

OCEAN RESORTS ISLAND TIMES NEWSLETTER December 2020



OCEAN RESORTS "HOLIDAY PARADE"

by Sharon English

Due to Covid-19, many of our traditional Ocean Resorts activities have been cancelled but Gerry Marcus came up with the great idea to have a parade. So, Ocean Resorts held a "Holiday Parade" on Saturday, December 12th. We

had about 30 decorated golf carts, walkers, bikers and, of course, Santa Claus! Santa and Mrs. Claus were Billy and Pina Dyer. Marion Stark sang carols along the route and Tom English led with his music, and a right jolly old time we all had.



Photo by Lee Koesema



Photo by Lee Koesema



Photos by Barb Goodman

MANAGER'S REPORT

by Donna Perez

Happy Holidays to all! I hope everyone is doing well. It has been a challenging year for many to say the least, and most of us would agree 2021 can't come soon enough.

Many of you have returned home for the season, and some are unable to do so with Covid-19 restrictions. For those of you whom have returned home, "welcome home", and those of you that are unable to do so, we will surely miss you this season and hope you stay safe.

We recently had a Special Meeting of the Shareholders on December 18, 2020 to vote on an amendment to By-Law 11.3(f). For the first time in many years, we did establish a quorum. The results of the vote were 179 in favor and 100 not in favor. The vote needed 204 in favor to pass. Out of 400 Shareholders, 279 Shareholders cast a vote with 132 of those votes done electronically. So, if my math is correct, 121 Shareholders failed to vote.

Just a friendly reminder, when something goes out to vote it is the responsibility of the Shareholders to cast their vote. If you can not be at the meeting or do not have the time to fill out the proper paperwork to cast your vote, electronic voting is convenient, simple and secure. If you are not signed up to vote electronically and would like to sign up, please contact the office and we will send you the forms.

Many activities have been canceled this year due to Covid-19. Some are still taking place. Florida is currently in Phase 3...just a friendly reminder to follow the recommended CDC guidelines. We all make conscious decisions to attend these events and do so at our own risk. Please take the necessary steps to protect yourself.

The sealing and striping of the roads is officially complete. I would like to thank everyone for working together on parking and their patience. The roads look great.



Photo by Barb Goodman

December quarterlies were mailed out 11/15/2020. Just a friendly reminder that these are due January 1st and are considered late if received after January 2nd, since the 1st falls on a Holiday.

I would like to take the time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank the staff, board and all of the committees for all they have done this year. It certainly was a trying year and we all got through it together.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year. I will end with my favorite quote:

“In a world where you can be anything...be kind”.



BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT by Gary Gardiner

Cibby and I are excited and happy to be back in OR to enjoy another season in our special piece of Paradise. The Park is in good shape. The new pavers around the pool and pavilion are great. They add a new and welcome look to the clubhouse area.

I'd like to encourage everyone to consider and look at the new electronic way of voting we have put in place.

This system is safe, secure, and approved by the State of Florida. The system is called ELECTION BUDDY. It is less time consuming than the ballot system we now use and by far less expensive. Electronic voting cost \$89 for us to send out 400 Shareholder's Ballots; we can have multiple votes on the ballot for the same \$89. It costs us \$640 to mail out the 400 ballots – not to mention the labor hours of stuffing the envelopes, mailing, collecting the votes and counting them. The ELECTION BUDDY system will provide instant results and save us hundreds of dollars plus Florida State Law lets your vote count towards a Quorum for a legal meeting. This new system is an important and useful tool for all Shareholders and it's EASY to use, even for a non-tech person like me! If you can e-mail, you can vote electronically. Any shareholder that wants to continue to vote by USPS mailing may still do so.



The 2021 season looks like it will be a little different due to less people and activities. We will miss our Canadian friends who are on restricted travel and insurance. We are thinking of you all and hope you can come down soon.

In closing, I'd like to encourage everyone to continue to use common sense with the pandemic situation and to enjoy our amenities and sunshine. Here's to a healthy, Happy New Year.

Photos by Barb Goodman

TENNIS COMMITTEE by Tom Smith



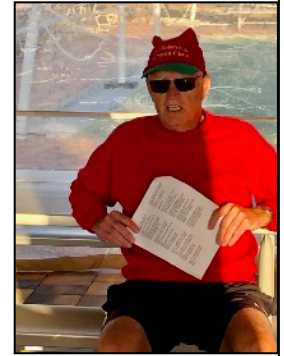
Holiday greetings to everyone at OR. I hope you all enjoyed your summer. Thanks to Cathy Moon for letting me know about a problem with the court lights with one falling onto the court. She let the office know about it and apparently all were fixed. Thanks to Cathy and our manager, Donna.

