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RETREAT PETS



Rain or shine; hot or cold it is common in the Retreat to see an assembly of pets with their owners. The walking is great for all and the camaraderie is incredible.



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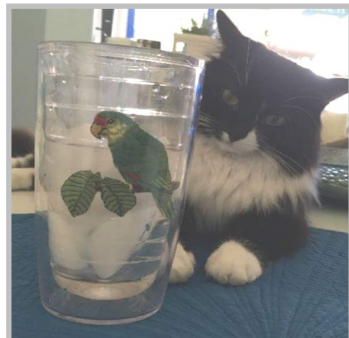
**Eric Wolf and Jim Pawlak,
Thank you for your two years of
service to our community!**



ALLY

By Diana and Paul Briganti

Our little cutie Ally the toy poodle "getting her jingle on"....!!!



HINCKLEY and BOW TIE

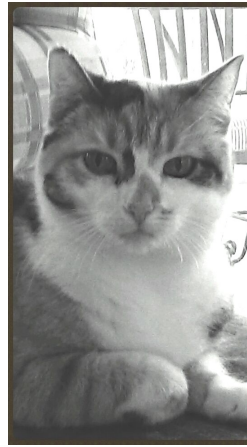
By Corinne Moriarty

These are my cats Hinckley and Bow Tie. They enjoy playing around the house and the pool. They also love their naps. They are very funny cats and very social.

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PEACHES

By Peaches Calicchio

Boy! Does that sound good! I used to be homeless in New Jersey. Now I have a lovely house near you.

I was a pauper but became a 'princess with a passport'.

Spent my first two-and-a-half years fighting to stay alive. Was afraid of 'two-leggeds' (not the tasty ones with feathers but the big 'naked' ones who always want to scoop you up or take a shot at you). The couple who took me

away from the snow and ice and gave me a warm bed and served up amazing food in dishes turned out to be all right. After the tall one with the moustache disappeared, the one with yellow hair, eventually, took everything out of the house and put me in a cage again and drove off with me. After many hours in something called an aeroplane, in which I was surrounded by 96 rabbits bound for Africa (regrettably, in separate cages), I was very happy to see her again. I got off in England – thousands of miles from New Jersey.

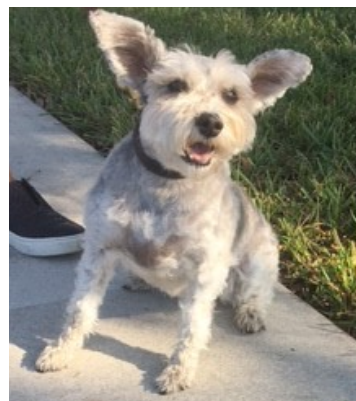
It was nice there. I had a lot of freedom and went out into the fields whenever I felt the urge to pounce on things. When it became colder, I just stayed in front of a big roaring fire. More than two happy years passed before I found myself back in the cage, being transported to the noisy place once more. I don't like airports and am always very happy to see yellow hair when she picks me up at the other end.

Apparently, I've crossed a lot of water called an ocean - twice - without ever getting my paws wet (which is more than I can say for the time she thought I needed to know how to get out of that water at the back of my house (should I ever fall in!). P-l-e-a-se! I soon showed her I didn't need steps - just hauled myself up and scrambled over the side. Then, spent two hours licking.

I don't get out much anymore (only escaped twice - so far) but each evening I check out who's about. Through the grill in the garage door I see dozens of those hairy things that bark but don't ever see furry ones like me.

I'm 10 now. So, it's time I took things easy. I snooze for hours in the sunshine.

I've gone from rags to riches ... but not literally because I've always had my beautiful fur coat. I now call yellow hair 'mom'. It makes her happy. She's always telling me how lucky she is to have found me. I agree!



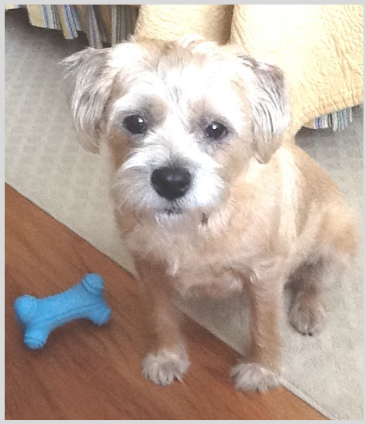
BETSY

By Rene Sarli

I rescued Betsy after Sparky died. You might say we rescued each other. She is sweet dog.

