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MANAGEMENT UPDATES – RECENT EMAIL BLASTS

HOLIDAY DONATIONS: Thank you for your generosity!!

Over \$1200 was collected which will be given to vendors for Christmas.

DROP BOX IN MAIL ROOM: If you need to drop off any mail, ACC Applications, payments or information sheets for Signature Property Management, please use the box labeled "**DROP BOX**" in the mailroom. **Please note this Drop Box is not to be used for outgoing mail to the US Post Office.** The Drop Box in the Clubhouse is for Committee and Board members use only, please do not place any items in that drop box.

RECYCLING: While the board believes in and supports recycling, it is both voluntary and a personal choice for our residents. There are two trash cans in the mailroom. They are placed there for the convenience of our residents to deposit their junk mail they prefer not to take home. Please be aware that these trash cans are NOT recycling bins and the paper is NOT being recycled. For those of you who choose to recycle your unwanted mail, please take your junk mail home and add it to your recyclables for regular county recycle pick up.

LANDSCAPE DEBRIS: We have quite a few residents placing their trash and or landscape debris on, or partly on, grassy areas by the road. Please place trash and or landscape debris on paved/paver areas only so that the landscapers can perform a complete cut.

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Our "elves" setting up the outside light for the holiday. Thank you to: Winnie Cotter, Joanie Sofia, Arlene Hartnett, Tom Hartnett and Marlene Boobar!



THE RETREAT ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020, 7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM

SeaWind Elementary School

the Retreat
Social Committee
Presents
*Harvest Fest
Trivia Night*



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**TO ADVERTISE IN THE RETREAT NEWSLETTER,
CONTACT CONI MC GUINN AT 545.3465.**





the Retreat
Social Committee
Save The Date!!

 **March 21, 2020**
6:00 pm at Clubhouse

**Break Bread With
Your Neighbors**



**Join Us For A
Soup & Bread
Feast!**

Tickets only \$5.00
**Look For
More Details to Come**

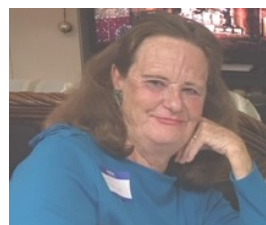


HOLIDAY JINGLE MINGLE FIRST FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH

On Friday, December 6th, Jingle Mingle/ December First Friday took place at the Clubhouse. The community came together to kick off the holiday season with food and caroling. Ginny Franklin won the Ugly Sweater contest. She won a gorgeous bakery treats basket from our resident professional baker, Fran Massey. The greatest part of the night was the amount of toys that were collected for Toys for Tots. Diane and Bob Meagher dropped off 6 oversized bags of toys!!!!



**MARY
PAUKSTYS,
THANK YOU
FOR
STARTING
THE FIRST
FRIDAY
MANY
YEARS
AGO!**





WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB???

By Mona Wiley

Hope you all had a fabulous holiday season. Welcome back if you travelled to be with friends and family. I'm just wondering if at our age, anyone still makes New Year's resolutions? The Women's Club has lots of activities for everyone to participate in and lots of opportunities to socialize and get involved in the community and in our neighborhood of the Retreat. So – resolve to get involved!

Thank you so much to ALL those in the Retreat who helped decorate the neighborhood. The wreaths at the entrance were beautiful and made the Retreat inviting. The clubhouse with all the symbols of the holidays was so festive. The traffic circle twinkled at night with the many little lights. The work you do in a couple of days makes the rest of us enjoy the busy December days.

January 12th will kick off our new year with an excursion to the small A.C.T. Studio Theatre. "Cabaret" is a play set in a Berlin nightclub as the 1920's grows to a close. A garish master of ceremonies welcomes the audience and assures them they will forget all their troubles at the "Cabaret." The theatre is located at 2399 S. Ocean Blvd. in Stuart. Cost is \$30. Florence Greenberg has a limited number of tickets – like 15. If you want to go, call Ann Sterling at 245-8648 and put your name on the list. Please sign up ASAP or for sure by January 5th! Florence is in charge, but she will be up north til January 5th. Optional: early dinner at the Bistro in Cedar Point Plaza at 5PM. Transportation is on your own or you can carpool with the group at 2PM from the Clubhouse. Call Florence after January 5th 245-8554 with questions.

