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Two New Grandchildren

By Dottie Williams

Dave and I were just blessed with the arrival of two grandchildren within a month. On November 4 our son, Mike and daughter-in-law, Suzanne welcomed Archer James in to the world. He weighed 9.5 pounds and was 23.5 inches long. Then on December 3, Emma Kait arrived. Emma weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is our daughter, Kathleen and son-in-law, Craig's second girl. Dave and I are in Pennsylvania helping out with new babies and celebrating a truly joyful Christmas.





AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

By Mimi Brown

Bill Burns celebrated his 80th birthday on November 14th. We often hear age is just a number, but when you actually see someone demonstrate this phrase to the fullest it is amazing.

Bill has always been an athlete—ran 22 marathons, came in first in his age group this past May for the Florida State championship in bicycling and then in November for tennis, bicycling in Martin County Senior Games.

You get the picture. The best part, Bill is the most caring and loving husband.



GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked NO REFILLS."

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YOUNG ARTISTS OF THE RETREAT

By Marsha Levine
Retreat Artist and Art
Teacher

After all my years of rendering pen and ink drawings, as well as teaching art, it never ceases to amaze me at finding new, young talent! Usually not so young! Last year I met and worked with 5 years old, Samantha Wolf, who lives in the Retreat. She was so very interested in drawing and art, and proved to be an especially talented and ultra bright child, way beyond her now 6 years old! Her abilities exceed most children in that age group. And for her age, it was surprising to find out that she was interested in unusual areas like Egyptian Art! All year, she did splendidly detailed and original drawings and she continues to do so this year as well. Recently we got into color and acrylic painting, which she loves as well. Each week, I can't wait to see how she will surprise me... and she never disappoints!

I also work with Raye Bell, age 7, who is at the Retreat often, visiting friends. Both gals seem to be particularly interested in drawing figures and fashion. This year I have connected them with one of my former art students from New York, Martea, who is now a Fashion Designer. I started working with Martea when she was 7. She's now 25! With my assistance, Samantha and Raye correspond with my older student. We send her the girls' fashion drawings. Martea writes them back and sends them her fashion sketches, and photos of her fashion shows, in Manhattan! This has been a big influence on the girls. I love connecting my former art students with my current students.

I can't wait to see what new and beautiful creations Samantha will produce this year!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



**Come see your friends and meet new neighbors
Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage**

February 6th

Retreat Clubhouse 5PM to 7PM



About the Artist

Richard Langbert works at the request of his clients both men and women in either silver, gold or a combination of the two! His forte is making colorful one of a kind pieces. His favorite saying is "I fabricate jewelry they'll fight over when you're gone!" He has been making contemporary jewelry for over thirty five years by coaxing metal and stones into something you wear that makes you feel happy and others envious. Examples may be seen at: www.rlangbert.com

Artist's Statement

By Richard Langbert

I enjoy helping people design their special piece for themselves or as a gift. My creations are hand fabricated (not cast) by torch soldering, forging, hammering, piercing, or chasing to name only a few techniques. I cannot emphasize enough that each piece is made by hand and yes you will see that everything is not perfect but feels good to the touch, looks unique, and has real charm.



A Fun Week in the Blue Ridge Mountains with the Nature Printing Society

By Margaret Dara

This year Ken and I ran the Nature Printing Society workshop at Wildacres Retreat at the top of Little Switzerland, North Carolina. The Nature Printing Society is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to the education, history and practice of the art of nature printing, and to those who support our philosophy of respect for nature through the art of the print. We have over 300 members worldwide.

We had 100 members attend this year from the United States, Germany, England and Japan. Many other members wanted to attend but Wildacres Retreat can only accommodate 100 members. The workshop is for a week in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Each member has a choice each day to take a class in the nature printing they

would like to learn. This is meant for both beginner and advanced printers.

We also had activities for the "Klingons" or non-printing partners attending. One activity was a certified naturalist who lead hikes through the mountain trails. Each afternoon we met at 5:00 for social hour. Following dinner each night was a different program. One program was a slide show and talk by one member who went to the Amazon to teach fish printing to the locals. They could then sell their work as income.

To find out more about the Nature Printing Society go to natureprintingsociety.org to learn more.

