

Poinciana Today MARCH 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT by PAT SULLIVAN

For the last few months, many discussions/ debates have been about providing more pickle-ball courts for our residents and where to put them. We removed the handball wall next to the tennis courts due to cracking at the top and rain getting inside the structure. We did not want any debris to come loose and injure our residents.

Many residents playing pickleball would love to use the space created by the wall coming down for additional courts. Also, we need more parking for our residents who enjoy the facilities offered at the Clubhouse, those who come to Mel's Way for a delicious meal or a drink with friends, and others who come to play golf on our excellent course. All these activities and the tennis and pickleball players need a place to park.

We are currently getting proposals for pickleball courts and additional parking spaces. Neither of these things is going to happen soon. We must first install the new lift so those who need it can access the billiard room, art room, and Community room. The cost for the lift is approximately \$38,500. We ask for your patience during construction and while proposals are collected. We will pass on all proposals to the board of directors.

In other news, we have one more show in Marchthe Orange Sunshine band. Inside this Newsletter, you will find a host of events in March. Please take advantage of all the exciting things planned for your enjoyment and enrichment.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. Wear something green, watch a parade, have some Irish soda bread, and celebrate the day with a friend. "May the Leprechauns be near you to spread luck along the way. And may all the Irish angels smile upon you March 17 and every day after".

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The AMBASSADOR by Sandi Wolf

Hope everyone had a "sweet" Valentine's Day! It is so lovely to see our building busy in season! Firstly, a special welcome to our new residents - Jean and Stephen! We are a very friendly building, and we hope you will enjoy life in Poinciana.

We did have some warmer days and many special visits. Shirley and Frank's family finally arrived after weather and health delays. Gessie and Monique had friends from Canada visit before and after their cruise. Marlene had a bicoastal surprise for her birthday - her son from New Jersey and her daughter from Oregon! It is terrific meeting the family and friends of our residents.

Our barbecues are up and running. The grill contains delicious food, and Monique is a superb chef! We still would like to see more of our residents on Monday - not necessary to grill - just come down and spend time with us!

Our condo board is assisting our new management company with the transition. It is incredible how much knowledge, work, and effort it takes to run our building smoothly. Hopefully, our pool heater will be operational by this time. It will be so convenient to come to our pool rather than walk or drive to the Clubhouse.

One special request to our residents: our "guest parking" has been rather busy. We ask that our residents let a board member know if they park there permanently or for an extended period. If you have a "guest" parking there, please see Annette for a "guest pass" to be displayed in the car. Please remember to return the pass to Annette.

We are holding our annual Rummikub Tournament at our pool on Saturday, March 16th, from 1 to 3 pm. If it rains, it will be in the Clubhouse. The cost will be \$10.00. Please call Pat (908-601-4338) to register. Limit 30 people. First come, first served—March 10th deadline. Bring your drinks, and two slices of pizza will be provided.

A special wish that Gene has a speedy recovery and can join us for St. Paddy's Day!

We wish everyone a fabulous St. Patrick's Day and a wonderful Easter!

THE DORCHESTER by Marilyn Siegel

The election for the 2024 Board of Directors was a success. The Board has done such a good job we've elected the majority to serve again. President - Bernie Jessen, Vice President - Bob Ford. Treasurer - Patti Bialke-Clayton, and Director -Frank Impastato- are returning for another round. We convened a special Zoom meeting to appoint Fernando Rodriquez as Secretary. We appointed Peter Clayton as our representative on the PCG Board. We wish them well as they continue their work to maintain and even upgrade the integrity of the building. Jim McKeown, who chose not to run again after productively serving for many years as our representative on the Dorchester and PCG Boards, receives our most profound appreciation.

There have been two Pool Parties this year. A tasty assortment of appetizers made up the first party of 2024, followed a few weeks later by a delicious Soup Night. It's lovely to see our residents come together to set up the pool area, contribute the food, have an old-fashioned friendly time, and then clean up before going home for the night. The upcoming Pizza Night should be another yummy experience. "Save the Date" lists the calendar of the forthcoming parties and was emailed to everyone for whom we had an email address. A printed copy was then attached to the recent Newsletter and delivered to each occupied unit. As well-attended as our parties are, we hope that even more residents will choose to participate. We happily welcome back snowbird Carol to our nest.

Our sympathy goes to Philip Stillman on the passing of his beloved mother, Rachel Stillman. Rachel had only lived here briefly but had made friends who had already missed her.

Landscaping: Trim work around the borders of the shrubs and walkways is complete, as well as replacing all interior fire sprinkler heads.

Vent cleaning: Vent cleaning is a process that is required to guarantee that there's no accumulated lint to catch fire. The Board thanks everyone who allowed easy access to their fire sprinklers and dryers.

A few cars in the lot are without the needed stickers or visitor passes. No one wants to tow your vehicles for non-compliance. To get your car correctly permitted in our parking lot, email the Board at **Dorchesterboard3@gmail.com**. As previously noted, plastic bags and Styrofoam egg cartons are garbage and should not be put in recycling containers. And while I'm being a

nag, to those who allow their dogs to relieve themselves on our restored landscaping, you must walk or carry your dogs to the appropriate area on Arcara Way and then pick up after them. Please respect your neighbors and all those who pay their Condo fees to care for our shared property.

