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"An Active Adult 55 & Over Community" ~ April 2011 ~ Number 4 ~ Volume 7



Our Cascades Choir

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The Cascades Gazette

Dee Bendix, Editor

Sandy Geoffroy

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When school was cancelled because of snow, I was out with my snow shovel shoveling walkways and driveways always trying to "fill my pockets" so to speak.

Years later I found myself mesmerized by the huge Victorian Mansions that lined Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington, Delaware. For some strange reason, I wanted to paint one. Beginners luck was on my side the day I knocked on Paul Fisher's door and asked if I could paint his house. He laughed and asked me how old I was. I told him I will be 13 in August. He told me that he won't let me paint his house, but I could scrape off the loose paint for him. I told him that if I was going to scrape the loose paint off, I wanted to paint it. *And I did paint it!*

By the time I was 18 years old, I painted the exterior of 3 more mansions all on the same block next to each other. These homes were *huge!* Needless to say my Father was amazed at what I had accomplished. So when I recently told him that I have worked for nearly 400 residents in one community (Cascades) he said "I'm not surprised."

We still to this day laugh about the time that the school principal called the police on me when I was 9 years old because I accidentally dropped a handful of bills on the cafeteria floor while trying to pay for an ice cream sandwich. Two police and principal Simpson questioned me as to where I stole the money from. After my Father cleared everything up, principal Simpson said, "I wish I could make that much money shoveling snow." I said "you don't have to wish, all you need is a snow shovel the next time it snows!"

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Owners' Gate Change in April

submitted by Ron Kubinski

On or around April 18th, 2011, we will be making a significant change to the owners' gate that impacts every car in the community. Our existing bar code system works as follows. All of the bar codes we receive come to us in working order and are only programmed with our exclusive community code. Over the past several years, none of the cards have been entered into the bar code reader software system. This was due to shortages of available manpower and it is a tedious task to enter all the information. Consequently, any bar code that was ever issued still has access through the owners' gate of our community. This includes people who have moved and probably a few contractors who no longer work here. However, we have stopped issuing bar codes to contractors as they are regulated through the visitors' entrance during certain hours of the day and certain days of the week.

In an effort to improve our security, the bar code reader will soon be activated and programmed to allow only cars that are owned by current residents to enter through the owners' gate. The first thing we had to do was enter all the known existing bar code numbers into the system. Anyone who has moved or has issued a bar code to a friend will no longer be able to get through the owners' gate. Entering this data was an enormous effort by Paula VanDyke and these entries are now complete.

In addition, please have your bar code attached to your vehicle. People who try to use this device through the window are causing traffic jams at the entrance and are making it difficult for others to enter. There may be a few exceptions to this ruling such as owning a very small vehicle or certain convertibles. However, those exceptions will be determined by our site manager. If you do not want the bar code attached to your car, you have the option to use the visitors' gate. It is imperative that you understand and know how to use the visitors' gate system, especially in lieu of the changes we are making. If you do not know your six digit code please contact the managers office.

It is vitally important that we have your current bar code on file or you will not have access through the owners' gate. The following page of the Gazette has a form that we are requesting everyone to update so our records are current. Please do so and turn this form into the manager's office.

After we make the gate change, if you cannot gain access through the owners' gate, please contact Paula VanDyke and she will place your bar code number into the software system to make it active to work with the owners' gate. We don't anticipate a lot of problems but, as with any new system, it is possible some errors may occur if we do not have your correct information.

Resident Update Form

Please tear out & return form to the Cascades Office on or before **Tuesday, April 12th**

Florida Address: _____

Owner Name (s): _____

Local Telephone #: _____ Alternate Telephone #: _____

Alternate Address: _____

E-Mail Address 1: _____ E-Mail Address 2: _____

Tenant Info (if applicable): Name (s) _____ Lease Dates: _____

Home Watch Contact: _____

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Color	_____	_____	_____	_____
Plate #	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bar Code #	_____	_____	_____	_____

Access Card Number (s) example

034-48770

 11261212-1 **Card # is 034-48770**

NOTE: Each household is entitled to one Access Card per adult or homeowner. Please include all cards issued to your household.

Access Card Number (s) _____

Do you wish to have the following information published in the Cascades Directory?

Name (s) _____ Address _____ Fl. Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Please sign authorizing the above _____

Signature

**Please remember to complete and return this form to the office by
Tuesday, April 12th**

I Didn't Know That

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

Your Name Is Mud: Legend has it that the mud referred to in this context, has to do with Dr. Samuel Mudd. He was the hapless physician whose fame in life came from setting the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth shortly after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Though strictly abiding by his professional code of ethics, Dr. Mudd was sentenced to a life in prison for helping an assassin. Even in prison, Mudd gained recognition for the tremendous contribution he made in working with patients of the typhoid epidemic.

Bridge First!

On March 16th we had a bridge first: Maureen Voiers and Laverne Schulte had an all time single round of 3530 points. Maureen ended the session with yet another first; 6470 points for the day.
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submitted by Pat Calvert, President of the Women's Club

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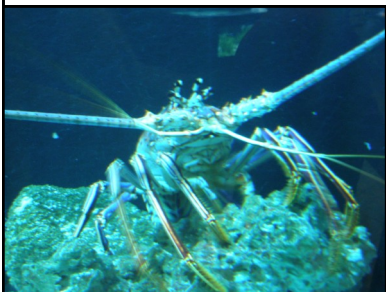
MARINERS CLUB ~ SARASOTA OUTING FEBRUARY 2011

submitted by Jose Tuya ~ photos by Dave Miska

On a typical, perfect Florida winter day, the Mariners enjoyed an excursion to Sarasota and visited the Mote Aquarium, took a luncheon cruise aboard the Marina Jack II and shopped at St. Armands Circle. This was also the maiden voyage for new Mariners; Tom Borich, Ray and Suzanne Falcoa, Hugh Ivany, Charlotte McKenzie, and Tom and Sue Kerekes.

