



# The Retreat Newsletter

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Photo by Wally Malinowski

#### RETREAT 2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pictured above is the Retreat's 2005 Board of Directors: Sitting from the left, President Bill Cole, Secretary Coni McGuinn, standing from the left, Director at Large David Williams, Vice-President Phil Kemp, Treasurer Muriel Barry.

#### **Retreat Relay for Life**

By Gene Gillis

Do you know someone who suffers/suffered from cancer? Help fight this dreaded disease by joining the **Retreat Relay for Life Team**.

Relay For Life is a fun, team-based, overnight event. Eight or more friends, family members, or co-workers can form a Relay team. Each team submits a registration fee and each member raises a minimum of \$100 to support American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.

This event has food, activities, and entertainment during the 24 hours of the Relay. There are also special programs for cancer survivors and memorials for your special people who have fought cancer.

This year's Relay is April 29-30 at South County Park in Hobe Sound. Call Gene Gillis at 545.9304 if you would like more information. Go to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) and click on the Relay For Life logo on the right side of the page.

#### **NEWS FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*By Coni McGuinn*

The elected Board of Directors has been very busy since the turnover on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004. There have been three Board meetings and many tasks have been accomplished. An audit of the books was completed, and we should be receiving the results shortly. Attorney Deborah Ross of Ross, Earle & Bonan in Stuart will represent us. Ms. Ross is in the process of checking all the records that were turned over to us from DiVosta. The engineering firm of Evergreen Engineering Inc. of Stuart was hired to do a study of our grounds and building to see if we are in compliance and to also do a reserve study for our future needs. These reports will be available sometime in early summer.

The following committees were set up: Architectural Review, Communications, Maintenance/Engineering, Finance, Government Liaison, Legal and Covenant, Landscaping, Neighborhood Watch, Social Committee.

Volunteers are needed for:

- ✓ Landscape (Mickey Vernacchio, 546.4236)
- ✓ Legal and Covenant (Dottie Williams, 546.3866)
- ✓ Maintenance/Engineering (Dave Williams, 546.3866)
- ✓ Government Liaison (George Heisler, 545.3698)
- ✓ Neighborhood Watch (Tom Palmer, 546.1696).

Our new Property Manager is **Peggy Arraiz**, and she is on-site in our newly constructed office in the kitchen of the Retreat Clubhouse. She has

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Please mark your calendars:

**Tuesday, March 8**

**6:45 pm**

**SeaWind Elementary School**

There will be an all member Retreat at Seabranh Homeowners Association informational meeting. Please attend.

Thank you, Your Board of Directors

## Maintenance/Engineering Committee

By Dave Williams

Retreat residents are to be aware of the following:

- ✓ If you notice any lights turned on irrigation pump station controls panels within the Retreat, report the location to our Property Manager. These lamps are white.
- ✓ If you notice red lights or green lights on at the sanitary sewer lift stations (fenced in areas within the Retreat), call the phone number listed on their panel box (546.2511) day or night. A loud horn may also sound if there is a problem.
- ✓ If you see an irrigation sprinkler head stuck in up position, tap it down with your toe to prevent it from being damaged.
- ✓ If a street light is in need of repair, copy down the information on the light pole and report it to Florida Power and Light (FPL). The phone number is 1.800.226.3545.
- ✓ We would remind residents that as a courtesy to your neighbors, please refrain from walking in the areas behind our homes.
- ✓ Architectural Change Forms are required for changes to the interior or exterior of your home and for any changes to the developers plantings, gardens, adding or changing trees, etc. If in doubt, see Peggy in the Property Manager's office.

## Legal and Covenants Committee

By Dottie Williams and Margaret Reeder

The Legal and Covenants Committee would like to remind the homeowners that they should have a green (in most cases) three-ring binder that defines the covenants, conditions and restrictions for the Retreat. Our committee, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, is in the process of formulating procedures to ensure homeowners' compliance with these Covenants. We would like you to be aware of some of the most common violations.

### Common Violations:

- ✓ Trucks or vans parked in driveway;
- ✓ Signs of any kind posted on your property or the common grounds;
- ✓ Pets that are not on leashes and/or not picked up after;
- ✓ Not filing a rental application with the Property Manager if you plan to rent your property; and
- ✓ Failure to complete an Architectural Change Form to make improvements on your home, this includes landscaping and the addition of borders to gardens.

