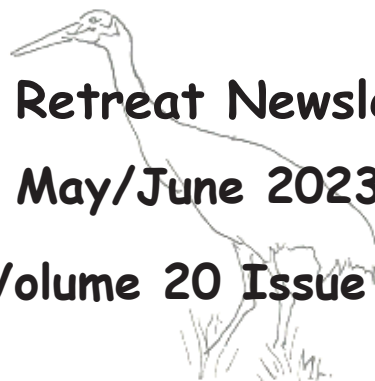




## The Retreat Newsletter

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### Meet Your Neighbor!

My first contact with Kevin Knoop (pronounced 'noop') was from an article he wrote for the Nov/Dec 2022 issue with the theme Hobbies and Interests. His contribution described many interests including radio controlled model boats and model railroading. I also pass his house every time I'm riding my bike in the neighborhood, and I'm attracted to the old car in his garage. He always seems to be cleaning or maintaining his cars (except for his Subaru, whose care he leaves to the professionals).



Q. How long have you lived in the Retreat?

A. We're original owners, 20+ years. The Retreat was about 20% finished when we moved here.

Q. What do you like about living here?

A. It's peaceful, it's quiet, it's removed from all the chaos that's all around us. Hobe Sound is a quiet little town.

Q. Where are you from, originally?

A. From Lebanon, New Jersey, Hunterdon County - the good part. Cindy and I came down to take care of her elderly father. He told us that if you're going to move here, buy a DiVosta® house.

Q. Family? Children? Grandchildren?

A. I don't have any children myself; Cindy has three children and three grandchildren.

Q. What did/do you do for a living?

A. I was a Master Automotive Technician I went through factory training, certified in Jaguar, Rover, Triumph, Nissan, Isuzu and Volkswagen. I've worked in gas stations, independent garages, had my own garage, and I worked for dealerships. Anywhere I could ply my trade; toolbox on wheels.

It's an honorable profession; I worked very hard, destroyed my shoulders, and I worked on just about anything. My favorite cars to work on were the foreign makes, but they all have their quirks. The easiest car to work on was the Model A Ford.

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Q. What's the story on the car you drove in on?

A. It's a 1980 Shay with all Ford mechanicals. It's a reproduction 1929 Model A Ford rumble seat roadster. They were sold through Ford dealerships with a full warranty because they had to meet 1980s emission standards. Shay built 5,000 units of this car. The engine displacement of the Shay is one half that of the original Model A but makes twice the horsepower.

Q. Hobbies? Interests?

A. I'm interested in cars in general. I build ship models, and I help other builders with their projects.

My first model was of an Egyptian cargo vessel, hand carved. I'm also involved in model railroading.

I still enjoy working on bicycles. I have an antique bike in the garage, a 1971 Raleigh chopper. In the summer of 1971, I was working in a bike shop up in New Jersey, a summer job. My job was to assemble and test ride new bicycles. They were Raleigh, Pugeout and Schwinn. I loved those Raleigh choppers!

In 1991, twenty years later, almost to the day, I was riding my road bike in the country and spotted a big pile of scrap metal at the top of a driveway to a farmhouse. In the middle of this pile of rusted scrap metal, I spotted a pair of handlebars. It was part of a 1971 Raleigh chopper! It had no tires, and it was a rusty mess, but it was all there. I raced home, got my pickup and returned to that scrap pile and grabbed it. I took it home and I was six months bringing it back to life. It's in my garage right now, ready to ride. People who work with their hands I hold in the highest regard.

### Full of Words

Here's a word puzzle inspired by Jeopardy! All answers will contain the phrase "full" or "ful." Of course, you'll state your answers in the form of a question. Answers on page 18.

1. Sated or satisfied
2. Optimist's glass
3. The end of a declarative sentence
4. A prestigious scholarship
5. Very bad or unpleasant
6. At the highest level of activity
7. Bring to completion or reality
8. To speak to someone in a rude way
9. A person who is wicked and immoral
10. Extremely disagreeable
11. Larry Csonka, Bronko Nagursk and Franco Harris, among others
12. Threatening harm; menacing

Q. What is your favorite restaurant? Would you rather eat out or cook at home?

A. McDonald's - that's a fact. When Cindy and I are on the road, we know that McDonald's is always made up fresh; it's not sitting under a lamp or on a steam table. For local restaurants I like Harry and the Natives. We go over to Pirate's Cove; their restaurant is nice. We don't go out too often because restaurants tend to overspice and overseason everything. So we go to Alaska Seafood and buy our fish there. Then we can cook it the way we like it. Bottom line, we'd rather eat at home than out.

