds!

DID YOU KNOW

.....that Helen Keller had a close friendship with Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)? They met when she was 14, and Clemens was in his late 50's. She was also friends with Alexander Graham Bell, Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison.

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Poinciana Golf Course Interview

By Joyce Graham

I recently sat down with Paul and Vincent Grillo, current lessees of the golf course, to learn about them, the progress of the work on the golf course and their vision for the course.

Tell me about yourself and what you bring that others don't.

We're brothers who were born into a golf family. Our father ran a golf course our whole lives and we started working with him at a young age. I (Vincent) started working on the course when I was 10 and Paul was on the course from when he was very young. Paul worked for Golf Digest Magazine right out of college and, after 6 years, got the job as general manager of Sterling Farms Golf Course in Stamford, Connecticut. He is still working there after 25 years and will be moving down permanently in few months and managing the course. I also managed a golf course down the road from the property where Paul worked. We'd steal ideas from one another!

I came to FI in 2014 and took over Forest Oaks golf course. At the time, the course needed significant work. The hard part of revitalizing that golf course was that I was new to the area and had to find the right people to fix the course. I've been running Forest Oaks Golf Course successfully since then, but I'll be moving over to Poinciana to work with Paul once Forest Oaks closes. No date has been determined for closing Forest Oaks.

Our whole careers have been spent managing public golf courses. They are customer-based jobs and Poinciana is a perfect fit for us. Because Vinnie has been here at Forest Oaks, we now have all the connections and teams in place to revitalize this course, which is critical because the course was in terrible condition. It really couldn't get any worse. It looked like it had been abandoned. Luckily, we have the people and resources to bring in back and the Pump House is functioning which is a critical thing.

What is the plan to restore the course and what have you accomplished?

After six full weeks of work, we have seen significant improvements to the turf quality and conditions on the golf course. The following projects have been started and are currently in the process:

- Complete renovation of the green sub surface and re-turfing.
- Re-turfing of the fairways and tees has been completed on 14 of 18 holes. The final four holes are scheduled for 9/15.
- All weed infestation on the greens, tees and fairways have been eliminated and pre-emergent pesticides have been sprayed to keep future weeds from overtaking the new turf.
- The Golf Shop, Maintenance/Cart Barn and on course bathrooms are currently undergoing renovations and should be completed in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Extensive repairs to the irrigation system, including a secondary back up new pump and motor, wiring and over 50 irrigation heads have been replaced and or repaired.
- Cart path repairs have begun to be prepped for new asphalt.
- Golf operations systems have been ordered and customized for Poinciana GC, a new tee time reservation system, website and point of sale software is being installed.

Over the next several weeks we will be fertilizing weekly to promote new turf growth to mature and getting ready to be open for play the beginning of November.

We've had a few problems. The cart barn roof was fixed but it floods so we've installed sump pumps. The irrigation system has needed significant work and we continue to update the system.

Will you have a website and what tools will be available for golfers?

Our website (www.poincianagc.com) will be up by October 1st. Players will be able to book tee times and pay by credit card. Residents of Poinciana Community Group will be able to get a discount card to play the course. The card will have their picture on it, and we will issue those to any resident of PCG who plays the course. We have also installed an Ice Water Station so players can fill their water bottles before they go out on the course. We have leased new carts and our new carts should be here by the beginning of the new year. The pro shop will also be open daily and staffed.

What's your vision for the course?

We want this to be the nicest executive course in Palm Beach County. This course has the nicest layout of any executive course we've ever seen.

Golf Interview continued from previous page

The beauty of this course is that both relatively new golfers and experienced golfers can have a challenging round of golf. We are looking forward to working with Melyn and Melanie from Mel's Way Bistro on events. We're planning a Swing, Sip, and Supper event and it'll be on our website when it's finalized.

You both always seems so positive and happy whenever I see you!

We are ecstatic to be here. This is a family affair. Our 89-year-old dad comes by every day to see the progress. Paul's wife Lanie is a Landscape Architect and is working on the plan to clean up and improve the landscaping. She's already done a lot of weeding and planting around the Pro Shop. Vincent's son Henry is also working at the course. In addition, he is posting the progress of reconditioning the golf course on TikTok and his latest post has over 230,000 views! We love what we do!

We are thrilled that you are here. Thank you!

LADIES GOLF LEAGUE by Pat Murray



Hello again from Ladies Golf!

We are looking forward to the start of our 2021/2022 season on or about

November 1. We have some fun events planned and hope you will join us. We

play 9 holes on Mondays and 18 holes on Fridays. If you are a lady golfer who wants to make new friends, this is the club for you. Just call Pat Murray 732-742-6845.

