

# OCEAN RESORTS ISLAND TIMES MARCH 2022



**LUAU**



**Hamburger/Hot Dog Roast**



**Black & White Party**

**Pancake Breakfast**



**Talent Show**



**St. Pat's Day**



**Wine Tasting**



**Lagoon Cruise**



**Corn Hole Tournament**

## MANAGER'S REPORT

by Donna Perez

Turtle season has begun and runs through October. Please be diligent when using umbrellas and shovels. We are one of the few beaches that allow leashed pets on the beach; please do not let your pets dig or disturb any nests. Nests no longer get roped off due to poachers.

The updated construction plan to the north bridge will impact traffic at the railroad crossing between April 18 and May 16. During this time the roadway will remain open, lane closures will occur and flaggers will be present.

Traffic will be detoured for one full day in May when the crossing is closed. Brightline is working with emergency responders to provide access to the island at all times. Schedules are subject to change.

A few trash and recycling reminders - trash is picked up on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Any bulk items must be disposed of and taken to the dump by the shareholders. Recycling remains bi-weekly on Tuesdays and the schedules are posted throughout the common areas. If your recycling does not get picked up, it is because you have non-recyclable items in your bins and it will be

left curbside for trash day. Brush items get picked up by the landscapers but if you are cutting large

items the landscapers will not take these. You can bag them in large black trash bags and they will get picked up on trash day.

I have had several complaints over the last few weeks about speeding and dog waste. The speed limit throughout the co-op is 10 miles per hour. Please ensure you are not speeding. Our roads are narrow and many people walk and ride their bikes down them at all hours of the day and night. We have dog stations throughout the co-op; please ensure you are picking up after your pet.

Many of you will be leaving to head north for the summer. Just a friendly reminder that hurricane season starts on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure that your home and all items are secure prior to leaving for the season. Also, don't forget to let us know you are leaving so we can update your address on file. This does not take care of your mail forward you must do a mail forward with USPS.

It surely has been a great season here at Ocean Resorts, I have truly enjoyed seeing everyone back and enjoying their time here. We look forward to seeing all you snowbirds again next winter. And for our full-time Floridians, we look forward to a nice calm summer with you here at Ocean Resorts.



## HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS by Jim Thorpe

Even though many of us only spend a few months at "our paradise", we cannot expect other people to pickup after us. Remember most of us didn't bring our mothers with us. So here are a few suggestions:

\*If you use it, put it back properly. Even if you didn't find it that way.

\*If you see trash outside of the trash containers, don't just ignore it. Pick it up and put it in the trash.

\*Obey the speed limit of 10 MPH. Remember we have children within the co-op and others that have hearing issues and movement issues.

\*If you see an issue with something, such as something is damaged or broken, report it to the office so the maintenance crew can repair it.

These suggestions are **NOT** to point fingers or accuse anyone of not doing their job(s). Simply to make our paradise maintain its beautiful appearance, safety within the co-op and expenses down. Remember we all are here for the same enjoyment and reason for the most part, so be respectful to each other.





Photo by Barb Goodman

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel

The month of March continues to bring fun events for all. Our last Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast for the season was held on March 9th. Plenty of people turned out for a great afternoon of lunch, conversation and left-over ice cream sundaes.

March 15 brought our first Corn Hole Competition to the park along with our annual Chili Bowl lunch at the Pavilion.

There were 32 teams competing in the fun-filled tournament organized by Marion Stark. Heidi and Jason Souza took first place with Evert Eklund and Shari Moldenhauer taking 2nd place.

On March 22nd we hosted a new event with Wine Tasting and Hors d'oeuvres. *Editor's Note - Sommelier Nancy from Montreal treated the crowd to appetizers with paired wine tasting to the delight of all.*

Our last event of the season will be our annual Easter Egg hunt to be held on Saturday, April 16th. If you have children visiting who would like to attend, watch for the sign-up sheet inside the Post Office.

Remember there is Bingo every Tuesday night at the Clubhouse, 7:00.

HAPPY SPRING and safe travels to our neighbors who are traveling north at the end of the month.



Photo by Sue Ertel



Photo by Barb Goodman



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Barb Goodman



## **Board of Director's President's Report by Jim Buysse**

The last day of winter is here and gone so it won't be long until some of us will be heading north for the summer. It has been a much more active year at Ocean Resorts (thankfully) this year with a lot of committees doing their activities.

It seems like every meeting we have the same topic arises: recycling. So here is what was decided - If you mix non-recyclable items with

your recyclable items, the garbage people will not pick it up and you can either sort it out or put it out for regular garbage pickup. Do not call the office to have it picked up because they will tell you the same thing. See the list of what can and can not be recycled below.