HANNAH

By Gail and Bob Lombardi



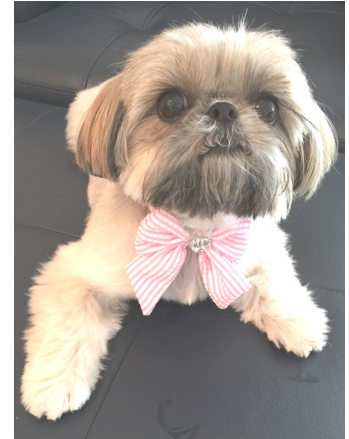
If you have encountered Hannah, our six-year old Border Terrier, you know that she is extremely happy to meet you. She loves to be outdoors to see what is going on and to greet anyone passing by. When inside, she is often content to be napping in any number of places throughout our home. Hannah enjoys spurts of play with those few toys that somehow manage to survive her enthusiasm. She is willing to dance for treats, and is able to stay on her hind legs and twirl around for quite some time. Hannah loves playing "goalie", where she intercepts a ball hit her way, and takes it out of play with a paw. If our grandson Charlie (who invented the indoor game with a small ball and plastic golf club) is here to play, Hannah automatically positions herself slightly behind him as the "backup goalie", but is still an eager participant in the game.

Border Terriers were bred to pursue foxes chased into their dens by hounds. Hannah manifests this ingrained behavior by sometimes lunging at laundry being tossed into our dryer, but we doubt she would want to actually bite any living creature. With her loving and cheerful nature, our dog often makes us laugh and is a highly valued member of our family.

SAVANNAH

By Cheryl and Tom Wigen

Tom and I love our two year old Shih Tzu, Savannah. We previously had another wonderful Shih Tzu for twelve years, Panda. He was the love of our life. We lost Panda on November 3, 2014. Two months later Savannah was brought to our attention by someone who was helping find the right dog for us. My first reaction when hearing her birth date of November 3, 2014 shocked me. What is the chance of another adorable puppy being born on the same day Panda passed? Of all the people and dogs in the world, getting matched up with us, was it meant to be? We say YES!! We have been blessed with having two very special Shih Tzu's in our lifetime, Panda and Savannah!



CHARLIE

By George Wurster

About eleven years ago our daughter, Donna and son-in-law Mike decided they wanted to get a dog. They found a Shih Tzu breeder who's dog had a litter of several puppies. By the time they got to check it out there was only one left and he was the "runt of the litter". So small... but sooo cute. They called him Charlie.

Two years ago our son-in-law who always wanted a "big" dog found a breeder whose dog had a litter of Portuguese Water Dogs. Immediately they fell in love with this cute but wild black puppy. Megan our granddaughter, said please can we have him and his name will be "Jake". To this day we still do not know

where she came up with the name "Jake". The breeder told them a Portuguese Water Dog can be very difficult as a puppy but grow up to be a really good dog. So they thought---how difficult can this cute little black puppy be.

As they found out the breeder told them the truth. Jake was to say the least "wild". No way could tiny Charlie and Jake co-habitat. Now Donna & Mike asked us if we can take Charlie just until Jake calms down a little? We really didn't want a dog at this stage of our lives, but one day with Charlie and we could not say no. It has been about two years now and we are still waiting for Jake to calm down.

Charlie has taken over our house and our next door neighbors, Joe Ann and Bob Porras. He has play dates and sleep-overs quite often. We pack his bag and sometimes don't get to see him for an entire weekend. What a lucky dog to have so many people who love him. Of course, now he gets a few more treats having two families.



OLIVER

By Geri Morgan

" Oh, so THAT'S the Oliver I've heard so much about!" Yes, Oliver has become quite famous in the Retreat and Lost Lake Neighborhoods. I guess I am prejudiced but he does have the most adorable face and the sweetest disposition. He loves EVERYONE and EVERYTHING -- Dogs -- huge and tiny -- male and female; Parrots, Geckos, Sand Cranes, -- People, young and old, and especially babies!

Oliver is also a "Jet Setter". In his 13 short months, he has been on 4 round trips to New York by air as well as one 12 hour round trip to North Carolina. He travels like a trouper and just takes it all in stride! Not to mention the many friends he has made along the way. On one plane trip, my seat mate took a picture of Oliver to send to his young daughters because he couldn't get over how cute he was!

I have been a dog owner and lover since I was 3 years old. My first puppy was a Pomeranian. Next came a rescue dog (Heinzer). Never could tell what he was but he was such a cute puppy , followed by a Cocker Spaniel, Black Lab and a Bearded Collie (also rescued). After "Tiffany" (Bearded Collie) Mark and I decided we were doing a lot of travelling so we were "dogless" for about 14 years. Then it started creeping up on me - that feeling of missing having a dog. Mark seemed not to hear me when I began my crusade but it kept mounting in my heart.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015, the saddest day of my life, two days short of our 30th Anniversary, Mark, the Love of my Life, passed away. My very dear friends Bev and Ken Gregory were the "parents" of "Bogey" -- the sweetest little Shih Tzu I had ever seen. I always said when I got another dog, I wanted a "Bogey". Sadly Bogey was no longer with us. Being all alone, more than ever I wanted a puppy. The Gregorys found a Breeder in Miami and the rest is history. I now have Oliver and they have Marley (they share the same Grandfather).