While we prepare to lose an hour of sleep while we "Spring Forward," we wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Blessed Easter Sunday.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR by Sheri Blaney

First and foremost, we are grateful to Joyce Graham for taking on the role of editor for the past four years and continuing after moving up north. Joyce has done a fantastic job, and we wish her all the best. No doubt, I will have big shoes to fill. We owe a big thank you to Toni Mirobelli for working with Joyce as our proofreader for the past several years. I'd also like to thank each writer for sending support notes when Joyce announced my taking over as editor. What a terrific group of volunteers I get to work with. Thanks to all of you for your service to the community. If anyone is interested in selling, advertising, or contact me at 617.909.0030 or helping, sheri.pcgnewsletter21@gmail.com.

Remember to "Spring Forward" on March 10th, 2024, and reset your clocks as we welcome an extra hour of daylight!

To all who celebrate, we wish you a happy, healthy, and safe Easter and St. Patrick's Day!

NEW LOBBY OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10 am to 1 pm
Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm
Wednesday 10 am to 1pm
Thursday 10 am to 1pm
Friday 10 am 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 and sign people up for events.

BARCLAY BITS by Ina Baron

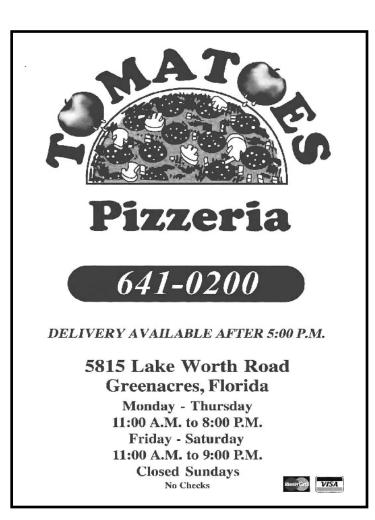
It is almost spring. The weather has been seesawing between warm and cold. Dress for the weather with layers. This past winter has been one for the books, it was far from ordinary. Beware The Ides of March!

We welcome three new people to The Barclay: Estela Nendizabel, Niloufar, and Yasmin Mirzabeigi. A special THANK YOU goes out to Larry Binder for repairing the big supermarket cart and replacing the broken wheels.

Please keep an eye out for slow-moving cars in our parking lot. They may be looking for a particular model. Try to get their license plate number. Make sure your car doors are locked and that nothing valuable is showing.

Reminder: the Annual Assessment Meeting is on March 25 at 4 P.M. in the Terrace Room at the Club House. There is an elevator for those who cannot use the stairs.

For those who celebrate Easter, have a Happy one.



CARLISLE CHATTER by Lynn Sands

Carlisle welcomes our new Board: President Walter Charles, Vice President Lenny Genovese, Treasurer Jim Donnelly, Secretary Angie Hardnett, and Board Member Harold Knapp. Thanks for stepping up to this most important job. We wish you much success keeping The Carlisle in good working order while keeping our expenses down. Additional thanks to our 2023 Board for their service. Job well done, guys!

Happy Birthday to our March babies: Eileen Sadoff and Ed Weiner. Any Carlisle resident wishing to receive birthday announcements may knock on my door #105. Your name will appear in the "Poinciana Today" corresponding issue.

A Cuban restaurant outside event happened in February. The social committee is planning a March Pool Pizza Party before our snowbirds head home for the Easter holidays. Look for our poster and signup sheet near the mailboxes. Who doesn't like pizza?!!

One of our residents had something "quite wonderful" happen to her a few weeks ago. Mary Zahler, who resides with owner Gary Wilcher, lost her driver's license somewhere around The Carlisle. She assumed somebody would never recover it since it was a Michigan license and didn't show a Florida address. Mary, not listed as an owner of the Carlisle, assumed her last name would not be familiar. A few hours later, Mary received a private message from a Facebook friend asking if she lost her driver's license. One of our owners, Walter Charles, apparently discovered the Michigan license in the parking lot. He went into Facebook and couldn't get into Mary's account but could privately message Mary's friend, who then messaged Mary. Somebody recovered the license! Many thanks to Walter for knowing how to assist and help a neighbor!

Carlisle welcomes all our new owners and wishes them happy and healthy residencies. Our social committee hopes they join us in our community events. We schedule events during the winter season, starting in October and ending in April. We try to alternate pool parties and outside events every month. Always look for these notices posted near the mailboxes.

Have a wonderful Easter! We wish our part-time residents a happy and healthy spring and summer. We look forward to seeing you again in late Fall.

IMPERIAL BUILDINGS 8 & 9 by Dorothy Coutsakis

It was touch and go for a while whether or not we would have our BBQ at our pool after the annual meeting. We were lucky the clouds parted, and the weather was beautiful for our day. We thank Jeff Rice at Building 8 for his excellent BBQ skills. Our hamburgers, hot dogs, and pilaf were perfect. Thank you again, Jeff.

Each Director presented and spoke about upcoming projects, our budget, and what the Board envisioned for our future projects and answered questions. We also requested the following:

Please call Marco Rubio's office to request that he remove the wording from the Corporate Transparency Act that all community association directors must disclose all personal and private information to the government. Not-for-profit associations should be exempt. His number is 561-775-3360.

