



## The Retreat Newsletter

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### Transition Information

Meetings were held last month to discuss the procedures for the orderly transition of control from the developer, DiVosta, to the Retreat Homeowners Association. Seven committees were formed to facilitate the transition:

- 1) Architectural Review and Landscape Review and act on proposed changes or additions to homeowners property that may affect the original character of the community.
  - 2) Communications Provide information conduit from homeowners to the board and back. Develop a welcome package for new homeowners and publish a community newsletter.
  - 3) Engineering and Maintenance Understand common elements and common maintenance responsibilities. Oversee maintenance contracts and warranties.
  - 4) Finance Review financial records, procedures and budgets. Monitor assessment collections and enforcements. Review insurance coverage.
  - 5) Government Liaison Build relationships with local governments to insure proper flow of information to the community and board.
  - 6) Legal and Covenant Review covenants, policies, procedures and rules for need, adequacy and enforceability. Advise board on needed changes, revisions or additions.
  - 7) Management Services Review all association files and management contracts. Review contractor performance and contracts. Provide board nomination and election procedures.
- For more information, attend the annual meeting, Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 pm at SeaWind Elementary School or call Ken Gregory 545-0648, Mike Fazio 546-5501, Tom Palmer 546-1696.

### Manager's Corner

by Rick Velie

#### ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday--March 2, 2004, 6:30 pm

Location: **SeaWind Elementary School**  
**3700 SE Seabranh Boulevard**  
**Hobe Sound, Florida 33455**

Pursuant to THE RETREAT AT SEABRANCH Bylaws, the Association shall hold its Annual Members Meeting on Tuesday March 2, 2004 at 6:30 pm. The Developer shall continue to appoint the Board of Directors during the development period. A developer Representative and Bristol Management will be in attendance to address association concerns. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at this Annual Meeting.

### Retreat Activities



- ♦ Social Bridge: Tuesday at 1 pm
- ♦ Mah-Jongg: Monday and Wednesday at 1 pm
- ♦ Men's Poker: Wednesday at 7 pm
- ♦ Water Aerobics: Monday and Wednesday at 4 pm, Saturday at 9 am
- ♦ Women's Club: Third Monday of every month at 7 pm
- ♦ Neighborhood Watch Meeting: First Monday after first Thursday of every month at 7 pm
- ♦ Exercise Aerobics: Monday and Wednesday at 9 am
- ♦ Book Club: Selected Thursdays at 7 pm



## Hibiscus House

by Coni McGuinn

Last year the Social Committee became involved in a pilot program at the Hibiscus Children's shelter called "Bags of Love." Folks at the shelter were extremely thankful for our support and generosity. The shelter considered the program a huge success and asked if we would once again provide bags. Tote bags purchased by the Social Committee are decorated according to age groups and filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair products, stuffed animals, crayons, books, small toys and, of course, some candy. A child brought to the shelter by a social worker, police officer or distraught parent is given a "Bag of Love" upon arrival and this is probably one of the only things that absolutely belongs to the child. A cuddly teddy bear does wonders. Anyone interested in decorating a bag, please contact Becky Freedman 545-3286 or Coni McGuinn 545-3465. A big thank you to all that purchased luminaries during the holiday season. The current "Bags of Love" are being worked on with the proceeds from the luminary sales.

## Project Welcome Newcomers

by Brenda Frank



The Retreat is a warm and inviting place in which to live. There are always smiles, hellos and eager willingness to participate in many exciting activities. In keeping with this special ambiance, we would like to start another project "Welcoming Newcomers" to our community. A packet will be developed which might include information on Hobe Sound, businesses, restaurants, coupons, and The Retreat newsletter. If you own a business here or close by and want to participate with business cards, information, and advertising items, we would include your information in the packets.