**Note:** It was a pleasure to spend 30 minutes chatting with Kevin, another one of our interesting neighbors.

Look what I found in the Retreat Newsletter archives! This is page one of the very first issue of the Newsletter, 19 years ago. Looks familiar, doesn't it? It's interesting to note that the Retreat development was not yet complete, and the builder hadn't yet turned over control to the Homeowners' Association. It's also interesting to see the list of activities. Nineteen year later, most of these activities are still in full swing. We can thank those visionaries for the solid, active, attractive community that we enjoy today. —Jack



## 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



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB??

### By Mona Wiley and Maria Hallowich

The International Dinner Night was an amazing success, raising more than \$4,000.00 for Helping People Succeed. Congratulations to the following who made it happen.



Many cooks prepared delicious international meals. Marlene Boobar started us off with chili. Carol served a southern corn bread. Rosie brought stuffed cabbage.



The buffet continued with Linda Wolf and ended with Mary serving a vegan teriyaki meal. In between were various meatball dishes, spaghetti and Cuban food.



Thank you to all who donated to the baskets and to those who donated items and gifts to make the auction a fun event.



Some of the delicious desserts and baked goods

A big **shout out of thanks** to all committee members who worked tirelessly to make this event so successful. Committee members not pictured were Deb Benson, Mary Ellen Brosnan, Audrey DeLoffi, Pam Levy and Maureen McNamee. Another round of thanks go to **all the volunteers**, including those who worked the 50/50 raffle, the registration and the auction. Let's not forget the many **husbands** who put up and took down, those who messed up and cleaned up, and those who listened up and shut up!! You're the **best**!

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International Dinner Committee: Diane Meagher, Rosie Apen, Ginny Franklin, Celia Love, Carol Flynn and Mary D'Avanzo



Nancy Strona will be President of the Women's Club and Fran Spaulding will continue as Treasurer. Not pictured are Linda Lee, Vice President and Kate Falduto, Secretary.



Outgoing President Sue Arnold

New officers were installed on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, many times over, to Sue Arnold, President, who did a fabulous job keeping track of all the events these last two years. Meg Ochotorena served as Vice President and brought us many interesting monthly programs. Cindy Sibia did a fantastic job with the minutes and Fran Spaulding has a rhythm going as Treasurer, so she will continue in that post. Thank you so much for your service. Taking up the torch of leadership will be Nancy Strona as President, Linda Lee as Vice President, and our Secretary will be Kate Falduto.

Closing out the year will be a Tiki Taxi Harbor Cruise tour of the Stuart waters. The ride is free, but bring cash if you want some kind of libation. Before the ride you can take a tram ride and get a quick history of downtown Stuart. This is planned for May 18<sup>th</sup>, but watch for email blasts and posts in the mailroom for all the details.

Our last meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> when our own Elizabeth DuBois of Dimar Florist

will give us a demonstration of flower arranging. Elizabeth has been the Club's personal florist over the years and has graciously made all the arrangements that we've had delivered. Thank you sooooo much, Elizabeth!

This will be my last newsletter article after 13 years. Maria will be on tap for the September/October issue, and we will look forward to that. Both of us wish you safe travels and a wonderful summer.

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## News from the Retreat Bocce Courts

The fall season will begin September 11 through November 17, 2023. Sign up with Tom Hartnett at (772) 708-1026. The winter league will begin January 8 through April 27, 2024.