The state legislature is trying to pass a bill (Senate Bill # 278/House Bill 979) making associations pay all estoppel fees. We would no longer be able to charge the buyer these fees. Doing this would necessitate a raise in our monthly maintenance fees. Please write or call our representative, Bobby Powell, 2715 North Australian Ave., Suite 105, WPB, FL 33407, or call 561-650-6880.

On a sad note, Francine Mandarino passed away. She was beautiful on the outside and a beautiful and sweet person inside. We will miss her — our condolences to her husband, Joe, and family.

Please ensure you register any visitor staying overnight and parking a car in our lot; you must inform the management company and request a temporary guest parking tag. We check the lots regularly for any vehicles that do not belong. For our safety, we need to know who is on our property. You can either come to the Southern Shores office or email your information to them. The forms are on our website for you to complete and submit.

If you have a clogged sink or need a similar repair, please call the management company to submit a work order. They know what the Association is responsible for and what the owners are responsible for. Please do not stop the Directors or Brian regarding these matters. Requests must go through the management.

We have many units that are for sale in all of Poinciana. At last count, there were 67 units. If you know someone who is considering buying, let them know we are a great community offering many amenities.

Have a wonderful winter. Stay safe and healthy.

HAMLET by Russell Donnelly

Things are relatively quiet at the Hamlet this month. The only thing of importance is the continuation of our roof project. Currently, the air conditioners are at their new proper height. The new electrical boxes that require replacement are on the units. Remember that each of the 46-unit owners who receive a new electric box gets a bill on their maintenance account for the cost of their new unit. We are now awaiting the necessary inspections and the beginning of the roof replacement.

Unfortunately, the first floor on the West side still has residents who refuse to adhere to the recycling rules. Fully loaded garbage bags are put in recycling bins daily. Doing this requires someone else to handle your garbage and put it in the proper place. If this continues, we will find the unit owner responsible and levy appropriate fines. This situation has been going on for far too long.

It is now apparent that the unit owner(s) accountable for this do not care or respect simple rules:

- The yellow containers are for paper only.
- The blue container is for glass and metal objects only.
- Other trash is to go in the GREEN dumpster.
 If you cannot distinguish where to put something, place it in the large GREEN dumpster.

The Hamlet Board meets every third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the pool. The President has notified us that meetings must be open to all residents, eliminating our periodic open poolside meeting. Someone will send a monthly notice to everyone regarding the Board business, and we will only be required to have our annual budget meeting and our annual meeting to elect our officers. Suppose you cannot attend and wish to know the discussion. In that case, the Hamlet secretary will notify you of the board minutes prepared each month.

In closing, I wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day wherever you will be.



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

Hello to Poinciana Place Condo 3.

Our biggest story to report is that Alex Miranda, our do-it-all maintenance man, and David Brogan, our building's spit and polish worker, have both retired. There was a farewell celebration under the pool awning at our last board meeting on February 8th, 2024. The dessert was a delicious, beautifully decorated Publix Bakery Cake. The guys received a big farewell and thanks for their long service. David worked here for more than five years and Alex for 24 years. If Alex had worked at Poinciana 3 for one year more, he could have received his twenty-five-year golden watch. I made a short farewell speech. Everyone wished them well in their future lives.

We are already breaking in a new man to replace them. His name is Jimick Adams. He's OK with Jimmy or Jim but prefers Jimick. He started working last Friday, February 9th and had an excellent first day. Many of you have already said hello to him. He has much experience working in condominium communities like ours and is excited to learn new skills. Say hello when you see him around the property.

A Meet and Greet was held on January 11th with approximately 50+ people in attendance despite the weather. The Social Committee presented a fantastic appetizer, dessert, and cookies. The wine provided was the topping on the cake! Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Hot Dog/Chili event on January 20th drew approximately 50 people. The Luongo Brothers provided music, a plus for our dancing residents. The Chili event was another triumphant crowd-pleaser, with four different chili recipes entered. Carmelle prepared the winning chilies in First Place Building A, Louise in Second Place in Building B, and Laura in Third Place in Building A.

Our resident grill master and chef, Richard Charney, provided us with deliciously prepared hot dogs. All had a great time.

Over 45 people attended our Ice Cream Social on February 8th, which included vanilla ice cream with various toppings and delicious cupcakes. DJ Lou Turiano played a mix of great oldies from the 50s, followed by the melodic tunes of the Jackie Gleason Orchestra. The weather was a perfect plus, and everyone had a good time.

"Wait, there's more!" A Pizza and Salad night was held February 29th. Please remember that sign-up sheets are by the elevators in each building for every event.

March 15th will be our big International Night event. A sign-up sheet will be near the elevators as the date gets closer.

POINCIANA BUILDINGS 1 & 2 by Jack Gale

At our January 4 Annual Meeting, we welcomed our new board members:

Directors at Large: Diane Cote, Dianne Kling, Darla Solorzano, Annette Bluestein, Ramona Bradlyn, Casey Gilkey and Larry Weser.

Officers: Secretary Carl Berger, Treasurer Jeannette Rittgers, Vice President Chip Beckwith, and President Jack Gale.

Our representatives to the Poinciana Community Group are Ted Suss, Joy Finer, Annette Bluestein, and Jack Gale.

