

Ocean Resorts Island Times

January 2020



The Activities Committee hosted the annual Children's Christmas party complete with Santa (Eric Weed), presents, gingerbread cookies and ice cream. Santa's elf (Lee Koesema) read *The Christmas Sweater* to the children.



Party photos by Lee Koesema



Children's Christmas Party and Christmas Pot Luck Dinner



A HUGE thanks to Cathy Moon and Gerry Marcus for coordinating the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. Also, thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make Christmas more enjoyable for over 70 OR residents.



Dinner photos by Barb Goodman

MANAGER'S REPORT

by Donna Perez

Hello to all. I hope everyone is doing well. Season is here and I have seen more people at Ocean Resorts than last year. Welcome home and Happy New Year to all.

We have our Annual Shareholder Meeting coming up on Saturday, February 1, 2020. I'm excited to see all the new and old faces who will be in attendance. Although there won't be an election this year, there will be a vote for the Tiki Hut.

Laundry prices and the deficit we have had with replacing and repairing the machines was discussed at the January Board of Directors Meeting. Discussion took place and it was decided that the prices would be raised to \$2.00 per load to wash and \$1.50 per load to dry. This increase is expected to take place the week of January 27th, depending on the service technician's schedule.

The Bocce courts were recently resurfaced and look fantastic. They are in need of a little tweaking and work is in progress.

This season we had to place hooks on the boardwalk for the storage of beach chairs. Unfortunately it has gotten a little messy and unorganized down there. Some Shareholders have 4-5 chairs being stored there making it difficult for others to hang a chair. I ask that if you have chairs hanging there that you limit it to one or two chairs per lot. If we can't get this under control, the hooks will be removed and there will be no storage of chairs at the beach.

Everyone is reminded that the only animals allowed in any of the common buildings are

working service animals as outlined in our Rules and Regulations. Please keep this in mind when entering the common areas and using the comfort stations. We have received several complaints of dogs being left unattended in these buildings. Maintenance also had to clean up dog urine and throw away an artificial plant in one of the comfort stations last week. 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.

A friendly reminder that if you have an issue or complaint, please follow the proper procedure of taking it to the office. I ask that you do not harass the staff, volunteers or contractors.

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.

Volunteers are a big part of the daily routine here at Ocean Resorts and 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.

Did You Know...the purpose of the Organization Meeting of a newly elected Board of Directors and the number of days the Board has to hold a meeting? The purpose is to elect the Board's Officers and the meeting must be held within 10 days of the election. Reference Ocean Resorts By-Law 3.2

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

PLEASE NOTE: The "I ♥ OR Luncheon", originally scheduled for Tuesday, 2/11, has been changed to Monday, 2/10 because of the availability of the restaurant, C. J. Cannon's.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by David Comolli

The 2019 year at Oceans Resorts was a very challenging one. We lost use of our clubhouse due to mold issues for most of the year. The trash truck was constantly breaking down and had to be replaced. Our sewer system is having problems with ground water infiltrating the old pipes. To top it off, we had a scare from Hurricane Dorian. These issues have been dealt with or are being dealt with by your Board of Directors in a very orderly and professional manner.

This being my last presidents' message, there are many of you I would like to thank for your help and support; the members of the Board of Directors for taking on the responsibilities of governing Ocean Resorts; our committees and the volunteers for doing a great job under some adverse conditions; and the manager and her staff for going beyond what is expected of them in their daily functions. When we work together great things happen.

There will be no election at this year's Annual Shareholders meeting. Two positions on the Board were open for election and only two people submitted letters of intent to run. Jim Connors and Jim Kraszewski will be filling the Board positions at the February 1st Annual Shareholders meeting.

Volunteerism has always been an integral part of Ocean Resorts. I urge each and every one of you to join committees and volunteer to keep this our "little piece of paradise". A list of committees and the chairpersons are posted at the post office.

