



# The Retreat Newsletter

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#### ELVES DECORATING OUTSIDE

Thank you to Joan Sofia, Tom and Arlene Hartnett and Marlene Boobar who decorated our common landscaping with the Christmas lighting. It puts the Retreat into a festive holiday mood. A special thanks to our Retreat Women's Club for the decorating the outside of the Clubhouse. Merry Christmas to all!!



**THE RETREAT ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, 6:45 PM**  
**7:00 PM (6:30 PM SIGN)**  
**At this time by ZOOM due to COVID 19.**



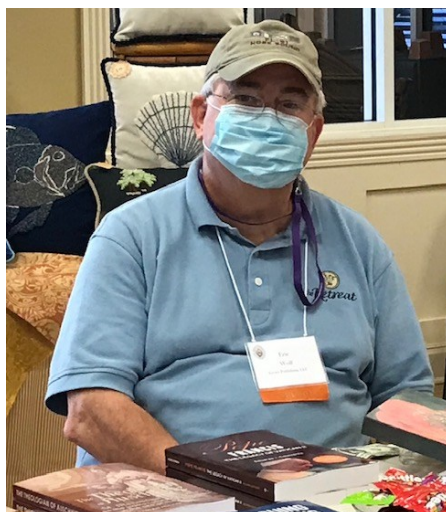
On Saturday, November 21st the Social Committee hosted our first Arts and Craft show. We are fortunate to have so many talented people living in the Retreat. Despite strict Covid restrictions, it was a big success and everyone had a great time.

We raised a large donation for the Hibiscus Sailing Program for disadvantaged children at US Sailing Center of Martin County. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Thank you also to our vendors and customers who were cooperative with our restrictions and still managed to smile behind their masks.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

Diane, Fran, Darlene and Janet



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Photo Caption: left to right: Gail Harvey and Roberta Scott, Tent City Helpers; Women's Club Elves: Pam Levy, Diane Meagher, Audrey DeLoffi, Carol Flynn, Meg Ochotorena, Joanne Devlin. A special thank you to Tom DeLoffi (photographer) and Stu Levy for their help

## Holiday 'Yankee Give' for Tent City Helpers Pam Levy

During these very tough times, the generosity of the Women's Club, along with our greater Retreat community, was phenomenal! Along with an outpouring of monetary donations totaling \$1,731.00, our residents donated kids' clothes (pants, tops, socks, shoes, even masks and some fun stuff), dry goods, cases of much needed water, juices, canned hams, pop top canned goods, tarps, Mylar blankets, bike locks, batteries, flashlights, ponchos, wipes, sprays, sleeping bags, personal hygiene items .... **Our community covered nearly the entire wish list!**

Tent City Helpers President, Roberta Scott, was amazed and commented, "Wow! Your community truly went over and above in your generous giving. God Bless all of you. You all have the true holiday spirit."

On behalf of the Women's Club Outreach/Charity Committee, we'd like to extend a big **THANK YOU** for your participation and for making this charity drive such a wonderful success!

**Holiday 'Yankee Give' Success**  
**THANK YOU!**

**\$1,731.00 Monetary Donations plus...**

***Getting to the Heart of Homelessness***

**Questions? Contact [Pam Levy](#) Committee  
Chair 772-546-8204.**

## WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB???

By Mona Wiley

I thought these were pretty funny reflections on 2020. "This virus has done what no woman has ever been able to do: shut down bars and restaurants, cancel sports and keep men at home."

Motto in 2019 "stay away from negative people". Motto in 2020 "stay away from positive people"

Practice social distancing – that would be 6 ft. away from refrigerator door

OK, enough of these (but I have more)

Do you feel this was a lost year! Yes? Or have you discovered another way to go forward and accomplish your goals or conquer another item on your bucket list? For many of us in the Retreat, not even the pandemic could dampen gratitude for the miracles of modern medicine, treatment and care. Some of you have had COVID-19 and recovered. Some have had friends and family who've been very sick but have recovered. Others, of course, have lost family and friends to this dreaded virus. Whatever the situation, I feel I've encountered a counterpoint of gratefulness we've not noticed before. Health care workers at all levels have given their time and life to provide service to those in need. Our communities and places of worship have gone out of their way to provide safe environments where we can gather. People need people and I feel a renewed appreciation to all who do their part to stop the progression of this virus.

The Women's Club would usually have a long list of scheduled meetings and activities and outings for the upcoming year, but this article is going to be a short look back at all the good deeds the Club has performed in the past year. Every year, the Club votes on one charity to focus on and donate to. Last year we chose the "Back Pack" food endeavor. We hosted a spaghetti dinner to raise money. Some residents brought in gently used back packs and others were purchased. We partnered with the First United Methodist Church in Hobe Sound to provide pre-packaged food for the school kids. Recipients from Seawind Elementary School wrote some thank you notes and they are included.