At the aquarium, we saw a complete giant squid (in formaldehyde), manatees and groupers sufficiently large to feed a family of four for a month. There was also a bird rehabilitation center and the usual cute dolphins. From there we went for our boat ride and lunch buffet. We sailed through the Sarasota inlets and intra-coastal waterway with the waterfront mansions and shimmering waters under the bright sunshine. The captain reminded us of the important role the intra-coastal waterway played during World War II as it provided safe passage for ships from Maine to Texas protecting them from the threat of German submarines. After our water event we did some terra firma shopping and eating at St. Armands Circle.

On the drive back, on Bayfront Drive, we saw a 50-foot statue that's a replica of the famous V-J Day (May 8, 1945) picture on Times Square of the sailor kissing the nurse. The next sight we saw was the brown gates with the golden C welcoming us back to The Cascades.



SARASOTA OUTING PICTURES ~ MARINERS CLUB



Take Heed

I read an interesting bit of info about using your credit card to purchase gasoline. After you tank up and the price of gas is noted... when you are finished it is a protection security to press "CLEAR" to delete your info from the system so that anyone inside the gas station is not able to use your card.



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Saturday, April 23rd

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WHAT'S THE RUSH?

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The economic downturn, the rise in foreclosures, and the inability to locate affordable housing has younger people running for the 55 and older communities.

While The Fair Housing Act (FHA) protects all citizens from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap or familial status (families with children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal guardians; pregnant women and people trying to get custody of children under 18), there is an exemption under the Housing for Older Persons Act ("HOPA").

HOPA provides that housing that meets the FHA'S definition of "housing for older persons" is exempt from the law's familial status requirements, provided that:

1. It is occupied solely by persons who are 62 or older or
2. It houses at least one person who is 55 or older in at least 80 percent of the occupied units, and adheres to a policy that demonstrates an intent to house persons who are 55 or older.

In order to qualify for an exemption to the familial status laws, a community must satisfy either 1 or 2 above - not both. The majority of communities that fall within the exemption are 55 or older communities. In addition to the requirements that at least 80% of the units be occupied by a person 55 or older, the community must also publish and adhere to policies and procedures that demonstrate an intent to be a provider of housing for older persons. The community must also comply with rules established by HUD for verification of occupancy, which includes biennial age surveys of occupants.

Although HOPA established a minimum threshold that at least 80% of the units be occupied by a person 55 or older, the community may set forth more stringent requirements. For example, a community can require that a least one person 60 years of age or older, that 100% of the units be occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older, so long as the additional requirements comply with state and local fair housing laws.

Many people misinterpret HOPA and incorrectly believe that once a community reaches 80% occupancy of units by a person 55 or older, the community must allow people below the age of 55 to occupy the remaining 20%. While Associations generally have the ability to grant "hardship exceptions," the community is under no obligations to do so. In fact, in most cases, communities should adhere to strict enforcement of the 55 and older requirement, reserving the 20% buffer for situations in which a 55 or older spouse dies and an underage spouse will continue to occupy the unit, inheritance or similar situation. In some cases, an Association's governing documents do not permit hardship exceptions at all, or in limited situations, only for children under 18.

Due to the downturn in the economy, Associations are faced with an increasing number of underage family members and friends attempting to occupy units in 55 and older communities without someone who is 55 years of age or older. Sometimes, the units are vacation or seasonal units that sit *vacant* most of the year. The owner allows a friend or family member to take up residence, despite his/her age. In other cases, someone 55 or older purchases the unit and submits an application for occupancy stating that he/she will occupy the unit, when in fact, the unit is being purchased for an underage family member and the owner has no intention of residing in the unit. Whatever the underlying circumstances might be, the Association is faced with enforcing the 55 or older provision.

The unit owners are sent a letter advising them of the violation and requesting compliance. In response, the Association receives virtually the same response - the Association has at least 80% of the units occupied by someone 55 or older and therefore, you *have* to let my son or daughter reside in the unit, or my son or daughter will be 55 in one year, so you should just let him/her stay. In a vacuum, the Association might be able to allow an underage occupant to remain in the unit, however, from a practical perspective, an Association should reserve the 20% buffer for those situations that are out of their control such as death or inheritance.

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Friday, April 22nd
Friday, May 13th
7:30 - 9pm

Are you a Know-It-All? Are your friends Know-it-Alls? Gather with like minded Jeopardy fans, knowledge collectors, and trivia buffs for an evening of Team Trivial Pursuit. **Win some fun prizes.** Bring your friends or make up a team on the spot. It's a team event so any individual knowledge of arcane subjects will be useful. Sign-up with Suzi!

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It Might Save Your Life

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

These are crucial tips to become aware of in an emergency situation. These are written by a policeman and may save your life.

1. A tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point in your body. If you are close enough, use it!
 2. A tourist guide suggestion: If a robber asks for your wallet...Do Not Hand It Over! Toss it away from you. Chances are that the robber is more interested in the purse than you and he will go for the bag.
 3. If you are ever thrown into a trunk: Kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you but everyone else will.
 4. Get a Move on: Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating working, etc. and just sit there probably doing their checkbook or writing a list. The predator is watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to drive to. As soon as you get into your car...Lock the Doors and Leave! If some one does make it into your car...DO NOT drive off. Gun the engine and speed into anything. Your airbag will save you. Get out of the car if possible and run.
 5. Parking lot entry: Be aware...look around you; look into your car, the passenger side floor and the back seat. If you are parked next to big van, enter your car from the passenger side, if possible. Most attackers pull their victims into the van and drive off. Look for males sitting in a car alone that are parked near your car. Go back into the mall and get a guard to walk you to the car. Better to be safe than sorry!
 6. Always take the elevator: Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot, especially at night.
 7. Man with a gun: If the predator has a gun and you are under his control...always run! The predator will only hit you, the running target, 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely will not be a vital organ. Try to run in a zigzag pattern.
 8. A sympathetic ear: Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well-educated man, who always played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. Predators may limp, use a cane and ask for "help" into his vehicle..be aware.
 9. The little one: A friend said she had heard a baby crying outside, she immediately called the police. He notified her to, NOT open the door! This is the sympathetic ploy to try to get you to open the door and come outside.
 10. The water scam: If you hear water running outside in the middle of the night, Do Not investigate. They are trying to lure you outside for the attack. This wasn't written to scare people but to make them aware of what is out there and how to stay safe and alert.
- Your life may depend on your first reaction to the situation.