Each of the above listed violations is completely and clearly defined in the Covenants. If you do not have a copy of the Covenants, there is a copy in the Property Manager's office at the Club House for your review. Our Property Manager, Peggy Arriaz, will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the Covenants.

The fundamental purpose of the Retreat homeowners association covenant and by-laws is to provide a basis for maintaining the high value of your home within the development and to provide the framework within which we can live in harmony as a community of neighbors. The few rules we have are not meant to be intrusive. They are meant to be inclusive. If all comply with the rules, better neighbor relations will result and property values will be enhanced.

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computer access to all our records, and she may be contacted by calling her at The Retreat office at 772.546.6112, by fax at 772.546.1699, or her email address is: [retreathoa@adelphia.net](mailto:retreathoa@adelphia.net).

Entrance to the office is on the West side of the Clubhouse building and her hours are:

- ◇ Monday, Wednesday — 9:00am to 12:00pm
- ◇ Tuesday, Thursday — 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- ◇ Friday — By appointment only

At the January 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the following motions were made and passed:

- a. To hire the law firm of Ross, Earle & Bonan PA
- b. Set up following committees: Architectural Review, Communications, Maintenance/Engineering, Finance, Government Liaison, Landscaping, Legal and Covenant, Neighborhood Watch and Social
- c. No automatic renewal of vendor contracts
- d. Homeowners will be responsible for the cost of plant replacement. The Homeowners Association (HOA) is responsible for only common areas. The Landscaping Committee will approve the plants.

At the January 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the following motions were made and passed:

- a. Accept the Evergreen Engineering bid with a contract price of \$120/hour not to exceed \$15,000
- b. Re-instate "capital contribution" based on two months HOA charge for all re-sales at The Retreat.

The Board would like to give special thanks to **Bob Lombardi** who was responsible for getting the wall around the air conditioners at SeaWind School to block out the noise. Also special thanks to **George Rebholtz** and **Herb Stein** for their assistance to the Board. We also appreciate all of the help from all committee members.



This attractive lady is Retreat resident, Marguerite Badcock. Marguerite and her husband George of 57 years, have four children and six grandchildren. Marguerite taught physical education and coached at every level for 20 years in New Jersey. Once she retired, she started her own exercise class for 20 plus years. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, Marguerite celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Marguerite, may you enjoy many more wonderful, healthy, happy years!

## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Brenda Frank

On January 17, 2005, The Women's Club of The Retreat held its first meeting of the year. The room was filled with enthusiastic women who were eager to have fun and make a positive contribution to our community. Twenty-six new members joined that evening and with renewed members we're approaching 70 strong. To continue active membership, all dues must be paid by the February meeting. The new slate of officers was introduced, President Brenda Frank, Vice-President Mary Regan, Secretary Barbara Farley, and Treasurer Virginia Darcy. Committees delivered their reports, we had a team building activity, and enjoyed coffee and goodies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 21st at 7 pm at the Clubhouse. At that time Jennifer Ferrari, Executive Director of Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce, will share the exciting events going on this year in Hobe Sound. Looking forward to seeing you again. Remember "Wise Women Celebrate."

On March 31st at noon, we have a trip planned to **Café Protégé at the Culinary Institute**. Price is \$25/person and includes a lunch and dessert demonstration. Spouses are invited. Tickets will be sold on March 12th from 9 am to 11 am.

On April 13th at 2 pm at the Kravis Center, we will see **Chicago**. Tickets are \$50/person and will be sold on February 26th from 9 am to 11 am.

## Social Committee

By Mary Paukstys



**THE RETREAT SUPER BOWL PARTY** was a huge success!!! Many new neighbors attended and creative appetizers were enjoyed by all. Once again, we realize that we live in a fantastic community!

The **Meet Your Neighbors Cocktail Party** is Sunday, February 20th, at the Clubhouse. Bring your own beverage, glass, and an hors d'oeuvre to share. We will be entertained by Retreat resident, Gino Giliberto. Thank you, Gino, for sharing your talent with us! Rain date is February 27th.

On February 26th from 9 am till noon, tickets will be sold at the Clubhouse for the **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance**. The dance will be held on Saturday, March 12th, starting at 6 pm at the Knights of Columbus on Kanner Highway. The cost is \$25 per person which includes appetizers, corn beef and cabbage, an open bar, and music by Ben Hart. Hope to see many of you there!

