



The Retreat Newsletter

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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

By Coni McGuinn



Photo by Wally Malinowski

Pictured above are the 2004 Founding Board Officers of the Women's Club of the Retreat. Sitting is President Mary Paukstys, standing is Vice President Brenda Frank, Secretary Mary Regan, and Treasurer Coni McGuinn. All members thank them for their dedicated support in making the Women's Club such a success.

The Women's Club of the Retreat had a successful and fun-filled first year. Some of the highlights were the Super Bowl Party, St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, cookouts on Memorial Day and the 4th of July, Indian River cruise, Bus Trip to Hard Rock Casino, Labor Day Italian Night, Octoberfest Party, Halloween Party, Arts and Craft Festival, bowling, and decorating the Clubhouse for the holidays. Our monthly lunches were adventurous and tasty.

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RETREAT RESIDENTS HELP THE NEEDY

Items donated by Retreat residents were delivered to the Port St. Lucie Mobile Home Village on Kanner Highway on November 21. The residents in this mobile home community were severely impacted by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. Over one hundred bags of clothing, dishes, silverware, baby items, books for children, hats, shoes, bedding, towels and many other items including furniture and five bags of food were delivered. This drive was initiated by the Retreat Women's Club Outreach Committee. Muriel Barry, Joan Sofia, Karin Ryan, Helen Larcom, Martha Tarquin, and Joy Currier gathered the donations and transported them to the Village. The residents were very appreciative of the donations and treated our volunteers to home-made cookies and drinks. Rhonda Jones is in charge of finding groups like ours to donate to these needy individuals.

Thank you to the Retreat volunteers and the residents that donated to this worthy cause.

Manager's Corner

By Rick Velie

Congratulations to our community on what might be called the "Change of Watch," whereby the newly elected and first Board of Directors will take the helm from the developer and steer ahead on behalf of all residents. This is a microcosm of American democracy, and we are sure that with the spirit of cooperation and mutual concern, all members of the community association will be able to fine tune the operations of our environment for the benefit of all.

The Board of Directors deserves special thanks for their willingness to take on this great responsibility and with the support and consideration of all residents will find their tasks easier to accomplish. So let's all move ahead in a positive spirit to maintain this fine community to the greatest satisfaction of all concerned.

The Retreat at Seabranh Homeowners Association

We are now officially known as *The Retreat at Seabranh Homeowners Association*. On December 15th, the following Board was elected:

Bill Cole—President
Phil Kemp—Vice President
Coni McGuinn—Secretary
Muriel Barry—Treasurer
Dave Williams—Director at Large

Thank you to *all* the outstanding candidates who came forward and offered their expertise and time to continue to make the Retreat an outstanding place to live.



Welcome to the new 2005 Women's Club officers: Sitting from the left is Treasurer Virginia Darcy, Secretary Barbara Farley, standing from the left is Vice President Mary Regan and President Brenda Frank.

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On a serious note, we decorated and filled "Bags of Love" for Hibiscus House every three months for the abused children. We collected money for the American Red Cross for hurricane victims. We made up Welcome Bags for the newer sections of the Retreat, and we are still in the process of delivering them. We collected items of clothing and household goods for the Port St. Lucie Mobile Home Village, and we are selling luminaries to raise money to purchase books for the Hope Rural School in Indiantown.

The outgoing officers thank all the members for their hard work and support. We wish the incoming 2005 officers a successful year.



Photos by Carol Stone

OUTREACH COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S CLUB OF THE RETREAT

We may be "the new kids on the block" but we certainly have been making our presence known:

- ◇ Hibiscus House: Once again our members have decorated and distributed "Bags of Love " for abused children for the holidays.
- ◇ Hope Rural School in Indiantown: At our October meeting, two of the representatives from the school gave a very interesting presentation. On December 8th, a trip to the school was made and **\$1,000** raised from the sales of the *Enjoyment 2005* Books and from the luminaries was presented to the school. While at the school, the ladies watched the dress rehearsal for the children's Christmas show. It was so great to see so many little smiling faces singing their hearts out.