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Celebrate Growing Old

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

These lessons of life are written by Regina Brett, a 90 year old from Cleveland, Ohio.

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

When in doubt, just take the next step.

Your job won't take care of you when you are sick.

Your friends and family will.

Cry with someone. It heals better than crying alone.

It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

It's OK to let your children see you cry.

Don't compare your life with others. You have no idea what their journey is about.

Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.

Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

Burn the candles, use the nice sheets and dishes, and don't save it for a special occasion.

Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

Always choose life.

Time heals almost everything. Today is special.

Believe in miracles.

Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

All that truly matters in the end is that you are loved.

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Yield.

RETIRED EYE GLASSES

submitted by Mike and Veronica Murphy.

We once again are asking you to donate your "retired eye glasses". We mail them to Cross-Link International, a non-profit humanitarian aid ministry that provides medical resources to those in need around the world. They work through medical mission teams, mission hospitals and free clinics abroad and in the USA. We have a container on a shelf in the Craft Room. Prescription, non-prescription, and sun glasses are in great demand. Any prostheses eyes are needed! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

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WHAT'S THE RUSH?

Granting a hardship exception or allowing the 20% to be occupied by individuals under 55 years of age can lead to selective enforcement issues and in some cases, the loss of the HOPA exemption.

Associations qualifying for the housing for older person exceptions should be mindful of the mad dash toward these communities by underage occupants. Turning a blind eye today might prevent enforcement in the future.

.....submitted by Rick Fried, Vice President of
The Board of Directors...

Cascades Successful Bocce Club

submitted by Jan Lehner

I cannot believe our Bocce Tournament - Season will be ending soon. Before the majority of our players head back home, I wanted to THANK all our 145 Bocce members for supporting our club, All the Hostesses and volunteers who made our brunches and Theme parties so successful, our referees who gave up their free time to manage our games, our innovator who made new bocce league approved measurers, the players on our Women's Travel league and captains who hosted several lunches for our competitors, members of the SWFBL who also hosted their competitors and served coffee and donuts, all the ladies on our Social committee who managed to assist our new volunteers so they would be comfortable in hosting a Brunch or party, for the behind the scene guys who keep our courts clean when the leaves would fall right before a game, the two volunteers who painted the metal dividers on our Bocce Ball holders before another player came up with the brilliant idea of installing PVC piping on our ball rack to hold our Bocce balls, another helper who volunteered to stain all the wood surrounding the Bocce courts as well as the bulletin board. We cannot forget our three in-house photographers who supplied all the great pictures published in our Gazette, our in-house tournament leader who has been handling our successful tournaments for years, the Bocce Board members who maintain the Bocce club's best interest at heart. For that, I am truly thankful.



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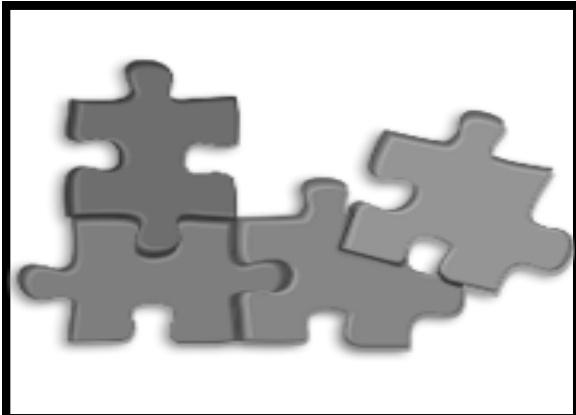


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If anyone likes to do picture puzzles, we now have a variety of them in the Media Room thanks to one of our residents, Connie Smith. If you have any that YOU would like to donate, please bring them in and put them in the Media Room.

Have fun and enjoy!!

Kathy and Jan's Luau Cobbler submitted by Veronica Murphy

1 pkg. yellow cake mix
1 stick softened butter
Mix, pat into 9" x 13" pan – bake for 10 minutes in a 350 oven.

Top with 4 cups drained fruit cocktail

Mix as topping – sprinkle over fruit
½ c. bisquick
½ c brown sugar and cinnamon to your liking
2 tbsp. butter

Chop 2 c. walnuts sprinkle over top (optional)
Bake another 25 – 30 minutes in a 350.

Enjoy.

The Difference

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

What is the difference between "http" and "https"? Security is the answer. HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol. The "S" stands for secure! If you visit a website or web page, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://. This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular unsecured language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. This is why you should never enter your credit card number, social security number on a "http" website. Check for that little "s" for the security with sensitive information. It could save you a lot of grief!

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Friday, April 15th & Saturday, April 16th

at 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$12.50 theater style seating
Tickets go on Sale Tuesday, March 1st.

See Suzi

Coffee & Cookies after the show.

My humble thanks to all who attended our "Open House" for "Gib." I was truly overwhelmed!

Your generosity of food, flowers, Sympathy and Mass Cards was just so amazing.

Also the many Memorials to "Hope Hospice" in "Gib's" name were appreciated!

My Heartfelt Thanks,

Jo Low and daughter Deborah.

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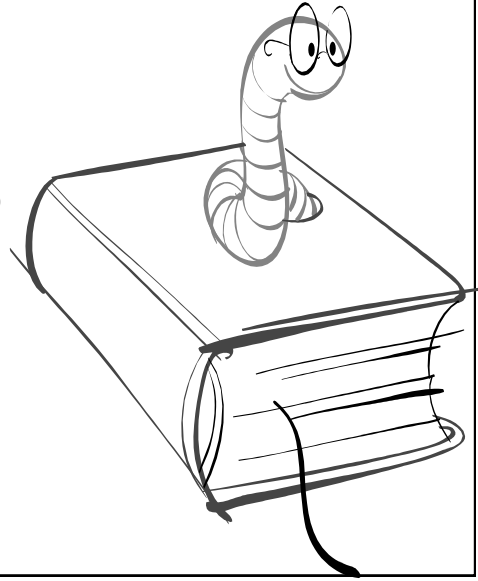
Dear Readers,

The Cascades Bookworms' selection for April is "Sixth Lamentation" by William Brodrick.