On Sunday, April 10th, there will be a **Retreat Pig Roast**. The cost is \$25 per person which will include three side dishes. Bring your own beverages.

## Save Box Tops for a Worthy Cause

By Catherine Klinger

The Women's Club of The Retreat is raising money for Hope Rural School in Indiantown. The school, which operates on a shoe-string budget, serves the children of immigrants--primarily Mayan language-speaking Guatemalans who pick local crops. Hope Rural offers an English-immersion environment in which Kindergarteners through fifth graders learn how to speak and read English along with other aspects of an elementary curriculum. This school truly provides hope for those less fortunate than ourselves. For more information on Hope Rural, click on this website:

[www.jaguar-sun.com/hope.html](http://www.jaguar-sun.com/hope.html)

Hope Rural participates in the "Box Tops for Education" program. Products displaying coupons include General Mills cereals, Pillsbury products, Yoplait, Old El Paso, and Campbell's Soups. Jane Stokes will collect and mail the coupons to the school for those who would like to participate. Put the box tops in the specially-marked box on the window sill of the mailroom.

## "CONNECTIONS"

By Marsha Levine

We arrived at the Retreat a year and a half ago, from Somers, in Westchester County, in New York State, knowing absolutely no one here. In a matter of days, we met many people and have made many friends. All the prior years we vacationed in Florida, we were amazed we never ran into anyone from our past. We were wondering, if, with 500+ homes here, would we find any "connections" to our past?

Well, it didn't take long. At the water aerobics class I met Nancy, who came from Mahopac, New York, which was adjacent to Somers. I told her that one of my very special art students, who worked with me all through her high school days, came from Mahopac. When I mentioned the name, she said, "Oh, I was her 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher!" That was quite a surprise. That student is now living in California and still in touch with me.

One Sunday at the community pool, we met new people, Corrie and John from Yorktown Heights, New York. They moved to the Retreat last summer. We quickly learned that John came from the Bronx as did my husband David. It turns out they grew up three blocks from each other! They attended the same elementary school, knew teachers, stores, neighborhoods, etc. and even found some people in common.

At a holiday party, we were introduced to the next door neighbors, Joe and Sherry. Sherry grew up in Metuchen, New Jersey. I asked her if she knew a childhood friend whose family lived in the summers at White Lake, New York. My family has been at White Lake since I was a child. Sherry did indeed know the family.

New residents, Sandy and Gary, were invited to our home. As Gary walked in the door, he said, "Now where did you say you were from?" David answered "Somers, New York." He said, "Oh my gosh, I was conceived there!" "And I spent many summers at my uncle's summer house in Somers!" Now, that's a "connection!"

Recently we stopped by Mike's house across the street. He and his wife, Grace, told us they lived in Schenectady, New York, for many years! That's where a large part of my family lived and some still reside there!

We expect the more people we meet here, the more "connections" we will find. So what "connections" did you find? Write to the newsletter with your interesting stories.

## Neighborhood Watch

By Tom Palmer, Coordinator

### "We Shoot Straight"

The neighborhood watch concept stated simply, "A program of neighbors watching other neighbors' property." Your watch committee attends meetings and receives information from the Sheriff's Office concerning criminal activities and other relevant matters. We pass these facts on to those attending our monthly meetings.

Now, our meetings will be highlighted by professional speakers. We have planned presentations by the Martin County animal control unit (thank you to Animal Control Officer, Christine Polizzi), wildlife care hospital, The American Red Cross (March 7 at 7 pm: "Clara Barton" in person!!!), and the American Lung Association. Sheriff's Office specialists are being considered. If you have a favorite agency or subject, let us know.

### "Emergency Action Team"

Emergencies, like fires and floods, can present a special challenge to everyone. Disasters can strike quickly and without warning. They can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your homes. The challenge of protecting oneself, family and property requires planning and often times assistance from others.

What if we have massive fires and smoke, as a community? What do we do? What if we have very heavy rains followed by a wet hurricane and our drainage system is blocked?

How do we address these problems?

Do we need to have contingency plans and emergency procedures?

Let's talk about it!

546.1696

## HOLIDAY VISITORS

For the Christmas holiday, Peter and Jane Stokes welcomed from Berlin, Connecticut, their daughter and son-in-law, as well as granddaughters Laura, Amy, and Christie. Joining them was their Pug, Mr. Otis. They all enjoyed their holiday "Florida style," and said they never met so many nice people as here in the Retreat.