Monday, January 20th is our monthly meeting. Gather around 6:15 for refreshments and a short business meeting at 6:30. Jean Lahey, one of our own, is going to give advice and demonstrate how to keep an active body and mind as we age. Jean works with ages 55-90 and by example, teaches good nutrition, sleep, meditation and socialization. Her "Keys to Physical & Mental Wellness" promises to be an inspiration for us to get up and get moving.

On Wednesday, January 22nd Lunch Bunch goes to lunch at Blue Point, on U.S. 1 south of Hobe Sound. Sign up in the mailroom. Gather at 11:30 if you'd like to carpool and if you have other arrangements, let the person in charge know. That would be Flavia (Chickie) Wollfenden 772.545.9897

Good thing we don't have toooooo much going on in January! After the holidays and New Year's, we have

MANY birthdays! My bank account is busted.

Now on to February. We begin with Italian Night Charity Fundraiser on February 8th, Saturday. Hold the date for an Italian dinner prepared by WC volunteers. If you would like to help in any way, contact Pam Levy at 772.546.8204. The charity we will be supporting is the "Backpack Program" which provides food for school age children.

February 11th, Tuesday, Elaine Quinter is planning an excursion to the Busch Wildlife Animal Sanctuary in Jupiter. Guided tour begins at 10:00am. This is a beautiful wooded wildlife sanctuary which homes many animals that have been hurt in the wild. They are cared for until they are ready for release. Some animals will live there permanently because their injuries will not make survival possible. Normally the sanctuary asks for donations, but because this will be a group, the cost will range from \$8-\$10pp depending on the size of the group. We are planning an optional lunch in Jupiter or Hobe Sound. Sign up in the mailroom 2 weeks before the event due to a required deposit for the tour. Carpooling from the Clubhouse at 9:00am sharp. Call Elaine 772.545.7927 with your questions.

February 17th is our monthly meeting. Refreshments at 6:15 and a presentation by Dr. Robert Emmet Kenney, M.D., Ph.D. Day Medical Center on "Essential Tools to Defy Aging". What should we be concerned about and what can we let go?

Then on Wednesday, February 26th, Lunch Bunch goes to Giuseppe's Italian Grill on Indian Street. Gather to carpool at 11:30 am at the Clubhouse. If you have other arrangements, let Diane Meagher know so she won't leave you behind! Her number is 772.932.7887 or Ersola Scarcella 772.545.3246

Duffy's Days in March – every Tuesday. Support the Retreat Remembers Relay For Life Team by using flyers in the mailroom. Any questions? Call Wally or Lill Malinowski.

HALLOWEEN



DRUMS ALIVE TO MUSIC

Wormer's Club

November 18





Women's Club of The Retreat

Presents

Italian Night

Fundraiser

Saturday, February 8th

5:00 pm

at The Clubhouse



*With Silent Auction & 50/50
Proceeds to*

The Backpack Program

weekend meals for local school children



Tickets \$20.00

on sale:

Jan 9- 2:00-4:00,

Jan 11- 11:00-2:00

Jan 14- 2:00-4:00

**WOMEN'S CLUB OUTING
TOUR OF PORT ST LUCIE
BOTANICAL GARDENS
LUNCH AT COTTAGE GRILL
NOVEMBER 11**



The Women's Club of the Retreat had a busy day on Friday December 6: First they decorated our Clubhouse inside and out for the holiday. Pizza lunch with desserts. Last was a game of Yankee Swap!





HOMEOWNER COMMUNICATION FORM

If you are **NOT** currently listed in The Retreat Directory and wish to be listed, please fill out the Form below. If you are currently listed in the Directory but would like to **update** your information, please complete the form below with your name and the *updated information only*.

