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President's Report By David Comolli

I'm glad to have this opportunity to be back on the Board and to work with the new members.

Our management team is strong and more than competent to make this a smooth transition. In my thirteen years at Ocean Resorts I have seen many changes, some good, some bad. Whether it be hurricane threats, aging infrastructure, Board member resignations, numerous Managers and employees, we still are here and solvent.

I know the New Board is eager to represent the shareholders, be approachable and make decisions that are in the best interest of all.

Have fun, get involved and keep O.R. our little piece of paradise.



Photo by Cibby Gardiner

2019 Ocean Resorts Board of Directors

Bob Fusco, Jim Buysee (Secretary), Gary Gardiner (Vice President), Vicki Neuman, Jim Rocco, David Comolli (President) and Bob Tobias (Treasurer)

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I ❤️ Ocean Resorts Week



Ice Cream Social



Photos by Lee Koesema

Hot Dog/ Hamburger Roast



I ♥ Ocean Resorts Week



LUNCHEON at CJ Cannon's



Photos by Sue Ertel

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Ida Smith

On Sunday, the beginning of "I Love O.R. Week", the annual Ice Cream Social was held with the annual luncheon following on Monday at C.J. Cannon's. A Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast was held Wednesday at the Pavilion Area. The Poker Run, which was a new event this season, was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The big winners were John & Nancy Provance. The Chili Bowl, also a new event, was well attended – the ladies who prepared the chili did a great job. Other News: Monetary prizes will be given by the Activities Committee to the winners of the various card games and Bingo players.

CHILI BOWL by Kathy Jankovic

The first OR Chili 🌶️ Bowl was held on Thursday, February 7, 2019. This event was sponsored by the activities committee. Around 110 OR residents enjoyed a bowl of chili and the camaraderie of friends at the Pavilion. They were able to spice up mild chili with jalapeños, onions, spices and hot sauces to their liking. Our chili chefs, making 30 batches of chili, were Sue Ertel, Elizabeth



Photos by Kathy Jankovic

Flarhety, Barb Harding, Ginny Kearns, Pat Tumanic and Kathy Jankovic. Corn bread muffin bakers Barb Connors, Sandy Jenkins, Nancy Provance & Judy Smolarek produced 11 dozen tasty treats. Our hostess was Ida Smith. In addition, Vicki Neuman & Casey Valenti were ticket sellers. Committee members acted as servers and the cleanup crew. We all worked together to make a successful event. We had positive comments and will repeat this activity in 2020.

POKER RUN

by Judy Smolarek

Forty-seven teams of two participated in Poker Run on January 31. Even rain didn't deter the enthusiasm to follow directions to obtain their 5 playing cards at different stations. John and Nancy Provance had the winning hand of four 8's and a 6, winning \$270. During the Happy Hour that followed, 10 teams were randomly drawn, winning \$20 each.

Thank you to Pat & Joe Harding, Charlie & Sandy Jenkins, Barb Harding, Elizabeth Flaherty, and Sue Ertel for manning the 5 stations and assisting in the silly activities that were performed at each stop. And a big thank you for all the participants who ventured out to try something new. The positive feedback makes it appear that Poker Run may become an annual activity at OR.



Photo by Sue Ertel



Photos by Cibby Gardiner

WESTERN DANCE

by Cathy Bruckler (Social Events Committee)

We had a good turnout for the Western Dance in January. Sunshine and great music made for laughter, dancing and all around fun. Thank you to everyone for your support.



We are trying to make the best of the situation with the clubhouse being under construction.

We will keep you posted about the Luau as we are not sure at this time what we will have.



Photos by Cathy Bruckler



ELECTION COMMITTEE

by Mary Dombro

The Annual Shareholders' Meeting was held on Saturday, February 2, 2019. During the meeting, ballots were opened and tallied for the four Board of Directors' positions. As a result, the following individuals were elected: Gary Gardiner – three year term, Bob Tobias – three year term, James Buysse – two year term, and Robert Fusco – one year term. Congratulations to our new directors!!



Photo by Nancy Wilder

I would like to thank my election committee members for their time and support: Donna Comolli, Elizabeth Flaherty, Joan Foley, Bill Howe, Ginny Kearns, Cathy Moon and Beth Stafford. I am also grateful to our Co-op Manager, Donna Perez and her office staff, Luann O'Connor and Laurie Lukos. They logged many hours preparing materials for the election. To Randy, thanks for setting up chairs for this event.



Nancy and John Provance and Joe Harding set up their own personal tents to keep as many as possible in the shade. The Activities Committee provided refreshments while the shareholders awaited the final count of the new Board of Directors.