" 'Sixth Lamentation' is a historical mystery in which nothing and no one is what they appear to be once its serpentine twists and turns have been followed to a heart breaking conclusion." (Review by staff of Matthews Public Library, Fredericksburg, Pa.)

The discussion for the book will be held on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 PM in the Media Room.

As always, new members are most welcome.
Pat Beausoleil



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Bits of Info

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

The Amazon: The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that more than 100 miles at sea, one can dip fresh water out of the stream.

Antarctica: It is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety per-cent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice represents 70% of all the fresh water in the world. The average total precipitation is 2 inches, which is essentially a desert. Antarctica has the lowest humidity on the planet, even lower than the Gobi Desert.

Canada: Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village"

Chicago: It has the largest Polish population, next to Warsaw.

Detroit: Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1. It is named this because it was the first paved road in the United States.

Istanbul, Turkey: It is the only city in the world located in two continents.

New York City: The term "Big Apple" was coined by touring jazz musicians in the 1930's. They used the slang expression, "Apple" for any town or city. Therefore, to play in New York; is to play the big time, The Big Apple. There are more Irish in NYC than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Ohio: There are no natural lakes in the State of Ohio. Every one is man made.

Rome, Italy: The first city to reach a population of 1 million people in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Spain: Spain literally means the "land of rabbits".

St. Paul, Minnesota: St. Paul was originally called Pig's Eye, after a man named "Pig Eye" Parrant. He set up the first business there.

Russia: The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Superdeep Borehole. It reached a depth of 12, 261 meters or 7.62 miles. It was drilled for scientific research and gave up a huge deposit of hydrogen. The deposit was so massive that the mud from the hole was boiling.

United States: The Eisenhower Interstate System requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Venezuela: The Water of Angel Falls is the world's highest. It drops 3,212 feet. That is 15 times higher than Niagara Falls.

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May 14th

A gambling cruise and
all you can eat breakfast buffet
While cruising the waters of the Gulf have fun
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More information will follow!



**OUR 7TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE**

submitted by Bob McDowell

Our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration has always been a huge success and this year's edition was no exception thanks to Activities Director, Suzi Rees. As always, as soon as the doors opened one could tell that our residents had come with partying on their mind. The delicious corn beef and cabbage was again provided by a good friend to the Cascades, Skiff Green. Huge portions of the Irish favorite were the order of the evening and seconds were gladly heaped on.

The entertainment was provided by Billy Jollee who makes a sound that anyone would swear was coming from a multi piece band. Billy was making his first appearance here at the Cascades and quickly proved to be a crowd pleaser as the dance floor was continuously packed.

The highlight of the evening, of course, was the arrival of a contingent of pipes and drums from the Harp and Thistle Pipe Band of S/W Florida. It has been two years since their last show here. They really provide a wonderful touch to the traditional St. Patrick's Day festivities. Since the very first party in 2005 we have used the occasion to hold either a raffle or a 50/50 to raise funds for the Cascades Santa's Helpers Fund. We collected \$900.00 and were getting ready to draw the winners when Bob Hagan suddenly jumped up and offered a \$50.00 bill if anyone would match it. Pete Schofield and Ray Barry quickly indicated that they would be happy to do so. Others followed so quickly that as the MC I couldn't keep track. I do know that even our guest entertainer Billy Jollee donated \$20.00 When it was over the pot stood at \$1,105.00. Santa would get \$550.00 dollars. Then the drawing started, third prize \$137.00 was won by Bob Hagan who immediately yelled that he would give it all to the kids. If you think that was weird wait. The second prize of \$137.00 was won by Mr. Ed Gnazzo, a house guest visiting from Connecticut. He was very impressed that a community would do something like this and immediately said that he would donate it back. The final draw was for the grand prize of \$275.00, not a bad prize for a 50/50. The winner incredibly was my wife Jean who happily screamed that it was "all going to the kids" The entire bag of money therefore was given to Santa. Wow! Whatever forces went to work in that ballroom that night will certainly bring a lot of smiles this December. I did make one mistake when I said that we had collected 175 pajamas. Actually that number was the stuffed animals, we only received 65 pajamas. Hard to believe but many residents came up to us saying they had no idea what this was all about but that they wanted to help. We will try to get something out on the charity later in the year. Thank you so much to all of you especially those who went over and above. May the Luck of the Irish be with you always.



.....more pictures on page 23!



...more pictures of St. Patty' Day



CASCADES QUILTERS



Phyllis Gorecke and her original quilt/wall hanging

We thought Cascades residents might like to have an update from Cascades Quilters, who meet in the Craft Room on Wednesday afternoon. Thanks for making our sale of quilts and quilted bags at the Cascades Craft Sale in December substantial enough that we were able to make a generous donation to the Harvest Time Ministries for food for migrants, plus we have been able to purchase some needed supplies with the monies from the sale. We are continuing to make quilted bags for the Susan G. Komen Organization through Paola Snyder.

Because we have had so much interest in our baby quilts and lap robes, we have decided to make a change in what we do with the items we make. If anyone in the community has a need for a baby quilt for a grandchild, or a lap robe for a shut-in, or even a wall hanging for themselves, we would be very happy to show you what we have in our "stash" of quilts and see if you would like to make a purchase. We will still continue to give quilts to needy folks, but if we can still sell some, we can make donations to our local food banks. There is truly so much need, we just want to help the community. So if you're interested in seeing what we have in our quilt closet, feel free to stop by any afternoon between 1 and 3pm! We love our jobs as piece makers.



Any questions,
please contact
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Cascades Chorus Dance Spring Concert

Saturday, April 9th

Doors open at 5:30pm

Chorus Concert begins at 7:30pm

Bring a dinner sandwich (ice is provided)
from home and eat and dance to the

Cascades Virtual Band that will be playing 40's & 50's
music with some rock and line dances!