With COVID 19 still going strong and most of our Canadian players skipping this season, I hope we can still have a schedule and tournaments. Time will tell. I have asked our V.P., John Sheenan, if he would handle all our tennis needs for at least December and January. John was great about that and immediately said, "no problem". Thank you John.

Just a reminder, the annual March tennis party theme is 'Black & White', so get your costumes ready!! Hope to see you all soon.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING at the Pavilion by Cibby Gardiner



About 20 brave souls came out in the cold and had a merry time singing Christmas carols and songs at a "social distance". I think we sounded pretty good!! We played a fun Christmas game and awarded prizes. The cold and songs gave us all a great dose of Christmas spirit.

Photos by Cibby Gardiner



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Mary Dombro

Our committee members have decided that it would be too risky this coming February 2021, to hold our annual chicken barbecue. At this time, there is no date set for a meeting. Meeting times will be posted on all bulletin boards. All are welcome to attend.



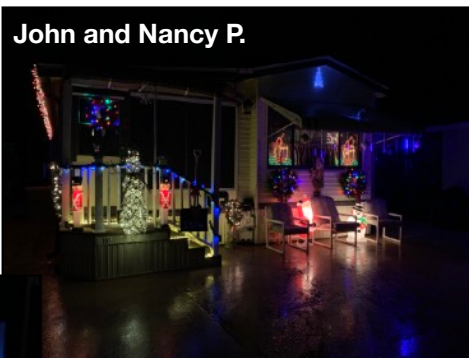
Thank you to all those involved in putting up the Christmas decorations. You did a fantastic job! We certainly appreciate your help.

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Beverly A.

Some neighborhood cheer!!



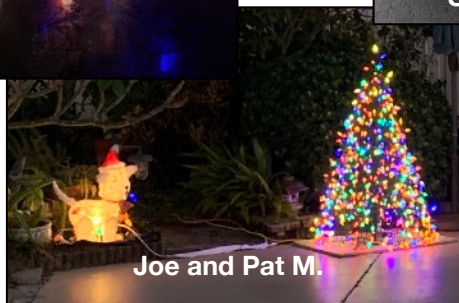
John and Nancy P.



Scott



Glenn



Joe and Pat M.

Carolina Crab Pot Tree



FERDIE BRUCKLER MEMORIAL PALM TREE AT THE MARINA by Barb Goodman

The Bruckler family donated a beautiful palm tree that was planted at the marina in memory of Ferdie Bruckler, former Marina Dockmaster. The tree planting was completed and the memorial plaque was placed on the first anniversary of Ferdie's death on August 5, 2020. A luncheon hosted by Cathy Bruckler followed the installation.

Ferdie served as Dockmaster for many years and was instrumental in leading the Marina Committee in completing several projects to update the marina. Some of the projects included the addition of a kayak launch and storage area, installation of new pilings and the addition of wider boat slips, installation of new LED lighting, and the placement of a fish light.

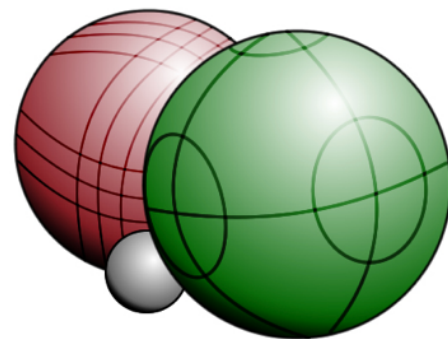


Photo from Cathy Bruckler

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE by Sandy Jenkins

Our committee is planning on a Flea Market and Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast in January, along with our fun Poker Run. We are hoping to have Tuesday and Friday night BINGO and will be needing a couple people to help call numbers. Be sure to check the posters on the bulletin boards for dates and times for all activities.

We are hoping the COVID virus will not interfere with our activities this season. Stay well and looking forward to a great season.



BOCCE by Mary Dombro and Luxy LeClair

Despite the cancelling of many activities this upcoming season, we feel we can safely play Bocce. Sign-up sheets are located inside the post office on a clipboard. The Bocce games begin the week of January 11, 2021 and regular play ends on the week of March 8, 2021. We hope to have a pizza get together on Monday, March 15, 2021. Please sign up by January 5, 2021. Substitutes are also needed. There is a sign-up sheet for that also on the clipboard. Since this is an outdoor activity, there is sufficient room to be socially distant.