To our wonderful surprise when we returned we learned Ken won second place this year with his Hog Snapper Gytaku fishprint at the Backus Museum "Best of the Best" juried show. Out of 200 entries only 100 are chosen for this show. The Backus Museum is the home of the famous Highwaymen in Ft. Pierce, Florida. You can learn more about Ken's work by going to his website. kendarafishprints.com or visiting Rare Earth Gallery in Stuart.

This December Ken won Gallery 14 Juried Show "Our Beautiful Waters" with his new Speckled Perch fishprint and won Best of Show. Exhibit and Sales of this show go to the Environmental Learning Center which provides stimulating environmental education programs.





Named "Aztec copper and brass" for the miniature metal profile mask from Mexico

BARGELLO

By Chuck Eschenburg

Bargello is a type of needlework named for the jail in Florence, Italy, where the inmates made colorful upholstery in geometric patterns using a vertical stitch on canvas. I started doing this about 40 years ago to have a portable, easy thing to do during waiting times in airports. Also, during travel, I have collected a bunch of small faces or masks which have become the focal point around which I create the bargello backgrounds, free style, but inspired by color, texture and patterns. The result takes about a year for each one as I take the needlepoint canvas with me if I expect waiting time plus a few strands while resting after lunch most days. It is very easy to stop the sewing at any time, fold the canvas and pop it into a bag with pre-cut strands of the yarn I am using at the time.

Sitting and sewing by a man is unusual, but often invites comments from strangers who want to see what I am doing. A real ice breaker and useful on cruises which often have a "sewing circle" and I have found I am not the only male frequently.

When completed, I frame them and hang them in the hall which is a sort of portrait gallery and reminder of past years. The designs usually build themselves which I find more fun than filling in patterns, like in traditional

needlepoint. It is much faster as well since the stitches can vary in length. A variety of yarns can be used, but I prefer wool needlepoint yarn and homespun yarn if I can find it. Accent colors of cotton embroidery yarn can also be used which add a bit of sheen when three strands are combined. The canvas is 11 needlepoint which can be bought by the yard and cut to any size according to project, from eyeglass cases to large pictures, chair seats pillows and quilts. It is great to have something to show for time spent just waiting.



Finding My Artistic Side

By Gail Lombardi

I first tried pencil drawing in 2005 when I joined an informal art class where students were drawing at varied skill levels. After working through a book titled, *How to Draw What you See* by Rudy DeReyna, I was eager to continue. I drew many animals, birds, and people, still using ordinary pencil and paper.

Over time, I have expanded my media to ink and colored pencil. Ink drawings demand great patience and discipline and cannot be rushed but the results are very rewarding.

I also like to paint with acrylics on canvas, always starting with a pencil



sketch. Paintings on canvas are my favorite choice for dog portraits. For one-of-a-kind baby gifts, I paint personalized (usually whimsical) pictures on canvas based on interests of the parents and details about the new born.

In addition, every year I draw my own holiday cards and birthday cards for our three grandchildren. My art projects have tremendously added to my enjoyment of life!



BOSHA STONE

Biography

Graduating Parsons School of Design with four awards including Fashion Designer of the Year, she followed a pathway to the most prestigious fashion houses in New York. Starting as assistant to Chester Weinberg, then assistant to Donald Brooks, Associate Designer at Mary Ann Restivo, her own collection Bosh Johnson International, Senior Knit Designer Director at Donna Karan Collection and Vice President of Design at Nautica Women's Collection working with David Chu.

Her career, passion and energy landed Associate Theatrical Designer to Theoni V. Aldridge, America's top Broadway Costume Designer, working on film and Broadway productions as ANNIE, THE GREAT GATSBY, THE ROSE, NETWORK, THE CHAMP. She independently designed costumes for Broadway productions of DAS RIENGOLD, THE MIKADO and KING OF HEARTS. Personally wrapping the artist CRISTO in NYC's Central Park, photographed by Annie Leibovitz for Rolling Stone and Vanity Fair was a highlight of her career.

Bosha moved to Florida from New York City where she continued her success working independently for art galleries and museums on special events. President of the Seabranh ART League she promoted its artist members with POP-UP Events and exhibits personally conceived and produced.

Currently Bosha has designed a Luxury Resort Collection: Bosha.b. Inspired by the Abstract Art of Artist/ Photographer Irwin Berman and through a collaboration of their artistic talents and forward thinking this new collection has been born.

By appointment contact Bosha Stone 917.714.1400.
Thank you.