We are also seeking others to participate in this project to keep our community as friendly as it is and filled with positive energy. For further information, contact:

Brenda Frank at [bfrank9037@bellsouth.net](mailto:bfrank9037@bellsouth.net), 545-1205  
Becky Freedman at [beckyf561@aol.com](mailto:beckyf561@aol.com), 545-3286

## Bits and Pieces

- **Keep close watch of your children, guests, pets around the lakes and preserves within community. Caution them that wildlife is common and can be dangerous.**
- Anyone interested in hosting a "Meet Your Neighbor" get-together? The host provides simple snacks, the guests bring their own beverages. This keeps costs down and encourages others to host future get-togethers.
- If you would like to volunteer or contribute to a Retreat activity, call Becky Freedman at 545-3286.
- Volunteer reporters are needed to gather news and information. If you are interested, contact Tom Kozlowski or Lill Malinowski (contact information on last page).
- Anyone interested in playing canasta, contact Tom Kozlowski.
- Trash pickup days are Wednesday and Saturday. Saturday is also for recycling. Containers may be placed at curbside AT OR AFTER DUSK the NIGHT BEFORE. Plastic bags filled with trash can only be placed the MORNING of the pickup.
- From DiVosta Preventive Maintenance documents: "Use of ammonia based mirror cleaners will cause de-silvering along the edges. We strongly recommend that you purchase a good quality mirror cleaner product which is ammonia free."
- Martin County's municipal codes state that pet owners are required by law to pick up after their pets. THANKS to all pet owners for keeping your pets on leash and picking up after them. Let's all continue to do our part to keep The Retreat neat and clean.

## Neighborhood Watch

By Tom Palmer



Neighborhood watch groups provide a way for neighbors to help one another by keeping an eye on each other's homes and property. A telephone chain is set up to enable neighbors to keep one another informed of any criminal activity and to receive information from the Sheriff's Office concerning description of suspected criminals and other pertinent information. This is a program of neighbors watching other neighbor's property. Join our monthly meetings for information and discussion on latest activities and concerns. The next meeting is Monday, March 8, at 7 pm.

Tom Palmer, Coordinator, 546-1696

## Book Club



A book club meeting was held February 26 at The Village Center Clubhouse. Discussion of *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown was followed by discussion of *Double Whammy* by Carl Hiaasen. If you have not already done so, bring in a list of three books you recommend for inclusion in future book club readings. All residents are welcome to attend. Watch the bulletin board for the next book discussion.

## The Trojan Odyssey

by Clive Cussler

If you like adventure novels, try any of Clive Cussler's series featuring his hero Dirk Pitt. Pitt, along with a team of regulars, works for NUMA (National Underwater Marine Administration) investigating marine disasters ranging from ancient to recent. The stories include an interesting sprinkle of nautical detail and history. In this latest book Pitt gets involved in several interwoven plots including lost cities, Druid cults, massive storms, potential environmental disasters, and a villain who attempts to control world economics. Dirk Pitt foils the villains, saves the day and wins the damsel. It is easy, entertaining reading. Try it.

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Book reviewed by Hilary Kerdavali

## Their Eyes Were Watching God

by Zora Neale Hurston

Zora Neale Hurston was born in 1891 and grew up in Eatonville, Florida; a town, which held historical significance as the first incorporated Black municipality in the United States in the 1930's and early 1940's during the peak of Hurston's literary career, she completed graduate work at Columbia and published 4 novels and an autobiography, and was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. She died penniless in Fort Pierce, Florida in 1960.

This book tells the compelling story of Janie Crawford who was raised in Florida by her grandmother, experienced several loveless marriages but develops into a strong and independent woman. Janie finds love with an itinerant worker named Tea Cake, however, their happiness ends rather brutally when Tea Cake becomes infected trying to save Janie from a rabid dog. She is forced to kill Tea Cake and ends up on trial for murder. Beside the central theme of Janie's growth as a woman, the story chronicles a time in Florida's history that continues to resonate with us today. I am unabashedly a great fan of Florida writers. Zora Neale Hurston is the foremother of them all, especially like this book because it speaks for the struggle for equality, for the pursuit of happiness instead of possession, and it speaks for and seems to promote a way of life uncluttered by tradition, stereotypes and materialism.

Book reviewed by Susan Hemmer

## Singles



Those singles wishing to meet other singles in the Retirement Center can call 546-1696.

## Holding on to Community Spirit

By Bea Kozlowski

As hard as it is to imagine, it's been almost two years since Phase I was completed and residents began moving into The Retreat. Presently we have hundreds of homes amidst an ambiance of beauty and serenity. Thanks go out to the many residents who have volunteered their time and effort to initiate the programs and activities that are so well attended. Friendships have been forged and one can feel a general sense of camaraderie throughout the community. Friendship, participation, dedication and a real sense of caring is what makes a community come alive with spirit. Spirit must be nurtured and treated with care. We, as Retreat homeowners, should be proud of the community spirit that permeates this area. As our community grows with the completion of the last construction phase, let us continue to "Hold on to Community Spirit."