I miss Mark more than I can say, and no one will ever take his place, but Oliver has been instrumental in helping to fill a void beyond my dreams.



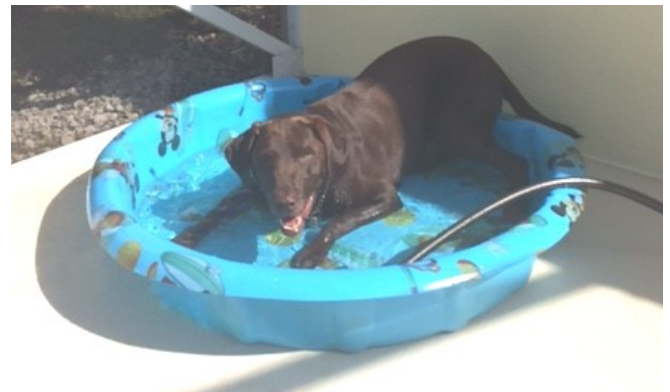
COCO

By Jim and Marilyn Patterson

Having a pet is one of the easiest ways to meet so many wonderful people in The Retreat. When we first moved here we would walk our dog, Coco and meet someone new everyday while they were pet walking also. We often remembered the owners by their pets.

Our Coco is a 7 year old Yorkie that is definitely part of our family. Like most pets, he knows how to communicate his likes and dislikes. He actually rules the roost here and has us trained pretty well.

I think most pet owners feel the love and devotion their pets shower them with. When we come home, Coco is there to greet us and just can't be more loving. He lets us know we are the most important people in his life. If you feel you are missing something in your life, you might want to get a pet. There are so many wonderful ones out there that need a loving home and the rewards are tremendous.



MARGAUX

By Audrey DeLoffi

When Tom and I met, he had a dog and at different times of our marriage we have had at least one dog in the house, if not two. After losing two Golden retrievers to cancer, we thought we would try a different breed. I said I wanted a lap dog and Tom jokingly says, he thought I said a Lab dog—so that's how we came to have a Chocolate Lab. We named her Margaux (thinking her coloring was a bit like a Chateau Margaux wine)! Since we are two only children with no children, she is definitely our 'child' and the love of our lives. She travels well between Maine & Florida and gleefully greets everyone she sees. She loves to swim and would love to have you invite her to your house for a pool day!!

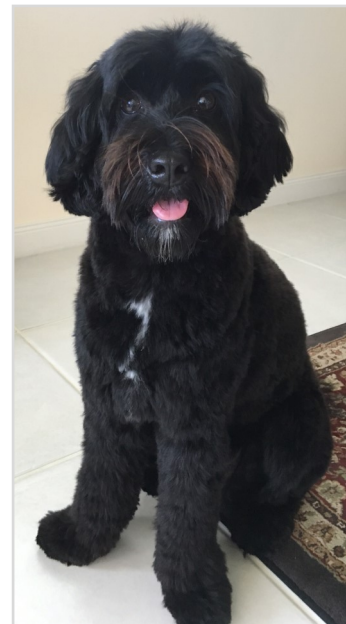
SCHATZI

By Schatzi Reading

Hi there! My name Schatzi. I know many of you have seen me walking my mom. She likes to go out with me. I'm a two-year old Labradoodle and a "Therapy Dog." We went to school for months and still go monthly for "drop in" training. I have to keep my certification current.

I visit nursing homes, assisted living, and adult day care to share love and smiles with the residents. It's really fun doing the "Paws to Read" program with the kids. They don't worry about me correcting them. They do giggle when I snuggle them!

So I guess you would call me a "working gal" but I sure do love it! OK, well I will see you around the neighborhood. Have a great day!



TIPPI

By Chuck Eschenburg

Tippi is a giant, long haired Chihuahua and weighs 15 pounds. She was born on March 3, 2003, a few months before we moved to Angelina Court

here in the Retreat. Tippi is named for the white fur on her face, legs and tail. Tippi is an excellent guard dog because she likes to BARK. And bark she does. at any extraneous noise. Her favorite subjects are the lawn people, delivery trucks (especially the garbage trucks), and anyone passing by our front door. She likes to watch there, on hind legs for a better view of activities on the street. We are fortunate to have a large fenced side yard where she can listen at the front for distant barks to echo. Her favorites are the Min Pins across the street, dogs from Lost Lake and especially the rare sounds of a hunt or coyotes in Atlantic Ridge. While out, she can wander to sniff out rabbits, squirrels and landscapers.

When not guarding, she is napping on schedule. Despite her noise, we love her and she rewards us with kisses, lap time and herding us on her schedule for food and outings. So far she has not bitten any one but has kept the burglars away as small yapping dogs are the best deterrent. Woof on, but please not offend our neighbors.



