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Island Times

Ocean Resorts Co-op, Inc.

Manager's Report by Donna Perez

Good morning all - I hope everyone is doing well! The season is here and I have seen more people at Ocean Resorts than last year. Welcome home and Happy New Year to everyone.

We have our annual meeting and election coming up on February 2, 2019. I'm excited to see all the new and old faces that will be in attendance. Election packets were stuffed and mailed out by Mary Dombro and her committee last week.

As most of you know, the clubhouse remains closed due to construction getting ready to start. There has been a few hiccups in the permitting process with the County and we are hoping that Dunlap has the permits issued within the next week or so. Once construction starts, the pool and pavilion will remain open. Many of you have concerns about where activities will be taking place. The committees have done a great job of scheduling activities at the pavilion and game room during this process. All functions thus far have had a great turnout and have been a huge success.

Just a reminder to clean up your after your pet. There have been several complaints of dog poop not being cleaned up. There are dog stations throughout the park; please use them.

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Photo by Judy Smolarek

New Year's Eve Bonfire by Judy Smolarek

Great weather allowed us to have our annual New Year's Eve Bonfire. A big THANK YOU to all the guys who showed up to help set up, especially Jim Buysse, Al Parna, Dean Rayle and David Cross. We had over 75 people attend during the evening. Everyone also enjoyed the fireworks by John Dombro and Tom Starr.



Photo by Cibby Gardiner

Manager's Report continued

It is also the owner's responsibility to maintain positive control of your pet and they are to be on a leash of 6 feet or less at all times when outside.

Other reminders - If you are storing a kayak or paddle board on the rack at the marina, make sure it has your name and lot number on it. Garbage pick-up has resumed. Please ensure all trash is placed curbside in a container with a lid per the Rules and Regulations. Please don't put trash curbside in a garbage bag, as the critters tend to get into it and it gets strewn everywhere causing our volunteers to have to take additional time to ensure it is all cleaned up.

Volunteers are a big part of the daily routine here at Ocean Resorts. As such, if anyone is interested in being added to the list let me know. Also, if anyone would like to be added to my blast email contact list, either call the office or send us an email and we will add you so you will receive future blast emails.

That is all for now. Should you have any questions, please let us know.



LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Story and photos by Sharon English

When life gives you lemons make lemonade! Due to our social hall being closed for repairs, the annual Ocean Resorts Ladies Christmas Luncheon was to be cancelled but that didn't deter the ladies on our Board of Directors. President Vicki Neuman, Vice President Kathleen Boado and Director Barbara Young planned a delightful ladies outing at 2nd Street Bistro in Ft. Pierce. There were 36 in attendance at a delicious soup and salad bar buffet, with tea, coffee, sodas and a cash bar.



Barbara Young provided us with a beautiful, holiday Publix chocolate cake, Nancy Provance had a fun game with a gift for everyone, and favors were made by Sharon English, Vicki Neuman and Sally Kraszewski. It was a great way to spend the afternoon with O.R. friends to celebrate the holidays.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by Vicki Neuman, President, OR Board of Directors

Happy New Year to all Ocean Resorts shareholders and families and best wishes for many blessings in 2019!

We are eagerly anticipating construction work to commence on the Club House. Even with great attention to detail and planning, our contractor has been held up in the permitting process by the county. The current estimate is "any day now" and we sincerely hope that happens before the newsletter is published.

Through the efforts of many people, we have enjoyed several events in the last month. A Ladies Christmas Lunch was held at 2nd Street Bistro, a Christmas brunch was enjoyed by many on the 25th, a terrific block party, hosted by the Eklunds and Provances, happened on Keel Way on the 29th, and two Happy Hours were held at the Pavilion. Happy Hour on New Year's Eve had the largest attendance ever and was followed by a bonfire and fireworks on the beach. Many activities are occurring in the game room and we are happy that the hot/dog hamburger roast was highly successful. The Activities Committee is working to do as many things as possible given our limited space resources. A Poker Run will be held just prior to the January 31st Happy Hour. Efforts by all volunteers are much appreciated.

