



Poinciana Today

DECEMBER 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT by PAT SULLIVAN

"To kindness and love, the things we need most."
Grinch

It seems like yesterday it was summer - oh wait, we live in Florida - it is always summer. I'll wish everyone a Happy Fall anyway.

On Saturday, November 11, the Poinciana Community Group hosted a wonderful breakfast buffet at Mel's Way for some of our Poinciana veterans. Each Veteran received an American flag pin and a certificate of gratitude for their service.

Anyone who has visited the Clubhouse has noticed the new parking lot next to the pickleball courts. We hope the golfers will use these new spots and our residents will be able to park closer to the Clubhouse.

Please check inside the Newsletter for the date and time of our first show featuring an Eagles tribute band. The Ladies Social Club holiday dinner will be on December 12th, and AARP will offer a class in January.

Many of our Associations are having elections this month or in January. Please make sure any new board members get their certification ASAP. The classes are offered online and last about three hours. Good luck to all our board members and thank you for volunteering.

If you are traveling during the holidays, safe travels and enjoy your time with family and friends. To all our friends and neighbors, may every room hold laughter and every window open to great possibilities. Happy Holidays



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**The AMBASSADOR
by Sandi, Annette, Pat E, and Pat S**

It's that time of the year! Thanksgiving is behind us, and Christmas, Chanukah, and New Years are just ahead. Looking back on the past year, we realize how important family and friends are to us. So, for all those visiting family and friends - safe travels.

Both Annette and Pat E headed North. Last month, Annette flew to NYC to a friend's surprise birthday party and managed to stop at the M&M Store in Manhattan. (Where are you hiding those chocolates?) Then, it was time to see Kansas again and her great-grandchildren for Thanksgiving. (So that's where the chocolates went?) Pat E will spend the holidays up North and celebrate her birthday with her family. She will be back in January, ready to warm up again.

To our snowbirds returning - Monique and Jessie, Russ and Tulla, Jean-Louis and Francois, Madelyn and Mario, Marlene and Bill -- welcome back. We look forward to starting our Monday night barbecues.

On a more serious note, we will have a Budget Meeting this month. Please check the bulletin board for date and time. We want ALL our residents to attend our meetings so everyone understands the decisions we must make for the coming year.

And finally, wishing everyone a safe, happy, and healthy Holiday Season, and let there be Peace for all in the New Year!



By Pat Sullivan

Despite requests in the Newsletter, signs on doors, and on my desk at the library, people continue to drop off books at the clubhouse or on my desk. PLEASE STOP.

When necessary, people were very generous about donating books to the library at Poinciana, and it was greatly appreciated. However, there is no longer a need to do this. Do not leave books on the desk unless you are returning those you have borrowed. Goodwill is very happy to accept your donations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season.

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BARCLAY BITS by Ina Baron

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and that you had your fill of turkey. Holiday Greetings to all, be it Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa.

This year has flown by. Clocks have been turned back, and the sun is up too early, at least for me, but not for the golfers. At one time this summer, the retention ponds were at full capacity. Looking at them today, they are down about five feet, and we need rain. I keep getting rain reports on my Weather App, but it must go around us. It was a hot and steamy summer. I think you could have fried an egg on the pavement. I feel bad for the pooches who must walk on them.

Things have been pretty quiet at the Barclay. We must remember that if you are having work done in your unit or furniture delivered or removed, you must take the proper precautions needed for the elevator [pads need to be put up] and protect the catwalk flooring. All debris should be removed by the workers and not dumped into our dumpster.

Welcome back, snowbirds Sheila and Larry Binder. A hearty welcome to Marlin and Yvonne Rostek, who come to us from The Imperial.

Want to keep up with the current Scams? Enter <https://Scamicide.com/scam-of-the-day>. This will tell you all the Scams that are currently going around.



NEW LOBBY OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10am to 1pm
Tuesday	10am to 1pm
Wednesday	10am to 1pm
Thursday	10am to 1pm
Friday	10am to 1pm

The people who volunteer in the office are there to assist you, answer any questions you may have about the Clubhouse and tell you about the many activities that are available. They also handle room rentals for the Community Room, sign people up for AARP classes in January and will be accepting monetary donations for our annual Christmas project.

THE DORCHESTER by Marilyn Siegel

The best part of this time of year is being able to welcome back our snowbirds. People like Fran and John, Johane and Guy, and Bob enhance our shared community. But we've also had to bid farewell to Brian Galligher, who has moved away.

We enjoyed a Bud's Fried Chicken Party out by the pool in late October. The chicken was delicious, as were all of the homemade side dishes contributed by our neighbors. I would personally like to thank the ladies and gentlemen of our Social Committee whose help with planning and setting up made my hosting job easy.