MACK

By Boshia and Stephen Stone

The Stone'sMACK....a 3 year-old King Charles Cavalier (Black & Tan). Mack has a very happy and out-going personality...loves his toys, loves eating and sleeping, loves greeting everyone and all friendly dogs, loves the lizards and squirrels and the ever falling acorn nuts of the Retreat. He is a well-traveled companion for Stephen and Boshia Stone, traveling for 6 weeks in the car from Hobe Sound, FL ..to Las Vegas...then San Francisco and Stinson Beach, California.....New Mexico...Wichita Falls, Kansas....across the Mississippi River twice...and in the waters of both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Mack's most favorite thing is his Zippy Pets...Hedgehog squeaky toy!!!!!! He speaks to us in Morse Code squeaks. Mack...One of the most treasured loves of our lives.



PHOEBE

By Gil and Pat Williams

Phoebe Williams of Angelina Court, having just recently celebrated her 10th birthday, is thriving in the warm Florida weather after a month long stay visiting family in frigid Ohio temperatures. Phoebe is known for her loving, kind, and always friendly nature towards humans and dogs alike. Happy to be back, Phoebe is doing better than ever enjoying long walks with her parents, her 'babies', and saying hi to all her friends in The Retreat.



TESSA GRACE

By Stephanie Milazzo

Her name is Tessa Grace. She is a Shih-Tzu and we purchased her from a breeder in Port St. Lucie, Florida. She was born on November 30, 2016, and we took her home on January 30, 2017 at 8 weeks old. She is tiny at 1½ pounds but is very adorable and loving. The vet gave her a good assessment and said she will probably be about 8-9 pounds. She is little. She is active and bright

and is a real chow-hound—loves to eat which is good because she needs to grow.

MIA

By Dottie Sacco

Mia is the newest member of our family. She is a Shih Tzu and was born November 23, 2016. Mia has two half sisters living in the Retreat. In the next couple weeks she will finish with all her inoculations and will be able to socialize with the other dogs in the community. We are truly enjoying her.



KILLIAN and GUINNESS

By Linda and John Stephens

We decided to stick to the "liquor" theme since that is John's families' business. Our first vizsla (the breed is of Hungarian origin and are bred to hunt pheasant and small game) was Jax Daniels named after his grandfather Jack Daniels, hence "liquor" theme. We also have a bar set up in the back with a kegerator that has a handle "Killian" and a sign with Guinness. Since both were beer names and remained in the liquor theme, we chose those two names. Figured two Irish beers would complement Hungarian dogs (joke)!



RANDY

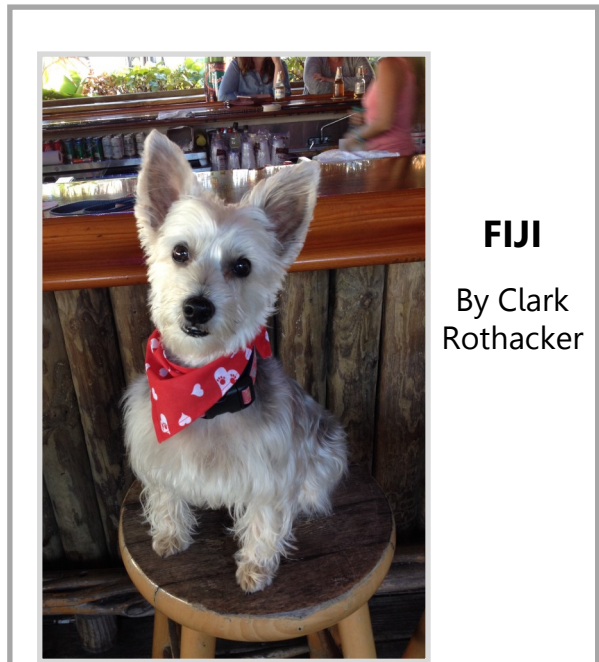
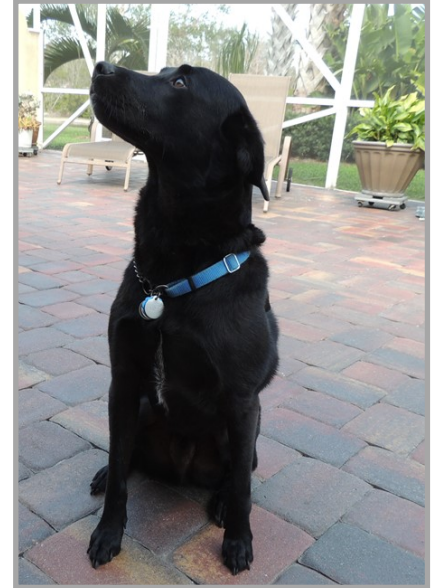
By Laurel Strong

Randy is a rescue dog approximately 11 years old. He is a gentle giant, very sweet and sensitive. He's a true blessing to his mommy.