Stephen A. Stone

Biography

A native of New York City, Stephen Stone holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Fine Arts and Photography from the School of Visual Arts.

Upon graduating from SVA, Stone worked in commercial photography while continuing to paint and become involved in New York's pop art scene both as collector and participant and friend in Andy Warhol's Factory scene. Moving to San Francisco, Stone's work evolved with the times-1969- the Summer of Love and the burgeoning hippie movement - creating light shows for seminal rock groups such as the Jefferson Airplane, shooting poster photography and apprenticing with renowned tattoo and fine artist, Don Ed Hardy.

The association with Hardy led to Stone to open a series of his own tattoo shops where his custom designs and medical tattooing were recognized for their unique and rich creativity.

Returning to New York, Stone gave up all art forms to focus on building a business career in marketing followed by commodity trading. Enjoying significant success in commodity trading, Stone was able to resume his creative endeavors, painting large minimalist and abstract canvases.

Taking up full residency in Florida in 2005, Stone has been instrumental in forming the Seabranh ART League, a collective group of artists in Hobe Sound, Florida. Stone's work has been shown in several galleries in South Florida including The Mark Fine Art Gallery, Boca Raton Museum, Backus Museum, Armory Art Center, Lighthouse Center of the Arts, The Arts Council Cultural Center Gallery and at THE COMMONS Festival of Trees and "It's All Over ...ART 2012" Art Events.

Recently Stone has produced and directed his original adaptation of the work of prolific poet and writer Charles Bukowski. "The Gut Retrenching Machine" a 15 minute short, filmed in Hobe Sound, FL has a cast of five professional actors and a crew of technicians and designers. Editing the film is almost finished and a premier opening is on the way. You can read more in the current issue of [Martin County Currents](#) publication.

Regarding his paintings, Stone remarked, "My work comes from deep within-inspired by moods and images I have from my life experiences. Each canvas has special meaning for me and hopefully, through my work, I am able to share my unique and remarkable life with others."



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WHAT'S UP AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB????

By Mona Wiley



Happy New Year to all of you! My wish is that you will have a healthy and bountiful 2015! Many of you are happy the holiday season is over and you can move on to some other events that keep you young and thinking straight.

The first is a deadline – January 5th! You must sign up and pay \$12 to bead with Mickey on the 24th of January. Participants will be making bracelets and earrings.

Next is January 16, Friday lunch bunch goes to Krua Thai on Federal Highway. (As always separate checks) Pre-sign up in the mailroom. Gather at the Clubhouse at 11:15 am. If you have already arranged transportation, please stop at the Clubhouse to check-in with the contact person. Contact: Lois McGill.

January 19th is our monthly meeting where Marty Baum, an Indian River keeper talks to us about our water situation in south Florida. Refreshments and gathering will begin at 6:30pm and then a short meeting followed by our speaker. Please invite your friends and neighbors to hear Ms. Baum.

January 24th – Beading with Mickey in the Clubhouse from 10am to 1:00pm

January 28th takes us to the Norton Museum in West Palm. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9:30am to carpool. Three special exhibitions will be available: **Coming into Fashion** - A Century of Photography at Conde Nast, **Pastures Green** - The British Passion for Landscape and **High Tea** - Glorious Manifestations East and West, a Chinese exhibit. Museum admission is \$12 and lunch will be at 1:00 at the lovely Norton Fratelli Lyon Café with prices ranging from \$8 to \$16 (separate checks)! Sign up in the mailroom for accurate count. Contact: Marie Ferrandino.

January 31st is the International Food Tasting and Auction at the Clubhouse. Come and treat yourself to cuisine from around the world. This is our largest fundraiser with proceeds going to our chosen charity of the year. Contact: Deb Benson

It's break time with a cruise on Celebrity's Constellation February 2-7. If you haven't signed up by now, it might be too late, but give it a whirl and contact Cathy Tobey at 413.519.6011.

February 13, Friday is our annual Valentine Salad Luncheon in the Clubhouse. This is potluck. Bring your

favorite appetizer, salad or dessert, but sign up. Guess where???

February 16th, Monday is our monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome

February 21st, Saturday is Shells with Mary in the Clubhouse from 10am to 1pm. Create a beautiful frame for a family picture. Cost is \$15 and must be paid in advance. Please sign up in mailroom. Contact is Mary D'Avanzo.