We have enjoyed seeing all of you snowbirds for the year and hope you have safe travel back to your summer destinations. We hope to see you next winter!

### **GENERAL RECYCLE**

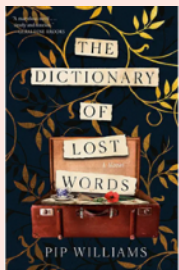
Plastic bags are not allowed to contain your recyclables please contain them in a container curbside.

### **THINGS TO RECYCLE**

Newspapers, Magazines, Office Paper, Pizza Boxes, Tissue Boxes, Phone Books, Cardboard (boxes cut up), File Folders, Catalogs, Paper Tubes, Catalogs, Wrapping Paper, Milk & Juice Cartons, Paper Bags, Tin Cans, Aluminum Cans, Soda Bottles, Laundry Detergent Bottles, Water Bottles, Milk Jugs, Empty Aerosol Cans, Aluminum Foil, Metal Pie Plates, Rigid Plastic, Six Pack Rings, Bottle Caps, Cookie Sheets, Metal Lids Pots, Toys and Pans.

### **DO NOT RECYCLE**

Hoses, Rubber Items, Pyrex Cookware, Plastic Bags, Ceramics, Window Glass, Styrofoam, Clothing, Shrink Wrap.



## **THE JOY OF READING by Nancy Wilder**

The Dictionary of Lost Words, a first novel, by Pip Williams, was recommended to me by a book group up north. Many of the readers complained that they read it too fast, really enjoying it, but sad it would be finished soon. A readers dilemma.

This historical novel is set in England in the 1870's and tells of the first Oxford English Dictionary. Esme, the daughter of one of the lexicographers (editors of dictionaries), spends her days in the garden shed, where her father and his team collect words for the OED. Contributions of words were sent to the Scriptorium (aka garden shed) from volunteers across the world after an appeal for words to be included in the dictionary. Esme plays at their feet, under the table and collects the scraps of paper holding discarded words. As Esme grows she becomes aware that not all the words are collected. The words of the poor, the expressions of the working class and words pertaining to women were not included in the OED. So Esme started gathering the forgotten words herself. The time frame of the book also coincides with the height of the Women's Suffrage Movement. As Esme grows and moves out into the community, she meets and befriends the people whose words have been overlooked. This book was an education as well as a delight to read. And it has a great ending!

**UPDATE:** The Oxford English Dictionary was first published in 1884. In 2020, the dictionary contained 273,000 words with 171,476 in current use. In 2019, ten new words, with new meanings were added: snowflake, gig economy, unplug, haircut, dad joke, vacay, deep dive, brain fart, imposter syndrome, and welp. Now that should give you scrabble players something to think about.





C.O.P. OFFICER JUDY SMOLAREK

C.O.P. OFFICER NANCY WILDER

# MEET YOUR LOCAL COP(S)

ARTICLE BY JIM THORPE

Have you noticed the **CITIZEN OBSERVATION PATROL** vehicle roaming through OCEAN RESORTS highways and by-ways? Well, guess what? We have two OCEAN RESORTS residents that operate that vehicle eight hours a month each, out of the total of ten volunteers in their sector. And by the way, they are always looking for more volunteers. The two residents are Judy Smolarek and Nancy Wilder, better known as Officer Smolarek and Officer Wilder. Yes, they deserve to be called officers because they go through a police academy sponsored by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department for volunteers that patrol the island from the draw bridge to the Vero Beach boundary line. The training consists of four weeks of basic police training such as driving efficiency, vehicle stops, property check procedures, etc.... No, they do not carry weapons but they have many friends in the sheriffs department that do and yes, they respond to their calls for back-up rapidly.

The COPs officers patrol neighborhoods, high-rise condos, residence grounds and everything in between as the eyes and ears of the sheriff's department. Don't let their size fool you either, they can hold their own ground!

Their salary for what they do is a yearly volunteer luncheon. So the next time you see them riding through the co-op, please understand that they are in fact doing a service for us in OCEAN RESORTS and the other communities on the island. Please show them respect, and smile and wave to them as they ride through.

Judy has been a volunteer for eleven years. Her dad was a volunteer for ten years or so and that's why she is doing it now to carry on the family tradition. Nancy has been a volunteer for the last ten years and she stated that she is doing it because it fills a wanna-be cop desire. Hey, that was her reason when I asked her!! Also, her son is a REAL retired police officer.