In contrast to the pleasure of welcoming back old friends, November also brought the approval of the Dorchester's 2024 Budget. It is shocking to realize that Insurance accounted for 95% of the increase. The Board of Directors has otherwise continued to work toward ensuring that our building remains in the best possible condition. The atrium pavers were repaired, sanded, and sealed and look terrific. The pool pump was replaced. Our appreciation goes out to Bernie, Peter, and Fernando for installing new LED lights at the elevator entrances on the first floor and then doing touch-up painting around the new lights. The area is bright and clean, and these gentlemen also held down the cost by volunteering their labor. The emergency lights will be their next project. Also planned is the South Elevator modernization. Procuring the parts and materials has been time-consuming but is expected to be received very soon. Timing for the project depends on the receipt of the materials, contractor days off for the holidays, and the weather. It's a 4-week project that should begin in the next month.

December is filled with so many holidays. May Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Eve bring you joy as you are hopefully able to celebrate with your family and friends.

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CARLISLE CHATTER

by Lynn Sands

It's December, and our snowbirds are arriving. Welcome back! Our Social Committee has a few events planned for the winter and spring months. Each monthly event is posted near the mailboxes along with a signup sheet. Let's have good turnouts; your participation makes these socials possible. New owners should attend these events. They offer an opportunity to meet and greet your neighbors and make new friends. Our first event will be at our clubhouse restaurant, Mel's Way Bistro, on the Tuesday Prime Rib Special and Karaoke Night, December 12th at 6 pm. Supporting our Clubhouse restaurant is important as it is a community benefit for potential buyers. This helps maintain the value of your condo. Our yearly New Year's Poolside Brunch will follow on January 1, 2024. This event has been most popular for our residents! Look for that signup sheet.

Many new owners are remodeling their condos. It appears that hired construction people are unaware of our rules as to where to place your old sinks, refrigerators, toilets, and other large items. They are leaving them in our garbage rooms. It's our owners' responsibility to inform these workers that bulk items are not allowed in our garbage rooms. The garbage trucks do not pick these up. Bulk items must be placed alongside our recyclable bins located on both the east and west sides of our building. Waste Management picks up on Wednesdays. They require a phone call two days in advance of pickup so that their truck is large enough to accommodate these bulk items. Call 561-697-2799 to schedule. In addition, please note that all large cartons placed near these outside bins must be broken up to accommodate the garbage trucks. Let's abide by these rules; they keep the Carlisle looking good.

Our Board posts Carlisle meetings near the mailboxes and emails these meetings and other important information to us. If you have not yet signed up for email notification email **carlisle6850@gmail.com** and provide your email. CMC is our Management Company. Melissa Veal is our Property Manager. If you have any problems, you need to contact Melissa. Her number is **561-641-9118**. Her email is **Melissa@cmcmanagement.biz**.

Carlisle's last meeting was held on Tuesday, November 7th. Many items were addressed, including the 2024 budget, roof bridges, and the State Study Review of forthcoming mandatory condo reserves.

Carlisle should have the exact amount of the reserve monies required within the first half of 2024. These reserves will affect our 2025 budget. Our annual meeting will be held in the last week of January 2024. A notice will be sent confirming the exact date and time.

Attending Carlisle meetings is important. Your concerns and suggestions need to be heard. Our 2023 Board will end soon, and 2024 Board applications will be mailed shortly. New owners should consider running for our Board. As our building matures, many issues appear. These issues affect all of us. As a Board member, you will have a vote on our budget and any building problem that may occur. Carlisle needs to hear your voice!

Happy Birthday to Carlisle December babies: Lenny Genovese, Ann Vazquez, and Loreley Caetano.

A Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to all!



PATIO HOMES

by Ruth Ruttkay

Three Patio Homes HOA Board positions will be open for the 2024-2025 term. Mary Anne Pirozzi, Edna Keenan, and Judy Wollins have completed their two-year terms. Also, the Patio Homes Representative on the PCG Board is up for renewal. The term is an annual one and an opportunity to represent our owners, contribute to the larger community, and attend the monthly meeting.

Nomination Ballots have been sent to all homeowners. If you want to nominate someone or are considering running yourself, please complete the Nomination Ballot and submit it to Judy Wollins before December 6th. The Nomination Meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 13th, at 6:00 pm in the Hospitality Room in the Clubhouse. Thank you, Judy Wollins, for Chairing this Committee.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting, which will take place at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in the Hospitality Room in the Clubhouse.

Unfortunately, condolences go to several of our neighbors this month. Kathy Grave's son-in-law Ron recently passed away. Also, Sandra Fiore's mother, Carmella, passed away, as did Gisele Corlus. May they all rest in peace.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy Hanukkah.

