



The Retreat Newsletter

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Our New Property Manager

My name is Steve Wendland. I grew up in New York on Long Island and moved to Florida 13 years ago. I've lived in Port Saint Lucie for the past 12 years with my wife and fur child (a 55-pound rescued mixed breed lap dog named Boots) after spending our first year in Wellington. I've spent the last 6 years in Association Management most recently at a condominium complex in Tequesta. Prior to that I was in technical support where I spent the prior 15 years of my working career in New York and here in Florida. I'm very excited for my opportunity to manage the Retreat and have met so many great (and helpful) people already. I appreciate very much those who have come in to welcome me in person. As we head into season, I look forward to speaking with more residents on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am to 11 am during open office hours.

All residents please be reminded that the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) meets tentatively on the 3rd Thursday of each month and completed application packages are submitted the Friday before those meetings so that they may be reviewed prior to the meeting. A completed checklist includes the following documents: 1) ACC form filled out, 2) A copy of current homeowners insurance declaration page, 3) A copy of survey outlining area(s) where work is to be done, 4) A detailed scope of work outlining what the application is for; including photos and drawings, 5) If a contractor is needed, included is a copy of his business license and insurance, and 6) A fully refundable deposit check in the amount of \$50 made out to The Retreat.

All work order requests are to be phoned in through Capital Realty at 1-800-940-1088, and all formal complaints from Residents are to be submitted to the management office in writing and signed. No action will be taken on a verbal work order request nor will action be possible via verbal complaint.

Respectfully,
Steve Wendland
Property Manager, LCAM
The Retreat at Seabranh
Capital Realty Advisors, Inc.
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Office 1-800-940-1088 ** - Please make note that all work orders (i.e. landscaping issues) for the Retreat should be called in through this toll-free number. This will ensure timely processing of your work order request. Your cooperation in advance is greatly appreciated.

Board Notes...

By John Clifford, President and Treasurer

The Retreat's new property manager (PM) Steve Wendland started working in June 2018.

Steve is a full-time property manager and is on site 40 hours per week. Steve's office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8AM to 11AM and by appointment. Please stop by the office to meet and welcome Steve Wendland.

During the summer months our contracted tree service company trimmed the tall Palm trees and Oak trees.

The Board has been meeting with our PM Steve Wendland and OGM Landscaping to refine the maintenance of our turf, plantings and work orders. Our property manager is in the process of following up on all outstanding work orders. When OGM resolves a work order, the OGM staff will speak with the homeowner or leave a door hanger indicating the issue was resolved.

The Retreat recently purchased some new gym equipment. Please stop by our gym located at the clubhouse and check out the new equipment.

Retreat street lights have been updated by FPL to L.E.D. technology. If you have noticed a street light that is not working, please contact FPL directly using the website www.fpl.com.

As a friendly reminder any and all changes and improvements to the exterior of our homes requires approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The ACC meets monthly and ACC applications are available on the website (www.retreatatseabranh.com) or at the PM's office.

Finally please obey the posted speed limit on all of our roads. The sheriffs office will be monitoring traffic speeds and citing drivers that exceed our posted speed limits.



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The Retreat Sizzlers Wrap Up a Great Season!

The Retreat Sizzlers welcomed new players to the fastest growing sport in North America of Pickleball. We played as mixed doubles in our matches with many players on our courts. Our players have made many bonds of strong lasting friendships on and off the courts. This season brought special excitement during our several months of "In Season Play." The courts were regularly full and resident players enjoyed healthy competition on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, from 8:00 AM until about 11:00 AM.

This season offered The Retreat Sizzlers some extra fun starting with a Halloween gathering mixer in our clubhouse. A December Holiday Party assembled some great food and beverages and great spirit from our players. What Pickleball group does not love an on-court party? February brought all together on a sunny Saturday morning with Hawaiian shirts and Tropical flair, flavorful fruits and snacks and Island Music. A fun time was had by all.