I am fully confident that our Board of Directors for the 2020 year will do a great job. I will continue to serve on committees and be an active member of the community. Again, thank you for your help and support.

"Until we meet again"



New Year's Eve Bonfire **by Judy Smolarek and Mary Dombro**

Throughout the evening, roughly 100 people came to the Ocean Resorts New Year's Eve Bonfire on the beach. It was a perfect weather night for a fire, to watch stars, converse with friends and enjoy fireworks. A Happy New Year was had by all.

Thank you to Steve Wilson who helped carry wooden pallets to the beach, along with Jim Buysse and Dave Smolarek. And many thanks to Dean Rayle for digging the fire pit.

Our Ocean Resorts' pyrotechnics, John Dombro, Evert Eklund, and Tom Starr, safely set off fireworks. The beautiful display was only made possible through the monetary donations of the following people: the Comolli's, the Cross's, the Dombro's, Evert Eklund, the Gardiner's, the Murdick's, the Neuhoff's, the Starr's, and the Wroblewski's. Thank you for your generosity.



Photos by Elizabeth Flaherty

CHILI BOWL

Article and photos by Kathy Jankovic and Lee Koesema

Ocean Resorts residents lunched at the second annual Chili Bowl on January 14th at the newly remodeled clubhouse. Activities Committee members and volunteers assisting with the lunch were Elizabeth Flaherty, Ginny Kearns, Pat Tumanic, Joe Harding, Ida Smith, Lee Koesema, Jan Sheehan, Casey Sweet-Valenti, Pam Reyer, Sue Ertel, Judy Smolarek and Gerry Marcus.

Diners were able to spice up a flavorful mild beef chili to the Scoville rating of their choice. Freshly baked honey cornbread muffins were a popular accompaniment that diners enjoyed. Thanks to all the residents and volunteers for making this community event possible.



NEW OCEAN RESORTS' FLAG

by Judy Smolarek

At a recent board meeting, Jim Buysse brought to attention the fact that it is unlawful to fly a US flag at half-staff unless it was by order of the President. But because it was always done for the passing of one of OR's family, he recommended putting up an official OR flag at the PO and keeping the tradition. Jim and Joe Harding paid for and put up the second pole and residents were asked to submit their design.

The Activities Committee suggested using the logo that is on all OR items and on our letterhead. So A1A Ink designed the flag using our logo and it was approved by the office. So now you know the reason behind the new flag at the Post Office.



OR ITEMS FOR SALE: The Activities Committee also thought that additional flags would be nice to show our love for OR. You can purchase an 18"x11" one in the game room through the office and it could be flown on your golf cart, on your porch, or in your garden for \$20. And don't forget, there are many items for sale, like t-shirts, hats, visors, sweatshirts, magnets, license plates, bags, and kids (from infants to size XL) magic changing color t-shirts, all with our logo. The profit from these items goes back into Ocean Resorts.

What is the OR monthly Flea Market?

by Judy Smolarek

During peak season the Activities Committee sponsors monthly Flea Markets along with an outdoor hamburger and hot dog roast. The flea market items for sale are donations from people in the park. You may bring your used, but in good shape, donations to the Clubhouse before 9 AM that morning or the late afternoon the day before a flea market. We are not able to take donations sooner because of a lack of storage. If you prefer to sell on your own, you must make arrangements with Pat Harding prior to the date, and you can set up your own table with no charge if space is available.

This is also where all of our logo items are on full display and can be bought without having to go to the office. The latest edition of the Phone Directory is also sold at this time. Outside you can purchase 50/50 tickets, along with hamburgers, hot dogs, pop and chips. The winning 50/50 tickets are drawn at 1:00 PM. You can always check the bulletin board by the PO to see if you are a winner if not present for the drawing.

And once again, all profits are used for enhancements to Ocean Resorts, like the park benches on the beach, umbrellas for events, and some updates to the Clubhouse kitchen.