THE GRAMERCY by Phyllis Elrich

Oops! I can't believe it. I forgot to write my news-letter article!

Life has become so busy now that the season has begun. Running around is my daily routine. I have heard that what you tell others is what you need to hear, so I will tell you. (I am listening!)

This joyous month of December holds many holidays, visits, calls, and plans. There is much to be done, and stressful errands can make us "whoosy". How about writing things on a calendar so you know what needs to be done? Keep your head clear and only do what you need to. Look at the calendar for the day and take care of those things. (I just wrote down the future dates of my articles' due dates!)

I used to use "whiteout" to erase what I did, so it was time to relax when the calendar box was empty. That was very good for my brain to see and follow.

In December, you want to get things done, help others, and stuff too much in. Some days, I have three things to do, which is too much. Be realistic as to your feelings when doing too much. It doesn't keep me in the good spirit of things. Time to learn to say, "No. I can't."

But, that being said, so much is happening at the Gramercy. We have snowbirds back with great smiles. Card games now have people to play. The Pizza Pool parties have begun. So many apartments have been updated and are now decorated for the holidays. Some of us will be going to the shows. Many of us join together to go out to eat.

Many owners attended our yearly business meeting to pass the financials, and many questions were asked and graciously answered. Next month, the landscaping will be updated again.

The weather is so much more agreeable, so people get out and walk, mingle, stand, and talk together.

May you have wonderful holidays and every day as well. Do take the time to call people who might be alone. Remember, if you don't take care of yourself, you can't enjoy this season of good. Wishes for a calmer holiday, and a Happy New Year. Be healthy and safe!

HAMLET by Russell Donnelly

Welcome back to all our snowbird friends who have returned for the winter season. Our hearts are heavy with the news that one of our dearest friends will not be returning. Judy Tabachnick was a dear friend to many of our residents, and all will miss her presence and contagious smile. Our thoughts are with her family in their time of need.

We will have our annual meeting on January 8th at 7 pm in the Community Room at the Poinciana Clubhouse. There won't be any refreshments this year besides water; due to our budget restrictions, we cannot have it in Mel's Way like in years past.

New coded locks have been installed on the pool. When the installation is complete, the code will be published in an email to the residents. The emergency phone service in the elevators has been given to another provider, and we are looking for better service and maintenance. We have notified our elevator service that if their maintenance does not improve soon, we will look into another provider.

Attention to residents who have pets - you are required to update your ESA papers every year. That means refiling to management with updated vaccinations and application letters from your Veterinarian. There are no exceptions. We have noticed unregistered pets on the premises, so please get your applications in order, or face disciplinary actions and fines.

See everyone at our annual meeting!

Current Events by Harvey Grodensky

We invite Republicans, Democrats, and Independents to join us very Tuesday morning at 10:30 am in the Card Room on the second floor of the Clubhouse. We continue to have lively discussions about current events in our state, nation, and around the world.

For further information call:

Harvey at (561) 596-6769

Linda at (516) 779-4602

POINCIANA PLACE CONDOMINIUM 3 A, B and C

by Ira Beckoff

I hope everyone near and far from Poinciana 3 had a delicious Thanksgiving. Now that you've gobbled up all the leftovers, it's time to plan for more fun, food, and drinks.

The first Pop-up at the pool was a success. About 45 people showed up at 4 P.M. on November 12. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon for a BYOB and BYOS (snacks) Pop-Up. Thanks to the party planners and, here are their planned events.

Save The Date – Poolside Events Schedule

- December 28, *Sunday-Holiday Pop-Up*
- January 7, 2024, *Sunday - Open Grill*
- January 11, 2024, *Thursday - Meet & Greet*
- January 20, 2024, *Saturday - Hot Dog/Chili Cook-Off*
- January 28, 2024, *Sunday - Open Grill*
- February 4, 2024, *Sunday - Open Grill*
- February 8, 2024, *Thursday - Ice Cream Social/Karaoke*
- February 18, 2024, *Sunday - Open Grill*
- February 29, 2024, *Thursday - Night at The Races*
- March 16, 2024, *Saturday - International Night*
- March 17, 2024, *Sunday - Open Grill*
- March 26, 2024, *Tuesday - Board Appreciation*
- March 31, 2024, *Sunday - Open Grill*
- April 4, 2024, *Thursday - Pop-Up*

Let's give a shout-out to the people who volunteered to work on the committee: Stephanie Lewis, Louise O'Rourke, Fran Hood, Norm Dolch, Yvonne LeFebvre, Connie VanValkenburg, Carol Cohen, Laura Hoard & Anne Marie Magliulo. It's never too late to volunteer and help create these Poinciana 3 events.

Elevator Update.