MR. CARSON

By Mr. Carson Malinowski

My name is Mr. Carson. I am named after Mr. Carson, the butler from the Downton Abbey Masterpiece Series. I have a black coat with a white stripe on my chest—like I am wearing a tuxedo. I am also very faithful like the butler. I came from the Treasure Coast Humane Society in Palm City. I think my prior family must have gone into witness protection since there is no history on the chip I had. My folks think I am about 6 years old now. I am very happy living in the Retreat for 4 years with my Dad and Mom, Wally and Lill.



FIJI

By Clark Rothacker

When my dog Coral was aging, I decided to get another dog. I found a wonderful rescue dog--half West Highland Terrier. Her name is Fiji and she is about 4 and a half years old now. Having her helped me with the loss of Coral although it was still difficult. Fiji goes with me to Dunkin' Donuts frequently. She also likes happy hour at Tiki Bar 52 in Tequesta (see picture). Fiji likes the smaller dogs rather than the bigger ones. She is part of my family.



KATIE

By John Brown

We adopted Katie, our 5th golden retriever, the end of August from Istanbul, Turkey. The rescue people in Turkey think her family went on vacation so they turned her into the streets—a normal thing in Turkey, thousands of them running free in the streets. They enjoy puppies but not full grown dogs. They're kept outdoors, tied up. She was found in the garden of a Mosque. We don't know her name or how old she is and she (of course) only understood the Turkish language. She was given the name Aisha for her passport to the U.S., so we named her Katie-Aisha. She is learning the English language but we use some Turkish words in speaking to her. She is so gentle and kind with children, adults and other animals, very well behaved, no jumping and not much barking. She will play ball with any size ball, loves stuffed animals, and crosses her legs when at rest. She has adapted to our lifestyle and is a great traveler. We won the lottery without buying



Don't Shop – ADOPT!

By Ann Gott

Meet Rosie and Sissy! When I lost my dog, Zoe in early 2015, I was in shock. No one told me that Wheaten Terriers' life span is only 10-12 years. I shopped for Zoe, my first dog ever. I picked her out as the exact dog I saw myself with. But after going through those feelings of loss, I promised myself I would not get another dog.

Some 7 months later, my new house in The Retreat felt so empty! And 11 1/2 years of the love of Zoe was missing! I argued with myself and came to the conclusion that I would suffer that loss again, only if it was to save a dog. Enters Second Chance for Puppies and Kittens based out of Royal Palm Beach. All the way there I kept saying – no puppies, no puppies! And came home with Rosie, named after my mother Grace Rose, an eight week old puppy in a litter of 7 that had been given up to this group. Yes, they said she would be black and a very small dog and today she is grey and 32lbs, but she is a love.

Almost a year later, I had been thinking that Rosie needed a buddy to play with and keep her company when I was working. So I went to their site again and saw this adorable picture of Sissy and she was so strange looking, she was cute! A 9 month old mixed breed, "we called them mutts when I was growing up" that had been given up by her first family. So Rosie and I went to meet Sissy. It was love at first sight! Two dogs saved, Zoe would be so proud of me!



KYLIE and ABBY

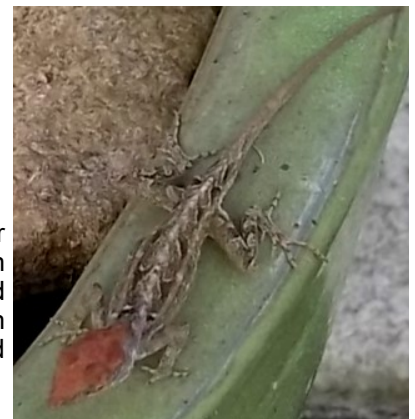
By Nancy and Fred DeRosa

Kylie is a chocolate colored Shih Tzu poodle mix. She's 16 1/2 years old. Abby is a 10 month old, cream colored cockapoo, cocker spaniel and poodle mix. They have completely opposite personalities. Abby is happy, loveable, and friendly. Kylie is "just don't touch me".

LIZ/RED

By Liz/Red Eschenburg

My name is Liz or Red. I am a 3-inch Anole and I live mid Angelina Court with my pets, Chuck and Carole Eschenburg.



We all share property on the lake. I have the huge garden, and they are the house pets. They come out daily to visit with me while I sunbathe on the potted gardenia tree. Sometimes I'm on the rim of the pot but I also like to be upside down on the plant trunk. They talk and I listen, blinking an eye or turning my head to let them know I'm paying attention.

I am also checking out the bugs for my next meal. I once did a flying leap from the rim of the pot --about 8 inches--while catching a bug at the same time. Carole saw me and was impressed, and I could tell. I am able to foretell a coming cold spell thus darkening my coat with the yellow stripes to a darker version. My tail is the second one I've had and it doesn't have a yellow stripe--but beggars can't be choosers. I understand, so I'm just happy to have a workable tail. My pets think that I am very special because of my red head and tell me so every day when I am out and about. I think I'll keep them as they have been faithful since last August!