I am overjoyed that we will have an election in February and that seven shareholders have accepted the challenge to run for the four open positions on the Board of Directors. I urge each shareholder to carefully consider the resumes of each candidate and attend the Meet the Candidates Forum on January 20th! Please return your votes per mailed instructions. The Annual Meeting is Saturday, February 2, 2019 and the winners of the four open Board positions will be seated. All newly elected Board members are required, by FL Statute 719, to attend a certification training and information will be furnished to them.

There are many issues challenging the Board and I look forward to working with current and new Board members in our common quest to enhance the operations of Ocean Resort and remain as our own special spot in Paradise!



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

by Ida Smith

Even though we haven't been able to use the Recreation Hall for our activities, we were able to have our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the Pavilion. Thanks to Gerry Marcus, Cathy Moon and many other volunteers, a Thanksgiving Pot Luck and Christmas Pot Luck/Brunch were held.

Both were well attended and many, many

thanks to those who gave their time to make these events so successful.

Upcoming events include a Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast in January and a Poker Run. Check bulletin board for dates and times.



Photos by Sharon English

OCEAN RESORTS
“HAPPY HOUR”
by Sharon English

On New Year’s Eve, OCEAN RESORTS welcomed in 2019 with a special Happy Hour attended by over 125 people! It was a great evening with wonderful appetizers, music and dancing. A special thanks to Donna Comolli and Cibby Gardiner for the festive decorations and to all who helped with clean up afterwards. We hope to see our residents, guests and renters each month at these fun, casual, get togethers.



Now that we are in season “HAPPY HOUR” will continue on the last Thursday of each month, January through April. Posters will be at each comfort station and the post office with information and updates.



Photos by Cibby Gardiner



Mahjong by Nancy Wilder

Mahjong has started back up full speed in Ocean Resorts. Although many are interested, challenges are becoming evident. There are new learners, some never having seen a mahjong tile, others have a bit of experience but are tentative and slow in playing. And then there are the pros, familiar with the nuances, able to play a 15 minute game, win a dollar or so and

We were all new at the game at some point, and all of the newbies will one day be pros, helping others learn the game. But this season, our limited playing space presents a dilemma. After a lot of thought and discussion, I have decided to offer mahjong lessons upon request. I found recently that an hour spent teaching in a quiet area is more effective than trying to learn in a group. So....lets get all those experienced “tile rackers” playing on Thursday nights at the card room.

For the people wanting to learn or get an idea about the game, call me..774 238 9492, and we will set a time for play. And for the slower, still trying to “figure out the card” players, I suggest you connect with one another and play (Wednesday 12:30 pm) in the card room. I will be more than happy to help you in any way.

For those of you thinking of buying a mahjong set or a table pad, I have had an excellent experience purchasing one for my daughter on amazon. My preference is the set in a bag, as its lighter and easier to pack up. I lack the patience to line those tiles up in boxes.

Ocean Resorts Celebrates our Nonagenarians: Frances Eleanor Ford

Editor's Note: I was lucky enough to speak with Frances last week before she died, asking her permission to do a Nonagenarian article since she had turned 90 in October, 2018. Her daughter, Diane, worked with Frances on answering my written interview questions. Unfortunately, the newsletter was not published before Frances passed away but Diane agreed that we should still run the article in this issue.

Frances Eleanor (Holden) Ford was born on October 17, 1928 in Stevensville, MD. She graduated from Stevensville High School in 1945. During that time period they only had eleven grades and since she had an October birthday, she graduated at the age of 16. Frances worked several months in Washington DC at the FBI during World War II. She then went to work at the original Fisherman's Inn Restaurant where she met her future husband, Charles Owen Ford III. Charles was a charter boat captain on the Chesapeake Bay and Frances went to work on the boat with him after raising their children.