The season was completed with a Championship Competition Double Elimination Match in March with fierce, but socially healthy play. Over thirty Retreat Sizzlers Pickleball players participated with Bronze, Silver and Gold awarded. Congratulations to Ms. Jean Scerbo and Mr. Ray Audette taking First Place as a team. A handsome trophy stands in the clubhouse honoring the winners. An end of March banquet in The Retreat Clubhouse with awards, medals, "fun gag gifts," i.e., hot water bottles and such, rounded out a fine Pickleball season.

So, again, you ask, "What is Pickleball?" Our hope is to let all know of the on-court fun and great personal interaction of The Retreat Sizzlers. Summertime play continues for many on the schedule above, so come on over.

Ron Doucette

Pickleball Representative to the Clubhouse Committee

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB???

By Mona Wiley

Hope you all had a wonderful summer – it's not over here in Florida, but in some parts of the U.S. and the world, summer is over mid-August! I don't think it was as hot this summer as it has been in times past. Any opinions on that?

The Summer Activities Committee planned two events for us each month this summer. In June, we had breakfast at Toojays and went to the Kane Center for "A Night at the Copa Cabana," followed by dinner at Fresh Catch. In July we had our 3rd Annual Summer Picnic which was a real fun time. We also saw the movie "Mama Mia, Here We Go Again." In August we went to Ft. Pierce for lunch at the Tiki Bar followed by a tour of the Seal Team Museum. Some of us also started taking Line Dancing classes (easier said than done)! September is brunch at the Seminole Inn and lunch at Fujiyama's. A big Thank You to the Summer Activities Committee!

By the time you get back, our directory/event book will be available with a listing of many activities for the year. There will be events you will want to get involved with. More information will be sent out regarding our October events which include:

Purchasing Enjoyment Books to benefit our Relay for Life Team.

Thursday, October 11th Guided tour of Blowing Rocks Preserve, followed by lunch at Taste Restaurant.

Saturday/Sunday, October 13 and 14: Treasure Coast Community Singers perform Let's Go to the Hop.

Monday, October 15th Monthly Meeting. Gather at 6:15 to catch up with friends. Business meeting at 6:45, followed by a speaker from the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce who will inform us on what's new in our community.

Wednesday, October 17th: Lunch at Chris D'Anna's.

We look forward to seeing you soon! All women of the Retreat are invited to join us.



Kathryn "Kay" Bowen-Smith

September 17, 1929 June 10, 2018 Kathryn "Kay" Bowen-Smith, died at her home in Jupiter Sunday, June 10, 2018. She was 88 years young. She is survived by her son Frederick, daughter-in-law Jean and grandsons Chad and Justin. Many years of family life were enjoyed together in Ridgefield, CT, Bedford Village, South Salem and Pound Ridge, NY. Jupiter and Hobe Sound became home in 1994 when she moved to be near her son and family. Kay was educated at Wagner College (BA 1951) and Columbia University. Kay was recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Early in her career Kay worked on Wall Street and Time Life, Inc. under Henry Luce. Kay left the NYC business world to pursue what became an outstanding career in education. Kay completed her MA while teaching and was awarded a full time sabbatical at Columbia University by the Bedford School System to pursue her Doctorate in Communication. She interned at PBS, Channel 13. Kay often expressed her deep gratitude to Bedford Schools for this life-changing opportunity, a time she remembered as her "years of intellectual enlightenment". Kay retired, after 30 years of achievement, as principal of two highly acclaimed Bedford Schools she'd been instrumental in creating. After retiring to Jupiter, Kay was an advocate with Guardian Ad Litem, Chairperson of the Family Selection Committee for Habitat for Humanity, and volunteered with The Nature Conservancy. She was an active board member of Palm Beach Dramaworks during its early years and has continued as enthusiastic supporter. Kay was a passionate advocate for Human Rights and Women's Rights throughout her life and a writer for Amnesty International for 25 years. Kay's life was indeed one well-lived, full of rich, satisfying and love-filled friendships.