## OCEAN RESORTS CELEBRATES OUR NONAGENARIANS

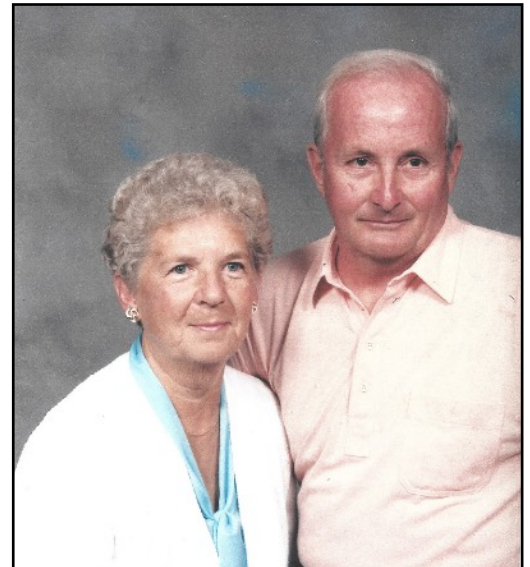
**Jerrie Kathleen McAleer Hyde**, a full-time OR resident and shareholder for almost 40 years, was born in Warren, Ohio, in 1928. She was one of four girls and the first of her family to be born in a hospital. Jerrie met her husband, Don, in 1949 before he went to the Korean War as a marine serving on the SS Roosevelt aircraft carrier in the Middle East. While Don was at war, Jerrie went through three years of nurses training in Youngstown, OH. She and Don were married in 1952 when he returned from the war.

Jerrie and Don bought his father's farm where they raised Hereford feeder calves for market. They had five children, three girls and two boys, in seven years. While raising their children, they bought one pony but ended up with 37 before selling them all!

Jerrie continued to work for 27 years as a nurse after her children were in school. Two of Jerrie's daughters currently live in Florida and visit her regularly at Ocean Resorts. Her other children live in Ohio with her 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Don and Jerrie came to OR in 1983 in a motor home. They bought the lot she currently lives on in 1984 while OR was still mostly a campground with tents, campers and some single-wide trailers. They placed their current manufactured home on the lot in 1997.

Jerrie has many fond memories of her life at OR with Don and their group of friends whom they visited with off-season in their respective states of Pennsylvania (the Daye's), New York (the Halloran's and the Edward's) and Ohio (the Hyde's and the Bradshaw's).



Don and Jerrie participated in many activities and served on many committees, including the Shuffleboard and Beautification committees. She remembers playing 25¢ shuffleboard games with the nightly winner taking home the pot. There were movie nights at the club house every Saturday night complete with popcorn. And Jerrie and Don rode their bikes the complete 3-mile loop around the park every afternoon at 4:00.

Other memories include going to the park store when returning from an afternoon at the beach, having a 24/7 guard house at the entrance, volunteering to clean the beach on a regular basis, and participating in a Nurses Club, which held meetings and helped in the Vero Beach area. Don also helped build the boardwalk and served on the Lot Line Committee with Lee Edwards when new lots were sold.



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

by Mary Dombro

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, our committee was able to return to our annual Chicken Barbecue this past February. Not only am I grateful for our hard-working committee members, but also for the numerous volunteers who helped to make this event such a huge success.



After a few cool weeks, the weather finally warmed up for this outdoor occasion. It was quite warm for the cooks around the barbecue pit, but they did a fabulous job grilling the chicken halves. Potato salad, baked beans, and donated desserts rounded out the meal.



Photos by Barb Goodman

“The Sophisticats” provided three hours of musical entertainment for all the guests. Please check the Post Office bulletin boards for dates and times of our committee meetings. We always welcome new members, owners or renters, and look forward to fresh ideas that you may have to share.

## MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder



One of my favorite and most requested meditations is The Mountain by Jon Kabot Zinn. Dr. Zinn is the founder of the Stress Reduction Clinic and the Center of Mindfulness in Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. There are several versions on YouTube, some read by Jon. I enjoy his accent and relaxation comes easily. This is a “guided meditation”. All you have to do is find a comfortable position, sitting upright, feet on the floor, and sit back, close your eyes and listen. Its about thirty minutes long.

Its an inspiring meditation and I look forward to hearing from all of you about it.



# BOCCE

By Mary Dombro and Marie LeClair

Our season ended on March 21st with a pizza gathering in the Clubhouse. Certificates and Publix gift cards were presented to the first place Monday and Wednesday teams. Monday winners are the team of Marie and Luxy LeClair and Beth and Ken Reeves. Our Wednesday first place winners did not have one loss during the nine-week season. They are Marie and Luxy LeClair and their teammates, Christi and Jeff Chambers.