Charles and Frances married on February 8, 1949 in the Stevensville United Methodist Church Kent Island, Maryland and were married for 63 years until Charles' passing in November, 2012. They had two children, Diane Frances (Ford) Arthurs, who lives with her husband, Jeff, in Uhrichsville, Ohio, and Dennis Charles Ford, deceased in 2014.



Ocean Resorts was always a special place for Charles and Frances. They started coming here in 1984 with Lois and Robert Horney, also from Maryland. "Miss Lois" was Frances' best friend from high school. Charles and Frances retired to Ocean Resorts in 1990. They loved the warm weather but mostly loved the people. They had many good friends, past and present, and enjoyed the many parties and crab feasts, with crabs caught and steamed by Charles.

POKER RUN by Judy Smolarek



Sign up at the Post Office to enter the first Poker Run sponsored by the Activities Committee held on Thursday, January 31st at 3:00 PM, prior to the monthly Happy Hour. Everyone is eligible to pay the entrance fee and you can walk, run, bike, or go by golf cart to follow the directions to collect 5 playing cards from throughout the park. Best hand wins! AND there are additional money prizes randomly drawn to win. You don't have to be a card shark to play and have fun!!

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

by Mary Dombro



Photo by Barb Goodman

As always, my thanks goes to Donna Comolli for keeping the flower pots and window boxes throughout the park filled with a variety of succulent and flowering plants. I would also like to thank Ray Zwart for tending the main islands within the park. He has been gradually adding plants to the areas around the palm trees. It keeps the mulch in place longer and makes the area look quite attractive.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2019. We will be discussing a replacement event for the annual Chicken Barbecue, since the clubhouse will be unavailable. Anyone interested in joining this committee are most welcome. We can always use fresh ideas. Notices will be posted on the bulletin boards for time and place.



Photo by Barb Goodman

BOCCE

by Mary Dombro

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!!!!

Twelve teams will be playing bocce this season, five on Mondays and seven on Wednesday. The first games are scheduled for January 14th and January 16th. Not only do we have new boards around our court and new bocce sets, but also new faces willing to try out their skill in playing this game. Good luck to all!

POOL COMMITTEE

by Sue Ertel

Welcome back to OR snowbirds. The pool is open and ready. Now that I have returned, I will work on setting up the final schedule for volunteers (to close the pool in the evening). We are always looking for substitutes and the nights are getting cooler, so please do not hesitate to add your name. The sign-up can be found in the Post Office.

Also, please remember there are **NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE POOL AREA.**



Photo by Glenn Ludwig, 2018

“Did You Know” by Donna Perez, CAM - What is the purpose of the Organization meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors and how many days does the Board have to hold this meeting? The purpose is to elect the Board’s Officers and it must be held within 10 days of the election. Reference Ocean Resorts By-Law 3.2

MARINA COMMITTEE

by Ferdie Bruckler, Dockmaster

Happy New Year! This summer we had some major work done on the marina docks. Sommerlin's did an excellent job putting in nine new poles, seven new stringers and decked the entire marina. Bob Tobias and Carl Anderson helped me re-screw the old and new cleats. Bill Alverod and Joe Boney finished up some plumbing problems. Randy, our maintenance man, re-plumbed the power washer. Thank you guys!

Sometime this month we will have a marina committee meeting to talk about the fishing tournament.

Safety at the marina: The marina can be dangerous for little children. Parents and grandparents should think twice before allowing little children on the docks. The ramp is also dangerous and very slippery. A grandparent got upset with me when I stopped a five-year-old from climbing over the BULK HEAD to the deepest part of the ramp. Two people went overboard last year, and I know from first-hand experience how dangerous the docks are. Be safe out there.



MEDITATION

by Nancy Wilder

Meditation is simply the regular practice of paying attention to a word, a guided talk, your breath or the sand under your feet. We all have "monkey brain". That describes the constant barrage of opinions, stories, and reactions we experience all day (and sometimes laying awake at night). Meditation will teach you to be aware of the activity of your brain. No more auto pilot, carried along by whatever story is playing. You can watch those thoughts arise and gently push them away. You can learn to relax.