A couple of TBA are: wreath making for spring with Dimar florists and a breakfast and tour of the Adams Ranch in Ft. Pierce. What's so special about that? I don't know – stayed tuned and informed and sign up when the opportunity presents itself!!

Thanks to all who decorated the Clubhouse for the holidays. It looked beautiful and added to the festive spirit of our neighborhood! Thanks to all who dismantled and put away the decorations. Many hands make light work.



**OVERNIGHT TRIP TO MOUNT DORA
OCTOBER 26 TO 27**



Mary E. Dawson, author of *The Riverway Home* speaking on Florida history at our November meeting

With the help of Emily Mussatto, Mary D'Avanzo, Mickey Harris and Sherry Perry, the ladies painted some lovely plates and ornaments!



INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTE

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CLUB
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DO NOT FEED SANDHILL CRANES



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Conservation Commission
MyFWC.com

Feeding sandhill cranes is illegal (FAC 68A-4.00(3)) and can lead to a serious nuisance for communities. Human food sources are poor substitutes for naturally nutritious foods cranes find on their own. Consistently feeding cranes makes individuals dependent on humans for their food. This can lead to dire consequences when this food source is no longer available and these birds have a lack of hunting and foraging skills to acquire their own food. Associating people with food causes birds to lose their important fear of humans. This loss of fear can create a safety hazard for people and wildlife. Cranes fed by humans can become aggressive towards people, leading to attacks. Fed cranes are also more likely to do damage to property like screens, windows, and structures. Feeding cranes puts cranes at risk as well. Cranes attracted to populated areas are more likely to be hit by cars, get tangled in debris especially garbage, run into power lines, and be killed by predators such as domestic dogs and cats. Feeding wildlife is never a good idea and has detrimental consequences for both people and wildlife. Research has shown that the consequences of feeding wildlife are far more detrimental than helpful. **Feeding of sandhill cranes should be reported to Wildlife Alert at 888.404.3922.**

2014 Retreat Holiday Cocktail Party—December 6th



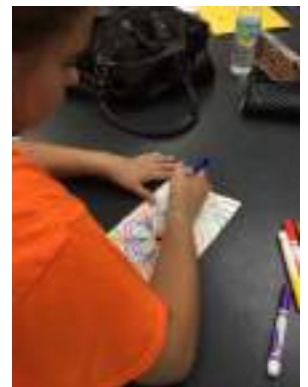
2015 RELAY FOR LIFE OF HOBE SOUND

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thank you to all for joining us in our Celebration of Life. Marlene Boobar did an outstanding job in setting up and executing this event. Thank you to Joe Rosetta who kicked off the Celebration of Life and shared his story of his wife, Brenda. Many thanks to the others that shared their stories of family and friends that lost their battles. It was a wonderful way of remembering them.

Thanks to all the soup makers—Joanie Sofia, Dottie Sacco, Marilyn Paterson, Stu Levy, Coni McGuinn, and Wally Malinowski. There was a variety of different favorable soups. Thanks to all that brought bread, fruit, desserts, table plates, cups, coffee, and many other items. Many thanks to those that help setup and clean up. Our clubhouse was back to normal in about 15 minutes. It was great to see all the survivors and caregivers that attended. There will be Luminaria bags for all survivors at the Relay.

The teenagers at Jensen Beach High School did an amazing job of decorating the bags. Thanks to Ruth Dudziak for setting this up and to the Art Director, Tracy Canada. All the Luminaria bags will be saved for upcoming Relay events and then at the Relay of Life of Hobe Sound at South Fork High School on Saturday, May 2nd, from 11am to 11pm. Please mark your calendars.



2014 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

It was another amazing Holiday Home Tour! We saw "bubbles" in a bathtub, dining room tables that can seat a very large crowd, a child's room full of butterflies, incredible kitchens, exquisite art work, beautiful holiday décor, unique lights, beautiful lanais, and much more. Thank you to those that participated in this year's Tour and to our Relay For Life Team! A special thanks to Mona Wiley for creating the brochure.