It was such a pleasure to have so many participants play bocce this past season. Hopefully, this trend will continue. Many substitutes signed up also and we were grateful for their willingness to pitch in when needed.



Monday's Winners - Ken, Beth, Marie and Luxy



Wednesday's Winners - Jeff, Christi, Marie and Luxy



Photos by Barb Goodman





Hello from the Marina,

I want to thank the Marina Committee for all the great work and great fun they put into the activities this year from the Spaghetti Dinner and Fishing Tournament, to the upcoming ladder and grab pole installations, and all the things that make this community our paradise! As the marina was full, I thank all of the boaters who followed the slip assignment procedures and marina rules. As I



Photos by Andy Stanish

have said before, the Marina Committee members are the caretakers of the OR Marina and the 'stewards of the realm between land and water' ... Basically, a great group of folks that live to fish and boat.



The fishing report in March has improved, at least in the Indian River, with some nice Sea Trout being caught just outside the marina... I have had success trolling shad bodies and swimbaits at sunset. A few blue crabs here and there made for a good feast. The ocean fishing has been hampered all season by winds and waves, with a few nice days to shoot offshore. The beach fishing has been a disappointment this season; the pompano surf fishing brigade caught very few fish. Even the jacks and whiting in the trough were absent.

All in all, I'm thankful for every day I get to spend here.  
See you on the water!  
Andy Stanish, Dockmaster.



**2022 Fishing Tournament Winners**

DOLFIN-	JIM BUYSSE	10.15LBS
WHITING-	JACK STOWE	1.0LBS
PERMIT-	NONE CAUGHT	NC
POMPANO-	DENNY POGUE	3.60LBS
SNOOK-	GREG FINKEL	6.80LBS
REDFISH-	NONE CAUGHT	NC
SHEEPSHEAD-	ANDY STANISH	3.65LBS
BLACK DRUM-	LUXY LECLAIR	5.15
BLUE FISH-	LUXY LECLAIR	2.50LBS
SEA TROUT-	AL PARNA	3.05LBS
KING MACKEREL-	NONE CAUGHT	NC
SPANISH MACKEREL-	GREG FINKEL	2.55LBS
SNAPPER-	JEFF CHAMBERS	2.40LBS
ANY OTHER FISH-	BRIAN SMITH	12.1LBS (Black fin Tuna)
<u>TROPHY FOR- ?</u>		



Photos by Barb Harding



## NONAGENARIAN JAMES LANDON

by Cub Reporter, Bill Howe

I was welcomed into the home of Jim and Marsha Landon, husband and wife of 67 years. Jim recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday here at his home in Ocean Resorts.

Born in Connecticut, he has lived in and had a career in Vermont for 40 years where he retired as a public school teacher for students in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

Besides teaching, while living in Vermont, Jim spent 37 years in the Ski Patrol actively taking part in ski slope rescues of injured skiers. He talks of countless rescues from people suffering broken bones and sundry skiing emergencies common to the area. Jim's love for skiing carried down to two nephews who participated in the 2022 Winter Olympics in China. One of his nephews, River Radamus, achieved 7<sup>th</sup> place in a very large field of Alpine skiers.

Upon retirement, Jim came to Ocean Resorts to "see what it was like." Driving through the park on a short visit he was attracted by the marina and the general proximity to open water. This would give him plenty of time to take part in his favorite past time, sailing. He first came to OR with his wife in 2005, initially in his camper and soon buying a home at his present location. Not much of a fisherman, his water activity was primarily his sailboat and kayaking with his wife in the lagoon. However, shortly after arriving at OR, Jim suffered a debilitating stroke while on a solo sailing trip as he approached his stall in the OR marina. Jim was rescued by fishermen from his boat in the mangroves and rushed to medical help.

Jim has long been active in music since age 9 having played both the trumpet and the valve trombone. A valve trombone is a combination of trumpet with valves and a trombone with a slide...a very rare musical instrument. While in Florida Jim has played with numerous groups, primarily at senior centers in Vero Beach and 4 times at the OR Easter Sunrise Service. Many times Jim entertained his neighbors with trombone music as he practiced on his porch.

Jim and Marsha have a son (New York) and daughter (Washington State) While Jim does not get much of a chance to get out anymore, he does bask in his many memories he had while teaching, skiing, performing with his trombone and meeting with his Ocean Resorts friends.