We finally have all our elevators working. The combination of lightning strikes to A and C buildings and a shortage of semiconductor chips caused the repair delay. Computer chips are technically called semiconductors. Intel Corporation is a large computer chip user and producer. Intel's CEO, Pat Gelsinger, now expects the semiconductor industry to suffer supply shortages until 2024. The CEO told CNBC the extended timeline for the chip crunch is now due to a lack of manufacturing equipment. Other industry leaders and financial firms are all predicting the same shortages.

We will be better protected next time lightning strikes hit our buildings. Board members are exploring solutions to protect our elevators. The most recommended is to install a three-phase Lightning Suppressor to the power supply of each elevator. This is estimated to cost about \$2500.00 for all three buildings combined. When lightning strikes next year, we will be ready.

Enjoy celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanzaa for 2023.

On New Year's Eve, let's promise to keep our 2024 resolutions and make them real. Have a Happy New Year 2024.



POINCIANA PLACE 1 & 2 by Jack Gale

Poinciana 1 and 2 has its parking lots filling up as our residents return. As you read this, our milestone inspections will have been completed in late November, and the Princeton will have been painted.

Our Tuesday night cookouts are back in operation. It's a great place to meet new residents and renew old acquaintances. Just bring whatever entrée you want to be grilled by our chef Klaus and any side dishes you want to complete your meal. During the winter, there will be a pizza night, a hot dog night, an international night, and occasional entertainment.

Please mark your calendar for the New Year's Day Brunch, January 1, 2024, which will be staged at the pool from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. All members are invited to attend this complimentary get-together. Food offerings are fresh fruit, juices, bagels, muffins, coffee, and tea. To help the committee prepare, please contact Debbie Englert at 203-619-3174 to sign up.

Our amenities include the swimming pool with its newly re-strapped chairs and a soon-to-be-painted deck, our shuffleboard courts, which will soon be refurbished, and our bocce courts, which will be worked on.

Offerings from the Poinciana Community Group include our Executive golf course, where owners receive a discount, Mel's Way restaurant with good food and entertainment, and again, where our owners receive a discount, and our pickleball and tennis courts.

Poinciana is a great place to go, be social, and enjoy all that Poinciana has to offer.

IMPERIAL BUILDINGS 8 & 9 by Dorothy Coutsakis

As I write this on a warm and beautiful night in November, I think about all our returning friends. Welcome back to our snowbirds. We missed you all. The holidays are fast approaching, and we look forward to celebrating with family and friends.

We have completed our budget, and due to a new insurance broker, Daniel Baum, we were able to reduce our insurance by approximately \$170,000. Dan explained how this was accomplished at our Budget meeting. He graciously answered questions from our owners. Our management agency, Southern Shores Management, also attended and explained the budget, what mandates were met, etc. During the last five months, they have renegotiated with several vendors to get us better pricing. Happily, we could keep our fee the same this year due to their efforts.

Our budget meeting was held on Monday, November 13th. The proposed budget for 2024 was voted on and accepted unanimously. Our annual meeting will be held on January 30th, 2024. Please check your mail for the information.

Many of you have asked why we are holding our meetings at the public library. We have several owners with disabilities. They cannot attend meetings because the lift to the community room is not working and hasn't been for over a year. Having the meetings at the library doesn't cost us any money, and everyone can attend.

We have lost some of our friends this year, and we offer our condolences to their families. Harry Bedor in Building 8 passed during the summer months. He will be missed by his neighbors and friends. In Building 9, Bill Belmont also left us. His neighbors will miss him.

Our Board wishes you all a happy and healthy holiday. Please check our bulletin boards and our website for updates and BBQ dates. Stay safe and healthy.



COPS

by Deb Lingenfelter

Poinciana COPS Unit 39 hosted a presentation regarding avoiding scams on November 15 in the clubhouse. The Volunteers Against Scams Team provided many suggestions that could help us all. Just two of the tips:

- Use gel ink pens if you are writing checks. This ink cannot be "washed" by scammers.
- Honest organizations won't call or ask for personal information like your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card numbers. Never return a call to a number they gave you or click on any links in a text or email.

A reminder that we can always use additional volunteers. Training and a uniform shirt are provided. Only three hours per week are required for patrol and one hour per month for a Unit meeting. Please call Jeff or Deb if you are interested or have any questions.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year from your COPS Unit 39!!

Cpt. Jeff Marcus 321-514-6535
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December 7th – “The Ritual Killer”

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December 14th – “My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3”

Comedy, Drama, Romance starring: Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Louis Mandylor

December 21st – “The Misfits”

Action, Adventure, Comedy starring: Pierce Brosnan, Tim Roth, Nick Cannon

December 28th – “A Christmas Miracle for Daisy”

Holiday Romance starring: Jill Wagner, Nick Bateman, Rubi Tupper



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2024 5 P.M.