- ◇ St. Lucie Mobile Village in Indiantown: This area was hit hard by the hurricanes. Committee members collected clothes, household items, and furniture for the residents. The items were delivered to the Village for distribution to the families.
- ◇ Safe Space for Abused Women: We obtained a "Wish List" from the home for the most-needed items. Off went our shoppers, Brenda Frank, Joyce Fordham, and Kay Campbell. The purchased items were then picked up by a representative of the facility.

Thanks to the Committee, members of the Women's Club, and residents of the Retreat for their wonderful help.

By Muriel Barry

The First Annual Retreat Arts and Crafts Show and Bake Sale

The Retreat Arts and Crafts Show and Bake Sale was held the first week-end in November. Eleven talented Retreat artists presented and sold their talents. Everyone was very impressive! All the baked goods were baked by members of the Retreat Women's Club—or their spouses! Everything was delicious. Proceeds from the bake sale went to the Hibiscus House.

This was the first adventure of this type, and it went very well for a

novice group. The event was a huge success and thanks to all who came and for those who participated. Many thanks to the committee organizers, Brenda Frank, Mary Regan, Nancy Kisslinger, and Norine D'Ambrozio for all the hard work.

See you next fall at the Second Annual Retreat Arts and Crafts Show and Bake Sale!

By Mary Regan





Photos by Wally Malinowski

Trick-or-Treat at the Retreat

The 2nd annual neighborhood Halloween festivities kicked off just before darkness fell, with a musical costume parade, led by Grand Marshall, "Wicked Witch." What followed, proved to be reminiscent of days we thought might have gone by...days when neighbors gathered together for a chat and a laugh...in a relaxed atmosphere...it was of a time when Halloween was fun-safe-scary, and kids were excited and hilarious.

From the entering moments when little ones were presented with balloons, spider rings, beaded necklaces...through all the chaos and gaiety of black pompom hunt and mummy wrap, the reckless pummeling of the poor Spiderman piñata...our children proved themselves up to the challenge of making sense out of the endless array of drinks and treats and prizes. They proved once again that kids really do have some things figured out, after all...Halloween is about FUN...nothing else...and these tots and tigers who dot our neighborhood are one of the best things we have here...."wonderful, scary, wacky little creatures" as they appeared on All

Hallow's Eve. So, don't forget to mark your calendar for next year. And we may need more volunteers to help out, because the turnout this Halloween was twice as big as we had thought!

Thanks go to the hardworking "Secret Society of the Black Kitty" for donations of materials, talent, and time. Event benefited Hope Rural School, 15929 SW 150th Street, Indiantown, FL., 34956; always in need of donations which can be sent directly, or through any member of the Women's Club.

For more information, contact Becky Freedman at 545.3286.

DECK THE HALLS

The Women's Club met at the Clubhouse for the second annual Trim-A-Tree on Sunday, November 28th. Lights were strung on the bamboo trees (only in Florida), the menorah is ready to be lit on the first night of Hanukkah, and the Christmas tree is decked out in all its finery! Goodies were served and all gathered round for the grab bag. The best gift was a set of silver candles - everyone wanted them but in the end Gail Jacobs took them home. A cookie exchange was added this year, and the tables were laden with candy cane cookies, toffee bars and too much more to mention. I think more ladies will be visiting the Fitness Center in the weeks to come. Thanks to Karin Ryan and all the members who decorated the Clubhouse for the holidays.

Happy Holidays to All!!!!



English Toffee Bars

- 1 cup butter, softened
 - 1 cup light brown sugar
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 2 cups flour
 - 10 1.2-oz. milk chocolate bars OR 1 6-oz. bar of milk chocolate
 - 1 cup walnuts, chopped
- Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

Mix butter, sugar, vanilla, and salt. Add flour and mix well. Press dough into ungreased 15"x10" jelly roll pan. Bake 45 to 55 minutes until deep golden brown. Remove from oven and arrange chocolate bars on top. When chocolate melts, spread it over dough. Sprinkle with nuts and press lightly. Cut into 40 bars.

Received from Brenda Frank and enjoyed by all at the Trim-A-Tree get-together!!