Mona, Bella & Dan Wiley



Anthony Moscato



Joanne Estes & Sherry Innis



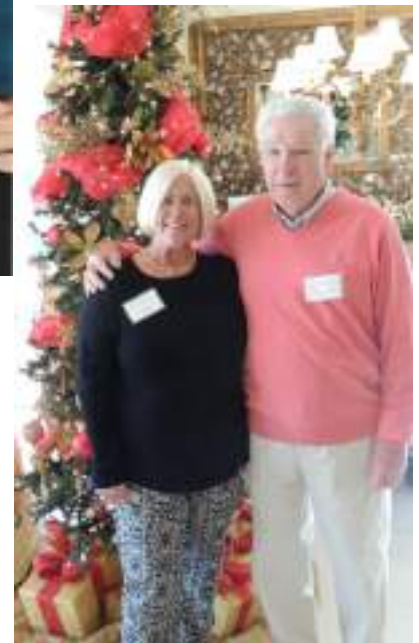
Dottie & Nick Sacco



Greg Strahm & Tim Luke



Bosha & Stephen Stone



Pat & Gil Williams

Our Enjoyment Book sales are doing well. Wally Malinowski and his special helpers: Dotti Wurster, Ruth Dudziak, Tom Hartnett, Emily Mussatto, Marilyn Patterson, Dottie Sacco, and many more have sold 100 books!!!! Thank you to all that supported this fundraiser.

NEWS FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Dave Williams

Your Board and associated committees have been busy since our last newsletter. The **Finance Committee** has worked with Seacoast Bank and is recommending to the Board that we combine all of our Certificates of Deposits and Money Markets under one umbrella. This will enable better tracking of funds and all will be protected by 250K FDIC insurance. They also plan on a presentation at our annual meeting on February 9 at SeaWind Elementary School to explain our Reserve Funds and their use.

The **Clubhouse and Landscape Committees** are meeting and formulating plans for community-benefited improvements to recommend to the Board.

Over the past few months, your Board has dedicated a lot of time and effort to our document re-write project. We have arrived at the finalized version and have already had several meetings to present it to the community. The final presentation will be on Monday, January 5 at both 4PM and 7PM at the Clubhouse. We need 51% member approval vote for this re-write to take effect and for the hurricane shutter use on lanais to become effective so be sure to vote in person or by proxy at the annual meeting. The proposed revised documents are available for all to look at on our website, www.retreatatseabbranch.com.

By the time this newsletter is distributed we will have had two presentations by ADT/Devcon to explain upgrade options residents may select. Again, no changes are necessary and your system will work as always if you do nothing. There will be additional presentations on Saturday, January 5 at 10AM and at the annual meeting on February, 9, 2015.

The Retreat Board of Directors unanimously decided to change property managers. Many factors were considered and it was a difficult decision but we all concluded that in the long run it would be best for the operation of our community. Ron still lives in our community and if you run into him, please thank him for his six years of service. The new certified manager that we selected is a Capital Realty employee, Patrick (Skip) Pellett. Please welcome him to our community. Keep in mind that he has a large learning curve working on our property and you as residents will also have a learning curve as a number of changes will be made.

We are now asking that all work requests be called in

to Capital Realty (800.940.1088). Everything will then be documented, then sent to Skip and the BOD copied. Please do not call a Board Member or report requests to Skip until you have complied with the above and have not seen action on your request.

The Board would like to wish you all a joyful and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.



A great big "Thank you" to Joanie Sofia, Tom and Arlene Hartnett for stringing Christmas lights on our round-a-bouts and east entry!!



On December 1st, Sherriff Snyder and several personal from his organization spoke to Retreat residents about a Neighborhood Watch program. He was asked when we should use 911. His response was if you see suspicious activity, report it **immediately** to the Sheriff's Department. It is OK to call 911 in Martin County.

ALERT FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORIES

We have received several calls from residents about receiving calls from an IRS agent advising they owed money for back taxes. This is a scam and the Sheriff's office is aware. There was a recent article in the Stuart news about this. The calls usually originate from a 707 area code. This scam and others may originate from other area codes.

If you receive this type of call and want to lodge a complaint, please call the Sheriff's Department.

If you have Comcast as your phone provider, you can also go into *60 and screen/block up to twelve numbers.



Clubhouse Committee

"eyes and ears for a better clubhouse experience"

By Linda Wolf and Mark Elliott

October marked formation of the Retreat's third generation Clubhouse Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to observe, note, and discuss the general appearance and usefulness of the clubhouse facilities and grounds, then perform the needed research before making any recommendations for repairs or improvements to the Board of Directors.

The clubhouse complex is the "Crown Jewel" of The Retreat. Maintaining its beauty and usefulness both inside and out is the committee's primary mission. The group also serves as the eyes and ears of residents' concerns about the clubhouse areas and so effectively represents all 555 homeowners.