By Jane Stokes

## PLEASE NOTE...

Individuals have been observed riding their bicycles on the Lost Lake Golf Course. Not only is this strictly prohibited but dangerous and destructive to the course. Unless you are an authorized golfer using either a golf cart or walking the course, stay off the golf course.

## The Retreat Newsletter

The Retreat Newsletter is published every other month excluding July/August. If you are out of town and want to read the newsletter as new issues are published, there are two ways to do this. If you have Internet access, go to our Retreat WEB site: [www.retreatatseabranh.com](http://www.retreatatseabranh.com). Click on the NEWSLETTERS icon, and then select the latest version which is the first to be listed. You can read it online or print it off.

If you wish to have the newsletter sent via the US Mail, contact Lydia Keller at 8508 SE Retreat Drive or call her at 545.7142. Drop off or send to Lydia a dollar for postage and handling for each issue you wish to receive. Also, provide address label(s). Lydia will send the newsletter as it is published. Thank you, Lydia, for providing this convenience to our traveling residents.

## PET PROFILE, HUGO

By Jane Stokes



Meet **Hugo**, a 15-1/2 year old Cocker Spaniel who calls The Retreat home, along with his family, Peter and Jane Stokes. Hugo came from a breeder in Easton, Connecticut and joined the Stokes' family in October 1989 at the age of 3 months. Going nameless for several weeks, the name "Hugo" was agreed upon, due to his endless energy and similarity to the weather reports of the day (i.e. Hurricane Hugo). He grew up with countless grandchildren who weren't always gentle with him, however he never reacted negatively to their rough play. While living up north, Hugo's days were boundless, having the entire run of the property, which was protected by an electronic pet fence. One day, a granddaughter had left the property and wandered across the road. While the adults were unaware that she had left, Hugo broke through the pet fence, and barked until someone noticed that he was standing in the road. His actions that day most likely saved a child's life, as he led us to a neighboring property where there was a pond, and there stood Christie not ten feet away. To this day, Hugo is our hero!

## Meet Your Retreat Neighbor: **GENE GILLIS**

**Gene Gillis** is on the 2005 Board of Directors for the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce. He is the owner of Value Communications. Gene has lived in the area for the past two years and has spent thirty-three years in all aspects of Information Processing including managing a large system group and a very large data center.

Gene keeps busy in the community and has been recognized with multiple Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow awards and CIGNA Presidents Club. Currently Gene is the secretary for the Hobe Sound/Port Salerno

Rotary and is the 2006/2007 President elect. He also serves as the Hobe Sound Relay for Life Facilities Chairman. Gene has served on the Avon Chamber Board of Directors in Connecticut and is a member of the Lost Lake Country Club.

During his time as a board member, he would like to see resolution with the Federal Highway vacant and condemned building sites and an option of group health insurance plans for chamber members.

Gene is also The Retreat WEB master for our official WEB site: [www.retreatatseabranh.com](http://www.retreatatseabranh.com).

Gene can be seen frequently walking the Retreat with his Golden Retriever, Molly. Make sure you introduce yourself next time you see Gene!

## *Kids' Corner*

### Young Artist of the Retreat

By Marsha Levine

The Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce and the Hobe Sound Women's Club sponsored an art contest for all the children of Hobe Sound. The contest was to make a design with the theme, "Beautiful Hobe Sound" to be made into T-shirts.

Over 100 entries were submitted. Included were two art student entries from Art Teacher and Artist, Marsha Levine, resident of the Retreat. Both students received honors in the contest. Our own **Chase Damberg**, age 10, was in the top 3 winners receiving a blue ribbon.

The art work of the winners was on display at the Hobe Sound Festival of the Arts and then at the Hobe Sound Library.

We are very proud of Retreat artist, Chase Damberg!



### “Moms and Tots!”

On Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, a small group of Retreat “Moms and Tots,” held their first meeting at the village center. This was a great opportunity for young mothers in our neighborhood to meet one another and introduce their children to possible new playmates! Valentine's Day was the perfect backdrop for a play date, and all of the little ones enjoyed Munchkins and drinks, much to their moms' delight.