RETREAT HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

On Saturday evening, December 4th the second annual Holiday Dinner Dance was held at the Lost Lake Country Club. One hundred and twenty residents attended. Cocktail hour gave us the opportunity to mingle with old friends and meet the many new residents who recently moved into the community. The Retreat's own Dottie Sacco sang the special song she wrote for the outgoing Women's Club Board Members. Dottie is such a talented singer, and her songs were enjoyed by all. Thank you, Dottie! The new Women's Club Board Members were introduced and then a raffle of over twenty fantastic gifts and gift certificates from local merchants was held. Many thanks to Dottie Sacco, Nancy Galihier, and the rest of the Social Committee for planning this event, organizing the raffle, and making the evening a huge success.



Photo by
Joe Ruggier

Please support these businesses who have donated so generously to the Holiday Dinner Dance raffle. The majority of the proceeds from the raffle will go to the charities supported by the Women's Club. Mention the Retreat when you patronize these contributors:

- ◇ Resident - Marsha Levine - Pen & Ink drawing of "Great Grey Owls," 546.6438
- ◇ Resident - Paul Lytle "Embroid Me" - 2146 58th Street, Vero - Golf Shirt with Retreat Logo
- ◇ Resident - Diane Giordano - 546.3367 "Vitamin Power" - Gift Basket-Gourmet Foods, Vitamins, Body & Bath Products
- ◇ Resident - Grace Fazio - 100% Silk Scarf from Carlisle-value \$155
- ◇ Gift Certificate - Carrabba's Restaurant - US Highway 1, Stuart-value \$25
- ◇ Gift Certificate - Sala Thai Restaurant - 103 S.US 1Jupiter-value \$20
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- ◇ Gift Certificate - Ultra Sonic Facial-Alyce & Co. - 2435 SE Dixie Highway, Stuart
- ◇ Gift Certificate - Carmela's Brick Oven Pizza - 2311 SE Ocean Blvd. Stuart-value \$25
- ◇ Gift Certificate - Pedicure at Shear Action, - 8823 SE Bridge Road, Hobe Sound
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- ◇ Gift Certificate - Custom Haircut by Ched at Emigma, -11SE Osceola St., Stuart
- ◇ Gift Box - Cigars - Smoke Inn, - 241 US 1, Tequesta-value \$60
- ◇ Gift Box - Horse Feathers - 279 US 1 Tequesta-value \$75
- ◇ Gift Bag - Salon Hair Care Products from Salon- Forty Four - 277 US 1 Tequesta—value \$100 and \$50 certificate for style cut & blow dry
- ◇ Gift Certificate - Manicure-Salon Forty Four Nails by Tina - 277 US Highway 1 Tequesta-value \$15
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- ◇ Gift Certificate - Ace Hardware - 8863 SE Bridge Rd, Hobe Sound-value \$50
- ◇ Gift Certificate - Stuart Fine Foods - 2300 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart-value \$50
- ◇ Gift Certificate - Delfino's Salon Mini Facial - 6107 SE Highway 1, Stuart
- ◇ Resident - Robert Ghini-Dinner for two at Trattoria Delfino - 185 E. Indiantown Rd, Jupiter

MORE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS!

- ◇ Special thanks to Karin Ryan, Joe Boucher, Karin's daughter, Heidi, and Joan Sofia for putting up the holiday decorations at the entrance to the Retreat. The entrance looks very festive!!!
- ◇ Hope Rural School in Indiantown participates in the "Box Tops for Education" program. This enables the school to earn free needed merchandise for which they are most appreciative. 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. Leave box tops in a basket in Jane's entry way at 8804 SE Retreat Drive.
- ◇ Many books, games, toys, and stuffed animals were picked up on December 14th to be delivered to the children at the Port St. Lucie Mobile Home Village. Thank you to the entire Retreat community for responding so quickly with items so that these children can enjoy a wonderful holiday season. Special thanks to Karin Ryan, Helen Larcom, Martha Tarquin, Joan Sofia, and Joy Currier for all their devotion and caring to make this a special holiday for the children of this mobile home community.
- ◇ Please call if you are a new Retreat resident and have not received a Welcome Bag from the Women's Club. Contact Coni McGuinn at 545.3465 or Mary Paukstys at 546.8054.
- ◇ ***The Women's Club has purchased a Bose CD system for the Retreat Clubhouse. This Bose system is for the use of all the residents in the Retreat whenever a function is held in the Clubhouse. Thank you, ladies!!!***

MORE HURRICANE STORIES!!!!!!