Committee members are Diana Briganti, Bill Burns, Tom D'Avanzo, Tom DeLoffi, Deborah Haugen, Lyn Kennedy, Barbara Nadeau, Jim Pawlak and Lorraine Perri. Co-Chairpersons are Linda Wolf (lwolf913@gmail.com 513-677-3887) and Mark Elliott (gatormark@bellsouth.net 772-545-8577). The BOD liaison to this committee is Marlene Boobar.



LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

By Marlene Boobar

The Landscaping Committee is being initiated with a desire to ensure the high quality of the landscape in the common areas of the Association. The members of the Committee will strive to keep the interests of the total community in mind. This will be a challenge in 2015 due to this being a committee formed after the budget process.

All policies and decisions made by the Committee are considered recommendations and must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval prior to any action being taken.

The Clubhouse Committee, being responsible for the Clubhouse, potentially overlaps with the Landscape Committee. The Board of Directors looks to the Landscape Committee to coordinate all recommendations (Landscape and Clubhouse grounds) into a joint proposal(s) for presentation to the Board.

The Landscape Committee meeting schedules will be determined by the Committee Chair.

Responsibilities:

- Assist the Board in developing and prioritizing goals, projects and tasks at the start of each fiscal year and as needed.
- Research and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors on desired projects.
- Adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in the governing documents
- Inspect the grounds at least quarterly or as established by the Committee

Authority:

- The Committee and Committee Chair can request proposals or quotes directly from vendors.
- The Committee with Board approval can implement their ideas by "getting their hands dirty" and plant shrubs, plants and flowers. The overall goal is to make the Retreat a more beautiful community!

Do you like to garden? Are you a Master Gardener? Do you know what plantings are best suited for our Florida soil and conditions?

Please get involved! Let's work together and make it happen. Let's all be part of the solution!!

If anyone is interested in joining this committee which will activate in January, please contact:

Greg Strahm 772.546.4853 g.a.strahm@tqag.com

MEET OUR CANDIDATES FOR THE UPCOMING HOA ELECTION



JIM PAWLAK

I believe everyone has a duty to volunteer in some capacity. I'm from Buffalo, NY the "City of Good Neighbors" (cue snow jokes here....) and it's my time to give back to the community I now call home.

I have chaired and served on numerous non-profit Boards, elected twice as President of my NYC Co-op Board and have over 30 years experience in contract negotiation and auxiliary services management.



CHUCK KELCOURSE

Goals:

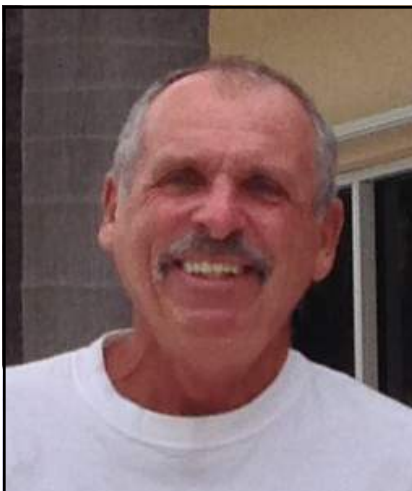
1. expand the communication and information between the board and home owners
2. expand home owners participation and input into budget development
3. allow home owners final approval over the budget
4. improve landscape company management and communication

Skills:

1. budget creation, implementation and contract negotiation.
2. project and executive management
3. association board experience
4. computer and network skills

ANTHONY MOSCATO

Running for office is always a very difficult task. As a home owner in the Retreat, should I have the opportunity to be selected by your vote. It will be my position to do what is right for all home owners. Board Members and Home Owners alike must follow the rules governed by the HOA. These rules, regulations and bylaws were implemented for the protection of each and every homeowner. It will insure the maintenance, integrity and value of the subdivision and your individual property.



JOE PERRY

My most important asset is my ability to listen to and work with my peers.

I would use this skill to help an open line of communication with the community, committees and board.



DAVE WILLIAMS

I have served the Retreat community for the past ten years as a Board Member. I believe my involvement with the many aspects in operating the Retreat speaks for itself.

ERIC WOLF

I am a full-time resident with a 30-year career in business management and co-owner of two technology businesses. My leadership goals focus on listening, soliciting opinions from other affected people, arriving with mutual consensus, and doing the right thing. I treasure the outdoor setting and amenities that we enjoy here in the Retreat; if elected to the board I will work to protect our investment and our heritage and attempt to make The Retreat an even better place to live.