Published in The Palm Beach Post on June 17, 2018

Kay did it her way with dignity, no long suffering and at home in her own bed. She will be greatly missed by many.

MAY WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Excellent meeting with Dr. Robert Kenney from the Day Center at the Kane Center. Great presentation on On Living Well: Essential Tools to Defy Aging. He was introduced by Maria Hallowich. Picture includes Maria, Dr. Kenney and Marilyn Patterson, President.



35,084
lbs.

41,275 Meals

Thank You!

Total Food Collected

HOUSE of HOPE

Women's Club Outreach Committee

OGM—Our Retreat Landscaper

OGM Summer Landscape Report

Summer is here in all its glory. Temperatures are regularly over 90 degrees and humidity hovers around 90%. Also, in the last 3 months we've seen over 40 inches of rainfall in The Retreat. That's more than 60% of the average annual amount in just 90 days. While this makes it hot and muggy for all of us, it makes great growing conditions for our turf and landscape plants. Unfortunately, it also makes for some of the perfect conditions for two of our biggest pests; Chinch bugs and Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA). Both of these pests are the targets of OGM's proactive spray program so that we don't see infestations as have taken place in The Retreat in years past.

Chinch bugs are small turf pests that prefer St. Augustine. They live in the turf and feed on chlorophyll. We normally see the first signs of Chinch bugs in sunny, open areas of the turf or near sidewalks and roadways where the soil stays warm. The immature nymphs are orange and black striped and wingless. The adults are black and white with wings. Each life cycle for this pests is 5 – 6.5 weeks, the nymphs reach maturity in 4-5 weeks, mate, and lay eggs which hatch in 7 – 11 days.



Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA) were introduced in the panhandle of Florida in the 1930s and they now infest 15 states and are even found in the San Francisco Bay area. They are distinctive in that the colony excavates earthen mounds in which to protect the queen and larva. The stings from RIFA can range from painful red welts that form white pustules at the site, to severe anaphylactic response in sensitized individuals. Be on the lookout for mounds in your yard, especially immediately before rain events when the workers build up their mounds in anticipation of saturated soil conditions.

OGM believes in being proactive in the treatment of both of these pests while observing environmentally friendly practices. If you suspect that you have either of these pests in your landscape, let CRA know so that the site can be inspected and a treatment plan established.

Retreat Landscaping Service by OGM—Schedule of Service

(inclement weather may delay any of these service on the scheduled day,
rain dates are typically 24—48 depending on service area condition)

On Wednesday, Site Manager Mike is on-site for quality control and to
address workorders and special projects.

Mow Schedule:

Monday

Little Retreat
Angelina
East Side of Eldorado
Glacier (odd numbers)
West Side of Eldorado to Glacier
Cascadia
South Hawks Nest
East of the Roundabout on Retreat
Maryhill
La Creek
Nicolete
Field by the school on Retreat
Seabbranch Blvd.

Tuesday

East side of Retreat
Big Bend
North side of Glacier (even numbers)
Diamond Hill
Eldorado from Glacier to clubhouse
Clubhouse

Trim Schedule:

1st week – Thursday and Friday

Little Retreat
Angelina
Cascadia

2nd week – Thursday and Friday

Eldorado
Even numbers of Glacier
Little Hawks Nest

3rd week – Thursday and Friday

Big Hawks Nest
Maryhill
La Creek

4th week – Thursday and Friday

Nicolete
East Entrance Retreat
Big Bend



COFFEE DROP IN!

**Saturday, October 13th
9:30 AM Retreat Clubhouse**

NEW RESIDENT WELCOME!

Calling all new and longer time residents to “**DROP IN**” to the Clubhouse and enjoy a coffee with us!