NEW MAINTENANCE STAFF: JAMES CRONK

Article and photo by Bill Howe



Our newest member of the maintenance staff at Ocean Resorts is James Cronk who has been employed here for the past 3 months. James is a native of Florida, however as a native of Michigan I detected a bit of a Michigan accent. James did in fact live in Michigan for 10 years and worked for Ford Motor Company in the Detroit area. Since leaving Michigan James has worked his passion as a general contractor. This is good for us here at OR as he has developed skills as an electrician, plumber and general contractor since high school.

You are likely to see James patrolling OR with his gray “STAFF” T-shirt in his golf cart Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. He is very willing to assist residents and perform duties at the direction of the Office.

Lastly, James has a fleet of three fishing boats that he charts out from June – September for both inshore and offshore fishing excursions (772FlyandlightTackleCharters.com). Captain James is a man of many talents and is an asset to the Park. Make sure you help make him feel welcome.

THANK YOU and an Update on Grace deBest

From grandmother, Pat Harding: Grace visited here last April during spring break. She went to the doctor after she got home because of some lumps on her neck. She was diagnosed with T Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia on April 13th. She was 13 years old at the time. Grace was referred to Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was admitted to the ICU and intensive treatment began that day and has continued. Grace is a loving, fun, determined young lady. We pray for her recovery and thank you for your prayers.

From Joe and Pat Harding’s daughter, and Grace’s mother, Kerri: “My parents tell me that you’ve stopped by, or caught them in the park, or stopped them in the store, to ask how Grace is doing, or to mention you are praying for her and our family. They tell me whenever you do this. Please know that your prayers and concern bring warmth to my heart and strengthen my hope. Every single one of you is facing your own challenge, or a loved one of yours is struggling with something, and yet you make time to reach out to my Mom and Dad. Thank you. Thank you for your love and kindness. Thank you for your relentless prayers. Thank you for your valuable time. Thank you for your unselfishness. Please know your thoughts and prayers make a difference in our lives. We will continue to update you on Grace’s progress through CaringBridge and Facebook. May you and your family be blessed with all you seek. “



UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY sponsored by The Activities Committee

One week in February is always dedicated as "**I ♥ OCEAN RESORTS WEEK**". Check out the Bulletin Boards for posters and at the Post Office for more details. Many other groups have activities planned also.

- * On Sunday, Feb 9th we begin with the **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** held at the pavilion.
- * On Monday, Feb.10th there is the **I ♥ OCEAN RESORTS LUNCHEON** at CJ Cannon's restaurant in Vero Beach.
- * On Wednesday, Feb. 12th we have our monthly **FLEA MARKET, HOT DOG/HAMBURGER ROAST** held in the Clubhouse.

Our committee concludes the month with a **Fashion Show** on Feb. 24th featuring models from OR wearing clothing from FASHIONS BY TIFFANY. It is in the Clubhouse and you may purchase fashions there because Tiffany brings racks of clothing for you to try on.

Also, every Tuesday and Friday there is **BINGO** in the Clubhouse, sponsored by Activities Committee.

All of these events are for everyone to enjoy...shareholders, renters, friends, and family. The profits from these are used for additions to the park.

In case you were unaware, as you enter the Post Office on your right is a spot where the yearly and weekly calendar of events are stored. Feel free to take one home as a reminder of activities. *(The weekly and yearly activity calendar is also posted on the Ocean Resorts website, oceanresortscopinc.org.)*

Also, a sandwich board sign is sometimes outside of the PO to remind people of events, especially pre-sale ticket purchase dates. Stay updated by reading the bulletin boards often.

MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

Meditation comes in many forms and one of the most enjoyable is an eating meditation. Choose a perfectly ripe tangerine. Sit in a comfortable upright position and slowly examine the fruit. Be mindful of the shape and color, is there an aroma? Think of where the fruit came from, the journey to this present moment. Take time to think of the farmers, the pickers, the transport people and all the others that made it possible for this fruit to be here in your hand. Focus mindfully on the fruit. Slowly peel the tangerine, enjoy the burst of sweet smell as you peel the fruit. Note the pale color of the pith, the threads that crisscross the tangerine segments (Albedo is their name and it protects the tender fruit from bruises), is the skin thick or thin? Now gently separate a segment, what a great way to build a fruit, all these little pieces held together in a ball. Examine the segment, smell the aroma. Take a bite, feel the texture, the juice, the temperature of the tangerine. Savor the sweetness, or maybe it's tart? Slowly chew the segment, being mindful of the experience. Break off another piece. Is it the same or will all segments be different? Follow this guide as you eat the fruit, being with the experience. Feel gratitude for the pleasure of the food and all that was involved in bringing it to you for your enjoyment. This meditation should take about ten minutes. You are practicing focus, and being in the present moment. You are learning to slow down and experience the small wonders of life. Breathe deeply and enjoy your day.



JOHN PROVANCE AND TEAM USA by Bill Howe



Many people at Ocean Resorts know John Provance for his work on the Peninsula Committee. He also plays on the Tennis, Bocce and Pickleball courts, frequents the local golf courses, and can sometimes be found at poker tables. Besides that, he continues to play softball in a Fort Pierce Softball League. A very busy man, especially for his 76 years young schedule.

But few know that John recently went with TEAM U.S.A. to Oahu Hawaii to play in the Pacific Rim Slow Pitch Federation annual slow pitch softball championships this past October.

John received a call a few months back from the California-based Team USA saying that his reputation as a skilled softball pitcher had traveled across the continent. The team coach asked him to play in the Pacific Rim Tournament. John accepted and never looked back. John became the pitcher for the USA Blue Team in Hawaii and traveled with his wife, Nancy, across the ocean ready to play ball and meet people.

Throughout my interview with John he repeatedly voiced that playing ball was his secondary motive for the trip; that his priority was to be a “goodwill ambassador” for the United States in the competition on and off the field.

Scheduled in the tournament were teams from the USA, Canada, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mainland China. His focus was on “the people”, making international friendships and promoting our culture. Even through the language barriers, John, and wife Nancy, told stories from home and traded ball caps, team patches and even uniforms.



Interestingly enough, and keeping with John’s desire to promote goodwill, he was asked to play a position on both the Hong Kong and Chinese teams when those teams were short of players due to sudden illness. John found it odd to play in a Chinese uniform with players he could not speak to, but his skills proved to quickly overcome that obstacle. He did not compete against his home team, however.

John is passionate about softball but to him it was all about the people and the exchange of culture. His enthusiasm for the game and his love of people is contagious. I would encourage anyone to spend a few minutes with John to talk about his fascination with both, but I warn you...he may try to recruit you to play as an ambassador for Team USA, a rich and rewarding experience.



MARINA COMMITTEE by Andy Stanish

Hello Ocean Resorts! It's high season and the marina is almost at full capacity. We have a lot of new and bigger boats this year. Come on down and stroll the dock to look for manatees, and keep a sharp eye out for the world class Snook that hides under our docks and boats.



The Spaghetti Dinner took place on January 23. The Marina committee would like to thank Sharon McSweeney for organizing the event and all the volunteers who donated their time to make the dinner a great success. We had a great turn out with over 240 in attendance. Several birthday's were celebrated and a lot of fun had by all. Congratulations to the auction and 50/50 winners! Thank you to all the donors. See you all next year!

Remember to sign up for our Ocean Resorts Fishing Tournament that takes place throughout the entire month of February. It's only a \$15 donation and a lot of fun, even if you only end up at the fish cleaning tables talking about fishing. Your donation to help maintain the marina is appreciated.



