

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2016

By Coni Mc Guinn

Our Retreat Relay For Life Team, the *Retreat Remembers...*, had another great fundraiser....the Holiday Home Tour. It always amazes me what a little imagination can do for our cookie cutter homes. The 'honey-do' lists were growing from house to house.

After all that walking and ooh-ing and aah-ing, folks returned to the Clubhouse for an array of cookies, fudge, punch and camaraderie!

Wally Malinowski was selling Enjoyment Books, Marlene Boobar auctioned off 13 magnificent holiday baskets, and we were selling tickets for the 50-50 chance drawing.

What a great way to start off the holiday season!

Thank you to all the team members who worked on the house tour and a BIG thank you to all the folks who attended and made this fund raiser a success. We raised **\$2,950** for the American Cancer Society in our fight against cancer!!!

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to All!!!

Go to pages 4 and 5 for more on the Holiday Home Tour.

THE RETREAT ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017, 6:45 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM

SeaWind Elementary School



Retreat Board Update.....

John H. Clifford President and Treasurer Retreat HOA

Those residents that reside on Nicolete, Mary Hill, La Creek or near the east entrance of South East Retreat Drive know first-hand that the wild boar are continuing to menace our landscaping. The wild boar population has exploded in recent years. The Retreat has contracted with Danger Trappers and John Schierbaum to reduce the population within the boundaries of the Retreat. John can be reached at **772.224.7574**. If you see feral pigs day or night please call John Schierbaum.

The board reached out to our State Representative Joe Negron to obtain his assistance with repairing the Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park fencing system. The goal is to repair the fence so the wild pigs will not be able to access The Retreat. At this time the board does not intend to repair any of the common area landscaping damage caused by the pigs until the population within The Retreats boundaries has been eliminated.

In 2016 the board completed sidewalk repairs where tree roots caused the concrete sidewalk to buckle. In this issue of the newsletter there are pictures that show the extensive tree root system removed from areas of our sidewalks that have been repaired. The board plans to continue with the sidewalk replacement program in 2017 and eliminate sidewalk hazards as they are identified.

There are three board positions up for election at the February 13, 2017 annual meeting which will be held at the SeaWind Elementary School at 6:30pm. Information regarding the annual meeting will be mailed to all homeowners in the very near future.

Finally, in late November the board of directors approved a budget for 2017 that includes a modest increase in HOA fees of \$8 a quarter. This increase is attributable to contractual provisions with our Landscaping vendor and Comcast Cable. Additional monies were added to the Landscaping extras account to address the common area damage caused by the wild boar, and additional funds assigned to address the sidewalk hazards.

The entire board thanks you for your support over the past year.

Fire Safety Checklist for Caregivers of Older Adults

Older adults are more likely to die in home fires because they may move slower or have trouble hearing the smoke alarm. Make sure the people you know are prepared and safe.

V Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- □ Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- People can hear smoke alarms from any room.



Can everyone hear the alarm?

If not, consider another type of smoke alarm - like one that has a different sound or one that comes with a bed shaker or strobe light.

Cooking Safety

- □ The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.

Smoking Safety

- If they smoke, make sure they are a fire-safe smoker:
- People only smoke outside and never in bed.
- People put cigarettes out safely in an ashtray with a wide base that will not tip over.
- □ People never smoke around medical oxygen.

Heating Safety

- □ Space heaters are least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- People blow out candles before leaving the room.

Learn more about fire prevention: U.S. Fire www.usfa.fema.gov

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Escape Plan

- □ There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Exits are always clear and not blocked with furniture or other items.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- □ The escape plan works for everyone, including people who use a wheelchair, a hearing aid, or glasses.
- There is a phone near the bed to call a local emergency number in case of a fire.



Can everyone get out?

Make sure people who use a wheelchair or a cane can get to them and get out quickly. Tell them to keep glasses or hearing aids next to the bed.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- No electrical cords run under rugs.
- All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
- $\hfill\square$ People clean the dryer of lint after every use.
- All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)



The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up. - Mark Twain

Happiness depends more on the inward disposition of mind, than on outward circumstances. - Benjamin Franklin

Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections. - Anonymous



THANK YOU TO OUR RETREAT ELVES

BY MARLENE BOOBAR

For several years now, Tom and Arlene Hartnett and Joanie Sofia have put up the outside lights for the holidays at the various entry ways to the Retreat. Behind the scenes, and a year ahead in the planning,

Tom, thinks about the layout of the lighting, arranges all the connections—and makes sure each of the lighting strings "work." After the holidays, Tom systematically stores all the sets of lights in his home, awaiting set up for the following year.