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Poinciana Community Group

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2023 AND 2024 SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY DEC. 13th, 2023 7 p.m. Community Rm

WEDNESDAY JAN. 17th, 2024 7 p.m. Community Rm

WEDNESDAY FEB. 14th, 2024 7 p.m. Community Rm

WEDNESDAY MAR. 13th, 2024 7 p.m. Community Rm

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**BUNCO SCHEDULE FOR
DEC 2023 – MAY 2024**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th 2023

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th 2024

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th 2024

THURSDAY, MARCH 14th 2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th 2024

THURSDAY, MAY 9th 2024

Time, 7 P.M. in the Community Room.

Admission Fee \$ 5.00

Bring A Small Unwrapped gift for the
loser bag prize.

Refreshments, Prizes

Please RSVP, Mindy Dorffman

954-778-2212



Poinciana Ladies Social Club By Mindy Dorfman

On Tuesday, November 14th, we installed our new Board Members. We met in the Poinciana Ballroom for a fabulous Mel's lunch and were entertained by Don Stansfield. Everyone enjoyed the music and had a wonderful time.

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

Our Annual Holiday Party will be held in the Poinciana Ballroom from 6 to 9 pm. The fabulous "Wayne L Show" will entertain us from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. There will be a Cash Bar. Dinner choices are Prime Rib, Roasted Duck a L'Orange, Blackberry Broiled Salmon, or Mediterranean Primavera. House Salad, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables. Beverages are included. Desserts are Flourless Chocolate Cake or Cheesecake. Cost: \$45/members (spouses or significant others), \$48/non-members. Chairpersons: Sandi Wolf, Fran Fox, Phyllis Slavin, and Marcia Sarbone. Call Sandi (516-428-2752) for reservations. Remember to write your entree and tablemates on your check. Cut-off date: Wednesday, December 6th.

Tuesday, January 16th, 2024

Come and meet the Board and the Poinciana Ladies Social Club members in the Terrace Room from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Get acquainted with your neighbors and meet new friends. Find out about our wonderful, fun-filled events planned for 2024. Refreshments will be served. Chairpersons: Phyllis Slavin and Fran Fox. Call Phyllis (561-642-3342) for reservations. Cut-off date: Wednesday, January 10th.

Tuesday, February 6th, 2024

Poinciana Ladies Social Club invites you to a Card Party in the Poinciana Ballroom at noon. Bring your games, Mahjonn, Rummikub, card games, and any other game you enjoy playing with friends. The cost is \$25. Choice of Crispy BLT Salad w/dressing (bacon) on the side, Penne Primavera, or Lox Platter, Iced tea, lemonade, coffee or tea, cookies. Chairpersons: Phyllis Slavin, Myrna Teitelbaum, and Marcia Sarbone. Call Phyllis (561-642-3342) for reservations. Don't forget to write your entree, game, and tablemates on your check. Cut-off date: Wednesday, January 31st.

I am excited to be the new President of the Poinciana Ladies Social Club, and I look forward to a fun-filled season and seeing you at all our events.



by Russ Donnelly

We look forward to the 2023-2024 season at the Poinciana Clubhouse. We are preparing for a great new season, starting with the 2023-2024 Showtime productions, beginning in December, and running through March. Tickets will be on sale in the Clubhouse Lobby on Saturday, December 2nd and 9th from 2 pm to 4 pm. This year, we are holding our prices at the same level as last year; you get four great shows for \$115.00. The other important news is that over the summer, new seating arrived, and we are sure that it will enhance our theater and add to your comfort. Our first show will be a group called The Long Run, which will perform the songs of the EAGLES like no other.

Again, this year, we will start BINGO in the Community Room in December and run through April. Dates will be posted in the Lobby shortly. Lastly, our annual "Night at the Races" will be held on February 25th, 2024. Horses and tickets will go on sale on November 1st, 2023, in the Lobby Office. Be sure to get at least your horses purchased ASAP; last year, we had a tremendous response and had to add an 11th Race. Don't wait until the last minute and be disappointed. We are fortunate that the yearly event gets bigger every year. The festivities are a great value.

In closing, I would like to get some new volunteers for ushers at Showtime and also some volunteers for "Night at the Races" because we lost a few of our regulars last year. Interested parties should call Russ Donnelly at 561-963-8252. Thanks for your responses in advance. Volunteers are important for us to keep our Clubhouse functions going.

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ART GROUP

A PLACE FOR CREATIVE EXPRESSION

By Ruth Cassell

Albert Einstein said, "Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else thought."