IDA SMITH
by Lee Koesema

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of one of our long time residents, volunteers, and contributors to OR's family atmosphere, Ida Smith. We felt it only befitting to give her this warm acknowledgement, not only for all the many, many years of dedication to OR, but for those who were not aware of her passing in May.



Ida with her niece's husband, Clay, niece Brenda and their children, Colby, Clayton and Taylor.

Ninety-eight years ago, on the 28th of October,
A special soul was born, and you were blessed to have known her.
Grew up outside Boston, she knew Wicked Nor' Eastahs,
Banged a few U-eyes, asked for Jimmies, and used her Blinkahs.
So, off they went in their RV, leaving snow and ice behind,
Never imagining Ocean Resorts would be the paradise they would find.....

Ida and her husband, Ray, bought a lot on Jibway in the 1980's. Ray loved it as it was close to the marina for fishing and Ida loved everything else. Back then, the men went fishing and the women went to the beach. There was a band formed by members with Ray playing the accordion and dances were often held at the clubhouse with the floor bouncing.

Ray died on November 10, 2011 after 66 years of a wonderful marriage and on the birthday of the Marine Corps, of which he was proudly a member. In the 80's, most activities were spur-of-the-moment, but as time went on and more socializing occurred, it was decided to form a committee. It was around 1994 that the Activities Committee was organized and Ida was elected Chair. She remained chair of the committee through 2020, sharing responsibilities with Pat Harding and too many others to mention. Sandy Jenkins was co-chairman the last couple of years and will take over role as chairman.. But make no mistake, Ida would be the first one to say it was not just her - "it takes a village to run our group".

We feel Ida is sending her heartfelt thanks and love, and would hope everyone would continue to support this wonderful group. When Ida was in charge of the telephone directory, she would say, "I get a sad feeling when a name has to be omitted". Ida, we're going to be sad seeing your name omitted. She would say, "Ocean Resorts is our wonderful piece of paradise, no matter what may pop up from time to time. Have faith, it will be ok, things always get **bettuh**".

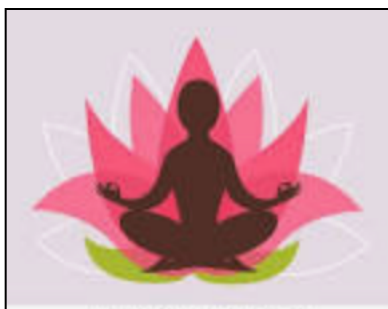
Personally, from Lee - I just want to say to my dear friend Ida, I learned a little more about love, a little more about taking care of myself, and more about letting things go, about listening. Ida was by my side throughout some of life's worst circumstances thrown my way and I thank her for the love, strength and courage she gave me to help me stand up again. Heaven must be a happier place having her there. I thank her for never having a bad word to say about anyone. A stranger to Ida was just a friend she hadn't met yet. She was a lady of substance and she inspired so many other women. She could stay calm and respond to the issue and not the person. She showed a heart of gratitude and always thanked people for their actions of generosity and gave to those in need. I and many others have been inspired by Ida, loved her, miss her and will hold her in our hearts forever.
Rest in Peace, our good friend.

TEARS

The leaves have to turn, the tides have to rise,
But why do these tear drops stay in our eyes....
Those familiar droplets we all know so well,
If only could talk, what a story would tell.
They've felt all our feelings, of sadness and grief,
Draining emotions, this invisible thief.
I guess as long as this pain is still here,
Time and again and again they'll appear.
God will give comfort to those who do grieve,
I read that myself and I want to believe.
But at times life's events overwhelm us for sure,
Wondering if another moment can be endured.
Then as if waiting, the tears do appear,
These all familiar friends we no longer should fear

For let the tears flow, not forgetting the sorrow,
We must have the rain, to have flowers tomorrow.
I'm not going to fight those tears any longer,
We must empty the flood gates to build the dam stronger
Our windows of memories get opened by tears,
Not since now have I gone back so many years.
I do it so often now, yearning for that place,
Where we were all happy, with love on our face.
A computer in "search" files now to find,
Any happy memories that are there in my mind.
No amount of tears can wash those away,
In my heart for safe keeping I'll put them to stay.
I pray that the tears will wash the pain away,
and leave only good feelings inside me today.

By Lee Koesema



MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

I am pleased to see the flourishing of meditative opportunities in recent times. Meditation has become more mainstream and is being taught in the work place and schools as an effective tool for conflict resolution as well as stress reduction.