Many communities pay to have decorations put up...but here, at the Retreat, we have dedicated volunteers taking on this chore. Kudos to them....let's thank each of them!

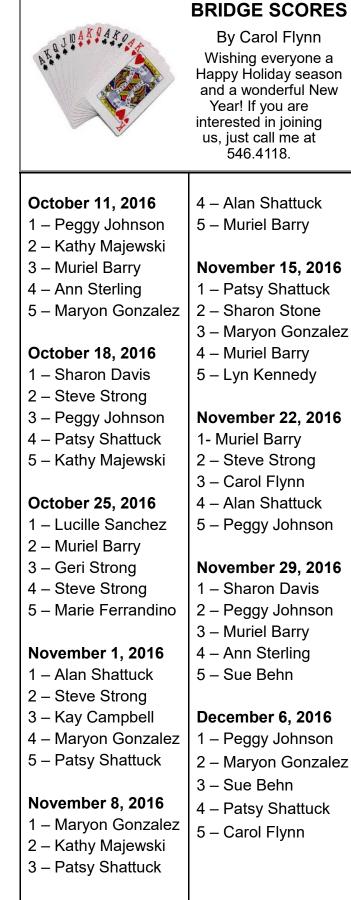
While I am on this topic...just to let you know that each year on the 1st Friday of December, the Women's Club takes on the responsibility of decorating the Clubhouse inside and putting up the outside porch tree and wreaths hanging from the door lights. After the new year, the Women's Club takes all the decorations down and packs them away. Making our Clubhouse bright and beautiful for the holiday season, is truly a gift that the Women's Club gives to the community each year. So, again, kudos to the Women's Club!

Last but not least....it was Robert, our Manager (with Tom DeLoffi's assistance this year) who graciously took the time and effort to venture out to the storage facility to "haul" all the many boxes and cartons of two trees and ornaments over to the Clubhouse in a timely manner, making ready for the decorating that would take place on that Friday. This is a above and beyond the call of duty for our Manager and helper volunteer. We are grateful to both for that effort!

So much to be thankful for....our community is VERY grateful to all of you for the many, many hours of dedicated service the many volunteers give to the Retreat.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Blessed New Year!





HOLIDAY HOME TOUR PARTICIPANTS



Karen Ryan Joe Boucher (not shown)

> JoeAnn Demore Bob Porras





Bob and Lois Mc Gill

Mary and Tom D'Avanzo





Tom and Stephanie Milazzo

Gil and Pat Williams



What a day we had! The houses were beautifully decked out and the hosts were gracious and inviting. The weather was perfect. The folks that attended the Tour were overwhelmed! It does not get better than that!

These are some of the winners of the baskets: Lucille Sanchez, Marie Ferrandino, Michelle Walsh, Julia Davis, Lill Malinowski, Jan Kasuboske, Dean Fowler, Susan Roskey, Anita Calicchio, Vicki Celio, and Joan Paolucci. Thank you to all that donated items. Thanks to Lucille Sanchez, Glenda Wright, and Marlene Boobar for making up the baskets. A special thanks to Marlene Boobar who was the chair of the baskets!!!

The 50/50 winner is JoeAnn Demore who was on the Tour. She won \$185.50!

Special thanks to Mona Wiley for creating the Holiday Home Tour brochure, and to Gene Gillis for creating the map!!!!!

We had donations from Retreat folks of \$173!

Thank you to our Relay For Life Team, the *Retreat Remembers...* These folks sold tickets, checked folks in, baked a LOT of cookies, brownies, chocolate, goodies, fudge, and the great punch!!!!!!! We could write a cook book on all the goodies! See one of the recipes on this page. And thanks to all that helped setting up and cleaning up!!!!

A special thanks to those that opened up their homes and their hearts . This would never happen without you!

The grand total is \$2,950!!!!

Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a healthy new year!!!!!



THE BASKETS

CHECK-IN

SIMPLE NO-BAKE COCONUT NUT BALLS

Received from Marilyn Patterson

1 CAN SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK 1 CUP BUTTER, MELTED 2 POUNDS CONFECTIONER'S SUGAR 1 TSP. VANILLA 7 OUNCES COCONUT 4 CUPS CHOPPED PECANS MELTED CHOCOLATE FOR DIPPING- 2 CUPS SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE FOR DIPPING- 2 CUPS SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS (OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF CHOCOLATE YOU WANT TO USE) AND 2 TSP. VEGETABLE OIL MIX ALL OF THE INGREDIENTS, EXCEPT FOR THE CHOCOLATE. FORM INTO LITTLE BALLS AND PLACE ON WAXED PAPER.