## Women's Club Luncheon




Thirty-five ladies attended the February Women's Club luncheon at Pirates Cove Marina. This get-together gave many of us the opportunity to meet new Retreat residents and renew acquaintances with others. Many thanks to Inez Poppe for organizing the luncheon. The March luncheon will be at P. F. Chang's on March 8 at 11:30 am. RSVP to Coni McGuinn 545-3465 on or before March 3.

## Volunteer at SeaWind Elementary School

Our neighborhood school welcomes volunteers from The Retreat in a variety of school activities. For example, you could assist students or teachers with classroom projects, tutor in math or reading, or work in the library or computer lab. You may devote as little as an hour per week. If you are interested in a very rewarding experience, contact Bob or Gail Lombardi at 546-8424 for more information.

## Women's Club Dues

 Women's Club dues are \$25 for the year. Please bring cash or check made out to Cash to the next meeting which will be held March 15 or give to Coni McGinnis at 545-3465. Dues will be used for charitable projects and activities on behalf of all residents.

## Tennis



Anyone interested in getting together to play mixed doubles should contact Muriel Barry at 545-1919 or Anne Falco at 546-4691.

## Festival of Retreat Artists and Crafters



A Festival of Retreat Artists and Crafters is in the planning stages for the November time-frame. If you have an interest in participating in this event, contact:

Brenda Frank at 545-1205  
Nancy Kisslinger at 546-3133  
Mary Regan at 545-1101

## Renato's Restaurant

Fourteen neighbors from Hawks Nest Court went to dinner at Renato's on Ocean Boulevard in Sewall's Point. The menu was quite extensive as were the specials. The food was very good and the service excellent. Two nights later we went back to Renato's taking my brother and sister-in-law. They also enjoyed the restaurant very much.

Restaurant reviewed by Ann Condon

## St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance sponsored by the Women's Club will be Saturday, March 20 from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Music by Ray Gaumont. Donation is \$25 per person and includes an open bar. Contact the Knights of Columbus located at Cove Road and Kanner Highway or call 286-7507 directly for tickets.

## Puzzle

### HOW IN-TERESTING

Insert the word IN in each of the following words (at the start, at the end, or somewhere inside) to get a new word.



EXAMPLE	ROUTE	ROUTINE
1.	PATER	
2.	IMAGE	
3.	MUTES	
4.	VILLA	
5.	SWISH	
6.	SPIRE	
7.	BASSET	
8.	MISTER	
9.	CLARET	
10.	BULLET	
11.	MILLER	
12.	FATNESS	
13.	CONTENT	
14.	BRALESS	
15.	FANCIER	

## Tex-Mex Recipe



1 c. sour cream	2 lg. avocados	1 sm. can black bean dip
1 pkg. taco seasoning	3 Tbsp. lemon juice	½ bunch scallions chopped
½ c. mayo	1/4 tsp. salt	10 oz. thick & chunky med. salsa
Combine ingredients together & refrigerate.	1/8 tsp. pepper	2 tomatoes skinned, seeded, drained & chopped
	Mash avocados & add salt & pepper.	8 oz. grated taco & cheddar cheese

In a medium size casserole dish begin by spreading beef in the bottom of casserole. Next layer avocado and spread with garlic salt. Next layer sour cream mixture, then chopped tomatoes and end with a top layer of taco cheddar cheese. Refrigerate 8 hours. Serve with corn chips.

Recipe received from Inez Poppe

## Notes from Your Editors

It is our pleasure and privilege to work as editors to disseminate news to Retreat residents on social events and activities. Newsletters will be published bi-monthly from September thru June. There will be no newsletter published during July/August. Copies will be placed in the mailboxes and in the clubhouse. We ask that residents continue to check the bulletin boards for updates on scheduled events as well as information regarding ongoing activities.

Those wishing to contribute articles, recipes, business or restaurant reviews for future newsletters or comments regarding this newsletter, contact:

Bea Kozlowski: 545-3505, bhswe@aol.com  
Lill Malinowski: 545-3732, malinowski@prodigy.net

Whenever possible, contact us via e-mail. The cut-off date for the May/June newsletter is April 20, 2004.

While attempting to provide accurate and timely information in these newsletters, we apologize for any errors or omissions that may occur.