*Enjoy dance music BEFORE & AFTER the concert by
Cascades Virtual Band and John Piccolo.*

FREE (sign up with Suzi)



Bingo Info

submitted by Sandy Geoffroy

With the call of our "Lucky Hat" number by our resident bingo caller, Joe Geoffroy, Alyce Spallone started the night with the first win. The full card winner this month was Lynn Roccaro, with a \$100.00 prize. As the season grows to a close we hope to see you all there on April 10th. We thank you for all your support throughout the year.



CASCADES MEN'S CLUB

submitted by Ralph Giaquinto

A \$100.00 donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk was approved by the membership. It was given to Susan Eisenberg to support The Cascadians 4 the Cure. The Men's Club, thanking them for their concern in support of this great cause.

Also approved for donation were two rectangular 6 ft. tables to be used for various events in the Club House.

A Mardi Gras party was held by the Club on March 8th. Food, refreshments, and dancing were the order of the evening.

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who had anything to do with putting this event together. Your dedication is what makes these events outstanding.

Just a reminder that the next meeting is April 12th. At 6PM. in the Clubhouse.

A Great Big Thank You

I would like to thank the residents of the Cascades for their generosity in supporting our fight against M. S. I collected \$257.00 during my stay at the Cascades for the MS Walk to be held on April 10th. My family and I are very appreciative.

Thank You, Emily Geoffroy

*Our Deepest Sympathy
goes out to
Jerry Greene
On the recent loss
Of his beloved wife
Ferne.*

Sixth Annual Cascades Ski Trip

The Sixth Annual Cascades Ski Trip was in Vail, Colorado. As in the past, it was arranged by Karen Fazio. This year the Cascades skiers were Karen & Mike Fazio, Sharon & Jim Zemke, Karen Riouz, George Gendron, Ed Kaliner and Ray Amara.

We had 40 inches of new snow on top of 300 inches on the ground!!! We had nothing but sunny days and powder conditions. We spent 2 days traveling and 6 days skiing.

Over the past 6 years we have gone to Steamboat, Aspen, Taos NM, Lake Tahoe and Copper Mountain Ski Resorts.

If there are any other interested skiers in Cascades, please contact Karen Fazio.



What would you like to see at the Women's Club Meetings?

If you have a good idea for different programs or have really enjoyed something that you want repeated at the Women's Club meetings, please fill out the forms that will be placed on the table at the next Women's Club meeting.

Thank You,
Pat Calvert

President of the Women's Club

WE WENT SKYDIVING...

On Friday, March 18th, four Cascadians, crossed off Sky-diving off their Bucket List!

Ed Dobbyn, George Gendron, Ed Kaliner and Dave Vallencourt went to Punta Gorda for a tandem jump. We had about 1/2 hour of instruction. We were helped into our harnesses, and two at a time were taken up in a plane to 13,000 feet. We were attached in front to our instructors. We put our feet on a step outside the plane and did free fall for about 1 minute. The chute opened and we controlled the parachute till about 10 seconds from landing. The instructor landed us, some standing up and some on our butts.

After it was over, it took about an hour to get the smiles off our faces!!! This was a thrill of a lifetime!!!



IF YOU LIKE BIG BAND MUSIC

submitted by Ted Munsch



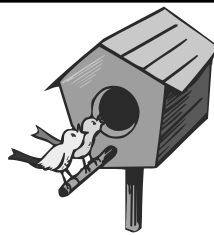
The Bonita Springs Concert Band under the direction of Dr. Dennis Hill will be performing their final spring concert on Sunday, April 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the band shell at Riverside Park, off Old Highway 41 in Bonita Springs. The concert is free and will feature selections from several musical genres, including marches, the "Die Fledermaus Overture", "El Camino Royale", "The Blues Brothers Review", "Dixieland on Parade" and the "Armed Forces Salute". The concert is FREE and attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets for seating and a picnic lunch if they desire.

For more information about the band, their music and future concerts, see the band's web site at:

<http://bonitaspringsconcertband.com>

I'll be there, playing the tuba!

To Our Departing Snowbirds...



If you are returning north for the summer, or just leaving for vacation and would like to keep up with all the news here at Cascades, just give Suzi a self-addressed (8 1/2 x 11) envelope with \$1.75 worth of stamps on it for every month you're away.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE VIOLATION NOTICES WHICH WERE SENT OUT EARLIER THIS YEAR. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE ONCE YOUR PARTICULAR ISSUE HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. PLEASE CALL 495-7937 OR E-MAIL

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NEWS FROM THE COURTS

submitted by Joyce Haas

The tennis courts have been buzzing with activity during the month of March. On March 9th, our Mixed Doubles Exhibition was held at the courts. Shawn and Chad as well as two lovely ladies, provided us with excellent tennis to enjoy. Again homemade cookies and an assortment of drinks were available to the spectators. Can you top great tennis and delicious cookies? Please remember all Cascades residents are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

Sunday, March 13th, the Racquet Demo Day was held. There was a varied assortment of new racquets of many brands to use and help the participants decide if they were interested in purchasing a new tennis racquet. I'm certain we will be spotting new racquets on the courts in the very near future.

After having to reschedule the first two dates chosen for the Bisk Mixed Doubles Mixer, the weather cooperated on Thursday, March 17th, and the Mixer was held. There was a very nice turnout. St. Patrick must have smiled upon them- good food, good tennis, GOOD TIME, had by all.

Our Winter Tennis Leagues are nearing the end. All the Cascades Teams have played good tennis, enjoyed the interaction with other teams and will be working on their games throughout the summer.

Many of Cascades' residents will soon be heading back up North. We will miss them and wish them a very healthy and happy summer.