The Three Lives of Oreo in the Retreat

By Margaret Dara

Oreo began his life in the Retreat on LaCreek Drive with Sandra. He arrived as a puppy 8 years ago and to his friends on La Creek he was known as BeBe. When Sandra passed away in hospice she left BeBe to MaryLou and Richard on Retreat Drive. He made his home with Heidi, their dachshund and he became known to friends as Skippy.

A little while later Ken and I lost our "baby" a schnauzer, Rosie. MaryLou asked us if we could take Skippy as it was becoming difficult for her to walk two dogs and household responsibilities. It was a very hard decision for MaryLou to give him up so we agreed to have him as long as she was part of his life.

BeBe/Skippy came to live with us on Retreat Drive and is known to family and friends as Oreo. He has lived with us for a year and is the love of our life. When we travel BeBe/Skippy/Oreo stays with MaryLou and Richard. The only problem is he is a little confused about his name so I call him "My Baby" and he comes!



BRIDGE SCORES

By Carol Flynn

December 13, 2016

- 1 – Peggy Johnson
- 2 – Lyn Kennedy
- 3 – Alan Shattuck
- 4 – Barry Mussatto
- 5 – Emily Mussatto

December 20, 2016

- 1 – Lyn Kennedy
- 2 – Patsy Shattuck
- 3 – Carol Flynn
- 4 – Steve Stone
- 5 – Marie Ferrandino

January 3, 2017

- 1 – Patsy Shattuck
- 2 – Emily Mussatto
- 3 – Sharon Davis
- 4 – Ann Sterling
- 5 – Peggy Johnson

January 10, 2017

- 1 – Marie Ferrandino
- 2 – Patsy Shattuck
- 3 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 4 – Alan Shattuck
- 5 – Sue Behn

January 17, 2017

- 1 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 2 – Ann Sterling
- 3 – Alan Shattuck
- 4 – Kathy Majewski
- 5 – Kay Campbell

January 24, 2017

- 1 – Sue Lynn
- 2 – Maryon Gonzalez
- 3 – Sharon Davis
- 4 – Ann Sterling
- 5 – Carol Flynn

January 31, 2017

- 1 – Lyn Kennedy
- 2 – Carol Flynn
- 3 – Alan Shattuck
- 4 – Sharon Davis
- 5 – Peggy Johnson

KARAOKE NIGHT By Lill Malinowski

What a night we had on our KARAOKE FUNDRAISER!!!! Thanks to all that helped make this such a great success! We raised over **\$1,400!!!!** And we all have fun!! Thanks to our Relay For Life Team for all that they have done to make this event so special.

Our singing entertainers consisted of the infamous: Kate Smith, 3 grammar/middle school children, Dolly Parton, The Shangri-Las, three great guys calling themselves "The Extremes" - and they were extremely funny, Dottie Williams and a group from the Treasure Coast Community Signers taking us to the 50's, along with other folks stepping up to sing, as their courage increased . A very special thank you to Gino Gilberto. Gino has a fantastic singing voice and provided the music with his Karaoke sound system. We are blessed many times with his support for our fundraisers.

Last but not least is our incredible Energizer Bunny, Marlene! She is unbelievable. She comes up with ideas for fundraisers and magically we raise a lot of money for our cause. It is awesome! Thank you, Marlene!

Thanks to all that helped participate as well as those that bought tickets!



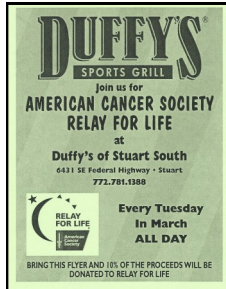


RELAY FOR LIFE



ENJOYMENT BOOKS

Thank you to all who helped in selling and buying the 2017 Enjoyment Books! We raised **\$1,160** for the American Cancer Society!!! Wally had a great group of helpers—Dotti Wurster, Tom Hartnett, Jan Kasuboske, Paul and Julie Kozikis Emily Mussatto, Dottie Sacco, Marilyn Patterson, Gil Williams and more! Thank you to everyone that bought the books! Enjoy your Enjoyment



Duffy's Sports Grill of Stuart South

(1/2 mile S. of Cove Road)

Bring in a flyer & 10% of your check will be donated to the American Cancer Society

Every Tuesday in March all day long

Sponsored by the Retreat
Relay For Life Team



RELAY FOR LIFE OF MARTIN COUNTY

Saturday, March 25, 2017

6pm to 6am

Memorial Park

100 E. Ocean Blvd. Stuart

WHAT'S UP AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB????