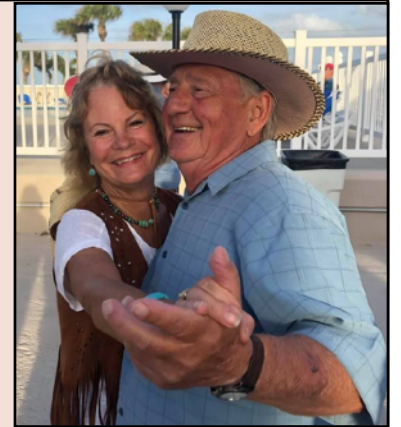
This is my first season as the new Dockmaster and I hope I live up to the legacy of the previous Dockmasters.

See you on the water.
Andy Stanish



SOCIAL COMMITTEE by Donna Comolli

A big thank you to everyone who supported the **Western Dance**; it was a great success!! We had a new band, *Whisky Six*, a 4 piece band who were great musicians and got everyone up dancing. Everyone looked great in their western gear. We were just missing live horses!!



More next month about the Luau on March 28th. Get your Hawaiian shirts ready!! I will definitely need volunteers and cooks for that event!!

Photos by Cibby Gardiner



BOCCE by Mary Dombro and Luxy LeClair

Sixteen teams have signed up to play bocce this season, which began during the week of January 13, 2020. We are enjoying the new surface on these courts. Through the effort of board member, Gary Gardiner, he was able to contact a renter who specializes in this type of work. This was a very cost-effective measure on the part of our Board, since the bids for such an undertaking was very expensive.

A huge thank you goes to Gene Williams for his expertise and willingness to accept and complete this project.

LET'S EAT OUT

by Sharon English

CHIVE is in a new location (near the Miracle Mile) and has expanded into a great spot for fast, fresh take out and inside or outside dining. There are additional menu selections as well as those listed below. Daily specials are Happy Hour with \$2 Tacos and \$2 Margaritas; Wings Wednesday 4pm-close for 50¢ each; and Kids Eat Free Tuesday 4-9 pm. **CHIVE** truly has something for everyone, including delicious healthy choices.

CHIVE

Quick Creative Cuisine

8 Royal Palm Pointe, Vero Beach
772-999-5452

Hours: Sunday: 11am - 8pm
Monday - Saturday: 11am - 10pm

Step 1. Choose:

Lettuce Blend Salad
Wrap/Burrito (includes 1 side)
Tacos (includes 1 side)
Po Boy (includes 1 side)
Beans and Rice Bowl

Step 2. Choose:

Slow Roasted Pork.....\$9.79
Marinated Chicken Breast.....\$9.79
Mixed Seasonal Veggies.....\$7.99
Maine Lobster.....Market Price
Wild Caught Grilled Shrimp.....\$11.49
Grilled Mahi-Mahi.....\$11.49
Seared Ahi Tuna* (under cooked).....\$13.99
Ahi Tuna Poké* (under cooked).....\$13.99
Steak.....\$10.99
Fresh Mozzarella.....\$10.99
Fresh Fish of the Day.....Market Price

Extras:

Double Meat, Steak, Shrimp.
Mahi, Mozzarella.....\$5.00
Veggies.....\$3.00
Lobster, Tuna.....\$10.00
Chicken, Pork.....\$4.00
Cheese/Toppings.....\$5.00

Step 3.

Personalize with any of our
Signature toppings & sauces
located on back side of menu!

*Consuming raw or undercooked fish may increase the risk of food borne illness.

Toppings

Salsa Fresca,	Shredded Cheddar Jack,
Marinated Grilled	Parmesan,
Peppers & Onions,	Bleu Cheese Crumbles,
Lettuce Blend,	Feta,
Spinach,	Tomato,
Fresh Cilantro,	Cucumbers,
Banana Peppers,	Carrots,
Bacon, (\$.99)	Pineapple,
Avocado, (\$.99)	Scallion,
Kalamata Olives,	Lime,
Boiled Eggs,	Red Onions,
Almonds,	Guacamole, (\$.99)
Jalapenos,	Thai Noodles,
Dried Cranberries,	Corn & Pineapple Salsa
Swiss,	