POINCIANA MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE Tom Murray, President



Hi everyone! We are looking forward to the start of our 2021/2022 season on or about November 1. We are looking forward to a renovated golf course this season. Work started on August 1,

2021. We are looking for new members at any skill level to join our group. It's a handicap league, so everyone has a chance to win.

If you would like to join or have any questions, contact me at 908-461-1592 or tommurray714@aol.com

POINCIANA TENNIS by Kathy Graves



Happy to say we've had a good summer of tennis play despite the heat. We have a good group of year round resident players who have been faithful to come out regularly, play hard, and really enjoy their competitive play.

We are looking forward to a little cooler weather, though, and soon welcoming our seasonal players back.

We've been in touch with our six Canadian team players, and they expect to be here this season as most of them did not make it down last season due to covid. It will be good to have them back.

In the last newsletter edition (June), we mentioned that we were in dire need of some new chairs at the courts. The 13+-year-old plastic ones were cracking and breaking. We are down to about three original green chairs and a few donated used ones. We are pleased to announce that the Board has approved the purchase of new chairs for us, and we will be expecting them to arrive in October.

All Poinciana residents are invited to join us on the tennis courts for organized play on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00 AM.

Since we missed July, August, and September. issue.

July's joke: Why should you never fall in love with a tennis player?

Answer: To them, "Love" means nothing.

August's joke: What do you serve but not eat?

Answer: A tennis ball.

September's joke: Which tennis tournament never closes?

Answer: US Open.

October's joke: Why was the tennis court so loud?

Answer: Because all the players raised a racket.

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 8A - Tennis 9A—Pilates 10A Yoga	5 10:30A—Talk Time	6 8A - Tennis 9A—Pilates 10A Yoga 1P—Sit & Stitch	7	8 8A - Tennis	9
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FLORIDA FUN FACTS

by Thomas Leonard

REFRIGERATION

Are you of a "Certain" age? Do you remember the Ice Man coming to your house with a huge block of ice and placing it into your family's food Ice Box? There was a Drip Pan on the bottom that collected the water as the ice slowly melted. Every day, our mothers would dispose of this collected water until it was time for another ice delivery. If you lived in the 1930s or '40s, I know you remember this as well as I do.

Dr. John B. Gorrie (1803 – 1855) spent his childhood in Columbia, South Carolina. He married and went to medical school in New York. In 1833 he moved to Apalachicola, Florida, and worked as a resident physician in two hospitals. He was very active in the local community. His medical research involved him in the study of tropical diseases, especially Yellow Fever and Malaria. He recommended draining swamps and stagnant water ponds, and cooler air in sickrooms. This led him to experiment with placing basins of ice in rooms with patients. There was a cooling effect to the air and an immediate improvement of the patient. But, there was a major problem in obtaining ice for patients in the South. He studied refrigeration compression technology techniques. He obtained a Patent in 1851 for his invention and constructed his own Ice Machine.

The first practical refrigeration system was built in 1854 by James Harrison in Australia. He constructed a vapor-compression refrigerator system that created three tons of ice a day.

Dr. Gorrie died at age 52 the following year, in 1855. Although his basic ideas were correct, he was unable to follow them through to success. He is fondly remembered in Apalachicola. A museum preserves his ice machine, and Florida placed his life-sized statue in Statuary Hall in the Capitol Building in Washington.

AIR CONDITIONING

In 1901 Mr. Willis Carrier from Angola, N.Y., graduated with an Engineering Degree from Cornell University. In 1902 he was standing on a Pittsburgh Train Platform looking out at a cold misty day. He suddenly realized that he could dry the air by passing it through the water, creating fog. It would then be possible to make air with a specific amount of moisture.

Florida Fun Facts continues top next column

A few months later, he completed his Carrier invention to control humidity successfully. It was the first step toward air conditioning as we know it today.

He later told people as a young student he had difficulty understanding fractions. His mother taught him the concept by cutting an apple into various sizes. It was a very important life lesson, as he called it. It was a lesson in intelligent problem-solving.

He founded the Carrier Engineering Corporation in 1915. The precise control of temperature and humidity gave rise to shopping malls, manufacturing, transatlantic flights, computers, the internet, and it brought comfort to a new world. And mothers no longer had to empty the Drip Pan from an icebox filled with our milk, eggs, fruits, and meat!