Einstein must have had our group in mind. The beautiful pieces that are being created from discards from nature and everyday life are jaw-dropping. Miles sees endless possibilities in paper, plastic, metal, sponges, and almost all objects we use and discard daily. He's received recognition in Canada during the summer for his work, and there's no limit to what will be created this winter.

Al has been working on his 14th quilt since August. Phyllis created a monster when she taught him different quilting styles!! It's hard to believe that he had never used a sewing machine before then. His eye for combining colors and patterns and his hand-stitching abilities is most exciting.

Yet, some of us still paint. The time we spend together on Mondays between 1 pm and 4 pm in the Art Room, next to the Community Room, is fun and exciting. We share our work and find easy inspiration from their encouragement and suggestions. It's so enjoyable that occasionally, some folks just come for social interaction.

There's plenty of room for skilled artists, crafters, and neophytes to join us on Monday. Hope to see you there.



SIT AND STITCH

by Kathy Jordan

We look forward to the holidays. Each month, we have a lunch outing.

We have intelligent discussions as we work on our projects. Come be part of the discussion as we stitch, learn, and laugh together for a fun afternoon.

We meet each Wednesday from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Terrace Room on the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse.

For further information, call:

Leann **561 670-2334**

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The Happy Bookers

by Sandi Wolf

At our November meeting, we discussed "The Other Americans" by Laila Lalami. Most of us enjoyed this selection. It is a story about immigration and timeless human experiences. Yet, there were nine different characters and nine different perspectives to consider. Annette remarked that this could have been anyone's story. Judi said that many of the ideas in this book are pertinent today -- family issues, racism, separation, assimilation, different cultures and languages, and empathy. It is a well-written book that we recommend.

For November, we read "The Christie Affair" by Nina De Gramont. It is an imaginative retelling of what happened when Agatha Christie disappeared for 11 days in the late 1920s. It is a story in which a wife is cheating, and a husband is cheating and told from the perspective of the mistress. Did I say there was also a "murder" to solve?

Come join us on Wednesday, December 13th, to discuss this book and discover our next selection! We welcome any good book ideas.



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POINCIANA PLATES by Toni Mirobelli

Holiday season is here and time for gatherings with family and friends. Try this easy and delicious recipe for PECAN PIE BARS. They would be great for cookie exchanges, card parties. and gifts for neighbors.



INGREDIENTS

Cinnamon shortbread crust:

2 sticks (one cup) unsalted butter, softened
 ¾ cup light brown sugar
 2 ½ cups flour
 1 tbsp cinnamon
 1 tsp salt

Pecan Pie filling:

1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
 1 cup light brown sugar
 1/3 cup honey
 3 tbsp heavy cream
 1 tsp vanilla
 2 ¼ cups chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar. Add in flour, cinnamon and salt and beat till it is a crumble mixture. In a 9 x 9 baking dish lined with parchment paper, press down the shortbread crust evenly and bake for 15 minutes. When crust is done baking, remove from oven and set aside.

While shortbread crust is baking, make the pecan pie filling. Melt butter in a medium saucepan or skillet, add in brown sugar, honey, heavy cream, and vanilla. Stir for a couple minutes on medium heat and add in the chopped pecans. Stir for another minute and pour the pecan pie filling over baked crust. Put back in oven for another 15 – 20 minutes to finish it.

Remove from oven and let cool for about 45 minutes. Slice and enjoy plain, or with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

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The Poinciana Golf Course by Paul Grillo

Poinciana Golf Course: Ready to Welcome Snowbirds Back to Sunny South Florida!

As the chill of winter begins to settle in the northern states, it's that time of year when "snowbirds" migrate south to escape the cold and enjoy the balmy climate of South Florida. For many of these winter wanderers, golf is a cherished pastime, and Poinciana Golf Course stands ready to offer them a warm welcome, lush fairways, great greens, and fun experiences.

Nestled in the heart of South Florida's beautiful landscape, Poinciana Golf Course is gearing up to usher in the season with open arms. Here's why it's the perfect destination for snowbirds seeking a golfing paradise:

1. **Great Course Conditions:** Poinciana Golf Course boasts groomed fairways and greens, ensuring an outstanding golf experience. The course superintendent and dedicated maintenance team have been hard at work, ensuring the course is in top-notch condition, making it a golfer's destination.
2. **Varied Playing Options:** Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just picking up the clubs for the first time, Poinciana offers a range of tee options to suit all skill levels. From challenging championship tees to more forgiving options, there's a choice for everyone.
3. **Beautiful Weather:** South Florida is renowned for its sunny and mild winters, making it an ideal destination for golf enthusiasts. There is no need to battle the elements – the weather is consistently pleasant, with abundant sunshine, gentle breezes, and comfortable temperatures.
4. **Welcoming Community:** Poinciana Golf Course fosters a vibrant and inclusive golfing community. Snowbirds will find camaraderie among fellow golf enthusiasts, fostering new friendships and memorable rounds on the course.
5. **Exceptional Amenities:** The course offers a clubhouse with dining options at Mel's Way Bistro & a golf pro shop, ensuring your golf experience is as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

The Poinciana Golf Course continues top of next column

Poinciana Golf Course is gearing up to make this season a memorable one for you. With lush fairways, well-maintained greens, and a welcoming golf community, it's the perfect place to tee off and soak in the sunshine. So, grab your clubs and head to Poinciana to enjoy great, affordable golf in the heart of sunny South Florida. See you soon!