Our weekly cookouts continue on Tuesday nights at 5:00 p.m. with Klaus on the grill, including Hot Dog night, Pizza Night, and International Night in the upcoming weeks. Come down to enjoy the evening and meet your neighbors.

With the weather warming up, please stop at the pool for a dip and sit in some of our newly strapped chairs.

We held our annual Pizza Night at our weekly cookout in mid-February. Eighty-four residents enjoyed salad, pizza, brownies, and live entertainment. Other upcoming events include an ice cream social on February 27, a potluck-covered dish night on March 19, and a hot dog night on April 9. There will not be any grilling on those nights.

With the improving temperatures in mid-February, our pool attendance has jumped tremendously. Numerous residents are enjoying our new pickleball courts. Come down and give it a try. The Poinciana Golf Course is in excellent condition, and the fairways are full on many days. When coming to the courts, golf course, or Mel's Way, please walk or carpool to help alleviate parking problems.

The painting of Princeton will be done in early March after the back side of the building is closed after pipe repairs.

THE GRAMERCY by Phyllis Elrich

It's been pretty cool of late. I, for one, love the cooler weather. The heat of the long summer makes me weary, so now is the time to do everything we do to have fun. There have been parties, happy hour at the pool, barbeques, pizza parties, friends and family visits, and many happy smiles at neighbors.

March has many holidays, and we welcome the change of clocks. Although we miss an hour of sleep, we will have sunlight for an extra hour each evening.

Some of us may be going away to be with others for the holidays, and even by the end of the month, some snowbirds will leave here until next season. Can you believe that? How the time flies!

For everyone, especially those leaving for a few months, check everything in your apartment. There is that condensate line for the air conditioning and the need to change the filter. Check the smoke alarm batteries. Make sure there is someone to check on your apartment every so often.

Some reminders for those staying:

Recycling is simple.

Blue is for glass and plastic, that's all.

Yellow is for paper, no bags, no Styrofoam, that's all.

If something falls out of a bag, please pick it up. Break down all the boxes and bring them down to the first-floor room.

Don't put bulk items out until Tuesday night for pick up early Wednesday morning.

If you miss that, please wait for the following Tuesday evening.

May all of your holidays bring you serenity. May all of your days be healthy ones.





COPSby Deb Lingenfelter

Caring for our community

Observant on duty

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Please consider volunteering for a very worthwhile community service. You will feel great making a difference! Training is provided as well as a COPS uniform shirt.

Call Jeff or Deb for additional information:

Captain Jeff Marcus 321-514-6535 Sergeant Deb Lingenfelter 561-335-9960

PATIO HOMES by Ruth Ruttkay

Daylight Savings is happening this month. I am sorry to say we'll lose an hour, but isn't it wonderful that we have more daylight to enjoy more time in the sun?

Spring is here, and so is St. Patrick's Day and Easter. To all who celebrate, enjoy your holiday! I see a party in our future!

I regret to inform all that a beloved member of our community has passed away way too soon. We will miss Mary Ann Ferretti—condolences to Paul and family.

Best wishes to all for good health, and stay safe!



BUNCO SCHEDULE FOR JAN 2024 – MAY 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



FREE MOVIES, POPCORN, BOTTLED WATER:

Thursdays @2:00 - Poinciana Clubhouse TERRACE ROOM

Note: The Terrace Room is accessible by elevator

March 7th - "Maybe I Do"

Romantic Comedy, starring: Diane Keaton, William H Macy, Richard Gere & Susan Serandon

March 14th - "The Upside"

Comedy-Drama, starring: Kevin Hart, Bruan Cranston & Nicole Kidman

March 21st - "Ford V Ferrari"

Biographical Sports Drama, starring: Matt Damon & Christian Bale

March 28th - "John Wick: Chapter 4"

Action Thriller, starring: Keanu Reeves



BINGO * BINGO

2024 Schedule

Bingo will be held in the Terrace Room accessible by stairs or elevator

Wednesday, March 13th @7:00PM

Wednesday, April 17th @7:00PM

\$10 4 CARDS

Seven Games Plus Coverall

Guaranteed \$15 Payoff per Game

Coverall Pays Guaranteed \$150

Halftime Refreshments Served



\$22.00 Ticket Includes:

\$22.00

*Admission and Entry for Door Prizes

* Wine and Beer

* Sandwiches, Salads, and Snacks

* Purchase and Name Your Horse \$12.00 each
This includes entry into Private Horse Owners Drawing
WINNING PRIZE \$200.00

Winning Horse Owners Purses Are \$70.00 per Race OPEN WAGERING ON TEN RACES

Tickets Available at The Front Office Nov.1st, 2023 off Lobby For Information Call Russ Donnelly at 561-963-8252 Poinciana Front Office at 561-439-4733

PLEASE PURCHASE HORSES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW ADEQUATE PROCESSING TIME FOR FILM AND PROGRAMS.



March 24th

Place: Poinciana Club House Time: 1 - 4:00pm

Ticket: \$15 Reserve your tables of 8-10 people

Bring: A \$15 wrapped gift

50/50 Full Card \$5

Serving coffee, tea, water and homemade desserts

Get your groups together, make checks payable to the American Heart Association and call Ginny Vogel (717) 333-4543 Hamlet Bldg. #409 to register or drop off at the clubhouse office complete with names of people at your table.