If you are NOT currently receiving **HOA EMAIL BLASTS**

OR

if your **email has changed**, please complete the form below.

Please sign the form and place in the **Property Management Drop Box** located in the Clubhouse mail room

Or mail to: Retreat HOA 8700 SE Retreat Drive Hobe Sound, FL 33455.

List your information exactly as you want it printed in the Directory.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

Retreat Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address for **Blast** to receive announcements from HOA (optional):

*Homeowner(s) Signature is required to have information published in the Directory.

Signature(s) *

DISCLAIMER: Information contained in Directory is confidential and not for dissemination

Thank you all for buying the Enjoyment Books!
Special thanks to those that sold several books—Dotti Wurster, Tom Hartnett, Maria Hal-
lowich and Marilyn Patterson.

I still Have Some Enjoyment Books. The cost is \$35 of which \$10 for each books sold goes to the American Cancer Society.

Call Wally Malinowski at 772.545.3732.



Got a question?

Looking for a form?

Not getting HOA email blasts?

www.retreatatseabbranch.com

Check out **FAQ** on Home page tab

Check out **Members Only** and **Subscribe to HOA Email**

(Please do not UNSUBSCRIBE if you wish to stay informed)



BRIDGE SCORES By Carol Flynn

Wishing everyone a joyous and healthy Holiday!!

August 6, 2019

- 1 – Patsy Shattuck
- 2 – Ann Sterling
- 3 – Kathy Majewski
Rosemarie Scotti
- 4 – Alan Shattuck

September 24, 2019

- 1 – Ann Sterling
- 2 – Muriel Barry
- 3 – Kathy Majewski
- 4 – Carol Flynn

October 1, 2019

- 1 – Patsy Shattuck
- 2 – Carol Flynn
- 3 – Rosemarie Scotti
- 4 – Alan Shattuck

October 8, 2019

- 1 – Alan Shattuck
- 2 – Patsy Shattuck
- 3 – Rosemarie Scotti
- 4 – Muriel Barry

October 22, 2019

- 1 – Carol Flynn
- 2 – Steve Strong
- 3 – Patsy Shattuck
- 4 – Sharon Davis

October 29, 2019

- 1 – Sharon Davis
- 2 – RoseMarie Savino
- 3 – Carol Flynn
- 4 – Steve Strong

November 5, 2019

- 1- Sally Dunmire
- 2 – Carol Flynn
- 3 – Sharon Davis
- 4 – Jane Schultzaberger

November 12, 2019

- 1 – Steve Strong
- 2 – Rosemarie Scotti
- 3 – Patsy Shattuck
- 4 – Muriel Barry

November 29, 2019

- 1 – Rosemarie Scotti
- 2 – Steve Strong
- 3 – Patsy Shattuck
- 4 – Carol Flynn

The Retreat Pickleball Sizzlers DINK Responsibly

The Retreat Sizzlers pickleball players have welcomed our newest players from our beginners' classes. One of the on-court strategies is the **DINK**, that is, the term used to describe a slight tap over the net to fool your opponent. These and other techniques make the games social and challenging, while building new player relationships. These days now welcome back many of our northern friends to round out a solid group of players. By this reading our "social off-court festivities" have begun, and more are to be scheduled.

We offer **Beginners' Class** twice each month. We have wonderful folks willing to help guide and explain the ins and outs of the game. We have on-court lender Paddles for those trying to learn. Beginners can graduate to mixed team play in short time with our guidance. Twice per month on the **first** and the **third Saturday at 9:00 AM to 10:00AM**, we will offer training. No reservation is needed; just show up with a **"T" Shirt, sneakers and gym shorts with pockets**.

The Retreat Sizzlers welcome new players to the fastest growing sport in North America of **Pickleball**. We play as mixed doubles in our matches with many players on our courts. The courts enjoy healthy competition on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, from **8:00 AM** until about **11:00 AM**. Announced evening under the lights playing time may occur on periodic Sundays. The Retreat Players look forward to social gathering events in the Clubhouse or on Court during our year, so join-in with us. Let's remind ourselves to keep focused on our great sport of Pickleball here at **The Retreat** with exercise, competition and comradery.