MELT CHOCOLATE AND VEGETABLE OIL OVER LOW HEAT, STIRRING FREQUENTLY TILL MELTED. REMOVE FROM HEAT. DIP COCONUT BALLS INTO CHOCOLATE AND PLACE ON WAXED PAPER. LET SET UNTIL THE CHOCOLATE IS HARDENED.

(IF COCONUT BALLS ARE TOO SOFT TO DIP INTO CHOCOLATE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO STICK THEM IN THE REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER TILL THEY ARE EASIER TO HANDLE AND THEN DIP THEM INTO CHOCOLATE.)

RELAY FOR LIFE UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS



Karaoke Night

Saturday, January 21st 7 PM – 9 PM

Everyone's a Celebrity at the Retreat!!

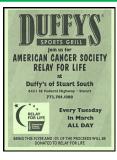
Come and join the fun for an evening of laughs and fun. \$10/person donation – Refreshments provided ACS "Retreat Remembers Team" Relay For Life Fundraiser



ENJOYMENT BOOKS

One of our fundraisers is selling Enjoyment Books. The cost is \$35 of which \$10 for each book sold goes to the American Cancer Society.

Great gifts! \$10 for each book goes to the American Cancer Society. 772.545.3732



Duffy's Sports Grill of Stuart South

(1/2 mile S. of Cove Road)

Bring in a flyer & 10% of your check will be donated to the American Cancer Society

<u>Every Tuesday in March all day long</u> Sponsored by the Retreat Relay For Life Team



FOR EVERY PERSON THAT GOES ON THIS CRUISE, LEGENDS OF ROCK WILL DONATE \$50 TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. PLEASE HELP US IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST CANCER WHILE HAVING A LOT OF FUN ON THE CRUISE.

Get ready to rock and roll! 10 private shows with artists from FOREIGNER, BEACH BOYS, KANSAS, JOURNEY, THE ARCHIES, BOSTON and BEAVER BROWN

MARCH 18 to 25, 2017 Ports: Miami, St. Maarten, Puerto Rico and Nassau.

For info: www.legendsofrockcruise.com or 844-344-Rock or Ray McGill, 570-213-5632



100 E. Ocean Blvd. Stuart



Retreat Assistance Network (RAN)

Thanks to our caring community, RAN already has over 30 volunteers waiting to serve you.

Please remember to call us for help with:

Transportation to medical appointments

Rides for grocery shopping or hair appointments

Prescription drug, grocery and mail pick-ups

Check-in phone calls or personal visits

Minimal meal preparation

If you or someone you know in the Retreat is in need of RAN services, simply contact one of the volunteers listed below.

CALL RAN PHONE CONTACTS FOR SERVICES

Audrey DeLoffi	Stephanie Milazzo	Cary Westwood	Marilyn Patterson
772 245-8420	772 245-8615	772 402-8972	772 932-7492

2017 RETREAT DIRECTORY FORM

If you are not currently listed in the 2016 Directory and wish to be listed in the 2017 Directory, please fill out the form below. If you are currently listed in the 2016 Directory and would like to update your information, please fill out the form below with your name and the <u>updated information only</u>. If your 2016 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, 2017.

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					

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

BY MONA WILEY

As you read this, your tree probably is still up, or decorations piled in boxes on the floor or memories of other holiday celebrations are still fresh in your house. It seems these treasured holiday seasons come and go so fast that we don't really sit down and just enjoy them. Take some moments now and savor the pleasure of being with your family or grandkids or friends. Hopefully, you were able to enjoy a show or a concert and can recall how inspirational it was. Travel into the new year with a fresh outlook to participate in fun activities with your friends in the Retreat.

On tap for January 11th is lunch bunch at Renato's at Sewall's Point. Sign up in the mail room and gather at the Clubhouse at 12 noon. If you have arranged other transportation, let the contact person know, so they don't wait for you – that goes for you too MONA!! Ann Sterling 245.8648 is the hostess for this event.

January 16th is our scheduled monthly meeting beginning. Gather at 6:15pm for refreshments with a short business meeting to follow. Come with a holiday memory to share.

January 18th – Slots of Fun has got our number. This is a bus trip to Hard Rock Casino. Check the Women's Club Event booklet for details, but in summary meet at the Clubhouse at 7:00am to leave for Jupiter/Publix Shopping Center. There, a bus will leave at 7:55am to head south. Cost of the trip is \$20 which includes the bus ride and \$20 worth of free slot play upon arrival at the casino. This is a smoke free casino with many restaurants to meet at for lunch. There are fast food places also. The bus leaves the casino at 3:00 and arrives in Jupiter about 5:00pm. Bring a friend and have a great day doing something very different. Vicki Celio is heading up this outing 546.8119.