**Got a question...we're here to help!
We have committees...and more stuff too! Learn about what the Retreat has to offer as you begin your residence here at one of the most beautiful communities in Martin County**

All RESIDENTS ARE welcome...
just drop in!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Marlene: marleneboobar@hotmail.com

got questions



Check out the Retreat Web Site:

www.retreatatseabbranch.com



BRIDGE SCORES

By Carol Flynn

April 17, 2018

- 1 – Steve Strong
- 2 – Carol Flynn
- 3 – Barry Mussatto
- 4 – Alan Shattuck

April 24, 2018

- 1 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 2 – Patsy Shattuck
- 3 – Alan Shattuck
- 4 – Ann Sterling

May 1, 2018

- 1 – Steve Strong
- 2 – Alan Shattuck
- 3 – Emily Mussatto
- 4 – Barry Mussatto

May 8, 2018

- 1 – Carol Flynn
- 2 – Steve Strong
- 3 – Kay Campbell
- 4 – Ann Sterling

May 15, 2018

- 1 – Ann Sterling
- 2 – Marie Ferrandino
- 3 – Steve Strong
- 4 – Rosemarie Scotti

May 22, 2018

- 1 – Carol Flynn
- 2 – Bill Burns
- 3 – Rosemarie Scotti
- 4 – Muriel Barry

May 29, 2018

- 1 – Sharon Davis
- 2 – Bill Burns
- 3 – Muriel Barry
- 4 – Marie Ferrandino

June 5, 2018

- 1 – Bill Burns
- 2 – Carol Flynn
- 3 – Ann Sterling
- 4 – Marie Ferrandino

June 12, 2018

- 1 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 2 – Sharon Davis
- 3 – Muriel Barry
- 4 – Marie Ferrandino

June 19, 2018

- 1 – Sharon Davis
 - 2 – Alan Shattuck
 - 3 – Patsy Shattuck
 - 4 – Carol Flynn
- ### June 26, 2018
- 1 – Ann Sterling
 - 2 – Patsy Shattuck
 - 3 – Alan Shattuck
 - 4 – Florence Greenberg

July 17, 2018

- 1 – Ann Sterling
- 2 – Florence Greenberg
- 3 – Muriel Barry
- 4 – Rosemary Scotti

July 31, 2018

- 1 – Muriel Barry
- 2 – Kathy Majewski
- 3 – Ann Sterling
- 4 – Sharon Davis

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

Audrey DeLoffi, 245.8420

Marilyn Patterson, 932.7492.

All RAN information available on the internet
at retreatatseabran.ch.com

Unexpected Golf Cart Hazard

There are many safety issues posed by electric and gas golf cart batteries. Fire departments across the country strongly suggest that each home should have a carbon monoxide detector.

Every smoke/carbon monoxide detector has an expiration date, the original smoke detectors installed in all of the homes at the Retreat have exceeded the expiration date and it is strongly recommended that homeowners replace them.

For more information, go to: <https://www.firehouse.com/rescue/article/10518243/the-unexpected-golf-cart-hazard>

FIRST FRIDAYS



**First Friday of
EVERY MONTH
October thru June**

*Come meet and join your
neighbors for a friendly
gathering at the
Clubhouse on the First
Friday of every month.
Bring an appetizer to
share and your own
beverage.
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All Retreat residents are invited to take part in our Retreat Activities.

For more information, please call the contact person.

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Mah Jongg Wed. 1 PM	Angela Bibby	545.9195
Duplicate Bridge	Carol Flynn	546.4118
Knot Just Knitting	Sandy Morrow Liz Plourde	545.1936 546.5673
Pickleball	Ron Doucette	245.8484
Poker—Men's Straight	Joe Ciocia	545.9767
Poker—Texas "Hold—Em"	Otto Vernacchio	546.7523

Red Hat Society	Rita Lariviere	546.9744
Relay For Life	Lill Malinowski	545.3732
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GREAT SUMMER.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR OUR
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 15. LET
US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A THEME FOR
THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTER.**

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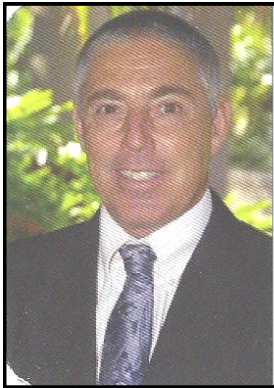
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