LADIES GOLF By Pat Murray

The ladies golf league is open for business. This year's officers are Karen Freeman, President; Nancy Scolnick, Vice-President; Pat Murray, Secretary; Jean Arthur, Treasurer; and Suzanne Swartz, Statistician.

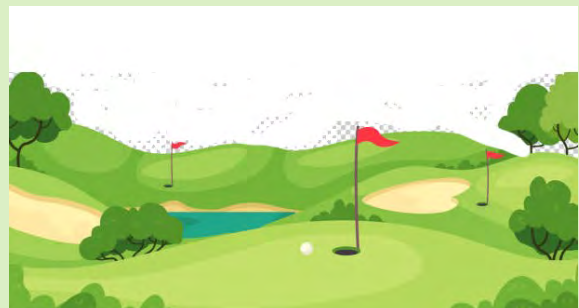
Some snowbirds have flown back, and twelve ladies opened our season with a score minus handicap game. They reported how great the course looks but said to be careful not to land in the traps. They are tough to beat.

We look forward to welcoming our entire membership at our brunch on January 17th. Be sure to be current with your dues, so you qualify for our weekly prizes.

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POINCIANA PICKLEBALL

By Pam Hilligoss

Have you heard? Pickleball has arrived at Poinciana. Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the US. Pickleball is played on a court that is 20'x40', with a paddle that weighs no more than 8oz, that is larger than a ping pong paddle and smaller than a racquetball paddle. The ball is made of plastic and is about the size of a baseball with 40 small holes. Most people play doubles, but you can play singles.

The game is easy to learn, all aspects are social, and it is over when one team gets 11 points. ALL ages and people with various physical abilities can play. It is not uncommon to have players with new knees, shoulders, and hips playing four to five times per week.

Poinciana has two Pickleball courts. Free **Learn to Play** lessons are offered with equipment on Mondays from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Call or text Pam and Greg at (765) 914-7460 to register for the class. Jim Donnelly offers lessons on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. He can be reached at (561) 281-8906

Open Play has been set for Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Morning play will begin between 7:45 am and 8 am. Open Play can be defined as a time you can go and expect to find others there playing. If you play, please come out at least some of these days to help establish our playing community. Open Play allows those arriving by themselves to find other partners. If these times do not fit your schedule, you must arrange to meet and play with others. We are fortunate to have lights. You always need your key fob to get into and out of the courts.

When you receive this newsletter, there will be a Facebook page titled Poinciana Pickleball. The page will be OPEN to Poinciana residents only and will be used to share information about upcoming activities at the courts. It will be worth joining the page to know what is going on. You will be asked to join the page, and then you will be asked one question. What is our restaurant's name? Answer- Mel's Way.

See you at a **Learn to Play** class or on the courts!

POINCIANA TENNIS

By Douglas Adams

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends and much more of the same good times over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I bet a couple of people's New Year's resolutions will center around getting into better shape and playing much more tennis. Those are two good resolutions to make as we progress into what should shape up to be a very exciting 2024. It is also nice to see a few more people hitting the courts during November and enjoying some good tennis. Welcome back, everyone.

THE SMASHING DEVELOPMENT OF THE TENNIS RACKET (OR RACQUET)

1. Wooden Rackets: Used in the 60s but proved to be very heavy and needed a press to keep the racket from warping. Steel Rackets: Jimmy Connors used the famous Wilson T2000 steel racket to a devastating effect in the 1974 Wimbledon final against Ken Rosewell, who used a wooden racket. 6-1,6-1,6-4.

2. Graphite Rackets: Arthur Ashe used the first 100% graphite racket during his legendary victory over rival Jimmy Connors in the 1975 championship at Wimbledon. McEnroe switched to graphite in 1983, officially spelling the end of the wood racquet era.

3. Aluminum Rackets: In 1976, Howard Head, then working with Prince brand, introduced the first oversized aluminum racket to gain widespread popularity, allowing for a mixture of power and control.

4. Titanium/Hypercarbon Rackets: The Head TiS6 was first released in 1996. It's still one of the most popular rackets on the market today, offering extra racket length, a larger head size, and a sweet spot with a lightweight frame and head-heavy balance.