All of the women in attendance agreed that it was an important step to organize a group of young parents to

share information and socialize with one another. Some future plans and ideas include regular monthly meetings and organizing special events for young couples with children. It is of particular interest to the new families in The Retreat that their children are an active part of social and community gatherings. We are all so fortunate to share such a beautiful neighborhood with each other. In many ways, it does take a village to raise a child, and we are so lucky to be a part of that process! For more information on the next meeting date, please contact Katrina Collette at 546.9880. Congratulations to all of our “Moms and Tots!”

## **NEW RETREAT GRANDPARENTS!!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



Diane and Joe Giordano of Hawks Nest Court are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandson, Alec James, born October 12, 2004. By Diane Giordano

Her name is Jenna Rose named for two great grandmothers. My grandmother was Margaret Rose. My mother was Rose Margaret, and I am Margaret Rose. Erica's grandmother was Jenna. Jenna Rose should have been born on January 19th but instead very unexpectedly arrived on Christmas afternoon in New Jersey. She spent a week in the hospital due to fluid in her lungs, sleep apnea and jaundice but has been doing beautifully since. By Margaret Dara

### **LET NATURE BE**

By Dottie Williams

Aren't we fortunate to live in an area where we can observe a variety of wild animals and plants? Just a walk in our community gives us the opportunity to view all types of egrets, herons, ibis, not to mention otters, Sand Hill cranes, wood storks, turtles, and alligators. Some of these animals, such as the American Alligator, Florida Sand Hill Crane and Wood Stork, are listed on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's list of Endangered or Threatened Species. For this reason, we should only observe and enjoy the wildlife.



Feeding the animals, whether it be leaving seed or bread in the grass or directly feeding the birds, such as the Sand Hill Cranes, encourages humans for food instead of foraging and searching for themselves. This practice is detrimental to these animals who are already being pushed out of their habitat by development. Remember, The Retreat originally was home to the wildlife, and we are the intruders. Let's share this habit. Respect nature by observing not intruding.

### **Bridge Lessons at the Retreat**

At the request of many of our local bridge players here in The Retreat, Sally Troiani has agreed to start beginner bridge lessons. The group meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. The students are working hard to learn to play competitively. Anyone looking to learn or to improve his or her play is invited to attend. The lessons are free to local residents. The purchase of a text book is suggested. For more information call Sally at 545.2889.

### **LOST CAT IN THE RETREAT**

I have lost my cat, Lilly, tabby tan with black markings, white around the mouth and front paws, and orange fur on belly. She is a two-year old female. Please call 546.2693 (8568 SE Retreat Drive) if you see her.

### **THE RETREAT DIRECTORY**

By this time, you should have received a Retreat Telephone Directory Form from the Retreat Communications Committee. You need to fill out the form, sign it, and return it by either US Mail or put it in the drop mail box outside the Property Manager's office at the Clubhouse. This gives us permission to include your information in the directory. To be included in the 2005 Retreat Directory, you must return your completed form **on or before March 1, 2005**. If you misplaced the form, additional forms are available in the Property Manager's office and on our WEB site. For some of the homeowners, the only address we have is a "Northern" address. If you did not receive this form and would like to have your name, address, and telephone number printed in the directory, please call Coni McGuinn at 545.3465.

### **HOLE-IN-ONE!!!!**



On Thursday, January 20, 2005, **Joe Kelly** of SE Retreat Drive made his first hole-in-one on the 16th green. Joe was golfing with his son-in-law, Dan, and his two brothers, Brendan and Dave, at the Heritage Ridge Golf Club. This was Joe's first hole-in-one!!! Congratulations, Joe!!

## EVERYTHING I KNOW COMES FROM THE INTERNET!

By "Cybrary Man" aka Jerry Blumengarten

In this column, I will provide interesting WEB links that I have discovered. I am going to start by introducing my WEB site:

*Cybrary Man's Educational Web Sites:*

[www.angelfire.com/stars3/education/](http://www.angelfire.com/stars3/education/)

*Cybrary Man's Educational Web Sites* is an attempt to provide a "one-stop Internet gateway" experience for children and adults. Originally started as a school library WEB site, it is constantly being revised with up-to-date links for **everyone**.

At last count I have over 11,800 links on this WEB site:

For **Children** it has links to most school subject areas, hobbies, sports, games and puzzles and entertainment.

For **Parents** it has extensive parenting and child care links.

For **Teachers** it has lesson plan sites and great teacher tools and goodies.