Specialty Sauces & Dressings

Sriracha Mayo, Wasabi Mayo, Medium Salsa,
Cajun Remoulade, Sweet Chili Glaze,
Horseradish Cream, Spicy Buffalo,
Chipotle Lime Ranch, Carolina BBQ,
Lemon Mustard Cream, Curry Me Bad,
Sour Cream, Avocado Walnut Vinaigrette,
Roasted Red Pepper Sour Cream,
Chimichurri, Judo Chop, Citrus Vinaigrette,
Red Wine Vinaigrette, Yum Pow,
Sweet Chili Cream,

Sides

Baja Slaw, Thai Glass Noodle Salad,
Tri-Beans & Rice,
Chips & Salsa, Side Salad,
Swiss Mac N Cheese, Bag of Chips
Lobster Bisque.....\$6 (8oz.)
Soup of the Day.....\$4 (8oz.)

For the Kids

Kids' Night Tuesday, 4-9pm

Kiddo Taco and a Side.....\$5.00
Cheesy Quesadilla.....\$5.00
Chicken Mac N Cheese.....\$5.00
Kid's Bowl.....\$5.00

Something Sweet

Home Made Banana Bread.....\$3.00
with Captain Morgan's Apple Butter
Cookies (2).....\$2.25
Brownies.....\$2.00

NEW YEAR'S HAPPY HOUR!



Photos by Elizabeth Flaherty

YOGA by Nancy Wilder

Yoga with Julie meets on Monday at 10 am at the clubhouse. The yoga class is open to all levels and experience. Learning to breathe deeply while you stretch and balance your body will make you safer and steadier. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes. Both men and women practice with Julie as she moves about the class aligning our postures.

Recently I was asked about chair yoga. As you may have experienced, it can be tough to get off the floor once you are down there. Yoga can be adapted to all levels, and a really healthy workout can be done with the help of a chair. If you are interested in this type of assistance, please come a little early to class and we will get you set up. See you on Monday!

TENNIS COMMITTEE by Gary Gardiner

There is a lot going on in February for tennis players!

- The Red and Blue Tournament, run by Andy Bonetti, will be held Friday and Saturday nights on Feb.14-15. Details will be on the tennis bulletin board.
- The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Tickets will be sold at the post office a week before. Donna Comolli is the chairperson of this event. We hope to see everyone in the park there.....it's a great way to start the day with good food, good friends and good fellowship.
- Free tennis clinics are held on Wednesdays at noon for beginners and intermediate players. The instructors are Bob Obidzinski, Dean Rayle, Evert Eklund and Jules Pacaneco. You'll learn some tennis skills and with that crew and you'll also laugh a lot! Open to all. Racquets are available for those that don't have one. Just show up with sneakers and a smile!

OR Tennis wouldn't happen without the folks who volunteer their time and expertise. Thanks go to: the instructors mentioned above, schedule coordinators - Men's morning: Marie Glover, Women's morning and 5:00 open to all: Cathy Moon, Women's 4:00: Kathy Smolerak; Food and set up for tournaments: Karen Howe. Jan Sheehan is coordinating the Tennis Party in March with a Prom Theme. Anyone that would like to help Jan, please let her know.

I am stepping down as Chairman and Bob Tobias is also resigning (due to duties on the Board of Directors). Tom Smith (Kathy) will take over as Chairman and John Sheehan will take Bob's place. I thank you all for making the past two years run so smoothly. We live in a CO-OP and you have all shown what working in coordination with each other can accomplish. See you on the courts!



On January 25-26 2020, the Ocean Resorts Tennis club held its annual Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament in the park. Thirty-two players, 16 men and 16 women, competed over the two days for the honors of the Number One Mixed Doubles Team.

Following the two-day, single elimination tournament, the winners were Shelley Obelsky and Connie Hay. The runners-up in the pro-set match were Dean Rayle and Tanya McKewon.