I am going to start meditation classes again this year. Due to our shortage of meeting space, I will have weekly one hour classes on Mondays at 3pm at my home, 5369 Compass Cove Place (tennis court street), starting Jan. 21st

I'll leave you with a poem by Rumi:
Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.



YOGA

by Nancy Wilder

What a delight to see our teacher Julie, at the yoga practice at Ocean Harbor North. We had a good size crowd and Julie led us through the multiple poses and stretches. I have

been negligent in my yoga practice over the past few months and I really felt my body opening up with the movements and the breathing techniques. I think I may have got taller with all that stretching.

Remember, classes are on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am at Ocean Harbor North. Classes take place in the clubhouse behind the tennis court. A donation is appreciated.

ART in the PARK

Paint a rock - hide a rock - find a rock - rehide a rock



ROCKS!



ART IN THE PARK by Cibby Gardiner

We have an awesome 2019 Season of great crafts! All are welcome – no talent needed! Join us for a morning of fellowship, creativity, and fun . Look on the Post Office outside bulletin board for the particulars of each week's craft: what to bring (if anything) location (game room or pavilion) etc. We meet every Tuesday under the Pavilion from 10-noon (rain location - game room)

Jan. 8 – Cibby Gardiner: Painted Rocks

Jan. 15 –Karen Stampfli: mosaic birdhouses

Jan. 22 –Cibby G. & Kathy J. - Painted wooden flip flops

Jan. 29 –Kathy Jankovic: Fringed T-Shirt or Tank Top Cover Up

Feb. 5–Cibby Gardiner : Valentine's crafts

Feb. 12 –Kathy Smith: pressed flowers

Feb. 19 –Kathy Jankovic: wine glass candles

Feb. 26 –Anita D'Ambrosia: Exquisite feather earrings

Sun. March 3 - **ART in the PARK SHOW & SALE** *Space is limited: If interested in being part of this event please contact Anita D'Amrosia-772-828-1954, Karen Stampfli – 772-672-4680, Brawee Najarian- 908-256-3083 or Cibby Gardiner.*

March 5 –Donna Comolli: shell jewelry

March 12 –Brawee Najarian& Sue Staubach: sea glass windchimes

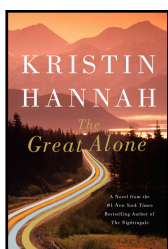
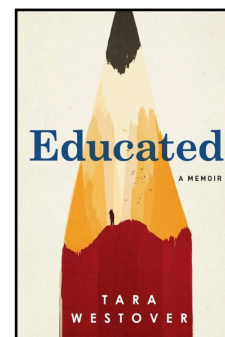
March 19 & 26 - Lona Sapoznikov: mosaics

The Joy of Reading by Nancy Wilder



I went up north for a few weeks over the holidays. It was great to see the family, but Cape Cod is grey and cold this time of year. Fortunately, I had a book assigned to read from my book group. So on a raw, rainy day at home, I curled up on the couch to start “**A Man Called Ove**” by Frederik Blackman. I think I started this book a year or so ago, but I just could not get into it. Well....things change. I read, I smiled and I literally wept. The location is Sweden, the main character a grumpy widower (some say he’s more than grumpy). He is a man with little to say and an exaggerated view of rules and the importance of doing things “the right way”. Now throw in some disorganized new neighbors, a cat with half a tail and a failing old friend. The characters are well developed and very likable. And, I just found out its a movie! I’m often hesitant to see “the movie” as I have this well developed vision of the characters and the locale, but I may check this film out.