First round of the playoffs with Bruce, Ed and Rob



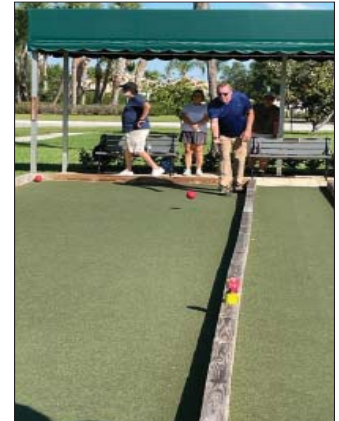
...and the throw in the last game of the playoffs



Kenny rolls a ball in the playoffs



Enjoying the party



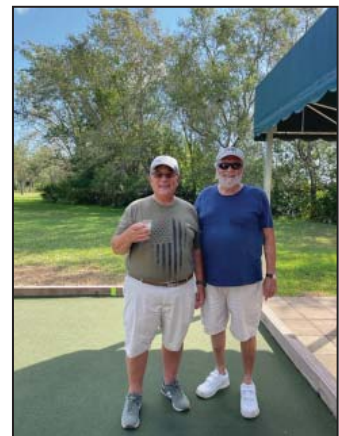
Phil is through in the last game of the playoffs



The winning team: Phil, Janet, Kimberly, and Ed



Congratulations to Phil, Janet, Kimberly and Ed



The runners-up: Charlie and Tony

Pictures and captions provided by Nick Lombardi

# FRANK ZIEGLER'S WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble each word, one letter for each block, to form four ordinary words.

MARCS				
●				
BIROT				
●	●	●		
IWGN				
●	●			
RIEDN				
●		●		

Now, arrange the eight shaded letters to form a word:

**Hint:** Seasonal Resident

●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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Answers on page 8

## Farewell to Ann Sterling

This information arrived too late to be included in the last newsletter.

Ann has moved from our community to live in Vero Beach so she can be closer to her daughter. This was a tough move for a 90-year young woman. The bridge group celebrated Ann and wished her a fond farewell.

—Marlene Boobar



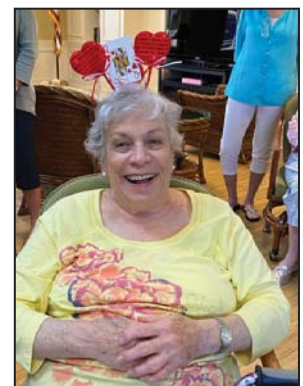
The bridge group says farewell



Even the golf cart is decorated



The bridge group says farewell



Ann looks pleased with all the attention



## Just a Few of My Favorite Things

You'll find these pictures and descriptions throughout this issue. They are all part of this issue's theme My Favorite Picture(s).



Linda and I, 1991, in her dorm room in Bridgeport, CT. Wonderful memory!



Antelope Canyon is a Navajo Nation sandstone slot canyon near Lake Powell. It's a memorable part of our trip through Arizona and New Mexico. —Jack Spyker-Oles



Got a question?

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Answers from page 7:

scram, orbit, wing, diner - jens - mous

I want to thank the many readers who contributed to this issue with their favorite pictures. For next issue, please consider sharing what kind of card games you enjoy. The Retreat Clubhouse is the scene of active bridge and poker groups. What kind of card games do you enjoy? Where did you learn to play? As always, a photo and a paragraph or two would be appreciated! Happy summer!

Please email your contributions to: [spyker.oles@gmail.com](mailto:spyker.oles@gmail.com)

Keep in mind that the deadline for the next issue is August 15th, 2023. Thanks! —Jack



## The Retreat at Seabbranch for Pickleball

It has been said in the past: The Retreat Sizzlers had put another great year in the books here at The Retreat, as a new summer season starts to unfold. This spring has been no different. We have always looked forward to our Annual Awards Celebration, and this year could be one of the best. Again, many dozens of pickleball players and significant others gathered in the Clubhouse on a past Saturday eve for the event. We all enjoyed homemade sumptuous treats and prepared adult beverages offered up by attendees. Soon the awards were presented to deserving players as all looked on and cheered.

Commissioner Ron Doucette, as MC, summarized the year in review, with a rousing play, an on-court friends party, and welcoming several new players. We then thanked our new liaison for the pickleball courts, on the Board of Directors, Mr. John Curren.

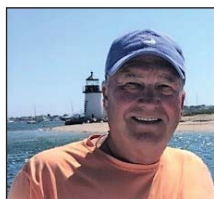
### 2023 Awards:

- Newest improved player of the year: Rosanne Fallon
- Most vocal player on the court: Randy Spaulding
- Player with the most heart: Eileen Reid
- Comeback player of the year (Silver Spatula Server): Frank Ziegler
- Player from the furthest reaches of the earth: Terry Yates
- The 2023 Trophy players of the year: Gerardo Caputo and Mark Ochotorena



With the awards completed, we all look forward to our sport to continue to grow here.