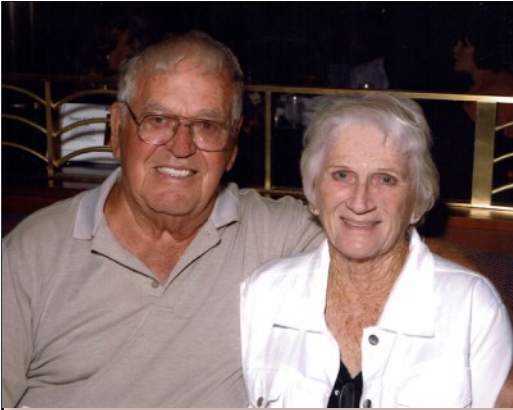


## OCEAN RESORTS' SUNRISE SERVICE by Bill Howe

Once again, the Easter Sunrise Committee is hosting the Easter Morning Sunrise Service on the Ocean Resorts Beach at **7:00 am Sunday, April 17**, Easter Morning. Seating will be provided and there will be assisted crossing of A1A to and from the service for your safety.

Sound amplification will be present for a sermonette spoken by Mary Wilson. Easter music will be provided along with the singing of a variety of hymns. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds, above expenses, given to the Indian River Hospice. All OR residents and guests are invited to attend the non-denominational service and observe the sunrise over the Cross during the service. Following the Sunrise Service, refreshments will be provided at the clubhouse pavilion.



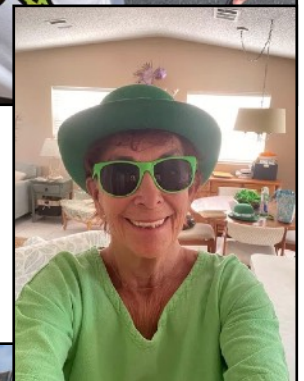
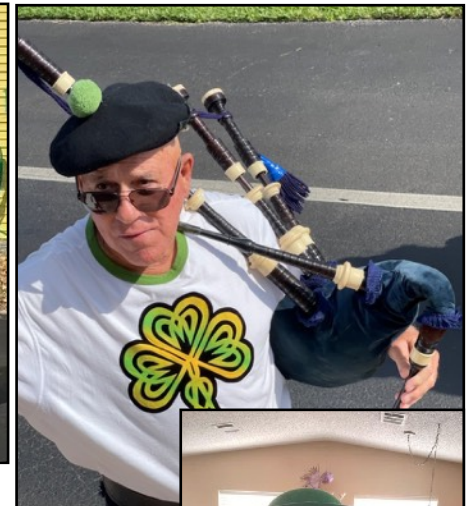


## CELEBRATING OCEAN RESORTS' NONAGENARIANS

Bernie and Myrtis Massatt were honored by the ORIT staff back in February, 2019 for their 70th wedding anniversary. We would also like to recognize them for being two of our nonagenarians (over 90 years old). They have been wintering at Ocean Resorts since 1988 and were both very involved in the tennis program here.

Bernie worked for 39 years in education as a teacher, athletic director, principal and superintendent. Myrtis had hoped to become a home economics teacher but they started their family and had 5 sons. Sadly, one son died of leukemia at the age of 4 and one passed away from Covid-19 last year. They are blessed with 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

You can read more about this amazing couple in the 2019 February edition of the Ocean Resorts Island Times newsletter available on the OR website.



## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Photos by Elizabeth Flaherty





## SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE by Donna Comolli



Photos by Barb Goodman

The Luau, the last big event of the season was a great success!! We all had a great time dancing to the music of 'The Sophisticat's' and enjoyed a wonderful dinner of pulled pork, baked beans and mac and cheese!! The draft beer and Pina Colada's were a big hit too!!

I want to thank the Social Committee, consisting of Cibby Gardiner, Joan Foley, Marion Stark, Kathy Antonovich, Mary Dombro, Carmel Jolly, Joan Naylor, Sue Giebel and Sharon English, who worked hard to make this event happen!! This was the first Luau in 3 yrs and was the first one this committee organized!!



I also want to thank all the bakers who did an outstanding job of giving us a big array of wonderful desserts!! (The pineapple carrot cake was delicious!!). This was a big production, and I want to thank everyone behind the scenes (too many to name), who worked hard to pull this off!!

Please check your 50/50 raffle tickets - #4970 & #4942 - you won money!!

We will have an Easter Happy Hour, April 14th, 5-7pm, with chocolate Easter eggs and other goodies!! Thank you everyone for your support!