For **Everyone** it has sites for business, crafts, consumerism, economics, investing, energy, environment, law, and travel.

One of my favorite WEB sites is **Measure 4 Measure**:

<http://www.wolinskyweb.net/measure.htm>

This site contains an unbelievable collection of interactive sites that estimate, calculate, evaluate, translate, etc. In other words, they do the work for you.

It is broken down into the following sections: Science/Math, Health, Finance, All Around the House, and A Measure of Everything Else.

Please check out the beautiful quilts my lovely wife, Gail, has produced:

<http://www.angelfire.com/stars3/education/quilts.html>

For your information, my WEB site is listed under "LINKS" on our community WEB site: [www.retreatatseabranh.com](http://www.retreatatseabranh.com).

## Retreat Computer Group

By Joe Ficocello

If you want to learn more about computers, the opportunity is as close as the Clubhouse! The Retreat Computer Group held their first meeting in January, and we now have over 20 members. Meetings will take place on the first and third Thursday of each month, at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. The group is open to any resident of The Retreat, and welcomes novices and experts alike. Our discussions will include an introduction to using computers and computer terminology, and more advanced topics will include using digital cameras, scanners, and how to improve your overall productivity. There are no membership dues, and you can attend as many discussions as you choose. If you would like more information, please contact Joe Ficocello at 545.9679 or [joseph.ficocello@coldwellbanker.com](mailto:joseph.ficocello@coldwellbanker.com).

## CHRISTMAS ALONG THE DANUBE

By Charles Eschenburg

A proper subtitle would be icebreaking to reach the Christmas markets. A change of climate for Christmas this year sounded quite interesting. A chance to see the Holiday in the lands of much tradition that has become a part of our yearly celebration. So, we flew to Vienna, Austria, where the fog condensed into snow and the wind at -15 C permeated our many layers of clothing. Then, we boarded our sturdy river boat for our journey up the Danube. Salzburg was a picture of large, very wet snowflakes making it look like a Christmas scene. But the cigarette smoke in the cafes kept us out of doors to become living snowmen.

Then, up to Passau and Regensburg in Germany for more Christmas markets in the cold but made tolerable by mugs of hot spiced gluwain. There were far fewer outside decorations, usually just fir trees with clear lights. At times, near the many locks, the river was frozen, which transmitted the cold through the steel decks of the boat. A mini-epidemic of an intestinal virus engulfed our tour, which also did nothing to enhance the pleasure of the journey. We did get to Nuremburg safely and thence to Rothenburg, which is a sort of permanent Christmas display and a definite highlight. We ended up in Munich where we had a Christmas day filled with sunshine and a chance for a beer hall visit. The next day was a jaunt to Mad King Ludwig's fancy castle, Neuschwanstein. Our horse and carriage had to pause to re-shoe one of the horses before we finished the snowy trudge up the slushy, manury and icy trek to climb more steps inside the ornate castle.

As we had very pleasurable trips up the Rhone and Rhine on previous trips, we were a bit disappointed in our Danube excursion--but it was interesting and a real change of climate for sure. Received from Helen Larcom



Photo by Ernie Spengler

Front row left to right: Marian Spengler, Patti Greaves, Dottie and Dave Williams, Arlene and Tom Hartnett. Back row: David Greaves, Susan and Jim Roach.

## SUPER BOWL ON THE CUL-DE-SAC

Once again the cul-de-sac residents of Eldorado Way made a "supreme sacrifice" and rallied at the home of Ernie and Marian Spengler for the best Super Bowl party ever! Yes folks, there was chili, there were beans, there was ham, there were 30+ thirsty and hungry

Patriot and Eagle fans ready and waiting for the kickoff. Friends brought friends, neighbors made new friends, and the cheers were heard all the way to Jacksonville. Ernie had figured out the "Pool" and the end result was a whopping \$75 to a very happy camper. So yes, the Patriot's flag win be stored for another year and yes, we're all looking forward to the next event! Great times, with great neighbors is what living in the Retreat is all about.

By Patti Greaves

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**EDITORS**

**Dear Residents,**

Your positive feedback on the January/February 2005 newsletter was appreciated. If you have a story or other information you would like to share, please e-mail us or contact one of the reporters.

**WE STILL NEED REPORTERS!!!** If you would like to volunteer, give us a call or send an e-mail. The deadline for the May/June Newsletter is on *or before* April 15—tax day!

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