Article and photo by Bill Howe





ART IN THE PARK by Cibby Gardiner

January has flown by all too quickly! Folks were busy creating sea-glass blocks, driftwood key holders, birdhouses and Valentine door wreaths. February will be just as great.



The Art Show and Sale will be on Sunday, February 23rd. If interested in reserving a table for this event please contact Donna Comolli at dcomolli@yahoo.com or 401-744-6912.

Here is the schedule for February and March Tuesdays **ART in the Park**. Come join us and have fun while getting your creative juices flowing! Most classes are free unless posted otherwise. You **MUST** sign up in the post office. It will be posted if you need to bring supplies.



FEB. 4th – Kathy Jankovic – Magazine beads

FEB. 11 – Carol Thorne – Driftwood boats

FEB. 18 – Cibby Gardiner – Shell/driftwood mermaids (bring shells and small pieces of driftwood if you have any)

Feb, 25 – Ray Zwart – Air plants (bring a large shell or container if you have one)

Mar. 3 – Kathy Jankovic – Bath salts and decorative jars

MAR. 10 – Lona Sapoznika – Mosaic jewelry holder (bring broken dishes, pottery, mosaic pieces)

MAR. 17 – Karen Stampfli -Shell trees (bring sea glass if you have some)

MAR. 24th – Finish mosaics and trees with Lona and Karen.

SEE YOU IN 2021! Next year If you'd like to lead a class or assist in one please contact Cibby Gardiner. 401-465-7666 or cibbyg@aol.com



I know there are many talented folks in The Park who could share their ideas with us! Can anyone lead a class in Line Dancing? Can anyone help with technical/computer knowledge (most of us are useless with our phones etc. and could use help), cooking/cake decorating etc. Your talent doesn't have to be art or craft related. Think it over and let me know.

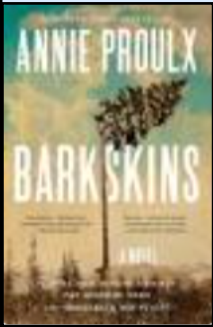


Photos by Cibby Gardiner

THE JOY OF READING

by Nancy Wilder

This past month I have been reading books with an environmental theme. It's a timely topic worldwide, with our increases in rain, the fires in California and Australia, earthquakes, frequent tornados, floods and storms of all types.



Annie Proulx is the author of **Barkskins**, a sprawling historical novel about two brothers who arrive in New France (Canada) over three hundred years ago, as indentured servants to a timber baron. We follow the brothers and their families as they make their fortunes in timber throughout the Americas, Australia and New Zealand. Throughout this time, they had no thought that the supply of timber would ever end, (despite the warnings of native Americans). The characters are powerful, and you can easily get lost in this engrossing book. The writing leads you to see how the encroachment of a civilization, greedy and insensitive to the environment, resulted in the deforestation and the destruction of the ancient forests. Sometimes we are our own worst enemies.

John Grisham is a popular author of legal thrillers and I'm sure most of us have read several of his books. **Grey Mountain** was recently given to me and I was in the mood for a quick read. Well, I didn't realize I would be drawn into the the plight of coal communities of Appalachia. I learned about black lung, fracking, water contamination and the power of greed and lack of moral conscience. Trapped in remote areas and lacking opportunities, the men worked the mines for long hours. Unions had been broken so there was no worker protection. The descriptions of the devastation of fracking, and the disregard for the land and trees is well written. The book will captivate you and of course, being a Grisham novel, there is a young idealistic lawyer to stand up to the bad guys.



MAHJONG

by Nancy Wilder

Last Wednesday the card room was full at 12:30 and because on the early crowd, we are now going to meet at noon. Mahjong tiles were quickly clicking and chatter filled the room. Experienced players sat side by side with beginners, offering instruction and support. We all had great time.

Monday night we met again at 6:30 at the clubhouse. This has been the site of many mahjong events, including the Chinese New Year party, complete with Mortimore, the dancing dragon, and so much more.