“**Educated**” by Tara Westover is nonfiction. I glanced through the book in a bookstore while visiting relatives in Ireland. I saw it again and again on Cape Cod. Finally I just went for it and I am so pleased. You can probably tell I’m not a reader of a lot of nonfiction, and that is my loss. Tara was one of seven children brought up in the Idaho mountains. No one knew these children existed, there were no birth certificates, they were born at home. There were no medical records, they did not go to school. They were brought up by survivalist parents who were preparing for the world to fail. They hauled wood and canned fruit and vegetables. This is a coming of age story about family loyalty, the power of education and the ability to change one’s life. And this is being made into a movie also....but don’t wait, read the book.



Lastly, “**The Great Alone**” by Kristin Hannah. A troubled former POW father makes an impulsive decision to move to a remote corner of Alaska with his wife and daughter. Why they went amazes me (I have to keep remembering it’s a story). Leni, the 13 year old daughter is caught in the middle of her parents, their relationships and their decisions. The cast of characters in this isolated village, and their stories, are well described. There are the pioneers, the misplaced and the entrepreneurs. This is a survivor story, a story of the beauty and dangers of Alaska. Get ready, you will be up all night reading this one.

TRASH, RECYCLING and BRUSH COMMITTEE by Joe Harding

Prior to arrival of some shareholders, the board was trying different method of collecting trash, recycling and brush. The waste service company providing service canceled our agreement, mainly due to space for maneuvering large trucks in and out of park and storage area. Now that OR is into swing of season, a reminder of our pickup schedule at this time:

Garbage: OR Truck Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 9:00 am.

Recycle: OR Truck Tuesdays 9:00 am.

Brush: Coast To Coast Landscaping. Fridays 8:00 am.

Date and Time is subject to change with notice from CAM manager and/or Board of Director’s.

Have a great season!



Photo by Bill Howe

TENNIS

by Gary Gardiner

The 2019 season has begun with matches every weekday from 8:00-noon then again at 4:00 and 5:00. The January schedule is on the board at the tennis court. If you want to play in February please contact:

Men - Peter Hartl. 772-766-9465 or pyhartl@yohoo.com

Women: Cathy Moon. 772-882-8549 or jimoon1@aol.com.

- A free clinic for beginners and intermediate players is held every Thursday at noon. It is open to everyone.
- The first tournament of 2019 will be held January 26 (all day) with the finals playing Sunday afternoon.
- The annual tennis party will be held March 9th and the theme is The 50's. Jan and Bob Tobias are hosting this year and have a huge surprise in store! Get out your letterman sweater and poodle shirts now and practice the jitterbug ...this party is always a great time!

We are excited that Joni and Delbert Jones will have Karaoke around 6:00 every month at the tennis courts and all in the park are welcome.

We bought a shed to store the ball machine and other items. More informative re: the ball machine is on the tennis board.

Looking forward to a great season!



Photo by Bill Howe

ELECTION COMMITTEE

by Mary Dombro

The "Meet the Candidates" meeting has been postponed and will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 under the pavilion. Packets containing pertinent information regarding voting and the annual shareholders' meeting were sent out on January 11, 2019. It is important that you read and follow all instructions very carefully so that your vote will count.

The following seven shareholders, listed alphabetically, have submitted resumes and are edible candidates for the Board of Directors of Ocean Resorts Co-op, Inc:

James Buysse
Dan Darrow
Robert A. Fusco
Gary G. Gardiner
Kathy Jankovic
James Kraszewski
Bob Tobias

Have you looked at the Ocean Resort webpage lately?

Check out :
<https://www.oceanresortscopinc.org>

to get the latest information about our resort. You will find the weekly schedule, activity fliers, the full season schedule, sales and rental listings, present and past newsletters, background information about OR, the current weather, Board of Director information and committee information.

LET'S EAT OUT

by Sharon English



THE ROOSTER IN THE GARDEN

121 Orange Ave., Ft. Pierce 34950 (inside the Galleria)
772-882-9786.

Hours: Mon. - Sat. Lunch 11AM- 5PM & Dinner 5PM-close
Sunday BRUNCH 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

THE ROOSTER IN THE GARDEN is another new addition to the downtown Ft. Pierce dining scene and is part of the BRAFORD group. ROOSTER IN THE GARDEN has an airy atrium atmosphere, inside and outside dining areas and fun boutique/art shops inside. They feature local fresh meats, poultry, fish and organic vegetables. We recently enjoyed a delicious Adams Ranch burger and an Open faced Adams Ranch Steak Sandwich, an appetizer of fried oysters and dessert. The ROOSTER also offers a musical Sunday brunch which sounds interesting. There is a coupon for \$18 in The Enjoyment Book too.