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Wednesday April 6th 2011 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**(Dinner Provided by Sonny's BBQ)
Event and Meal Are Both Free**

**Registration is Required
Sign Up with Suzi Rees at (239) 495-6742**

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

submitted by Veronica Murphy ~ photos by Naomi Gibbs

After a beautiful March Sunday morning of playing Bocce at the courts, Bocce Club Members advanced to the Ballroom for another successful Bocce Brunch. Phyllis and Joe Pantaleo hosted close to 90 Bocce members with their signature specialty, 'Pancake Brunch'. Their team included Dianne and Frank Guginsky, Lynn and Phil Roccaro, Joan Rea, Joann and Bob Corack, along with many helpers. These brunches are always a friendly time with good food, good friends and great camaraderie. *Mark your calendars for the next Bocce Brunch on April 10th!*

New Bocce Club Membership is being conducted for the upcoming year. A check donation of \$15.00 per person can be put into the Bocce Box located on the hall wall by the Cascades office. Kindly mark 'Membership Donation' on your check. Fran Vita is the Bocce Board contact person. If you need to speak with him his telephone number is 239-948-2680.

Looking forward to see you at the Bocce courts.



Happy Hour

In the Foyer / Pool Area
Wednesday, May 20th, 2011
5 – 7 pm

\$12 per person
Light Appetizers, Ice Cold Beer, Red & White
Wine will be served.

Sign-up with Suzi



Red, white, blue and you!

Join us for a

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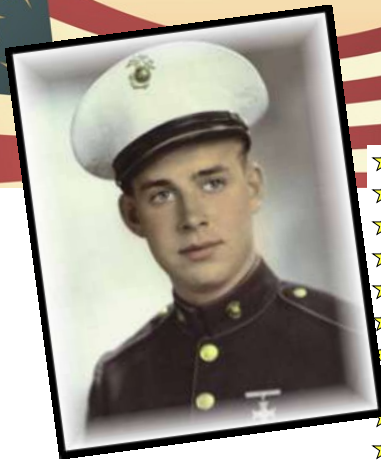
Monday, May 30th, 2011

10:00 am

Cascades Ballroom

Music by the Cascades Chorus.

Coffee & Refreshments will be served



I am collecting pictures of all Cascades Veterans for a Veterans Day surprise. Pictures will be returned upon request. Please stop by the Activities office and drop them off to Suzi or leave them in her folder with Paula. Please only bring pictures that distinguish you. Place your name on the back and don't let anybody see.



A few words from Suzi, our Activities Director

I can't believe its April.... Cascades has been a revolving door for the last few months. It was nice meeting so many of your families. As things seem to slow down know that I am looking for the next big thing to entertain Cascades. Being the active community we are there are a lot of extra parties and chances to get together. If your club is scheduled to use the ballroom please make sure you pick up a set of keys to include; The ballroom main doors, the a/c boxes, the kitchen inside door and on some occasion the outside kitchen doors, no more than 1 day before the party. In most cases the room will be available the day before your party for decorating, but in some cases the room will be in use. Association-run events are priority.

I think we should make the Cascades Community Yard Sale a yearly activity. I have some great ideas for next March. Let me know what you think and if you have any ideas to make it better.

ESTERO COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

submitted by William F. Williams

At the March 11th, ECCL monthly meeting, Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah was the principal speaker. Commissioner Judah made a detailed presentation on his support for the extension of State Road 951 from Collier County to Alico Road. Commissioner Judah strongly believes an additional route parallel to I-75 will be needed in the future. He was trying to convince the ECCL, who are opposed to the extension to change their position. At present, the road is **not** in the 2035 plan.

Commissioner Judah also talked about the 2011-2012 Lee County budget and the \$50 million debt. He indicated he favored the continued use of reserves to fund County services.

Estero Fire Chief Scott Vanderbrook's report was well received. Chief Vanderbrook has reduced the 2011 funding deficit from \$1 million to \$600,000. Through the use of function consolidation with the Bonita and San Carlos Fire departments, costs have been reduced. In addition, wage contracts for union firefighters contained pension and wage benefit cost savings.

There is no further news on the proposed Walmart at US 41 and Estero Parkway.

The next meeting of the ECCL will be April 8th, at 10:00 am at Estero Community Park.



*On Wednesday, April 20th at noon
The Lunch Bunch is heading to
Carrabba's in Gulf Coast.
There is a special menu or you may order off
the regular menu.*

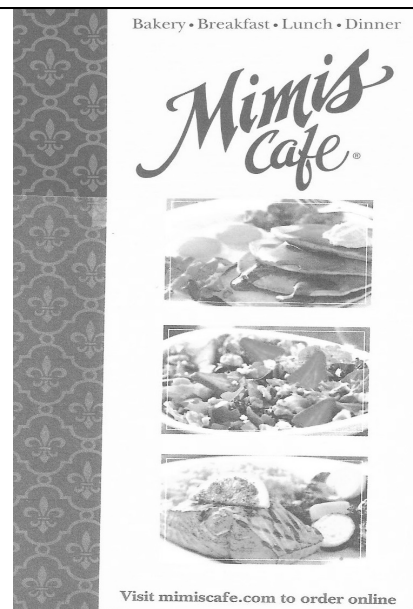
*Sign up in the Media Room
Deadline is Monday, April 18th*

*Questions call
Carol Hagan at 498-6269
Marilyn Mintz at 948-2239*

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*On Wednesday, May 18th at noon
We will be going to
Mimi's Café at Bell Tower
Shopping Center
Order from this diverse menu
from omelets to sandwiches.
Sign up in the Media Room
Deadline is May 16th
Questions, contact Carol Hagan or
Marilyn Mintz.*

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submitted by John Piccolo

The ICC has implemented the constructive suggestions that were emailed to WebMaster@CascadesInEsterro.com. Please continue to send your suggestions. Residents are starting to take advantage of one addition, the free PC software.

The PPS viewer enables one to see the Microsoft, (MS), Slide and Power Point presentations without purchasing MS Office. It's free and from MS! Great for those slide presentations of the grand children. The PDF viewer has been around for years and is usually included with a new PC. A popular item is the free office software, Open Office. It is functionally equivalent to the latest version of MS Office and was produced and is distributed by Sun Micro Systems and Oracle.