Come for an afternoon of fun!

Proceeds being donated to the American Heart Association



Poinciana Ladies Social Club by Mindy Dorfman

The Poinciana Ladies Social Club held a successful card party in February. It was a busy afternoon with various card games, Mah-Jongg, Rummikub, and poker, enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Phyllis Slavin and the committee for an excellent job! Also, we want to welcome our new members.

FASHION SHOW:

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

Poinciana Ladies Social Club will have the annual fashion show with clothes from Chico's. Our members will model the clothing. There is a full lunch menu with a choice of Haddock, Chicken Franchise, or Penne Primavera, including coffee, hot tea, and dessert. Chairpersons are Marcia Sarbone and Carol Cohen.

For reservations please contact:

Carol Cohen: 516-376-2007. The cost is \$28.00 for members and \$33.00 for non-members. Please include your choice of entree and table mates on the back of your check.

CARD PARTY LUNCHEON: Tuesday, April 16th, 2024

Poinciana Ladies Social Club will have a luncheon and card party at the Westchester Country Club. Bring your games, friends, and happy faces. Let us know who you will be playing with and your game.

Order of events: Cards and games: 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Lunch: Noon until whenever.

The menu includes Chicken Quesadilla, Par Three Platter, Oriental Chicken Salad, Fuji Apple Salad, Caesar Salad with Grilled or Blackened Chicken, Smoked Salmon on platter, Club Sandwich, and Deli Board.

For reservations please contact:

Helen: 561-433–9873; or Connie: 845-807-1793. Cost: \$25 per person. Add-on Dessert: \$29 per person. The cutoff date is April 7th, 2024.

Poinciana Ladies Social Club has activities planned for members and friends. Please always check the board in the lobby and our monthly newsletter, *Poinciana Today*. We have a monthly board meeting upstairs in the clubhouse Terrace Room at 10 am every second Tuesday. Members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Mindy Dorffman at 954-778-2212.



by Russ Donnelly

We had our third show of the February 2024 season with comedian Stu Moss and singer Iris Revson on the 18th, which followed the successful previous shows of "The Long Run" and Scott Record. In keeping with the new agenda of bringing Poinciana top entertainment, I have secured the following shows for the 2025 season.

The 2025 season is going to be a little different than previous years. There will be no December show, as many of our snowbirds do not return until January. We will have a separate Holiday Show on January 12th, 2025, with Chris Ruggiero, returning by popular demand. Tickets for his Show are sold separately from our three-show season tickets. Tickets for Chris's show will have three price categories: Center Orchestra will be \$55.00, left and right stage sections are at \$45.00 and \$35.00.

Our main season ticket package for three shows starting in February and continuing through March and April is \$115.00 for all three shows. For February, we have signed on James Steven, a hard-working comedian and performer. We have Daybreak, who will perform classic songs by Barry Manilow with backup singers for March. April will close the season with Abbra Cadabra singing the contagious music of ABBA and the hit show "Mama Mia."

Due to the high costs of providing exceptional entertainment, we had to separate our presentation into the Holiday Show and three shows for the 2025 Season. You will not be disappointed! Tickets for the Holiday Show and 2025 Showcase will go on sale in April 2024. Bingo will be in January, February, March, and April, and "Night at the Races" will be held in February or March. The dates for all of the above are forthcoming.

FOR INFORMATION ON TICKET SALES, CALL RUSS DONNELLY AT 561-963-8252. IF YOU GET ANSWERING SERVICE, LEAVE CONTACT INFORMATION, AND I WILL RETURN YOUR CALL.



THE ART GROUP A PLACE FOR CREATIVE EXPRESSION By Ruth Cassell

Going to art each week has been an adventure. Not only has the room been transformed into a lovely, comfortable workplace space, but it's also a joy to meet with fellow artists who have become dear friends each Monday. In class, we help each other to improve our art.

Some have taken art classes and are willing to share their skills with others who want to learn. One of the latest techniques to be shared (one that excites me) is one-stroke painting. Donna Dewberry has popularized this technique.

There's plenty of room for new artists to join us. With all of the donations we have received, it's not necessary to bring your materials. However, we suggest that you provide your own.

We meet on Mondays from 1-4 pm in the Art Room next to the Community Room. I hope you come to see what we are doing!



SIT AND STITCH by Kathy Jordan

March is a month to enjoy St Patrick's Day with green beer and parties. And we celebrate Easter with flowers, colored eggs, and candy.

We welcomed a snowbird to our group. She participated in working on her project and joined us for lunch.

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: Luanne: 561 670-2334 Kathy: 917 854-1544



The Happy Bookers by Sandi Wolf

We read "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Marta Molnar this past month. Again, it seemed to be a difficult book to find. Barnes and Noble didn't carry it, the library had a waiting list (as did Kindle), and I ended up ordering the book from Amazon! Ironically, Amazon delivered on a Monday, and the library came through the next day!

The Book Club met on Wednesday, February 14th -- only five members were present. Those who did read the book enjoyed it. There was much in the book to relate to in our own lives. If you attended the Van Gogh exhibit in Miami a few years ago, the book was informative.