WES BACKYARD BBQ & GRILL

1430 16th Street, Vero Beach 32960 (located by the Queen Bee & Vero H.S.)
772-925-0223. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 7AM-8PM,
Sunday 8AM-2PM, Monday-Closed



We found WES BACKYARD BBQ on the Vero Beach Foodie website. It's a freshly decorated, small eat inside or take out, casual place that has a wonderful smoky BBQ aroma coming from the smokers outside. We have had homestyle breakfasts there several times, eggs, bacon, biscuits with sausage gravy and omelets. For our New Jersey and Philly area friends, WES offers a pork roll breakfast sandwich! We were advised to try the fried fish or of course the BBQ, that will be on our next stop.

As I like to say, the best compliment I can give to both of these restaurants is, "we will be back!"



NATURE at OCEAN RESORTS by Linda Smolarek

Frigates - "Elegance in the sky". When you look up in the sky over the ocean and see a thin black bird with V-cocked wings and a long tail, you are catching a glimpse of a Magnificent Frigatebird. This black pterodactyl-like bird soars effortlessly on tropical breezes with hardly a flap, using its deeply forked tail to steer. These large, dark seabirds have the longest wingspan, in proportion to weight, of all birds. Seafarers named these aerial predators for a swift warship. The male is glossy black with a throat pouch that becomes bright red when inflated in courtship display. The female is blackish-brown, with white center under parts.

Frigatebirds skim the sea, snatching up food from the surface. They breed on Marquesas Key off the coast of Key West. Ocean Resort is at the northern most part of their year-round range, generally a tropical bird. They are the pirates of the seas stealing food from other birds in midair. They tend to take flight later in the afternoon when winds and thermals are greatest, helping keep them aloft. The Frigatebirds spend most of their life flying effortlessly over the ocean. It rarely lands on the water even though it has webbed feet, because unlike other seabirds it lacks waterproof feathers.

Watching a Magnificent Frigatebird float in the air truly is, as the name implies, magnificent.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Watch for fliers at the Post Office and the Comfort Stations....there is a group of volunteers willing to help other OR residents in time of need. They will be able to make meals for short-term illnesses or hospitalizations, give rides to medical appointments, provide respite care for caregivers, be walking/biking buddies for rehab, do small lawn care or inside repair assistance, and take people to get groceries. This is what our community is all about - helping each other!!

It's a Western Dance

SATURDAY

JANUARY 19, 2019

2-6 PM

PAVILION -

FREE TO ALL

BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS & BEVERAGE

MUSIC BY

"JUST US"



OCEAN RESORTS POKER RUN

Thurs. Jan. 31 3:00 PM Pavilion

Followed by Happy Hour 4-6



- \$10 fee for team of 2 (anyone can enter)
- Register at PO Jan 28th & 30th 3:00-4:00
- Rules and directions for collecting 5 playing cards throughout park by walking, biking, or going by golf carts at pavilion
- Best hand wins & additional prizes
- All fees divided out as cash prizes

Sponsored by Activities Committee
See Judy Smolarek for info

Activities Committee New Fundraiser



OR Chili Bowl

Thursday, Feb. 7

11:00 - 1:00 Pavilion

- bowl of chili & corn bread muffin
- various toppings & spicy seasonings
- We make it mild, you spice it up
- bring your own beverage

\$5.00 pre-sale tickets only

Tickets sold at PO 3:00 -4:00 PM on:
Jan 28, 30 & Feb 1, 2

Call Kathy Jankovic 312-350-5298

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