BY MONA WILEY

From all the women who have been and still are a part of the Women's Club, we **thank Dotti Wurster and her husband George** for their commitment to delivering our food donations to the House of Hope! George and Dotti have willingly and lovingly picked up food and driven many, many times and many, many days to the House of Hope. They have done this for the past 11 years providing over 31,000 pounds of food, which translates into over 36,500 meals for the needy in our community. The needy in our community also thank you, Dotti and George, even though they don't know your "behind the scene" tremendous service over the years.

THANK YOU THANK YOU!!

Now, ladies, can you believe we are into March? I feel like the snowbirds just returned and we're already planning their farewell so I'll include my last announcement now – our "**Goodbye to the Birds**" lunch will be **May 3rd** at Chris D'Anna's. In the meantime, there are lots of places to eat and lots of activities to participate in.

Duffy Days – WHEN? Every Tuesday in March. You can support the Relay for Life Team by using flyers in the mailroom. A 10% of your meal check will go towards the team.

March 11 and 12th will find the Treasure Coast Community Singers performing "Evening at The Movies" at 3:00pm at North Stuart Baptist Church, 1940 N. Federal Hwy in Stuart. Advance tickets are \$15. Contact Dottie Williams 566-3866 if you have questions.

March 15th – Wednesday: Lunch Bunch goes to Rancho Chico in Stuart. Have you been? Great food, great prices and the best frozen margaritas anywhere!! Car pool with someone from the clubhouse at noon, so you can try one of these specialties! Hostess is Martha Tarquine and Mickey Vernacchio. Check in with them.

March 18-25 - Legends of Rock 7 Night Cruise: Support the "Retreat Remembers Relay for Life" Team! Get ready to rock and roll – and I don't mean the ship!! There will be 10 private shows with artists from *Foreigner*, *Beach Boys*, *Kansas*, *Journey*, *The Archies*, *Boston* and *Beaver Brown*. Ports include Miami, St. Maarten, Puerto Rico and Nassau. For info contact 844-344-Rock or Ray McGill 570-213-632 Sounds like a great time.

March 20th – our Monthly Meeting at 6:15pm
After a short business meeting, our own talented Retreat friends will put on a Fashion Show—yes consignment couture – so you will feel comfortable knowing you can afford the newest trends!

Remember “Chapter Two” by Neil Simon? **March 25 – a Saturday** – there will be a performance at The Barn Theater. Tickets are \$20 so contact Karen Soares at 413-374-9961 or Cheryl Wigen at 545-1114 for information.

Now, we’re into April!! Treasure Coast Community Singers will perform “Chronicles of Blue and Gray” at 3:00 on **April 8th and 9th**. Tickets are \$15 at North Stuart Baptist Church.

April 12th: Lunch Bunch goes to Bravo’s in Jupiter. Hostesses: Sandy Morrow and Jean Scerbo. Be sure to stop by the clubhouse to car pool or let Sandy or Jean that you have a ride.

April 17th is the monthly meeting where new officers will be installed. Please come and support all those who willingly volunteer to keep our club going. Thank you to all!!

Bettyann Dixon is working on an airboat “**Tour of the Everglades**” out of Vero Beach. This is a fun, informative airboat tour where you are educated on Florida’s wildlife. Fee will be about \$45 for an hour tour. Exact date will be posted in mailroom, so watch for it and sign up. Any questions? Call 546-2663.

HISTORY BREAKERS HOTEL

By Cheryl Wigen

On Tuesday, February 7, a group of 17 women from the Women’s Club Outside Activities took a tour of the Breaker’s Hotel and then had lunch at Testa’s Palm Beach. The hotel was beautiful and our tour guide was very knowledgeable. It was a fun day for all.



BOARD UPDATE

By John Clifford, President and Treasurer

The HOA's annual meeting was held Monday, February 13, 2017. The meeting was well attended, with over 200 homeowners participating. After the meeting, Eric Wolf and Jim Pawlak's board terms expired. The entire board thanks Eric and Jim for their two years of volunteer service to our community. Elected to the volunteer board for two year terms, were John Brown, Tom DeLoffi, and John Clifford.

The HOA will be mailing out "rules" violation notices in the very near future. The goal is to have all homeowners comply with the rules and restrictions contained in our governing documents. This mailing of violation notices will include but not be limited to, violations for dirty or stained houses and walls, dirty driveways, and dead or dying trees.

Do you know, the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) meets monthly and considers all applications submitted by homeowners that affect the exterior or landscaping of a home? Any homeowner that is planning exterior improvements or landscaping changes **MUST** submit an ACC application and obtain an approval of the scope of the work to be performed. Before you start any exterior home or landscaping changes, please contact the Architectural Control Committee.

Final reminder, Coastal Painting, the vendor that treated our roofs in 2014, has agreed to extend their current pricing offer through March 31, 2017. In addition, the Board has negotiated a lower price point for the Capri model. The pricing for a Capri model is \$170 per side or \$340 for the entire roof. The pricing for all other models mentioned in the Coastal Painting direct mail notice remains the same.