One open problem is some user's reception of the Courier. The most common problem is the Property Management system does not have all the residents email address or a current address. Many residents upgraded to the fast phone line access to the internet and/or Comcast, and did not inform Property Management of new email addresses.

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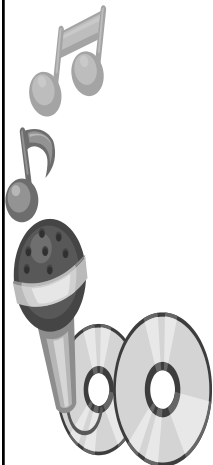
To appreciate this problem one might remember Permutations and Combinations that we struggled through in Algebra. There are so many P's and C's of operating systems and email software that the Courier has to contend with. Windows Vista, or Seven, or XP. Combine that with Outlook, Outlook Express, HotMail, Yahoo, AOL, MSN, EmbarqMail, Gmail, Comcast, and many more. Not to mention Apple and it's operating system or email software.

Please send an email to the website webmasters if you have been having problems with the reception of the Courier. We can't fix what we don't know is happening. At this writing the only solution to the HotMail problem is that the Courier will have images inserted in the text of the message as usual, which is expedient for most of our residents, but will also have the same images attached to the email.

Users who have no problem seeing the images within the message need not do anything. However, users that see little boxes with red x's in them where the image should be can open the attachments so see the images. The ICC has not given up on searching for a better solution.

Check items for sale on the Cascades Forum. There are some free items, e.g., a digital camera!!

The Gazette and Channel 95 replications on the website have been well appreciated by our seasonal residents. The Cascades website is for Cascades residents and is administered by volunteer residents, the ICC. This is our website, please continue to send constructive suggestions to the committee via WebMaster@CascadesInEsterro.com.



KARAOKE WITH CINDY MAY 27TH 6PM - 10PM IN THE BALLROOM - FREE!

All you have to do is get your group together, make whatever dining arrangements necessary (to share with your table) BYOB and join us for a little bit of Friday Nite dancing and singing.

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors. Open Seating.
Hosted by Cindy Passera ~ 947-1317
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!



*A few words from Tony Dumas, our
Community Association Manager*

By the time owners get to see this, yet another season will have just about wound down. Thinking back, it is my respectful opinion that the community has made great strides in the past six months. The hiring of Administrative Assistant, Paula VanDyke is just one paramount milestone that immediately comes to mind. There can be little doubt that the irrigation problems that were once an ongoing (expensive) irritation are now very much under control. Lee Lanfare, assisted by President Pete Schofield, has made great strides with landscaping. A lot of projects have been successfully completed. The installation of the Little Gems is just one that comes to mind. Ron Kubinski & Lee Lanfare continue to do sterling work with the facilities of the community, in particular the entrance gates which seem to act as an unwelcome magnet to motor vehicles. The Finance Committee did an amazingly outstanding job in absorbing the inevitable increased contractual obligations, at the same time being able to restrict the increase in assessments to an extremely nominal amount. The ACB continues to do sterling work to maintain the standards of the community and the Compliance Committee had no hesitation in taking on the unwelcome, but absolutely essential, task of property inspections throughout. My personal thanks to all those who responded so promptly to notices they received. The Annual Meeting went off well and, quite apart from anything else, the approval of the document amendment to permit the charging of a Resale Capital Contribution was a major breakthrough. Although this was only just over a month ago, we already have two sales under contract which qualify for the payment. I apologize that space constraints do not allow me to make mention of all that has been achieved by Committees and residents but I am sure you know what has been done and by whom. All in all, a wonderful season!

Now, let's take a quick peek at what is planned for the summer. We have a number of projects in mind, including but not limited to: reorganizing the internal key system, the back records room, the office and its contents; starting on a member referred Preferred Vendor/Contractor list; seeing what can be done to improve the administrative telephone system; having a good look at what possible amendments to the Governing Documents make sense (including an index to the Bylaws and Rules); having documents we refer to consistently on our desktops with search capability and much, much more. It all makes for a busy summer but we will see what can be done to make a positive dent in this list. I am sure it will grow as time goes by.

To those of you who have already done so or are returning back North shortly, we wish you a safe journey and a wonderful summer. We will miss you but time flies and you will be back before you know it. To those who will be here during the summer, be sure to secure your homes should you go away for a protracted period and, as strange as it may sound, hope for the summer rains to come soon. The dry spell we have been and are experiencing has overstayed its welcome.

To one and all, thank you so much for the support you have given me since I started here. Have a wonderful, happy, healthy summer!

Notes from Paula:

A warm welcome to some of our newest homeowners who just recently purchased homes here at the Cascades: Thomas and Sandra Lea on Serene Meadow, Edward and Rhonda Bittner on Springview Loop & Wayne and Jerry Welch on Lismore Lane. Remember to be safe and help prevent Identity theft by logging out when you are finished using the resident computers in the Media Center. Some sites like Yahoo automatically have the box marked "remember me" checked which when left that way will leave you logged onto the computer after you are finished.

Also, keep in mind all three computers in the Media Center are able to print as long as the computer in the middle is turned on.

Please remember to fill out and turn in the Information Sheet found in this month's issue of the Gazette.

Finally, the ongoing saga with Comcast.....The latest conversion date is now scheduled for April 19th. Our Community Channel is now viewable on Channel 195 if you have Comcast equipment and on Channel 95 if you have not installed your Comcast converter or adaptor. As always, please call Comcast at (239) 432-9277 if you have questions the Digital Conversion.

*Save Wednesday, May
25th at noon for
another fun-filled
afternoon for*

Bingo, Pizza & Beer!