## **POOL NEWS - Making a Splash by Kathy Jankovic**

Spring break has brought lots of visitors who are enjoying the best pool on the island here at Ocean Resorts. To help keep the pool clean and sanitary, please inform your guests that it's necessary to shower before entering the pool even if they have showered at home.

Applying sunscreen at least 20 minutes before swimming and showering has the added advantage of keeping your skin from getting dry and itchy. SWEAT IS THE URINE OF THE SKIN. Get in the habit of showering before you enter the pool.

According to the rules and regulations, pool temperature is maintained from 81-84 degrees. That temperature range helps maintain the chemical balance of the water. The new heaters are doing a good job of keeping the water an even temperature. The actual pool temperature averages 86 degrees or more.

When it's hot out, the water feels colder because YOUR BODY IS HOTTER due to warm weather, not because the water is too cold. Your body will quickly adjust especially if you've showered first and move when you're in the water.

Standing on the rope is never permitted. The rope is there to designate the deep end of the pool. It's not safe for a 200 pound man or 50 pound child to stand on. Use common sense so you don't end up in the emergency room. Stay off the rope.

Night swimming is not permitted because the county permit doesn't allow it. The office or board does not have control over the county regulations. Whether we agree with this or not, we wouldn't want to jeopardize our permit.

The fence wind break will be removed the last week in April by the pool committee and anyone else who will volunteer to help. The weather will determine the day and time. Lots of helpful hands will make this task easier. Please check signs at the post office at the pool for the actual date and time.



## **YOGA by Nancy Wilder**

Yoga was a great success this season. Our classes, led by Jean, were packed with men and women of all ages. Some of us were on mats, others in chairs. We pushed through those hated leg strengthening segments, we stood like trees and maintained balance, we did warrior poses and even planks. But now as we leave our twice weekly classes, let's not slow down. Jean had great examples of fitting yoga into our daily routine. Try those wonderful foot massages as you stand at the sink, "rock the baby" as you watch TV, balance like a tree as you brush your teeth, and don't forget to do cat/cow when stuck in traffic. It really helps with the slow-ups at the bridge!

It's always sad to see the season coming to an end and I'll miss seeing all of you. If you have any suggestions or ideas for yoga, please get in touch with me. I'm in the phone book or just stop and say 'hi' as I'm walking Dixie Rose around the park. **Namaste my friends.**

Photo by Sue Ertel

## LAGOON TRIP sponsored by the Land Asset Committee

by John Hudspeth, Committee Member



Thanks to all who made the Indian River Lagoon boat trip a great success. The weather was good and the fellowship was even better. Captain CHOP and the different speakers were very informative. We learned some things about the environment of the river and even watched some dolphins play in the lagoon.



We were able to view our islands and peninsula from the Indian River. We are very fortunate to be an elite few who actually own property in the Indian River Lagoon; 65 acres in the lagoon itself and 1000 feet of ocean front property along with the 35 acres that we live in to make a total of 100 acres. We are truly water-locked in paradise.



It was all of you who made this a wonderful memory for our Ocean Resorts community. Hopefully in the future we can plan more excursions together. Your participation surpassed any expectations we had. A total of 131 attended on four different outings. But then Ocean Resorts people have always worked together to make our place the paradise it is.



Please go to [historyor.com](http://historyor.com) and read more about our wonderful history. There are many pulldown screens to explore, search and enjoy the history of Ocean Resorts Co-op.



Photos by John Hudspeth and Barb Goodman





## Sea Turtle Season on our Beaches

Compiled by Bill Howe

According to [Section 161.163, Florida Statutes](#) the turtle egg laying season in Florida is anytime between March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. The specific rules people along Florida coastal areas are expected to obey are in effect during that time when over 80% of the sea turtles come ashore in Florida to lay their eggs. It is important for residents and visitors to be aware of

these statutes to encourage sea turtle reproduction and to avoid penalties for intentional violations. This brief article is to inform you of some of those statutes while on or near coastal beaches:

- ✓ Do not approach any sea turtle that has come ashore day or night. They are easily frightened and may not return to lay eggs.
- ✓ Avoid using any artificial light or flash photography during the above dates while on the beach at night, and that includes red colored lighting.
- ✓ If you live in a residence on the coast you must follow the rules of LOW-SHEILDED-LONG. Outside lights should be aimed **low** to the ground rather than horizontal toward the water. The bulbs should be **shielded** so the only light from the bulbs are reflected. And, **Long**, meaning the light wavelength should be “long” (orange or reddish in color) rather that white or yellow.
- ✓ Always stay behind her front flippers and away from her head and be sure to speak softly and move slowly away from them. Do not stand between them and the dunes or the sea.
- ✓ In the US, only permitted researchers can touch sea turtles or their eggs. Keep your distance from a known nest.
- ✓ If you see a turtle that appears to be injured, sick or dead, you should call **1 888 404 3922** to report your location and condition of the turtle. In most cases they will respond to rescue the turtle and give your further instructions. If you receive a recorded message, leave your name, phone, and turtle location as best as you can. I have put that phone number in my phone Contact list under “Turtles” in case I encounter a turtle while walking on the beach. But if you call that number, don’t expect to talk to a turtle!
- ✓ Hatchlings need to walk down at least part of the beach by themselves. They do not need help except for a clear path to the ocean.
- ✓ Fill any deep holes you may find on the beach during season as these can trap the turtles while on land. Also, remove any furniture (beach chairs) at night as these can become obstacles inhibiting turtle movement.

To learn more about sea turtle hatcheries and how to find a good one to visit, check out [ResponsibleTravel.com's sea turtle hatchery best practices.](#)



## COURTS COMMITTEE by Pam Reyer, Chairperson

With the addition of PICKLE BALL play on the tennis courts, "The Tennis Committee" will now be recognized as "THE COURTS COMMITTEE".

The newly elected Courts Committee Officers are:

Chairperson:	Pam Reyer
Co-Chairperson:	Arline Edwards
Secretary:	Cathy Moon
Treasurer:	Marie Glover

Committee Members Include: Bob Baxter, Evert Eckland, Barb Harding, Bill Howe, Wanda Kavannaugh, Denny Marginet, John Sheehan, John Stampfli, Margaret Ticknor

Scheduled play for both tennis and pickle ball will be posted along with clinics days. Tournaments are scheduled for both tennis and the First Annual Pickle Ball tournament

Free court time will be available to family's and individual's (sign-up sheets at the courts).

The Court Committee will continue both their annual Pancake Breakfast and end of season Dinner/Dance (Mexican Theme) next season.

## BLACK AND WHITE End of year Tennis Party



Another long-time tennis player, Vince D'Ambrosio, was recognized for his previous exceptional tennis play, but more importantly for his service as a World War II veteran at the February Mixed-Doubles Tennis Tournament. Vince is pictured here with John Sheehan.

Photos by Cibby Gardiner





## Tennis Men's / Women's Doubles Tournament

by Bill Howe

Saturday and Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, the OR Tennis Committee held a Men's and Women's Tournament simultaneously on the tennis courts. Eighteen men and twenty-four women competed in the two day event. The first day was called early as the predicted rain and 55+ mph winds made play impossible. Play resumed on Sunday and went well into the late afternoon.

In the end, Ginger Endreson and Kathy Smolarek were the champions in the women's division and Bob Tobias and Paul Antonovich were the men's division champs.

During the Match, two recently departed players were honored for their years of play and leadership in tennis, Andy Bonetti and Muriel Pascoe.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST by the Tennis Committee



Photos by Connie Hay

## NATURE AT OCEAN RESORTS

### SEAGRASS

by Linda Smolarek

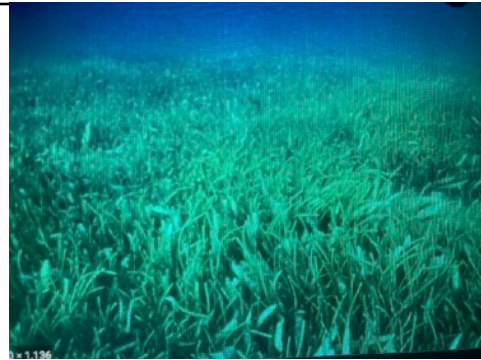
A great deal of discussion has centered on the relationship between manatees and seagrass.

What exactly is seagrass?

Seagrasses are grass-like flowering plants that live completely submerged in marine and estuarine waters where sediments are soft and sunlight penetrates the shallow water.

Seagrasses are not seaweeds. Seaweed is the common name for algae. Unlike algae, seagrass has a root system and produce flowers. There are seven species of seagrass found in the Indian River Lagoon; manatee grass, turtle grass and shoal grass are the most common. Seagrass is sensitive to environmental changes and can serve as indicators of the overall health of an ecosystem.