John Galihier: Contrary to popular belief, there was one serious injury in the Retreat as a result of our hurricanes last month. FORTUNATELY for me, I was that casualty.

When hurricane Frances approached, I, as well as a lot of other residents began to put my storm shutters in place. With typical male pride I carried as many panels as I could to and from windows and doors. After my second trip I felt a sort of pressure on my chest and upper arms. There was no pain just pressure as from a wet suit. This bothered me and I sat for a while and it went away then continued working until it came back and I stopped again. I did think of a heart attack but it kept going away and there was no pain nor shortness of breath and I continued to work, rest, work, rest until finished. Time passed and the panels were removed at a slower pace and I only think I felt a twinge of pressure once in a while.

Enter Hurricane Jeanne and the shutters had to go up again. This time, a little more cautious, I worked slower but again the feeling of pressure came and went a few times but they were accompanied by a slight pain in my jaw running from one side to the other as if I had a mild tooth ache all across my lower jaw. At this time I recalled speaking to one or two people who had attacks and said this was one of the symptoms they all recalled.

No details necessary but within a short period I was taken to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and admitted to their cardio-vascular unit and went through a trouble free double by-pass. If it had not been for two misbehaving ladies named Frances and Jeanne I might not have been as lucky as I was. Lucky, because I did not have a heart attack and did not lose any heart muscle and I was able get the help I needed somewhat on my terms and not in dire conditions who knows where.

I would like to add that when the cardiologist said I was going to Fort Pierce I was a little nervous. The Lawnwood Regional Cardio-vascular unit was fantastic. It is only about 4 four years old and is immaculate and the nurses were angels. You felt more like a guest at the Ritz than a patient in a hospital. An added benefit was its location at about 1 mile E. of I-95.

I am probably one of very few who benefited from our ladies.

Dottie Williams: The folks at the end of Eldorado Way approached the onset of Hurricane Frances with the spirit of friendship, sharing, and partying that is a common everyday event in the cul-de-sac. In preparation, everyone pitched in and helped with hurricane shutter installation. If there was a problem, it was resolved and all benefited from Dave Williams' wing-nut attachment for the drill.



Photo by Patti Greaves

As we waited patiently for Frances to decide to arrive, we shared dinners, played Sequence, and decided who was hosting dinner the next night. The morning after Frances arrived, Dave Williams cranked up his generator and the Williams shared it and refrigerator space with Patti and Dave Greaves, Ernie and Marian Spengler, Tom and Arlene Hartnett, and Jerry and Rose Ellen Stephenson. As food thawed, another potluck supper was held.

When it was all over, we decided we were indeed fortunate to only have minor screen damage, and we returned to our daily routines. Then Hurricane Jeanne decided to pay us a visit. Once again we went through the procedures to get ready but we were a little more prepared this time. Two more neighbors, the Greaves and Stephensons, owned generators, and everyone owned the "famed" wing-nut attachment. Hurricane shutters went up a lot easier thanks to experience. The one thing we all seemed to agree on was that we felt claustrophobic and curious during Frances. Dave Williams came up with a solution and drilled "peep" holes in the hurricane shutters for everyone. The picture shows Dave drilling the "peep" hole at Patti and Dave Greaves home.

THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN THE NEW YEAR?

Looking for a way to give to others throughout the new year? **Meals on Wheels** is always looking for volunteers in Hobe Sound and Port Salerno.

Ron and I deliver meals on Mondays. We pick up the hot meals, beverages, and dessert at a Council for the Aging center at around 10:30 AM. Then, we make about ten stops—with multiple clients at some homes. It only takes about two hours for the whole process.

Most of the people we visit are homebound and unable to prepare meals for themselves. We deliver to a couple—both husband and wife are 93. Life was already hard enough. Then Hurricane Jeanne demolished part of their home. FEMA has finally brought in a trailer in which they can live until their roof is rebuilt and the walls in their living area are replaced. A wheelchair ramp has been installed so the lady of the house can be wheeled into the trailer. She had a stroke several years ago and is sorry she can no longer cook for him. He tells us he was in the insurance business and doesn't know too much about cooking. And, after all, he muses: he isn't exactly a spring chicken himself.