The Retreat Sizzlers welcome new resident players. We play as mixed doubles in our matches, with many players on our courts. The courts are the site of healthy competition on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, from 8:00 AM until about 11:00 AM.



Ron Doucette

Pickleball Representative to the Clubhouse Committee

ronald@sunkist2.com (772) 245-8484



Ron Doucette, MC, and Terry Yates, long distance winner



Susan Barton original art; long distance award



Best New Player Award: Rosanne Fallon



2023 players of the year: Jerry Caputo and Mark Ochotorena



Kim Vatis, Sharon Doucette, Jean Scerbo, Lorna Moodie & Sue Barton



Sumptuous buffet evening offerings from all the guests

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I'm the current President of the Martin County Genealogy Society. We provide education and research resources for members interested in tracing their ancestors. This photo is of the ancestral Town Hall in southern Germany. I traveled there two years ago where I was able to collect genealogical data as far back as the year 1372.

—David Attride



**All** bridge players are welcome!

Barry Mussatto  
772.932.9790

Please call for details:

Gerri Strong  
772.545.9963

### Duplicate Bridge Scores

February 16, 2023		February 23, 2023		March 2, 2023	
1. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	65%	1. Gerri & Steve Strong	75%	1. Anne & Nick Falcone	62%
2. Kay Campbell Ann Sterling	57%	2. Barry Mussatto Dick Kessler	59.5%	2. Barry Mussatto Dick Kessler	58%
3. Anne & Nick Falcone	55%	2. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	59.5%	3. Gerri & Steve Strong	56%
4. Barry Mussatto Dick Kessler	51%	4. Kay Campbell Ann Falcone	47.6%	4. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	51%
March 9, 2023		March 16, 2023		March 23, 2023	
1. Anne & Nick Falcone	65%	1. Sue Lynn Celia Love	65.5%	1. Emily & Barry Mussatto	63%
2. Barry Mussatto Dick Kessler	62%	2. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	58.3%	2. Sue Lynn Celia Love	60%
3. Sally Dunmire Loretta Sfirdis	56%	3. Barry Mussatto Dick Kessler	51.1%	3. Steve Strong John Smundin	58%
4. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	51%	4. Anne & Nick Falcone	47.6%	4. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	57%
March 30, 2023		April 6, 2023		April 13, 2023	
1. Sue Lynn Celia Love	56.7%	1. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	66.7%	1. Anne & Nick Falcone	65%
2. Gerri & Steve Strong	51.7%	2. Barry Mussatto Dick Kessler	61.9%	2. Carol Flynn Helena Spano	53.3%
2. Anne & Nick Falcone	51.7%	3. Sue Lynn RoseMarie Savino	53.6%	3. Gerri & Steve Strong	51.7%
2. Marie Ferrandino Dick Kessler	51.7%	4. Kathy Majewski John Smundin	47.6%	4. Sue Lynn Celia Love	48.3%

## RETREAT ASSISTANCE NETWORK

For short-term needs:

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Rides for grocery shopping or hair appointments
- Prescription drug, grocery and mail pick-ups
- Check-in phone calls or friendly visits
- Minimal meal preparation



Call: Nancy Strona at (772) 545-3993 or Ndnewburynp@gmail.com.

Also Chris Greenwood at (978) 382-3165 or trg22@comcast.net.

All RAN information is available online at [retreatatseabranh.com](http://retreatatseabranh.com)

Note: In consideration of the times, all residents requesting services must be vaccinated and wear a mask during any contact with volunteers.

We have recently learned of several residents who have fallen and who live alone. The Retreat is known as a very caring community. We'd like to remind people to get to know your neighbors. Maybe you haven't met them yet; now is the time to visit them and make new friends. Introduce yourself now. Set up a system for daily contact. Then, if there is an emergency, neighbors can contact each other. Remember, if you want a good neighbor, be a good neighbor!