There are more than 89 students from **Hobe Sound and Seawind Elementary** receiving food packages on the weekends. They thank you!

Our Club chose "**Tent City Helpers**" as their charity this year. Thank you ALL for your gifts of toiletries, batteries, ponchos, etc. as well as money. This was a great success and what a difference a little cheer brings to those who have nothing.

Our officers and helping HOA elves did such a great job decorating the outside of the Clubhouse. The lights and decorations at the entrance to the Retreat are welcoming and cheerful. The roundabout bushes and trees are dancing with little white lights. Sometimes I spot 3 deer hiding out. I wonder if Santa is paying attention.

As always, ladies, the Club will follow CDC guidelines and continue to meet safely in the Clubhouse or via Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. Upcoming in **January., is Lisa Tompson**, president of the Martin County Genealogical Society. She will explain how to begin a family search of your ancestors. All this DNA stuff can unveil some interesting secrets.

Last month Paula Cooper from Harry and the Natives gave a very interesting presentation on the growth of Hobe Sound. She has a fabulous book with pictures for sale \$45 – check with her next time you're at Harry's.

**February** will feature one of our own talented artists. **Susan Stedman** will share how she got started as an artist, photographer, designer with sea glass jewelry and resin art. This community is filled with talent!



**A shout out to our club officers** (I think) for the lovely gift bags of goodies given out recently. We all deserve a little cheer and what fun that was! Thank you! Thank you!

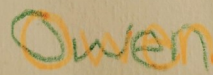
I'm personally thanking you for supporting the Women's Club and all the good work it does for our residents and our Martin County Community.

**Best wishes for this holiday season and let's hope for healing rain in 2021!**



## “Back Pack” Thank you!!!

Thank you for the food  
because you help people  
and that good and the  
God is look in the  
sky thank you for  
the food.   
from: Marta  


Thank you for the  
food every weekend.  
It is yummy and  
makes me happy!  
  
Love,  


Thank you for the food and the  
cereal and the apples. I like it  
and I enjoy it and I hope  
you're safe with your  
family.  
  
Thank you

Thank you  
for giving me  
food to eat!  
  
Love  
Pedro



O What Fun the Social Committee had with our Holiday Light Contest. Thank you to everyone in the Retreat who did such a wonderful job! It was truly a joy. We spent several days and nights riding through the neighborhood checking everything out.

It was not an easy job deciding the winners. As a result, we have named two Honorable Mentions. Those go to Andrea and John Genua on SE LaCreek and JoAnn and Hank Stasiewicz on SE Hawks Nest Ct. The Stasiewicz's even have music!

The first three prizes go to:

1st Tim Luke and Greg Strahm at 8447 SE Retreat

2nd Tom and Kate Stine at 8895 SE Retreat

3rd Robyn O'Heron at 3757 SE Big Bend Terrace

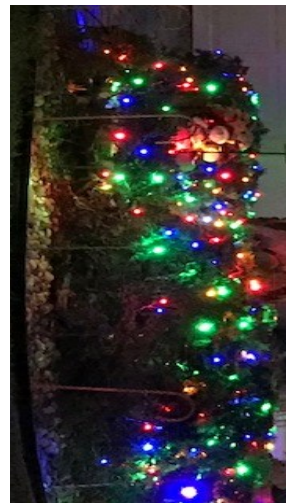
And of course, we have to send a shout out to the Santa Fire Hydrant on SE Glacier. Again, thanks to Everyone for the beautiful decorations.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year,

The Social Committee











**THIS GREAT PHOTO OF THE FAMOUS “WATERING HOLE” ON GLACIER TERRACE WAS TAKEN BY JACK SPYKER-OLE. WE’D LIKE TO WELCOME HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE NEWSLETTER STAFF. THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING, JACK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.**

**FROM THE RETREAT NEWSLETTER TEAM**





## Frosty Weather for Pickleball Fun

***The Retreat Sizzlers*** look toward our winter with glee! Pickleball can work up a good sweat, as the summer and early fall months can prove. Our group has expanded to include our beloved “snow-birds” and plans are in the works for a Pickleball Tourney on our courts.

Remember to use our chosen online retailer: [www.pickleballcentral.com](http://www.pickleballcentral.com) and use code: CRSIZZLERS for a 5% discount for you and a Club Credit to us for equipment. Paddles are abundant and the fun apparel is colorful.

***The Retreat Sizzlers*** welcome new players. 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.



**Ron Doucette**

*Pickleball Representative to the Clubhouse Committee*

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## ***THE RETREAT PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE***

Based on the progress made last week and barring any further unforeseen circumstances, we are happy to announce that the painting project is scheduled to resume by the end of next week. (weather permitting)

While we are thrilled about resuming this project, we are also aware the holidays are already here. We do not want any of our residents to be inconvenienced during the holidays.