JOHN CLIFFORD

My goal in serving the community is to continue to build upon the accomplishments of the Board of Directors. Additionally, I want to focus available resources on improving the communities quality of life and homeowners property values.

With over thirty years of financial management experience, I have insight into the annual budgeting and , planning process, and contract negotiations skills. Additionally, I have served on many non-profit Boards including experience as a Board Member and Treasurer of a Condominium Homeowners Association.



Thank you to all the candidates who have decided to run for the Board of Directors! Your willingness to serve is much appreciated by the entire community.

Please note:

“Directors shall be Members (owners) or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time.”

If anyone else wishes to become a candidate for the Board, please complete a Letter of Intent and submit by the stated deadline in the next mailing.

Our Annual Meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2015 at SeaWind Elementary School at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM for sign in. Please mark your calendars.



10 REASONS TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

BY BONNIE PHILLIPS, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

1. Storm water carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.
2. Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish.
3. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water.
4. Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.
5. **It's the law!** Many urban and suburban areas require you to pick up after your pet. Even if there is no restriction, cleaning up after your pet is always the right thing to do.
6. Joining the growing number of responsible pet owners may encourage hotel managers to accept pets when you are traveling and help keep fees to a minimum.
7. No one likes to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars and businesses.
8. Scooping on a daily basis and applying lime will help prevent odors.
9. It's easy to clean up by carrying plastic baggies and paper towels in your pocket. The baggies can be secured and thrown away in the garbage.
10. Your neighbors will appreciate your good manners.

2015 RETREAT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FORM

If you are not currently listed in the 2014 Telephone Directory and wish to be listed in the 2015 Directory, please fill out the form below. If you are currently listed in the 2014 Directory and would like to update it, please fill out the form below with your name and the updated information only. **If your 2014 information is correct, do not fill out another form. Please sign the form** and place it in the Drop Box in the Property Management Office located in the Clubhouse or mail it to Retreat Homeowners Association, 8700 SE Retreat Drive, Hobe Sound, FL 33455, ATTN: Communications Committee **no later than February 1, 2015**.

List your information exactly as you want it printed in the Directory.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

LAST NAME(S) _____

FIRST NAME(S) _____

RETREAT ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

CELL TELEPHONE (optional) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (optional) _____

*Signature

*Signature

*Signature(s) are required to have information published in the Directory.

DISCLAIMER: Information contained in Directory is confidential and not for dissemination outside the Retreat community



We Look Out For Each Other!

In the past, the Retreat Community had a very active Neighborhood Watch Committee under the leadership of Tom Palmer. Currently, there are no active members on this committee.

Here at the Retreat, we look out for each other...that is our community.

We are seeking an individual or individuals to again take an active leadership role to reactivate a Neighborhood Watch Program.

An active Retreat Neighborhood Watch Committee might have the following functions:

1. Educate the community and encourage them to use the security system we already have. ***(Some residents are not using the ADT/Devcon system)***
2. Educate the community and encourage them to call 911 immediately when they see something suspicious. ***(See something...say something)***
If we had enough people spread out in the community on each street and area who are pro-active Neighborhood Watch members, they would recognize more easily when something just isn't right. Solicit committee members on each street.
3. Offer one or two presentations each year about: safety, security, mail fraud, internet safety, phone scams, etc. It's all about being secure and feeling safe. Presentations by professionals might include: Bank Safety using the internet; Cyber security Social Media; Elder Abuse; phone fraud; Crime Prevention, etc.
4. Inform the members of current crime activity in the area.

Bill Burns has offered to take a lead on this important committee. Thank you, Bill!!

If you wish to get more involved or have any concerns or suggestions,
please contact Bill @ 772-546-6990 burnsjro@aol.com



BEWARE OF THE FIRE ANT

Dog walkers have spotted some red ant colonies along their daily routes. These little pests like to build their mounds in open areas. To avoid stepping on a mound, be conscious of where you are walking. Always wear socks and shoes in any area where red ant mounds may be present. When gardening, it is a good idea to wear gloves to protect the skin. Ants will not sting through fabric. Do not purposely agitate red ants or they may become aggressive and attack. Pay close attention to children and infants who may unknowingly disturb a colony.