Are you having problems getting to your medical appointment? Try the Martin Community Coach. It provides transportation for the disabled community. Martin County residents who qualify must fill one of these criteria:

- Age 65+ with no other means of transportation
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For more information call 772-459-2063 or visit:

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*Social Committee Presents*

## UPCOMING EVENT THIS FALL

**Third Biannual Retreat  
Charity Arts & Crafts Fair  
Saturday, November 18, 2023**



The Social Committee wants to give everyone interested in being a vendor at the Fair lots of time to prepare! With some of our residents heading North soon, we wanted to give you notice so you can be prepared over the summer.

More details will follow in a couple of months. If you have any questions now, please call Fran Massey at 772-546-6768 or text to 772-233-3102.

This issue's proofreaders: Tom Stine, Coni McGuinn, Mona Wiley, my sister Jean and my lovely wife Linda.



## Admiral Patti and Captain David Greaves on the Bridge of the “Good Grief.”



Our most favorite thing to do together is a day of cruising these beautiful waters on our boat. Life cannot get any better!

## My Dad

This is a photo of my dad and me with Air Force One at Palm Beach International Airport when President Trump was visiting Palm Beach County.

I took dad on the tarmac to get close to the plane. He was thrilled! Dad is still living in Palm Beach Gardens. He's 95 years old.

His name is Dr. Orlean Knute Haugen, but everyone calls him by his initials O.K. —Gary Haugen



## Spring in Greece

So much beauty in this world!  
We took hundreds of pictures.  
They are all beautiful.  
It's hard to choose.  
—Deborah Pennington



## Happy Birthday, Rich!

This is my favorite picture; it's of Windsor Castle. It was taken on Rich's surprise birthday trip to England. I told him we were going on a trip two days before we left. He thought it was to the Caribbean, so he packed summer clothes. The night before we left, I had to repack his suitcase with winter clothes. I even had to arrange his time off with his boss on the sly. He found out our destination when we got to the airport. We landed the morning of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, which was his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. —Peggy Chase



This is one of my favorite pictures; it's of one of the wild horses I work with in Utah. He is part of an intact herd that has never been corrupted by humans. They are not living in a barn, or wearing saddles, or having a bit in their mouths. This particular horse has never been touched by a human. It is very rare to have interactions with anything that is truly wild. —Leslie McGuirk

## Isn't She Grand?

This is our first (and only) grandchild Evie. She came for a visit in November, and these pictures are from that visit.

—Donna Whitman



Evie and Melita are the best of friends.



Mike is a proud grandpa.



Evie met some of the neighborhood dogs, and she loved them!



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## Retreat Activities and Contacts

Retreat members and residents enjoy a number of social groups engaging in entertaining activities. Get involved! Meet your neighbors! Have fun! Here are some of the groups with their contact information. See the Activities Calendar for schedules.

Bocce	Nick Lombardi	914.815.1571
Bunco	Marie West	910.327.0556
Duplicate Bridge	Carol Flynn	722.359.8274
Knot Just Knitting	Sandy Morrow Liz Plourde	772.545.1936 609.618.4626
Ladies Bible Study Wednesday 10-11:30 AM	Kate Stine	561.762.6966
Monday 1 PM Mah Jongg	Ginny Franklin	561.339.4409
Morning Mah Jongg	Carol Flynn	772.546.4118
Pickleball	Ron Doucette	772.245.8484
Poker - Guys & Gals Fri. Nights	Otto Vernaccio Sr.	772.546.7523

Poker - Texas Hold 'Em	Joe Ciocia	772.545.9767
Retreat Newsletter	Jack Spyker- Oles	845.481.0581
Social Bridge	Carol Flynn	722.359.8274
Social-First Friday	Fran Massey	772.233.3102
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Women's Club of the Retreat		
President	Nancy Strona	772.545.3993
Vice Pres.	Linda Lee	305.479.4456
Secretary	Kate Falduto	772.545.9476
Treasurer	Fran Spaulding	937.657.0249



## Full of Words

Here are the answers from page 2.

1. What is full?
2. What is half full?
3. What is a full stop?
4. What is a Fulbright?
5. What is awful?
6. What is full swing?
7. What is fulfill?
8. What is a mouthful?
9. What is sinful?
10. What is dreadful?
11. Who were famous fullbacks?
12. What is baleful?

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