I am at a loss for continuing with so few monthly responses. I also care for the library and know we are borrowing many books! I hope that some of you will give our book club a try. I would also suggest that if you have a book you are interested in reading, call me at (516) 428-2752.

We are reading "Song of the Lion" by Anne Hillerman this month. The author is Tony Hillerman's daughter, who is continuing her father's work. It's a current story that is an engaging mystery. It takes place on the Navajo tribal lands of Arizona and New Mexico. It is the third in a series, but it can stand alone. Easier to find! Please read it and join us on Wednesday, March 13th at 11 am in the Terrace Room of the Clubhouse (next to the library).

Happy Booking!

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

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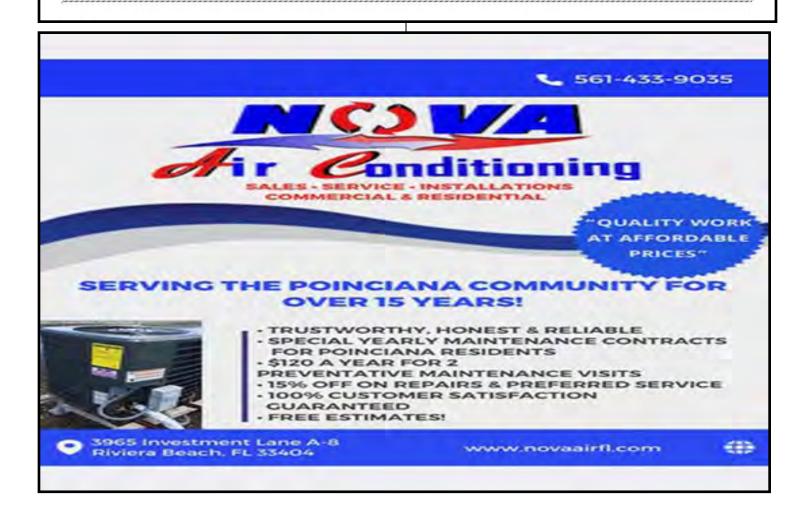
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THE TOWNHOMES by Sheri Blaney

We are back! If you haven't noticed, The Townhomes have been absent from the newsletter for over two years.

Welcome—to those who are snowbirds and the many new residents who moved to the Townhomes over the last 24 months. We hope to see you at our meetings and future social events and become active participants in our vibrant community. Please visit the Clubhouse any time between Monday and Friday to purchase a "Pass Card" to enter the upstairs facilities. The cost is \$5.00 for a lifetime entry, only checks, no cash. You'll find a poolroom, gym, card tables, library, art room, Pilates, and yoga classes. Outside, there is golf, pickleball, and tennis. As an active participant, I've made many new friendships with folks from Poinciana and nearby communities. Check out the lobby posters, events, and our monthly calendar in the newsletter. Also, note that the restaurant, Mel's Way, is closed on Sundays and Mondays but open Tuesday through Saturday with entertainment and dancing every night.

For a brief update, we have a new Board of Directors this year who work hard to meet our community needs:

Robert Artola, President; Sam Zutshi, VP; Cindy Maunder, Treasurer; Lyn Croteau, Secretary; and Brenda White, Director. We look forward to new beginnings, friendships, and mutual support for each other and our community. We also appointed Matt Laskowsky as our PCG representative.

Our board meeting is held the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Poinciana Clubhouse, upstairs in the Terrace room. Thanks to Luanne and Jerry for setting up our meeting signs and delivering the PCG newsletter to each mailbox. Our next meeting is on March 12, 2024, in the Terrace Room of our Clubhouse.

A special thank you goes to several of our residents who pitched in to help with various needed repairs and landscaping. Bill and Paul on Quince re-laid the brick path between Strawflower Way, creating a safer walkway that was buckled and dangerous. Robert, on Clover, had his team secure our pool bathroom sink and fill in a pothole at the entrance to Strawflower Way. Cindy, Bill, and their son David helped me clean out and organize our pool storage and pump room, which needed a significant overhaul.

Our Landscaping Committee, headed by Brenda and Sam, created a team of volunteers to remove the dying Ficus from one side of our pool and replace it with a new Clusia hedge. A special shout-out goes to our volunteer webmaster on Clover Court, Neil, who has done a first-class job setting up and maintaining our new website at pptha.com.

On a sad note, we mourn the loss of Alex Ballum, who passed away on September 20, 2023, at the age of 91. Alex has lived on Lupin Lane for many years and served on the Board of Directors. The neighbors described him as a kind and thoughtful person. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his partner, Nan.

On a happier note, we hope you all had a sweet Valentine's Day!

I am seeking a volunteer to write or contribute to our Townhome news for this spot. Please text or call me at 617.909.0030 or email me at sheri.pcgnewsletter21@gmail.com.



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Winter Golf Season is in FULL SWING! by Paul Grillo

As the sun sets on another spectacular day at Poinciana Golf Club, we extend our heart-felt gratitude to each of our valued customers and strive to make our club a beacon of excellence in the South Florida golfing community. We are happy to hear the many good comments and fun stories of your days on the golf course here.