Should you get a bite, the first thing to do is to remove it from the skin. It must be removed with a hand or cloth; jumping, stomping, or immersing it in water will not detach it. Then, wash the skin with soap and water to remove any traces of the venom on the skin. Disinfect the skin with rubbing alcohol. To reduce the amount of swelling and irritation, apply ice to the sting sites for about 20 minutes. Once a blister forms, Benadryl can be used to relieve the itching. If anyone experiences a major allergic reaction, call 911 immediately.

The red ant peak activity is Spring to December. The good thing is that we are now entering the more dormant season.

The ants are less active in January, February and March but will emerge on warm days foraging about looking for food and someone to sting.

An effective granule for treatment is **AMDRO** brand found at Home Depot. If you would like to help us out by treating an active mound that you have noticed in any of the common areas, we will have this granule container available for your use in the office.

Thank you for your help...neighbors helping neighbors!

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RETREAT PROPERTY MANAGER

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RETREAT COMMITTEES

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Neighborhood Watch	Bill Burns	546.6990	burnsjro@aol.com
Social/First Friday	Sandy Morrow	545.1936	sandymorrow7@gmail.com

RETREAT ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

All Retreat residents are invited to take part in our Retreat Activities. Retreat Homeowners are also invited to participate in the Retreat Committees. For more information, please call the contact person.

Channel 63	Jim Morrow	545.1936
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Duplicate Bridge	Carol Flynn	359.8274
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Poker—Texas "Hold—Em"	Lois & Charles Raska Lois & Otto Vernacchio	545.2733 546.7523
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Social Bridge	Patsy Shattuck	546.2011
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BRIDGE SCORES

By Patsy Shattuck

Wow! Has our bridge room increased, since our northern neighbors have come for a visit. It is so nice to have them. Makes our bridge day a lot more enjoyable. We have a few new people and some that have been gone for a while but are back. Thanks to all our loyal players that are hear all year. Makes my job a lot easier. I wish all a happy holiday season and a safe return for another new year!

Business owners—The Retreat Newsletter is a great place for you to reach local customers.

Ads are business card size in black and white.

The ads appear in color on our WEB site, www.retreatatseabbranch.com. Cost for each ad is \$125 for the year. A yearly contract is required. Please contact Coni McGuinn at 545.3465 or conimcguinn@aol.com. The revenue from the ads is used to defray our newsletter printing expenses.

October 7, 2014

- 1 – Muriel Barry
- 2 – Peggy Johnson
- 3 – Lyn Kennedy
- 4 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 5 – Anne Falcone

October 14, 2014

- 1 – Peggy Johnson
- 2 – Laura Rothman
- 3 – Marie Ferrandino
- 4 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 5 – Muriel Barry

October 21, 2014

- 1 – Peggy Johnson
- 2 – Alan Benson (new member)
- 3 – Ann Sterling
- 4 – Alan Shattuck
- 5 – Sharon Davis (new member)

October 28, 2014

- 1 – Peggy Johnson
- 2 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 3 – Laura Rothman
- 4 – Patsy Shattuck
- 5 – Debbie Benson (new member)

November 4, 2014

- 1 – Ann Sterling
- 2 – Kathy Majewski
- 3 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 4 – Peggy Johnson
- 5 – Patsy Shattuck

November 11, 2014

- 1 – Debbie Benson
- 2 – Kay Campbell
- 3 – Peggy Johnson
- 4 – Jeanne Sopelsa
- 5 – Kathy Majewski

November 18, 2014

- 1- Stan Rublowsky
- 2 – Barry Mussatto
- 3 – Debbie Benson
- 4 – Laura Rothman
- 5 – Anne Falcone

November 25, 2014

- 1 – Lena Rublowsky
- 2 – Kathy Majewski
- 3 – Barry Mussatto
- 4 – Sue Lynn
- 5 – Diane Dempsey

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Sheriff—Marlene Boobar
Holiday Home Tour—Wally Malinowski
Author of *The Riverway Home*—Carol Flynn

Dear Retreat Residents,

We cetainly have an abundance of artistic talent in our community. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

Our March/April Newsletter's theme will be:

MY FAVORITE INTERNET SITE AND WHY

Of course you are always welcome to share with us you Retreat gatherings, recipes, reviews on books, movies, restaurants, plays, concerts, etc.

Wishing you the a healthy and happy 2015!!!!

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