Dragon made by Nancy White and Anita D'Ambrosio

Rumor has it that Mahjong was in play in China 2,500 years ago! Please join us, ladies and gentlemen, to learn and play this historic game of strategy and challenge!

POOL COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel

It has been a cold start to 2020. The temperatures are slowly moving up and the swimmers are returning. New tables and chairs have been ordered to add to the pool area. Lane ropes have arrived and will be installed shortly. I know the lap swimmers will be happy about that.

I was at the exercise class the other morning and as I was gazing out the windows of our clubhouse, I had to stop and realize how lucky we are to be spending our winter at Ocean Resorts. The view of the ocean and our beautiful pool is just amazing!



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Mary Dombro

Our annual fund raiser, the Chicken Barbecue, is back by popular request. This will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020, during the hours of 3-7 pm. Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm. Ticket sales will begin on February 10th and continue until February 20th. Please see the Post Office bulletin board for further details.

Our committee will need volunteers to aid in the preparation of this meal. We would appreciate any help you can offer. Sign-up sheets will be posted inside the Post Office for areas of need during the first week of February. Thanks, in advance, for your time and effort.

I'm always amazed at the continued work of Donna Comolli and Ray Zwart for the beautiful potted plants and flora around the common areas of our resort. They deserve abundant credit for the care and upkeep of these plants and flowers.



Photo by Judy Smolarek

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE **PAMPERED CHEF PARTY** by Judy Smolarek

Thirty-four women attended the Pampered Chef demonstration on January 13th. Our consultant, Christina McIntosh, demonstrated how to use various Pampered Chef products by making 3 different dishes for everyone to sample. She also raffled off door prizes and many people ordered from the catalog. Instead of the hostess (Activities Committee) receiving free products, Christiana gives us a check to put into our treasury to buy items that the committee votes on that OR may need.



Photo by Lee Koesema

OCEAN RESORTS

POKER RUN

Thurs. Jan. 30 4:00 PM Pavilion

Followed by Happy Hour 5-7



-**\$10** fee team of 2 (LIMITED TO 52 TEAMS)

-**MUST Pre-register** at PO Jan 28 or 29 (3:00-5:00)

-Rules and directions for collecting 5 playing cards throughout park by walking, biking, or going by golf carts at pavilion that day

-Best hand wins & additional prizes

-All fees divided out as cash prizes

Sponsored by Activities Committee See Judy Smolarek for info

OCEAN RESORTS 26th Annual FISHING TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 1st to 29th

\$15.00 ENTRY FEE

PRIZE FOR EACH SPECIES CATEGORY

PAY PETER HARTL 772-766-9465, 5318 JIB WAY

ELIGIBLE SPECIES HEAVIEST LEGAL:



DOLPHIN
WHITING
POMPANO AND PERMIT
SNOOK
RED FISH
SHEEPSHEAD
BLACK DRUM
BLUEFISH
ANY TROUT
KING MACKEREL AND/OR SPANISH MACKEREL
ANY LEGAL SNAPPER
ANY OTHER LEGAL FISH



*TO REGISTER/WEIGH YOUR FISH, CALL:
Official scale only: Initiated by one of weighers below.*

ANDY STANISH	954-483-5062
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LUXY LECLAIR	207-649-4686
KEN REEVES	724-766-2317
AL FOLEY	845-467-7088

**AWARDS CEREMONY
& HOT DOG ROAST
SUNDAY March 1ST @ Noon at Rec Hall Pavilion**

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

MENU:
½ CHICKEN
POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS
ROLL
DESSERT

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020, 3-7 P.M.

A BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

50/50 RAFFLE

MUSIC BY AIRWAVES EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

\$10.00 PER PERSON

TICKETS ON SALE @ POST OFFICE

**FEBRUARY 10-20, 2020
NO SALES ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
(PRESIDENTS' DAY)**

****NO SALES AFTER 4:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 21ST****



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