***\$10.00 per person includes
Bingo Card, 2 slices of Pizza and
beverage.***

*There will also be a 50/50 so bring some
extra cash!*

*For those who just want to play Bingo,
the cost will be \$5.00*

***Deadline is May
20th***

***Sign up in Me-
dia Room & give
checks to Suzi!***



CASCADES BALLROOM KARAOKE PIZZA

(only) NIGHT

***JOIN US - Friday, April 29th
IN THE BALLROOM***

***6:00 PM - 10:00 PM ~ BRING
ALONG YOUR MUSIC, (if
you have some) YOUR***

***DRINKS and most of all, your
"POSITIVE FUN ATTITUDE"***

***You may bring your own Pizza or order
through us for preferred seating***

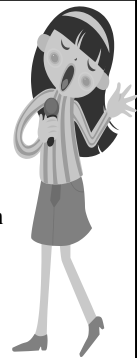
***Orders for Pizza & or Wings must be
placed by Wednesday, April 27th***

***For Information & to place your order call,
YOUR HOSTESS - CINDY PASSERA***

(239) 947-1317 or email

cidypassera@embarqmail.com

***This event is made possible by volunteers of Cascades
Community***



BATTLE OF THE SEXES

submitted by Veronica Murphy ~ photo's by the Murphy's

Another Cascades Bocce group of about 90 gathered at the Bocce Courts for the Battle of the Sexes. Women played on teams against each other as did the men. The winning women's team then played off the men's winning team. Despite discouraging comments from the women about the men not being able to play well on Court 2, talk of the men not getting a decent meal for the next week and that the men could do their own laundry, the men won. JUST BARELY THOUGH!!

The team of Evan Miller, Naome and Bob Gibbs, Jane and Fred Jagels, Donna and Bernie Sustman and Carl Fligge, plus many helpers, did themselves proud with a terrific setup! The morning started with coffee, donuts and pastries set up by the Bocce courts. Later an excellent barbeque manned by Bob Gibbs and Ralph Napolitano was enjoyed by all. Brats, dogs, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, veggie trays, fruit trays, and all the special trimmings. Then the piece de resistance, a fabulous dessert table featuring a decorated Battle of the Sexes cake surrounded by specialty cakes and brownies made by several of the team event volunteers.

Carol and Dave Miska managed the schedule for the battle. Once again, under sunny skies with a gentle breeze a great time was had by all. All are welcome to join the Cascades Bocce Club. New membership is being conducted now. See you at the Bocce Courts.



Mariners Club of Estero
Lion Safari/Los Olas/Palm Beach Outing
March 25 & 26, 2011

article submitted by Carmel Vaillancourt – photos submitted by Bunny Lennox

Our journey started early in the morning with the spectacular huge, orange, globe of the sun rising out of the East. A good omen. Roar! Where can you go in Florida and have a bus stopped on the road by a rhino? Lion Country Safari! This is a drive through excursion. There are lots of ostriches, chimps, many different species of antelopes, zebras, gibbons, water buffalo, a pride of lions with two happy males and my personal favorite the beautiful giraffes. The ostriches like to peck on the cars. A truly unique experience.

After a delicious lunch at Panama Hatties we visited the beautiful Flagler Museum in Palm Beach. Henry Flagler was instrumental in the development of Florida. He started in St. Augustine building three hotels and gradually acquiring small railroads in the state that eventually developed into the Florida East Coast System, including the Over-Sea Railroad to Key West and the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company route to Havana, Cuba. Miami was developed by Flagler. He laid out streets, founded a waterworks and sewer system and started an electric company which operates today as Florida Power and Light. On the way to the hotel we drove along "Millionaire's Mile". You can't see many of the mansions due to the very tall hedges along the road. Because the bus wasn't allowed to drive down the street we drove past Worth Avenue a very exclusive shopping area.

The next day we went to Los Olas in Ft. Lauderdale. This is a quaint area with lots of small shops and restaurants. There is a river walk with the usual yachts moored along the canal. After shopping and lunch it was time to go to Palm Beach. If there is water around the Mariners are going to take advantage and go on a boat trip. This time it was on the Diva Duck an amphibious tour that begins in downtown West Palm Beach and continues with a cruise on the Intracoastal Waterway. We saw magnificent mansions and yachts belonging to the rich and famous; Yoko Ono, Donald Trump, Rush Linbaugh, the Ford family, the Flagler family, the Kennedy family, the head of Merck, James Patterson, Celine Dion's mother among others. Liberace commissioned an ultra modern home, totally different than the others. Believe it or not, the J. F. Kennedy bomb shelter is on Peanut Island which is near the Island Palm Beach. Back on land we walked along City Place another quaint shopping area where many of us enjoyed some ice cream or a late lunch. We then boarded the bus for our trip home to Cascades.



April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Please sign up for ALL events even if there is NO CHARGE! </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Introduction of Tennis On the 2nd Saturday of each month. Contact Shawn at 9485287 </div>			<i>1</i> <i>April Fools Day</i> <i>Tennis-Mixed Double Mixers</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Tennis Party 5:00 pm</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>P.U.R.S.E.S. Seminar 5:30 pm</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Spring Chorus Concert & Dance 5:30 pm</i>
<i>10</i> <i>Bocce Brunch 11 am</i> <i>BINGO 6:30pm</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>BOD Workshop 1 pm</i> <i>Men's Club Meeting 6 pm</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Remember When.... 8 pm</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Remember When.... 8 pm</i>
<i>17</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>1st day of Passover</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Lunch Bunch Carrabbas</i> <i>Happenstance Concert 7:30pm</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Team Trivia 7:30—9:pm</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Mariner's Sanibel Boat Tour 1pm</i>
<i>24</i> <i>Easter</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>BOD Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	<i>27</i> <i>CWC Installation Luncheon 12 noon</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Bookworms 7 pm</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Karaoke With Cindy 6—10pm</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Cooking Class with Ch. Martin 12 noon</i> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg);"> Cancelled </div>

May 2011

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8	9	10 <i>BOD Workshop 1 pm</i> <i>Men's Club 6 pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>Trivia Night Ballroom 7:30—9 pm</i>	14 <i>Mariner's Big M Casino Boat Trip</i>
15	16	17	18 <i>Lunch Bunch Mimi's Cafe</i>	19	20 <i>Happy Hour in the Foyer 5—7 pm</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>BOD Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	25 <i>Women's Club Bingo, Beer & Pizza 12 noon</i>	26	27 <i>Karaoke With Cindy 6 - 1pm</i>	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day Celebration 10 pm</i> 00	31				

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