Getting a bit of control of our minds, with the endless chatter and what-if's, is a step towards calmness. Have you ever had trouble with someone "getting under your skin"? We all have had that sudden rush of annoyance and anger. It can just take over your head. What I've learned with the discipline of regular meditation is observation. When meditating, you learn to bring your mind back to your breathing, which is your focus, and you do not react to the waves of emotion that sometimes fill your head.

So, when I feel the rush of annoyance, most times, rather than run with the feeling, I observe it. I take a second and say, "what the heck, look at that fast and strong reaction. Wow, I wonder why?". Sometimes I realize I'm just tired or hungry. The important thing is the pause to observe the emotion. Those few seconds allow us the freedom not to follow random emotions. That discipline allows us to make a thought-out, conscious decision.

Netflix has a new eight-part series starting January 1, 2021, "Headspace, Guide to Meditation". Take a deep breath and start the new year by being kind to your mind.

Be safe, happy and healthy

ART IN THE PARK 2021

by Cibby Gardiner

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all. A new year is almost here and the old one (finally) put behind us. Prayers and hopes that 2021 will be a healthy, happy one for all the world. This will be the 6th season for Art in the Park and lots of wonderful "art" has been made by many.....some of whom didn't think they were "artsy". Volunteering is what makes OR such a special place so I want to thank in advance the wonderful folks below who are leading this year's Tuesday projects/classes.



Art in the Park is a great way to get to know folks and to let your creative juices flow! The only talent you need is the ability to smile and laugh! We meet every Tuesday from 10:00-12:00 noon at the clubhouse or pavilion. All are welcome!!! . **Please wear a face mask if you plan to attend.**

Below is the **tentative** schedule for 2021 (subject to change). Each week there will be info on the bulletin boards and a sign up sheet **IN** the Post Office.

Meet every Tuesday at the clubhouse or pavilion 10:00-12:00 noon

Jan. 12	Cibby Gardiner	Tin can hanging tea lights. Bring any size tuna fish or similar cans.
Jan. 19	Kathy Jankovic	Valentine's craft "Love you to Pieces"
Jan. 26	Sharon English	GIVING BACK DAY No sew, tie blankets. We will be making blankets for shut-ins and hospitals Bring 1.5 to 2 yds fleece (1 yd. for child size)
Feb. 2	Sheila Delson	Organizational ideas and tips.
Feb. 9	Barbara Reynolds	TBA
Feb.16	TBA	Need someone
Feb. 23	Kathy Jankovic	Plastic bottle decoupage hanging fish Each person needs a 1 or 2 liter soda bottle (not coca-cola...they are too rigid), scraps of material, patterned paper, etc.
March 2	Alison Alvandian	Counted cross stitch bookmarks (beginners to expert)
March 7	Sunday	Art Show & Sale 12:00-3:00 at the Pavilion See Donna Comolli for more info.
March 9	Christine Unger	Shell wind chimes. Bring various med. to lg. shells
March 16	Cibby Gardiner	St. Paddy's hats. Bring an old hat or shirt to decorate. We have lots of green stuff but bring what you have too!
March 23	Sue Ertel	Leis for the luau. Bring faux flowers if you have them. We will supply some also.
March 30	TBA	Finish up any projects or need someone to host

If you would like to help or lead a Tuesday, please let me know. Can you teach line dances? Cook? Know photography? Teach crocheting or knitting? Are you computer savvy? The possibilities are endless!!!! I'm looking forward to a great 2021 season. Hope to see you in OR soon.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MARINA

by Andy Stanish, Dockmaster

All's well that ends well. 2020 is coming to an end, and a welcome one for most people. I have lived here full time for over a year now and 2020 was a welcome adjustment from the 50+ years in the South Florida Metropolis. I am grateful to have both the solitude and community aspects that Ocean Resorts is providing. The marina has had only a few lonely weeks this summer where my boat was the only one docked. Winter's teeth are beginning to bite up north ... and our warm waters await you.



To dock a boat up to 26 ft. in the marina, please clear your registration and liability insurance with the OR office prior to calling me for a slip assignment. For kayak rack assignments, please contact Gary Smolarek.



The fishing report is a mixed bag. The beginning of December had too much wind to fish properly and the water was silted for weeks. At mid-month some cold fronts moved through and winds calmed down enough for Luxy LeClair and the pompano surf fishing brigade to finally catch some fish. The ocean called out

to those like Bob Tobias catching a cooler full of Spanish Mackerel, and Griz finding the Mutton and Lane Snapper.