Needless to say, this is gratifying work. If you have any questions for us, feel free to give Ron or Catherine Klinger a call at 545.3113. Marie Hoag is the volunteer coordinator for The Council for the Aging program. She can be reached at 223.7829.

By Catherine Klinger

THE BRASS DOLPHIN by Caroline Harvey (pen name of Joanna Trollope)

In this beautifully written historical fiction, Lila Cunningham, almost 21, motherless since birth, struggles to keep her father and self afloat. Lila's life, in 1938, in East Anglia, a small town on the Suffolk coast, comes abruptly to an end, with the financial ruin of her endearing and somewhat reckless father. Circumstances force them to accept the offer of a house (the magnificent, but crumbling Villa Zonda), in Malta, where war looms.

As Malta, the tiny (smaller than Martha's Vineyard) Mediterranean island, between Sicily and North Africa, becomes the focus of Hitler's attention, Lila is captivated by the enchanting warmth and romance of her surroundings, and increasingly entrenched in the privation and fear of wartime.

"Gorgeous exoticism of a Mediterranean island is masterfully conveyed." THE LONDON TIMES

Malta, now an independent country, has endured and prevailed through centuries of dominance and hardship. Conquered through the pages of history, by Phoenicia, Carthage, Rome, Constantinople, the Turks, the Normans, the French, Argonese, Spaniards, the Knights of St. John's, and finally Great Britain; Malta is a unique cultural, and historical mosaic. Geologically, Malta is a lump of the Mediterranean seabed, warped upward, until it poked above sea level. The rocks that make up Malta are between 7 million and 30 million years old, and principally limestone. Thirty per cent of worldwide shipping travels in and out of Malta's ports. In 1942, the entire population of Malta was awarded the George Cross, by King George VI. This is Britain's highest award for bravery. Malta was the most severely bombed country during World War II, and never surrendered to Hitler. The island was left destroyed and starving.

By Becky Freedman

SeaWind School Air Conditioner Noise

Bill Cole and I attended a meeting on November 30th with Sarah Wilcox, Martin County Superintendent of Schools. She was accompanied by the Martin County School Architect and the Director of Facilities. Debbie Vanover, principal of SeaWind Elementary, also attended. They presented a plan to solve the noise problem created by the air conditioner at the school. First, an 8 1/2 foot wall will be built around the three air conditioner units. Then acoustical panels will be installed on all sides. They are confident this will greatly reduce the noise. On December 7th, this plan was approved by the Martin County School Board. All necessary contracts have been signed and materials ordered. The wall will be completed by the end of January. The panels should be installed by the end of February. This has been a long process (almost 2 years) but the end is now in sight. I am particularly grateful for the personal involvement of Sarah Wilcox. Our problem would not have been solved without her support. I am also grateful to the Retreat residents who coordinated and supported the petition. The signatures on that petition really helped our effort. Maybe now those of us who live around the school will finally "Hear the Quiet."

We can still use volunteers to assist the teachers and students at SeaWind Elementary. There are many ways you can be involved with this terrific school. It is tremendously rewarding and any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Call Bob or Gail Lombardi for information at 546.8424.

REMINDERS!!!!

Vehicles should be parked in the garage or driveway. Community rule prohibits parking on the sidewalk at the end of the driveway. Parking cars, vans or other vehicles on the sidewalk prevents pedestrians and handicapped persons from walking on the sidewalk. Please be considerate of others by keeping the sidewalks at the end of your driveway clear at all times.



Martin County's municipal codes state that pet owners are required by law to pick up after their pets and that all pets are to be on a leash. We thank the many Retreat pet owners that obey these rules.

The Retreat's Rules and Regulations state that no garage doors are permitted to remain open except for temporary purposes.

*The posted speed limit in The Retreat is **20 miles per hour**. Watch your speed!!!*



Unless you have handicap parking authorization, do not park in the handicap designated parking spots in front of the Clubhouse. Although it might be tempting to park in a handicap space while getting the mail, doing so prevents someone with special needs access to these parking spaces.