Seagrass provides food, habitat and nursery areas for a variety of animals from manatees to sea turtles to crabs, urchins, conches, bottle nose dolphins and a variety of fish including: drums, sea bass snappers, and grunts. Wading/diving birds use seagrass beds as feeding grounds. The majority of Florida fishery species spend some part of their lives in seagrass habitats. In addition, seagrass roots form extensive systems that stabilize the sediment and deter erosion, which can protect homes and businesses from storm damage. Seagrass beds improve water quality by removing excess nutrients from the water, like phosphorus and nitrogen that can cause harmful algal blooms.



What can we do:

- Minimize runoff water containing fertilizers, pesticides and debris from residential, industrial and agricultural areas.
- Boating in shallow areas can cause severe damage to the seagrass beds through propeller scarring.
- When building docks consider using grating rather than planks to allow more sunlight to pass through the water. Light is mandatory for growth and survival of seagrass.

Sea grass is the primary food source for manatees and 90% of green sea turtle's diet is turtle grass.

Legislation has been enacted to protect marine resources including seagrass habitats but it is difficult to enforce compliance. Education is key to increase awareness of all marine habitats.

Help restore seagrass habitat by supporting organizations such as: Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Coastal Conservation Association, Captains for Clean Water and ORCA just to name a few. As residents of Ocean Resort let's chip in and do our part to protect the marine environment of our magical Indian River Lagoon.



Mahjong is doing great. We've had a really fun season. Now it's time for our winter friends to say goodbye. We had quite a few new people this year and we hope they continue to play while they are at home and return to Ocean Resorts next year. For those of us still here, I can't wait to have another game with you!

By Elizabeth Flaherty



## ART IN THE PARK by Kathy Jankovic

The 2022 season ended with four unique crafts. Allison Alvandian lead an embroidered Ocean Resorts sewn glass/phone case. Nancy Clement conducted a delicious Chicken Cordon Bleu session. Sue Ertel created leis for the luau. And Carol McCarthy showed us how to crochet face scrubbies along with making an coconut epron salt scrub mix.



The 2023 sessions begin on January 9, 2023. All sessions will be held inside the clubhouse from 10:30-12:30 each Monday in January, February and March. All creative arts are in need of leaders for the 2023 season. This includes culinary, crafting, painting, crocheting or knitting, sewing, drawing, gardening, organizational and seasonal crafts. Activities should take two hours or less to complete and should cost under \$5.00.

If you have ideas, questions or are able to lead a session contact Alison Alvandian 1-203-887-0290 or Kathy Jankovic 1-312-350-5298. Jankovickathy@gmail.com



## ART IN THE PARK - Fleece Blankets by Sharon English

The Art in the Park ladies made donation blankets again this year for a "Giving Back Day". The fleece tie blankets are donated to the Samaritan Center in Vero Beach for homeless families. The Samaritan Center gives the blankets out to residents on their birthdays. Hopefully, this project can continue to be a annual activity. Sharon English



## ART SHOW 2022 Photos by Kathy Jankovic



## LET'S EAT OUT by Sharon English

**BY THE SEA, BY THE BEAUTIFUL SEA!**  
Vero Beach has two delightful restaurants  
sitting side by side on the beach.

**THE WAVE KITCHEN AND BAR** is located in Gloria Estefan's beautiful hotel Costa d' Este Beach Resort & Spa. The restaurant has a stylish atmosphere with views of the ocean and the pool. The Wave's cuisine has both delicious Cuban food and American dishes. There is live music at night. This is a great place for lunch, dinner or a special cocktail.

**COSTE d' ESTE BEACH RESORT AND SPA; THE WAVE KITCHEN & BAR**  
3244 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach 32963  
877-562-9919 Open Daily costedeste.com

**WALDO'S RESTAURANT** is located in the historic Driftwood Resort. This rustic looking hotel was built out of driftwood by pioneer Waldo Sexton. Waldo's serves lunch and dinners and there is live music on the weekends. My family and friends always ask if they can go to Waldo's when they visit. I recommend going for lunch to sit outside on the deck with views of the beautiful ocean and enjoy their specialty Chicken Salad.

**WALDO'S RESTAURANT**  
3150 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach 32963  
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Paul Post displays the ball that he hit for a birdie (and closest to the pin) on hole 16 followed by an eagle on hole 17 while golfing with the OR Thursday golf group at Fairwinds Country Club

### KEEPING THE FAITH by Elizabeth Flaherty

My friend and I happened along while this woman's golf cart was backing down the street with her behind trying to stop it! My friend and I tried to stop it also but it was more than we could take. Then comes superhero Scott to save the day!



## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., April 16th  
10:00 AM



Pool Pavilion Area

All children 12 and under welcomed  
MUST SIGN UP AT PO BY 4/14

(Sponsored by Activities Committee)