See you on the water, Andy Stanish, Dockmaster

Photos from Andy Stanish

Paddleboarding with Bob Tobias



Photo by Barb Goodman



YOGA by Nancy Wilder

I just got off the phone with Julie, our yoga instructor. Apparently yoga has not started at the condos on Hutchinson Island. We discussed, at length, scenarios that would allow for a safe experience. The clubhouse is too tight. The beach, although it sounds great, is not practical with the bugs, tides and sand dunes. Julie mentioned the pavilion where we would need to double mat or towel and mat to protect our knees. I've often wondered if we could fit in the lanes at the shuffleboard court. I've also looked at the tennis court during non-court times. Julie and I will talk right after the holidays and decide on a plan. We all feel better with a little yoga but we must be safe and keep our community healthy. Any thoughts or suggestions, please get in touch with me.

LET'S EAT OUT by Sharon English DINING OUT IN TIMES OF COVID-19



Most of us enjoy eating out but in times of Covid-19, it can be tricky. Frequently the question comes up, "where can we go to eat outside?". The short answer is, because we are in Florida, almost everywhere has outdoor seating.

Downtown Fort Pierce has installed dining areas called parklets/kiosks outside the restaurants along Second Avenue, Orange Avenue, and Avenue A. Most beachside restaurants in Vero have outdoor seating as well. Don't forget that our parks, picnic tables and beaches are all great alternatives for takeouts. Be creative and healthy., and chose our beautiful outdoors in Florida for eating out! Listed below are a few restaurants with outdoor seating in Fort Pierce and Vero Beach:

Fort Pierce

2nd Street Bistro	Chuck's
Cobb's Landing	12A Buoy
Crabby's	Manatee Island
Taco Dive	On the Edge
Harbor Cove	

Vero Beach

Mulligan's	Green Marlin
Cobalt	Bonefish
Waldo's	Post and Vine
Riverside Cafe	Johnny D.'s

MAHJONG, MAHJONG, MAHJONGI LOVE MAHJONG!!

I know many of you do too! First, I want to thank Nancy Wilder for all that she has done to promote the game of Mahjong. We've had lots of fun under her direction and parties (wild wild parties!), but I know she needs a break. Do you know how I know? She had her hands around my neck up in the clubhouse begging me to give her a break! I **accepted immediately!** So Nancy, many thanks for all you've done and I hope you're going to still come and play.

There are so many great points to Mahjong. One, its good for your mind. Most of us aren't getting any younger and this is a great way to keep your mind busy. If you're feeling down, a good game will take all that away. Or share your problem with the group and we'll tell you EXACTLY how to fix it! This is Mahjong, NOT bridge! We can talk and play at the same time!!

Now, I've heard people say that it's hard to learn Mahjong. What isn't hard to learn in these times? However, we're here to help. Just come on up to the Game Room on Wednesday at 12:00 and we'll be more than glad to help you learn. Still don't feel comfortable? Private lessons are free!! Just ask someone who plays. Many of us will teach you the basics so you'll be more comfortable playing.

On Thursday night at the clubhouse we play from 6:00 or 6:30 until whenever! You can bring a bottle of water, or a bottle of wine, and enjoy a great evening. If you don't know how to play or just want to come up and watch, just pull up a chair.

The next thing I'd like to talk about is COVID. If you want to wear a mask, go right ahead. Plus, we'll have hand sanitizer at each Mahjong. Many of us are paying more attention to our tiles also. To clean, mix some warm water with a little Dawn detergent, put your tiles in a colander and shake them in the water. Then let them sit to dry on a nice soft cloth and you're done!!!

We're a great bunch of gals that love to play. Why not join us too? Men can join also - we'd be delighted to have you.

See you soon, Elizabeth Flaherty
ehflahert@aol.com



PICKLEBALL

by Bill Howe



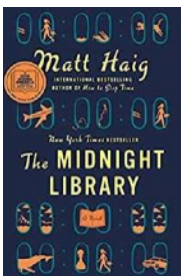
If you have not played it, you almost certainly have heard of the game originating in 1965 as a cross between tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The game with the odd name has become the fastest growing court game in the history of US sports. In its short history, it is estimated that over 2.8 million Americans regularly play Pickleball and 75 % of those are over the age of 55.