GAME ROOM by Eric Weed

Pictured are the finalists of the Ocean Resorts Eight Ball Team Championship: John Hudspeth & Dave Jones defeated Roger Veilleux & Jerry Smith in the Finals. Congrats to both teams !!!



ART IN THE PARK by Cibby Gardiner

Thank you to all the wonderful people who volunteer their time and talents to Art in the Park. **Tuesdays at 10:00**

Feb. 19th - Kathy Jankovich: wine glass candles

Feb. 26th - Fran Nills' elegant wreaths

Mar. 5th - Donna Comolli: wire bracelets

Mar. 12 - Sue Staubach & Brawee Najarian: sea glass wind chimes

Mar. 19 & 26 - Lona Sapoznikov: mosaics

Annual **ART in the PARK Show and Sale** - Sunday, March 3rd at the Pavilion. If you'd like to participate please sign up by Feb. 26th in the Post Office or contact Cibby Gardiner: cibbyg@aol.com or text: 4011-465-7666

An Ocean Resorts Love Story

by Bill Howe

This October, Bernie and Myrtis Massatt will have been married 70 years, an enviable achievement by anyone's standards. I was honored to interview them at their home on Valentine's Day 2019. The simple secret to their marital longevity was, according to Myrtis, "Work it out," "No fights!" Bernie added sage advice, "When she says, 'do it', I say 'OK'." But there is so much more to this couple that any brief article in a newsletter could render justice to.



Snowbirds, Bernie and Myrtis are at home in Matteson, Illinois and have been wintering in Ocean Resorts since 1988 when they arrived with their first trailer and set up "camp" near the tennis courts on Compass Cove. They met in a Junior college English class where both were students. Bernie made a class presentation and captured Myrtis' eye. She invited Bernie to a dance and the 71-year relationship took root. Bernie told everyone on campus that they were "going steady" although at the time he had not told Myrtis! When she heard the "rumor" she liked the idea. Their relationship evolved and they were married within a year. The creative juices were already at work in Myrtis as she made both her wedding dress and the jacket Bernie wore during the ceremony.

Their first home was a modest apartment, sharing a bathroom with another family for 3 years. Since that humble beginning, the Massatts moved 11 times, upgrading each time Bernie was promoted. Bernie began his 39-year education career in Burbank, Illinois as a history / physical education teacher and coach. He was later promoted to Athletic Director, Dean of Students, Administrative Assistant, Principal, and finally, Superintendent of the school system in 1986. Myrtis quips about Bernie's rise to the top saying, "He never could keep a job." It was obvious to me during the interview, that a healthy dose of humor contributed to their longevity.



After marriage, Myrtis worked for Westclock Company and Bernie started employment at the Electric Utility Company winding electric motors in South Illinois. Myrtis had hoped to become a home economics teacher and was introduced into the classroom as a substitute teacher briefly until they started a family. With her new responsibilities she never returned to a teaching career. The Massatts had 5 sons, each one a joyous surprise. Tragically, their first son died just before his 4th birthday of leukemia. However, today they are blessed with 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Once the family had grown and the winter retirement was to be spent at Ocean Resorts, Myrtis accepted an invitation to a craft activity, here, where she was introduced to acrylic painting. This sparked what was to become a whole new world to her blossoming creativity. Myrtis has developed into an accomplished artist in oils, water colors and acrylics without ever having taken a lesson. If you ever need an artistic inspiration, ask to see her collection of magnificent paintings and quilts that would be the envy of any artisan.

Bernie and Myrtis Massat (continued)

Since retirement, the Massatts have traveled to every state of the Union. They initially camped for ten years in a 10X15 foot canvas tent that Bernie designed and Myrtis assembled on her home sewing machine. They love camping and eventually moved into one of several pull-behind trailers they toured the country in.

Both Bernie and Myrtis have been very active in the tennis program here at OR and have played since 1988...true OR Tennis icons. They participated daily as players and managed the men and women's play schedules. Most significantly, Bernie, along with the Bonettis', and the Lockerbys', were influential in the design, construction, and surfacing of the 3 generations of quality Astro-Turf covered courts we enjoy today.

Advice to today's young married couples? Simply choose family and home over moving from one job to another. Friends are very important to the Massatts. I asked if they had any special role models during the early years of marriage. They both stressed the importance of having healthy, positive and supporting friends...many of which are at home here at Ocean Resorts.



Helen and John Oliver

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Mary Dombro

Since our clubhouse is still unavailable to the community, this committee decided to hold a potluck on **Saturday, February 23, 2019** at the pavilion from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We hope this will replace the Chicken Barbecue for this year only.