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I hope you all enjoyed a little history and remembering all the different tennis rackets we have used over the years. What's next? We will see.



YOGA AND PILATES by Shannon Alviar

Our focus on fall prevention, improving balance, agility, and our ability to get up off the floor (sounds too easy? Can you get up with NO hands?) continues in our Poinciana yoga, Pilates, and chair yoga classes. We also try to meet about once a month for lunch and to socialize. Do something good for yourself and come enjoy a fun, relaxed atmosphere, make new friends and get heart healthy exercise all in just 1 hour! Classes are only \$10 in cash per session, and discount options are available online. See instructor for details.

Chair Yoga – Appropriate for all skill and ability levels. Trouble tying your shoes? Want to improve your balance? Got chronic pain? Wrist, Neck or Low-Back Injuries? This is the class for you! If you think it will be too easy, think again. This class will definitely get your blood pumping, while still being accessible to those of us with mobility issues. Balance exercises in EVERY class!! Mondays @ 11 AM and Fridays @ 10 AM in the Community Room. *Note – Friday class is 1 hour EARLIER.

Mat Yoga – Our gentle mat yoga class includes exercises to help improve your balance, strength and flexibility so you can reach all the way down to the floor and up to the highest cupboard with greater ease. Helps reduce chronic pain! Mondays & Wednesdays at 10 AM, and Fridays at 9 AM. *Note – Friday class is 1 hour EARLIER.

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11 AM Chair Yoga

Wednesday - 9 AM Pilates - 10 AM Yoga

Friday - *Note times are **1 hour EARLIER!**

8 AM Pilates - 9 AM Yoga - 10 AM Chair Yoga

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FLORIDA FUN FACTS

by Thomas Leonard

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Do you enjoy watching the Home and Gardens TV shows? Do you especially like the home renovation shows like the Joana and Chip Gaines Fixer Upper Show from Waco, Texas? Their show is among the most popular. The theme is always taking the most dilapidated ranch-style home they can find, signing a contract with a potential buyer, and after improvements with carpentry, plumbing, and electric work, transforming this wreck into a "Sleeping Beauty." Of course, with the improvements, the property value has risen substantially, hopefully covering the renovation costs.

Popular TV shows also feature Million Dollar Mansions in prime locations like Beverly Hills, Malibu, Miami, and Manhattan. Interesting, I've always thought, but not really much of a family home feeling to them. Rather, it is more of a museum feel with all the excessive square footage. Bob Hope once kept such a large mansion in Palm Springs for the sole purpose of hosting large dinners, banquets, and entertaining large groups of people during his annual Palm Springs Golf Classic. Bob and his wife lived in a modest two-bedroom home in this desert town.

Aside from all the construction contractors and real estate businesses, there are a few select people who work in this field on a grand scale. There are many examples in our local area along the ocean. If you take a short drive along the A1A, you will see examples of very expensive homes being torn down and replaced with equally large and expensive mansions with more modern updates. These will include bowling alleys, a movie screening room, game rooms, fitness rooms with saunas, pools, tennis courts, and often an adjacent guest home for visitors. And, of course, the nautical families who demand an adjacent marina for their yacht. Many people prefer a parking space in the back yard to tie up their yacht more conveniently to the home.

Russ Limbaugh, a conservative radio host, lived and worked at his Palm Beach home at 1495 North Ocean Blvd. until he died in 2017. He bought this mansion in 1998 for 3.4 million dollars. It is on 2.7 acres of land; it has 250 feet of ocean frontage and access to the beach. The home has 24,000 square feet of space, including 13 bedrooms, 12 baths, a two-story library, four guest homes, a pool, and a putting green. Mr. Limbaugh was especially proud of a salon modeled after a room in Versailles, France. He also commissioned a huge chandelier that is a replica of one in the Plaza Hotel in New York.

In June of 2023, the home was purchased for 155 million dollars by Mr. William Lauder. He is the CEO of the Estee Lauder Cosmetics Co. His personal net worth exceeds two billion dollars. Mr. Lauder has homes in Westchester, NY, Aspen, Co., and Palm Beach, FL. He is presently demolishing the entire Limbaugh home. He has stated that the entire estate needs to be updated and modernized.



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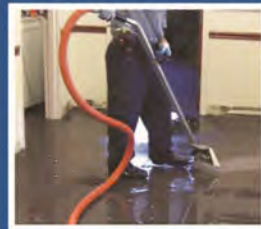
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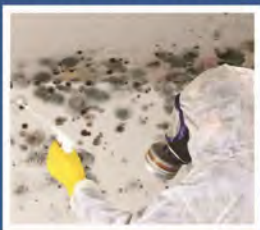


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