The Retreat Sizzlers will welcome Retreat Residents to feel free to invite their friends, as their guests, to join them in Pickleball play. In "Open Play", on court, **Retreat residents** retain first preference for court usage, and a social fun experience is expected by all.

Ron Doucette

Pickleball Representative to the Clubhouse Committee

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(772) 245-8484



BLUE STREAM COMMUNICATIONS: As everyone should be aware by now, we have negotiated a new bulk contract with Blue Stream Communications, LLC. Blue Stream will begin providing our community with bulk video and internet services beginning August 1, 2020. Unlike our current cable provider, Blue Stream will be bringing their services to each of our homes through Fiber Optic cable. This will require the installation of underground Fiber Optic cable throughout our community and up to each of our homes. Since service will not begin until August of 2020, this underground cable installation process will not require entry into anyone's home. In addition, Blue Stream will restore all property to the same condition that existed prior to beginning the cable installation process. This also includes but is not limited to the replacement of any sod or landscaping that may have been disturbed or damaged. A locator company began locating underground utility lines which have been identified with a small brightly colored flag. **DO NOT REMOVE THESE FLAGS!** They have also identified other underground utility lines with an orange paint. This paint is water soluble and will eventually disappear.

IMPORTANT: Signature Property Management WILL NOT be responsible for the management of Blue Stream's cable installation process. Any concerns or needs any homeowner has throughout this process should be directed to the onsite Field Supervisor. See Below:

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CONTACT INFO FOR SIGNATURE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Just a reminder...

Please note the contact info below for Signature Property Management:

Our Office Phone number is 772-219-4474.

- Property Manager – Scott Montagna scott@signaturepropertymgmt.com
- Administrative Assistant – Dina Rosenhaus dina@signaturepropertymgmt.com
(email to request a work order and for general questions)
- Accounting Department – Sonya Coombs sonya@signaturepropertymgmt.com
(email for Owner payment info & questions on your account)

Please do not send emails to retreathoa@comcast.net it is an unmonitored email.

WORK ORDERS: Please remember all requests and work orders must go through management so that proper work orders can be issued. This aids us in being able to track those work orders. Please do not ask Impact landscapers directly while they are on the property.

REFLECTOR SYSTEM FOR PLANTS: Regarding the reflector system for plants:

- Red** means- do not trim anything at the home.
- Blue** means- if placed next to a specific tree or bush, that tree or bush will not be touched.

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RETREAT ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

*All Retreat residents are invited to take part in our Retreat Activities.
For more information, please call the contact person.*

Bunco	Darlene Greene	561.578.0615	Mah Jongg Mon. & Fri. 9:30 AM	Carol Flynn	546.4118
Relay For Life	Lill Malinowski	545.3732	Mah Jongg Wed. 1 PM	Ginny Franklin	561.339.4409
Retreat Assistance Network (RAN)	Audrey DeLoffi	245.8420	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Flynn	546.4118
Retreat Directory	Coni McGuinn	545.3465	Knot Just Knitting	Sandy Morrow Liz Plourde	545.1936 546.5673
Retreat Newsletter	Lill Malinowski Dottie Williams	545.3732 546.3866	Pickleball	Ron Doucette	245.8484
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Tennis	Tom D'Avanzo	545.7229	Poker—Texas "Hold— Em"	Otto Vernacchio	546.7523
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Dear Retreat Residents,

We thank all that have contributed to this newsletter. Your input is key to the Retreat Newsletter.

This January/February 2020 Newsletter is our 82th issue! Our first newsletter was the March/April 2004.

Our theme for the next newsletter is **Retreat Pets!** We need a picture of your pet or pets and a short article.

Thank you!

Your newsletter staff

Dottie, Coni, Marlene and Lill



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combined real estate experience.

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love living and selling in the
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price of one!

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