All who would like to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass and your own drinks. Paper plates, napkins, silverware and cups will be provided. Fifty-fifty tickets will be sold. Local DJ's, Sharon and Tom English, offered to provide music. In case of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

Details are posted on all bulletin boards.

NEW SHAREHOLDERS (L-R)

John and Jan Sheehan, Bob (Donna)
Obidzinski, Joan and Dave Naylor, Gerry
Marcus, Monique and Yves Leemars

POOL COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel

January brought cool evenings and VERY windy days to Ocean Resorts. The pool has been covered mostly every night; thanks to my wonderful committee of volunteers. Unfortunately, we have been unable to cover the pool on Friday and Saturday nights because our OR pool staff does not work on weekends. In order to do that, I need more volunteers to not only close the pool, but also to open it on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

We will be meeting this month to see what we can do to entice more volunteers to step up and help. Also, because of the high winds

this past month, there were many days the volunteers were unable to cover it. In fact, check out the picture showing what Randy found one morning after a very windy evening. Hopefully, The winds will calm down in February. If you are passionate about our pool and are looking for a way to volunteer in our community, please get in touch with me. Thank you!



And Elizabeth Flaherty sent me (the editor) this pool picture and story:

Kathy Jankovic and I decided to cover the pool early since it was so cold and windy. We got one side done, but the wind was so strong the other side got away from us.

I called for help and after several tries and no success, it was decided to leave the cover near the fence and place double beach chairs on top of it until the morning. This was quite a lot of wind and I've never experienced this before!

Helpers: Kathy Jankovic, Elizabeth Flaherty, David and Donna Comolli, Sue Ertel, John Hudspeth and Nancy Provance

BEACH CLEAN-UP - The North Beach Association held a "Beach Clean-up" day on February 15. Many Ocean Resorts' shareholders assisted with the over 90 volunteers from North Hutchinson Island to ensure clean beaches for all of us. THANKS to Betty Brousseau and her group of volunteers for



Photo by Betty Brousseau

assisting in this wonderful project: Gerry Marcus, Sue Stabach, Connie Hay, Cibby Gardiner, Donna Obidzinski, Leslie Stow, Judi Valchar, Donna Comolli, Penny Pelton, Kathy Smith, Mary Dombro, Shelly & Jo Obelski, Karen Stampfli

TENNIS TOURNAMENT by Gary Gardiner



Photo by Bill Howe

The OR Mixed doubles tennis tournament was held Saturday, January 26 and Monday, January 28 (Due to rain out on Sunday) with the following results:

- Winners: Delton Jones and Candi Hook
- Runners up: Shelly Obelsky and Renee Boesch

Rain caused an early end Saturday after the preliminary games were almost completed. The tournament resumed Monday at 1 PM and ended about 5:00 PM.

Sixteen teams (32 men and women) competed in the mixed doubles play at the OR Tennis Court.

Photos by Bill Howe

KARAOKE IN THE PARK by Bill Howe

This past Sunday Joni and Delton Jones hung out a Karaoke sign, set up their equipment and welcomed anyone in the park to sing or enjoy the voices of others. The Jones' have set up Karaoke opportunities at OR and wherever they travel off season in their motor home. With



top notch audio equipment and a selection of

hundreds of songs from all genres, the crowd is quickly encouraged to take part in solo or duet songs, line dances and activity songs such as YMCA and the Macarena.



Fifty people were gathered on Sunday to hear and share local talent from young (7 years) to older icons in the park. Joni said that she really loves to "do something people normally wouldn't do - be a star for 3 minutes. Whether singing or laughing, everyone has a good time." And yes...they did.

YOGA by Nancy Wilder

Attendance is high at the Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 coed yoga classes at Ocean Harbor North. Julia, our beloved teacher, has now incorporated a Yin yoga class once a month. This type of yoga has you maintaining a pose for about two minutes or more, and with the help of Julia, and her lovely oils, promotes a meditative mindset and a deep body stretch. It seems so easy initially, but you can feel the burn later. Other classes have us focusing on balance and/or strength. With the deep breathing and calming atmosphere, you leave class relaxed and upbeat. Please join us!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE by Pat Broderick, Chairman

The charge given to the building and grounds by The Board of Directors are: 1) the roads which are scheduled in the reserves to need replacement by the year 2023; 2) storm water run off and catch basins at OR; and 3) replacement of the concrete deck around the pool and pavilion.

The purpose of the Buildings and Grounds committee is to investigate items given by the Board and to make recommendations to them. So if you have interest or input, you are encouraged to attend our meetings which are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday's of each month in the game room at 10:00. All shareholders are encouraged to attend.