To all the golf enthusiasts who graced our course with their presence, we thank you for choosing Poinciana as your preferred destination for leisure and recreation. Your passion for the game and unwavering support have driven our success, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

From the seasoned lower handicap golfers who showcase their skills with grace and precision to the beginners who take their first swing with determination and enthusiasm, each player has played a pivotal role in making this season one to remember. Poinciana has flourished through your dedication and love for the sport; we are eternally thankful for that.

As we are now in full swing of another memorable first half of the winter golf season, we look forward to seeing all of you on the links for the latter half of the season. Whether you're a returning guest or a first-time visitor, we eagerly anticipate welcoming you back to Poinciana Golf Club for many more rounds of camaraderie, competition, and cherished memories.

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LADIES GOLF by Pat Murray

Hello again from Ladies Golf!

Well! What a lovely brunch we had at Mel's on Jan 17th. Twenty-seven members were in attendance. President Karen Freeman introduced the new members and reviewed some play rules.

Our weekly games continue, and some of the January winners were Nora Cain, Kathy lacovangelo, Ann Dell, Bonnie St. Denis, Gaylene Vitale, Joy Finer, Sheila Glazner, Penny Silver, and Marianne Rice. Christie Hamilton, JoAnn King, Cathy Elliot, Marie Valchius, and Diane Baker. Good golfing, ladies!

Excitement is building for our March tournaments when we compete for low gross and low net championships. I'll tell you all about it next time. See you on the course.

POINCIANA PLATES by Toni Mirobelli

This recipe uses only 6 ingredients and makes a warm and comforting entrée.

SMOTHERED CHICKEN BAKE:

INGREDIENTS:

3 slices bacon, chopped

1 cup diced red bell pepper

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

½ teaspoon ground pepper

1/4 cup basil pesto

1 jar (15 oz) alfredo pasta sauce

DIRECTIONS:

- Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook bacon in a 10
 -inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat
 for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until
 crisp. Remove bacon with a slotted spoon
 from the skillet and drain on a paper towel lined plate. Leave bacon drippings in the skil let
- In the same skillet, cook bell pepper in bacon drippings over medium-high heat for 1 to 2 minutes until crisp-tender. Remove from the skillet with a slotted spoon.
- Sprinkle chicken breasts with pepper. Cook chicken breasts in bacon drippings over medium-high heat for 2 to 4 minutes, turning once, until browned.
- Place chicken breasts in an ungreased 11 x 7-inch (2 qt) baking dish. In a medium bowl, stir bell pepper, pesto, and alfredo sauce until blended. Cover with foil and bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until the mixture is bubbly and the juice of the chicken is clear when the center of the thickest part is cut. Sprinkle with bacon. Serve with a vegetable side dish or salad and warm rolls. Enjoy!



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POINCIANA PICKLEBALL by Pam Hilligoss

As cited in the Sports & Fitness Industry Association Topline Participation Report, pickleball has continued its incredible rise in America, increasing by 85.7 percent year-over-year and by an astonishing 158.6 percent over three years. (And yes, that number was, in fact, 158.6 percent.)

With 8.9 million participants in 2022, the number of new participants in pickleball exceeded the total number in 2021. As the number of players of all ages continues to increase, so does the need for more courts. Per a recent discussion with a realtor, she shared that "pickleball" and "golf" are now the most searched amenities by buyers.

Did you know? 68% of pickleball players are between the ages of 60-79. There are over 3.3 million players in the US alone. Over 2,000 pickleball events are hosted in the US each year. Pickleball is played as singles or doubles, just like tennis. Pickleball has an 85% retention rate, meaning most participants continue playing after their first experience. The pickleball injury rate is approximately 2.2 injuries per 1,000 hours of game time. Pickleball requires very little financial outlay to get started-paddle and balls.

The number of Poinciana pickleball players continues to grow! Players are playing every morning of the week and many evenings as well. On average, there are 12-14 players for the two courts each morning, causing people to wait. Some players began playing outside Poinciana before courts were on the property. If there are more courts in the future, we hope to have some round robins and fun events. Pickleball is easy to learn, a great way to get some exercise, allows you to meet new people and is a sport you can take up at any age and succeed. Come on out and give it a try!

March will be the last month for Monday evening Learn to Play classes until the fall. Greg and Pam Hilligoss have a Learn to Play class on Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 pm; paddles and balls are supplied. Participants should bring water—a minimum of 4 players per class and a maximum of 8 players per class are required. Please check the Poinciana Pickleball Facebook page on Monday at noon to see if there are enough registered participants for the class. You must register for class by calling (765) 914-7460. Jim Donnelly teaches a Learn to Play class on Thursday at 9 am. The number to register for this class is (561) 281-8906.

Players are encouraged to join the Poinciana Pickleball Facebook page. This page allows residents to communicate with other residents about setting play times outside of "Open Play" days and learn about upcoming events. This page is for residents only, so you do not have to worry about advertisements and spam. Feel free to post anything related to pickleball.

The Poinciana Pickleball group is fun, very social, and very inclusive. We are always looking for more players.

This will be the last Pickleball newsletter submission until the fall. If you are interested in taking over for me, contact me. (765) 914-7460.

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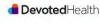


















FLORIDA FUN FACTS by Thomas Leonard

THE TURN-AROUND

Are you an enthusiastic traveler who roams the world seeking adventure in distant ports of call? Did you travel across European and Asian countries in your youth carrying only a passport and a few possessions in a backpack? Were you sent to dangerous war zones while serving in the Armed Forces of our country?