POINCIANA PLATES

by Toni Mirobelli

PUMPKIN CRUMB CAKE

Bottom layer:

1 package yellow cake mix

1 beaten egg

½ cup butter, melted

Middle layer:

15 ounce can pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)

3 beaten eggs

½ cup white sugar

¼ cup packed brown sugar

1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon

Top layer: 1 cup reserved cake mix

½ cup white sugar

3 tablespoons softened butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray or grease 9 x 13 inch pan. Reserve 1 cup of the cake mix. Combine the remaining dry cake mix in a large bowl with 1 beaten egg and ½ cup melted butter. Mix well and then pat into prepared pan.

In a large bowl, using mixer, combine the pumpkin, 3 beaten eggs, ½ cup white sugar, ¼ cup brown sugar, and cinnamon. Pour this mixture over the bottom cake layer.

In a small bowl, combine reserved 1 cup cake mix, ½ cup white sugar, and 3 tablespoons softened butter. Crumble over the pumpkin filling. Bake in preheated oven for 40 – 45 minutes.

The top should be a golden color.

I made this cake quite often in the Fall and Winter when I lived in Pennsylvania.

Enjoy it with a hot coffee or tea!

Holiday Charity Project

The Poinciana Community Group is organizing a holiday project to benefit Veterans and Meals on Wheels. We are accepting NEW items (listed below), as well as checks made out to PCG. Please drop off your donations to the volunteers in the Activity Office located in the Poinciana Clubhouse. Hours are Monday thru Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and with additional hours Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Donations will be accepted from October 1st to December 1st.

Please call Joyce Graham (609-335-5643) or Toni Mirobelli (814-207-2200) if you have any questions. If you would like to volunteer to help organize, bag, or deliver donations, don't hesitate to contact Toni or Joyce.

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Talk Time

by Harvey Grodensky

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POINCIANA LADIES SOCIAL CLUB

By Jackie Rome, President

I am pleased to announce that the Poinciana Ladies Social Club will be back starting in October. Finally, we will be able to see old friends and make new ones, and I for one can't wait.

We realize that COVID-19 has been awful for us all. Therefore, we have decided to open up the membership not only for Poinciana residents but all area residents. Let's all fight together and enjoy our life. If any members know someone that may be interested, please have them make out a check to PLSC for \$20.00 with name, address, telephone number and put it in Activity Office in the Clubhouse. We have a mailbox there so, just put the check and information in an envelope and write Membership on the front.

Because COVID-19 is still a big problem, we want to make everyone feel as safe as possible. Therefore, most of our events will be at the Clubhouse. The two ladies try and keep everything as safe as possible, the food is great, and they are wonderful!

We are starting off with the following events.

Tuesday - October 19th, 2021

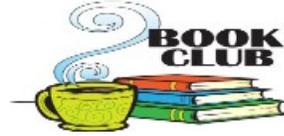
Card Party at 11:00 AM in Poinciana Room and Luncheon at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be a trio salad, and the price is \$20. Chairpersons are Joan DeLuca and Fran Fox. Please call Joan for reservations at 561-899-3705.

Tuesday – November 16th, 2021

Installation of New Officers, Entertainment, and Lunch Chairpersons are Sandi Wolf and Barbara Crespy. More information to follow.

Tuesday – December 14th, 2021

Holiday Party and Entertainment Chairpersons are Gail Hoffmann, Phyllis Slaven, and Joan DeLuca. More information to follow.

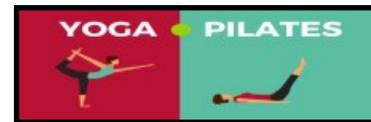


POINCIANA BOOK CLUB

LA Glickman

Our first meeting of the season will be in the Terrace Room on November 10, 2021, between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. We will have books available at the Activity Office for pick-up in October during office hours. We will notify you when they are available, and the book will have your name on it. If you are new to the club and want further information, please contact; LA Glickman at 954-997-7757. It will be awesome to see everyone again.

“The best of a book is not that thought which it contains but the thought which it suggest. Just as the charm of music dwells not in the tones but in the echoes of our hearts.” Oliver Wendell Holmes



YOGA AND PILATES

by Ruth Cassel

Yoga is an excellent exercise that can help us age more gracefully. Regular practice helps to build strength, stamina, and flexibility.

Mat Yoga with Shannon is offered on Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 AM and on Saturday at 9:30 AM. The cash price is \$10.

A contactless payment option is available at ribbon.com/u/shannonsyogaspot.

Chair yoga (coming soon) is wonderful for those who have movement restrictions, are uncomfortable touching the floor, or have cranky joints. It is excellent to manage stress and improve overall health.

Pilates classes have resumed on Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 AM. Pilates builds core strength, especially in the lower back and belly. This workout will surely get your blood pumping. The cash price is \$10.

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