Therefore, since we are also responsible for pressure cleaning and painting the wall between the school and the eastside of The Retreat, we will have the painters begin next week by cleaning and painting the school wall first. Then the painting of the remaining homes will begin after the holidays on January 4, 2021.

Of course, this is subject to change based on weather or any other unforeseen circumstance that might arise.

An updated home painting schedule should be sent out to the community by the end of next week.

***Thanks for your patience and Happy Holidays to everyone!!***



### ***New Address***

***Retreat Homeowner Association (HOA)***

***c/o Signature Property Management***

***3171 SE Dominica Unit B***

***Stuart, FL. 34997***

***Telephone***

***772.219.4474***



# Halloween on Eldorado Way

Donna Whitman

I'm sure no one can argue that 2020 has been a challenging year. There are so many "normal" things that we just aren't able to do right now. Holidays especially are looking very different this year. The neighbors on Eldorado Way decided to turn things around and make Halloween special again, but in a different way.

A small group of canine friends decided to meet on Halloween (in costume of course) and enjoy some special treats in honor of the occasion. What a fun evening it was. Puppies and older dogs alike, interacting and prancing around proudly in their respective costumes! And of course, some yummy treats were had by all.

This small group of Eldorado neighbors have worked hard to find joy in the simple, silly things during these difficult times. If you're given lemons, make lemonade. And so they did! Eldorado Way truly is a great place to live!

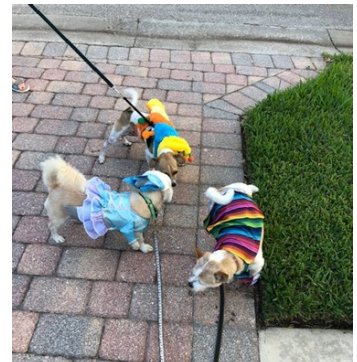
During the upcoming holiday season, make lemonade whenever you can. We are all in this together.



**Handsome Harry**



**Coco the Skeleton**



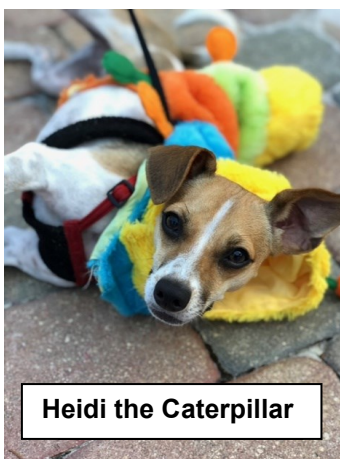
**Luna, Skye and Heidi**



**Luna the Princess**



**Skye**



**Heidi the Caterpillar**



**Emmett the Super-dog**



**Mike the Dog-Whisperer**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL RESIDENT DIRECTORY LISTING ONLY

If you are not currently listed in the Annual Resident Directory, and wish to be -

**Please complete & sign the form. Place in the Property Management Drop Box located in the Mail Room.**

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

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Retreat Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Directory: \_\_\_\_\_

DISCLAIMER: Information contained in Directory is confidential and not for dissemination outside the Retreat community.

Signature(s) \* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \* \_\_\_\_\_

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

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **NOT GETTING HOA EMAILS?**

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Email for HOA Blasts: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Retreat Address: \_\_\_\_\_





## RETREAT ASSISTANCE NETWORK

### For short-term needs:

- ♦ Transportation to medical appointments
- ♦ Rides for grocery shopping or hair appointments
- ♦ Prescription drug, grocery and mail-ups
- ♦ Check-phone calls or friendly visits
- ♦ Minimal meal preparation

Audrey DeLoffi, 245.8420

Marilyn Patterson, 932.4340

**Due to COVID-19, some services may temporarily be unavailable.**



***Got a question?***

***Looking for a form?***

***Not getting HOA email blasts?***

[www.retreatatseabbranch.com](http://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)***

## ENJOYMENT BOOKS

One of our fundraisers is selling Enjoyment Books. The cost is \$35 of which \$10 for each book sold goes to the American Cancer Society. Wally Malinowski is ready to sell these books.

Great holiday gifts! \$10 for each book goes to the American Cancer Society.  
772.545.3732



## BRIDGE SCORES By Carol Flynn

**There are no bridge scores for this edition.  
Everyone is staying home and staying safe.**

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*All Retreat residents are invited to take part in our Retreat Activities.*

*For more information, please call the contact person.*

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Relay For Life	Lill Malinowski	545.3732	Mah Jongg Mon. 1 PM	Ginny Franklin	561.339.4409
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to you from us!

Dottie, Coni, Marlene, Jack and  
Lill



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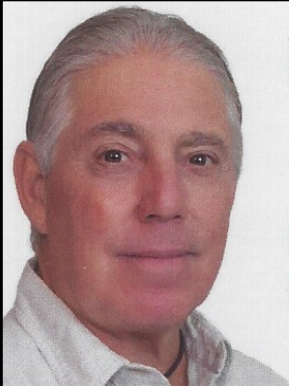
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