Today, you have the memories of youthful experiences. You remember the Eiffel Tower and the lights along the Seine River at night. The snow is still piled high along the roads in Austria and Switzerland in the spring. Didn't you talk to the Swiss Guards in Vatican City and ask them about their five hundred-yearlong assignments while still wearing the uniform from the Renaissance Period?

Remember the quiet nights in the Mekong Delta, total darkness. There are no lights and only the sounds of the night or the days and nights of street fighting in the city of Hue, with danger everywhere. Mortar explosions, machine gun fire, the fear, and the waiting, waiting, always the waiting for an end.

I know you remember it all like it was yesterday. Good for you. We are all here now. Today, with the limitations of a senior citizen's life, many of us prefer the cruising lifestyle. An ocean cruise or a riverboat cruise provides a comfortable style of life and a wide variety of choices regarding destinations. We are fortunate to have Port Everglades and the Port of Miami with easy accessibility. A good travel agent can help you find a cruise to a destination of your interest while aboard a ship you can choose. The Viking Cruises on the European rivers offer a relaxed journey through many farm and wine country regions. Yet, any major city along the river provides a multitude of urban attractions.

On December 22nd, we boarded the Carnival ship Magic in Miami. We had not been on a boat since the pre-COVID days of 2017 and were anticipating an exciting nine-day cruise.

The ship's crew refer to a day in Miami as the Turn Around Day. The ship arrives in port at 0600am. By 0830, everyone is out of their cabins and at breakfast. At 10:30 am, all passengers departed the ship. Meanwhile, all the rooms and public areas are undergoing a complete cleaning. The boat is refueled and prepared for another trip. On the dock, forklifts are driving into Deck One of the ships with loads of supplies for the coming week at sea.

After noon, thousands of new passengers are processed in the Terminal Building, submitting their boarding passes and passports for examination. They take our photograph for a combination of ID Card and Room Key. We can use this card to purchase anything on the ship. Next, we are all directed up elevators and ramps into the Deck Three Foyer, where we are welcomed aboard and given directions to our rooms. A bit later, we take a Coast Guard-Approved Safety Drill Class. Lunch is available at several locations, including the midship pool deck, where musical entertainment has started the party at-At about 4:30 pm, the ship was mosphere. pulled away from the pier and, very slowly, went to the west end of the channel and came to a dead stop. It is about 200 yards from downtown Miami and in the shadow of many tall buildings. This enormous ship, almost 400 feet long with over 4,000 passengers and crew, starts a turning rotation maneuver with the bow going counterclockwise and the stern following. In a few minutes, the 180-degree Turn Around is complete, and we now face East and look out the open channel to the ocean. Slowly, we start forward, gain some speed, go past South Beach. and enter the open ocean.

An hour later, before leaving for dinner, I look over the balcony at the dark sea. There are no other ships or lights in any direction. But looking back toward Miami, the sun has set, and the city of Miami stands alone in the darkness under the glow of its city lights.

Turn-Around Day is complete, and the ship is on a Southeast course into the Caribbean Sea. Bon Voyage.





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Helen Rivlin, long-time Essex resident, recently celebrated her 99th birthday. Helen's son, Ron, and many friends gathered at a party to celebrate sweet Helen.

Pictured here is Helen with one of her gifts, a "99" blanket held by her close friend, Ash, and one of her caregivers, Nerlande. Sharda took a wonderful photo.



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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.

<u>Chair Yoga</u> – 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.

<u>Pilates</u> – This class works everything from your neck to your knees! Our sessions will focus on core strength, balance, precision & control using a mix of light weights and other inexpensive apparatus, bodyweight exercises, and balance exercises. "In 10 sessions you'll feel the difference, in 20 you'll see the difference, and in 30 you'll have a new body." - Joseph Pilates. Classes are held Monday & Wednesday at 9 AM, and Fridays at 8 AM. *Note – Friday class is 1 hour EARLIER.

2024 Seasonal Exercise Schedule:

Monday - 9 AM Pilates - 10 AM Yoga

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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Questions? Not sure if we are having class? Call Shannon at 832-715-0146.

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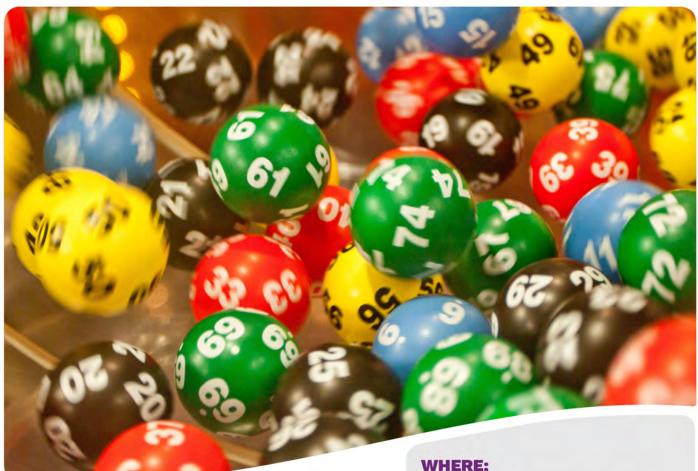
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