Photo by Lee Kuesema



OR Logo Items For Sale by Judy Smolarek

Just arrived...a new shipment of OR logo items for sale.

They can be purchased at the Hot Dog/Hamburger events outside. Otherwise, they can be seen and purchased at our Game Room. We have NEW COLORS in ALL t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and visors. Don't forget about magic color changing t-shirts for children and the canvas tote bags. We also have logo beach totes, computer bags, license plates, magnets, and tumblers.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR is a box of 3 Wilson GOLF BALLS with OR logo on the balls for \$7.00.

The sale is presented to you by the Activities Committee and proceeds are used to purchase various items for OR, such as the benches on the beach.



Photo by Judy Smolarek

Thank you for your purchases.

Also from Pat Broderick:

It is with sadness that I post this picture. This damage took place when one of our shareholders was away. I would like to think it was not done by Ocean Resorts shareholders or regular visitors.



I just cannot imagine how a civilized person would think this was permissible. My goal in posting this is not to find out who the culprit / culprits were, but to remind us to remember why we come back year after year to Our Little Bit Of Paradise.

MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

Are you calm and stress free? It's amazing what visits from family and friends can do to most relaxed person. Often we just try to do too much and end up in a frenzy. Take a minute, breathe in through your nose, breathe out through your nose, do it three times. Breathe in peace, breathe out chaos

Reminder: Meditation classes Mondays 3pm. 5369 Compass Cove..... Please join us!

DAY TRIPPING by Sharon English

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BIGSHOTS GOLF is a new addition to the Vero Beach family recreation and golf themed entertainment scene. It is a state-of-the-art two story facility with something for golfers of all skill levels and even non-golfers. BIGSHOTS Golf is situated on 10 acres with a full service restaurant, two bars, a private event space and 30 climate controlled tee boxes. There is an 18-hole miniature putting course where kids and adults can practice their short game skills.

A group of us went there a few weeks ago and enjoyed ourselves with a delicious outside lunch, drinks and golf. The prices vary according to time of the day, weekends and the putting course. Check out their website listed above for detailed information. I highly recommend this fun new golf experience close to home.



LET'S EAT OUT by Sharon English

121 TAPAS ON THE WATER

121 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce 34950 (next to Uncle Carlos Gelato)
772-781-0943
11AM-10PM Tuesday-Saturday, 2PM-9PM Sunday, Closed Monday
Online: www.121melody.com

Downtown Fort Pierce is lucky to have several wonderful restaurants and **121 Tapas on the Water** is one of them. We have been to this delightful little restaurant across from the Indian River several times. The ambiance is cozy, classy and relaxing. They offer wine, beer, tapas, salads, flat breads, crostini, entrees and dessert. The tapas are a nice size portion, along with a salad or crostini, can be a dinner. The scallops with carrots roasted in duck fat were amazing. The beet salad with goat cheese was a winner too! 121 Tapas offers a variety of activities, Open Mic Night, Ladies Night and dinner special on Sundays. Check out the website above for detailed information on the menu, happy hours and special nights. There is a \$10 coupon in the Enjoyment Book.



GOLF CART INSPECTIONS At Office

**Tuesday, Feb. 19
9am-12pm
Wednesday Feb. 20.
10am-1pm**

MAHJONG by Nancy Wilder

The card room is the place to be on a Wednesday, around 12:30. You'll find several tables of Mahjong players busily setting up the games. I'm pleased with the newcomers, their determination and their amazing progress. The more experienced players have been generous in helping the newbies and answering any and all questions. Its great to hear the excited announcements of "Mahjong"!

Drop in and see for yourself - maybe you'd like to learn? If you can't make the afternoon group, come over on Thursday night, at 6:30. This time slot usually sees the more experienced players, but some tables will welcome a novice. There's little hesitation at the experienced tables and often the game is a bit over fifteen minutes. Don't be intimidated, this is a game, listen to the laughter, this is for fun!

Reminder: The new Mahjong card should be in use April 1st. Cards can be ordered from the National Mahjong League or ordered at the Vero Beach Book Store.

Beautification Committee Pot Luck

**Saturday, February 23, 2019
Pavilion - 4 to 6 PM**

**Bring a dish to share
and your own drinks.**

DJ's Sharon & Tom will entertain.

**A 50/50 will be sold to support
the Beautification Committee**

**Paper Plates, Plastic Silverware and
Cups will be provided.**

OCEAN RESORTS "HAPPY HOUR"



**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 28th
4:00-6:00 at the pavilion
BYOB,
Appetizer or Snack
to share.**

**Requesting new shareholders to come
for newsletter photo at 4:30.**

**All Ocean Resorts residents,
guests and visitors are welcome.**

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