Trash pickup days are Wednesday and Saturday with recycling on Saturday. Let us all do our part to be considerate of our neighbors by placing trash barrels and recycle bins at the driveway edge on Wednesday and Saturday and returning them indoors as soon as possible after trash is picked up. If you are away for the day, ask one of your neighbors to move your trash barrels from the driveway edge to the side of your home after pickup.

CBS Report

Keep a watch out for people standing near you in the checkout line at retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores, etc. who have camera cell phone in hand. With the camera cell phones, they can take a picture of your credit card, which gives them your name, number, and expiration date. CBS reported this type of identification theft is one of the fastest growing scams today. Be aware of your surroundings.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Neighborhood Watch begins with you knowing your own neighbors. Our motto, **'We Look Out For Each Other!'**, means exactly what it says. As a participant, your ability to observe and recognize what is usual and customary comes as a result of paying attention and focusing your mind on the daily, ordinary, happenings in your neighborhood. By knowing what is usual and customary it is then very easy to tell **what is unusual and out of the ordinary.**

Being a Neighborhood Watch participant does not mean you are being a "Busybody", or you are invading anyone's privacy, or that you are snooping. It does mean that you are on guard for potential trouble and you are living up to our motto, "We Look Out For Each Other!" And as a vigilant neighbor, you are prepared to call your law enforcement agency when you suspect potential trouble with no hesitation.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year!

Tom Palmer, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



Pictured above is the Retreat Red Hat Society. This was taken in July when this organization met for their first outing for lunch at the Dockside. The Red Hat Society is a group of ladies over 50. We dress in Red Hats and purple dresses. We get together once a month and plan what our next outing will be. A couple of weeks ago we went to the movies and then out for ice cream. In November, we went to Ashley's in Stuart. The idea is just to have fun.

By Ann Condon

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Memorial Mass for our much loved Jak Kelley

St. Christopher's Church

(Located on US1 just South of Bridge Road)

Thursday, January 13th at 10AM

Followed by a celebration at the Kelley Residence

8903 SE Hawks Nest Court

Alligator Safety Warning

The Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife is advising hikers, hunters, fishers and golfers to take extra precautions and keep alert for alligators while in Seminole, Osceola, Polk, Brevard and Orange counties.

They advise people to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their shoes or clothing to alert but not startle the alligators unexpectedly.

They also advise the carrying of pepper spray in case of an encounter with an alligator. It is also a good idea to watch for fresh signs of alligator activity.

People should learn to recognize the difference between small young alligator and large adult alligator droppings. Young alligator droppings are smaller and contain fish bones and possibly bird feathers. Adult alligator droppings have little bells in them and smell like pepper spray.

Received from Tom Palmer

Retreat Book Club

The Retreat Book Club's December reading was *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Thank you to Marsha Levin for leading an enjoyable discussion! The next meeting is set for Thursday, January 13th at 7 pm at the Clubhouse when *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith will be discussed. All residents who love reading, are cordially invited to attend meetings...reading the selection is not required. The group is very relaxed. Meetings are fun, interesting gatherings of neighbors in friendship. Additional information items will be posted in the mailroom.

Seabranh Singles @ the Retreat

Come meet your single neighbors and make new friends. Call Joanne at 545.7547 or Bonnie at 545.2951.



TENNIS?????

We are in need of someone to schedule tennis mixed-doubles. You do not have to be a great tennis player—just need organizational skills. Muriel Barry will help someone get started. If interested, call Muriel at 545.1919.



Dear Residents,

We would like to extend thanks to the many Retreat residents who called us or wrote e-mails to say how much they enjoyed the true-life hurricane stories published in the last issue of the *Retreat Newsletter*. The positive feedback we received reinforces the fact that we are a dedicated and caring community. Residents also ask that we continue to publish these warm-hearted stories of community camaraderie. To do so, we need to hear from our friends and neighbors. You may send in your stories via e-mail or by calling us or by contacting your neighborhood newsletter reporter.



Speaking of newsletter reporters, we need more volunteers. ***If you would like to become a reporter, call us and plan on attending the reporters' meeting on Monday, January 10th at 6 pm, at the Retreat Clubhouse.*** We need reporters from all areas—especially the newest phase. We are also seeking news from our elementary school, middle school, and high school residents. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

*Happy holidays to all.
Have a healthy and peaceful 2005!*

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