January 21st is "Everyone's a Celebrity at the Retreat!" It's karaoke night – a Relay For Life fundraiser! Purchase a \$10 ticket at the door or in advance from a team member. Our Retreat resident D.J. Gino Giliberto will be playing and singing along with many other fellow celebs. Checks may be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Contact: Marlene Boobar 546.1043. **February 7th** will be a fantastic tour of **The Breakers Historic Hotel.** It's history and architectural precedents will be explored. The tour is limited to 20 people and the spots fill up quickly. Lunch will be at Testa's in Palm Beach. Meet at the Clubhouse by 11:00am, check-in, then we'll carpool to the Flagler Museum where a trolley will take us to The Breakers Hotel. To make your reservation and get your ticket, contact: Elaine Quinter, 545.7927

February 15th – a Wednesday, is lunch bunch day – at Josephine's Café and Bistro at Sewall's Point. Sign up in mailroom. Gather by noon that day to carpool. Let Cheryl Wigen know if you have already arranged transport. Her number is 545.1114.

February 20th promises to be red and white! It's a **Valentine Pot Luck Dinner** and monthly meeting. Join us at 6:00pm in the Clubhouse. Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Sign up in the mailroom. **Note an earlier time**. Business meeting and program will follow. All are welcome!

Now we're into March – and that means **Duffy Days** every Tuesday. Support the "Retreat Remembers ..." Relay For Life team by using flyers in the mailroom. A percentage of your Tuesday evening meal will go to the American Cancer Society. Any questions call: Lill at 545.3732.

Hope these events will kick off your New Year of adventures with good friends and neighbors.



Thank you to all the Women's Club members that supported with wonderful event. Our GAL Gift tree benefits the 19th Judicial circuit's Guardian ad Litem Program that supports and represents abused, neglected or abandoned children in Okeechobee, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties. Thank you for brighten the smile of a child this year!



FEEDING WILDLIFE

BY ROBERT IRETON-HEWITT

It seems like such a nice thing to do. Many believe that providing food to wildlife is

good and it is helping these animals in what seems to be a very hostile environment. However, feeding wildlife is actually a bad practice that can lead to not only nuisance problems for you, but also your neighbors and possibly potentially dangerous encounters with other, uninvited animals.

Feeding wildlife is generally discouraged and, in some cases, illegal. In Florida, it is illegal to feed manatees, Sandhill cranes, bears, raccoons, foxes, and alligators. Intentionally placing food or garbage, allowing the placement of food or garbage, or offering food or garbage in such a manner that it attracts black bears, foxes, raccoons, or Sandhill cranes and thereby creates a public nuisance is prohibited.

Additionally, intentionally feeding species listed as threatened, endangered, or of special concern - including Florida scrub-jays - is prohibited unless authorized by FWC permit. Feeding listed species is prohibited because it can negatively alter feeding behavior in some species and can cause them to become accustomed to people.

Feeding wildlife often has a detrimental rather than a helpful effect. Feeding animals may cause some species to concentrate so much on this supplemental feeding that they become a nuisance or a threat to people (e.g., bears, Sandhill cranes). When fed, alligators can overcome their natural wariness and learn to associate people with food. When this happens, some of these alligators have to be removed and killed.

Feeding stations where wildlife congregates also can help spread diseases among wildlife. In addition, some food that is fed to wildlife is considered "junk food" to animals. Things like bread and other human staples are generally poor substitutes for naturally occurring foods that wildlife finds in the wild. Feeding birds responsibly can be a fun and safe activity. However, if you attract nuisance species (such as bears or Sandhill cranes), you must stop feeding until these animals are no longer visiting your property. Intentionally attracting listed species to a feeder is prohibited.

SIDEWALKS

By Jim Pawlak, 2nd Vice President

This is one of many a root removal and sidewalk replacement—this one is on Retreat Drive. You can see from the size of the root what a LARGE task we are facing throughout our community. The Board is continually working to ensure our safety and correct this ongoing problem.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



SAVE THE DATE VALENTINE'S GET TOGETHER SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017 RETREAT CLUBHOUSE

WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD AND CH63 FOR UPDATED INFORMATION!

PETS OWNERS

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS A LEASH AND PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS. THIS IS A MARTIN COUNTY LAW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPPERATION.

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