Many in Ocean Resorts are active Pickleball players, either in club play in Vero Beach or at the two open courts at Pepper Park. Some have even set up impromptu play with a rope for a net and tape for boundary lines in vacant lots at OR during off season when COVID-19 created some open space. Locals in the park have tried to find space to have open play within the Park, however there is very little vacant space large enough and unoccupied to accommodate play.

Playing with short graphite paddles that look like oversized ping pong paddles and a ball resembling a whiffle ball, four players can face off in a 15-minute game to 11 points. Some have compared playing to what it would be like standing atop a large ping pong table and returning the ball back and forth. Several residents of OR who were hardcore tennis players have added Pickleball to their activity schedule at Pepper Park or at one of several neighboring Condominiums nearby. I strongly urge anyone needing exercise in a fast-paced activity that is gentler on the knees than tennis, yet a great cardio and reflex enhancer, to give Pickleball a try. Anyone in OR interested in the sport are encouraged to call Bill or Karen Howe, or most any of the other active players, for an introduction to this sport that has brought new life into some of our older bones

THE JOY OF READING

by Nancy Wilder



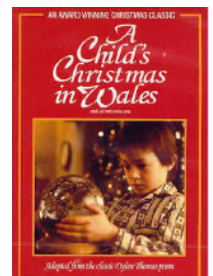
A great book for this time of year is the Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Nora, the main character, didn't initially resonate with me, She is truly a sad sack. Nora is full of regrets; what she didn't do and what she did do that got messed up. It didn't even work out with the cat. I admit, I found it a bit slow for the first fifty pages

or so, but I am so glad I hung in there. I'll read it again.

What if you had the chance to go back, change a decision and lead a different life? After an almost death experience, Nora finds the Midnight Library where things like that are possible. She also learns that life is shaped by your decisions and there are wide-spread repercussions from your decisions. This is a

thought provoking, heart warming, bittersweet novel, reminiscent of "It's a Wonderful Life."

Now a Christmas "memory" book, "A Child's Christmas in Wales", was written by the Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas in 1952. It's a nostalgic Christmas story from a young boy's point of view in a much simpler time and place. The writing begs to be read aloud or maybe you could listen to an audible book. I have left the book up north but I'm headed downtown to the library to check it out. Tonight, I'll turn on the holiday music and lights, and make a cup of tea. Dixie Rose (my beloved dog) will be the audience for the annual recitation.



Gather joy and peace close to you
in this lovely season.

O' CHRISTMAS TREE....

by Linda Smolarek

When we think of Florida and trees, what naturally comes to mind is the palm tree, of course! In fact, the sable palm is the state tree.



But in reality, pine trees are a staple in a Florida forest, well adapted to dry, sandy soil conditions. Low-lying pine lands, called pine flatwoods, are Florida's most extensive terrestrial ecosystems, occupying about 50% of the total land area. Flatwoods are a type of savannah with scattered pine, a few shrubs and a ground cover of grasses and wildflowers. These flatwood pine forest habitats are maintained by low-density fire, without which they would transform into hardwood communities.

The three types of Florida "Christmas pines" are the loblolly pine, slash pine and pond pine, characterized by bundles of 8-12 inch long needles, and growing to incredible heights of over 100 feet tall.

The unique critters that call the flatwood pine forest home include the pine woods tree frog, eastern fox squirrel, brown-headed nuthatch and the Florida panther. Most of the major flatwood pine forests can be seen at Ocala National Forest in the north.

So as you go about decorating your tree this Christmas (most likely artificial!), remember that while living in Florida, you are in the land of pines! Happy Holidays!!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

by Donna Comolli

Unfortunately at this time the Social Committee will be canceling the Western Dance in January and the Luau is up in the air right now. Hopefully we get the vaccine by February so we can schedule some big events!!!

OCEAN RESORTS' WEBSITE

by Barb Goodman

Did you know that you can find the following on the OR website??

- Information about upcoming activities
- Sales and Rental Listings (updated regularly)
- Current weather information
- Gallery of activity photos
- Administration information
- Amenity information
- Links to past newsletters
- Committee information
- Board of Director's information, including past meeting minutes
- Listing of 2020 deceased shareholders
- "News for You" blog with posts from Donna's emails and other information
- Links to access Important Documents such as Articles of Incorporation, Approved Budget, Proprietary Lease, Renovation Application, Rules and Regulations, Quarterly Statement Information
- A form to send requests to Donna, OR's manager

The website is maintained by a volunteer who tries to keep it updated as much as possible. Watch for an upcoming **Trading Post** where shareholders can post items for sale within the community.

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