If you have experienced any mildew on your roof, Coastal Painting, as part of their guarantee has indicated they will retreat the affected areas of your roof with their roof-a-cide treatment at no cost. Simply call Coastal Painting. They will come to your home and inspect your roof and then if needed schedule a treatment. Coastal Painting contact information is 800-320-8083.

As a reminder the decision to apply roof-a-cide to your roof is up to you as a homeowner. Your homeowners association is **NOT** involved in this offering. Please contact Coastal Painting for more information.

Finally, do you know, the Retreat HOA maintains a database of homeowners email addresses? The email addresses are used to inform our community about meeting notices, board updates and any other pertinent information. Please consider adding your email address to our email blast system by providing your email address to our Property Manager Robert Ireton-Hewitt.



Neighborhood Watch

By Bill Burns

Deputy Sheriff Marsten, pilot explains the working of a patrol helicopter to Bill Burns, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

Each month the Martin County Sheriff's office conducts a meeting for all neighborhood watch coordinators. These meetings are open to all residents and start at 6:00PM on the second Thursday of each month at the Sheriff's office off Monterey Road in Stuart.

The Sheriff presents programs about scams in our area, crime statistics and what is currently going on in our neighborhoods.

This month's program was about the Department's "Eye in the Sky," the sheriff air wing which consists of four helicopters. Two are used for regular patrol, one for covert or undercover work and one for pilot training.

Deputy Sheriff Sean Marsten, pilot and Deputy Sheriff, Ed Stagmiller, tactical flight operator explained how they used the copters for law enforcement, surveillance and how they coordinate with the deputies on the ground at a crime scene and the cost of the air wing, which is located at Witham Field just off Monterey Road in Stuart.

The Sheriff also held a Bar-BQ for the neighborhood watch meeting. Trisha Kukupka, spokesperson for the Martin County Sheriff's Office brought us up to date on the crime activity in the Stuart/Hobe Sound area. We are currently being hit by a rash of car burglaries. Last month, in one week's time frame we

had 27 car burglaries in the Palm City/Stuart area. Twenty-six of those vehicles were unlocked. The Sheriff emphasized that we should always lock our cars when not in use.

I have noticed that many of our residents when picking up their mail leave their cars running. This is a good invitation for any would-be car thief to just drive away in your car. Just because we feel safe and secure in our area we should not leave our cars running. In the past month, we have two cases "out of area" people sleeping in their cars overnight in front of the club house, so you really don't know who is out there watching.

Scams are still being worked in the Retreat area. There have been unsavory people calling on the phone or using computers to contact residents about delinquent bills, such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) back taxes owed or calling about court judgements or fines that you might owe. These people are very persuasive and may even threaten arrest if you do not pay these demands or send money as directed.

The Sheriff wants to make it very clear that the IRS or any other federal, state or city government agency will not contact you in this manner. Just hang up and call the Sheriff. Government agencies will contact you by mail. Don't be a victim or give any personal information over the phone or email or internet.

COFFEE DROP IN!

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FIRST FRIDAY IS BACK!

By Emily Mussatto

We can't wait to see old friends and make new friends. Everyone is welcome to first Friday. Bring your beverage of choice, a dish to pass and come for a wonderful time. First Friday is the first Friday of the month from 5:00 to 7:00 at the clubhouse. All are welcome! Don't miss the next one in March.

First Friday

March 3rd

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Bring your beverage of choice and a dish to pass!

PET OWNERS

From our Property Manager

Please be neighborly and dispose of dog waste in your own trash can and not your neighbor's.

“Words empty as
the wind are best
left unsaid”

- Homer

Exotic Species Management

Non-native species, often referred to as "exotic," can out-compete and displace native species. Just as our ecosystems evolved with fire, Florida's native plants and animals evolved with one another. Some exotic species are invasive and have few natural controls.

Exotic species can destroy sensitive habitats and compete with native species for food. Wild hogs damage natural areas with their destructive rooting behavior. Plant species such as cogongrass can alter fire behavior, complicating efforts to restore ecosystems.

Park staff are trained to remove exotic species in order to restore ecological balance and preserve the diversity of Florida's native species.

To learn more about exotic species, visit www.floridainvasives.org.



Historic Preservation

As part of the Florida Park Service's mission to preserve cultural resources, park staff protect the structures which were acquired for their historical significance, as well as those which are part of our park heritage. Most historic structures in state parks are used in daily park operations while others are restored and maintained for interpretive purposes.

Park staff monitor the integrity of historic buildings and assist in preparing detailed plans for their rehabilitation or restoration. Staff are trained to preserve park buildings by performing routine but necessary maintenance such as re-roofing, painting and window repairs in a manner which protects the historic values of the building.

To learn more about preserving historic structures, visit www.floridatrust.org.



Archaeological Resource Management

State park archaeological sites are managed to protect them from natural and human threats. Natural processes which can damage archaeological resources include erosion, burrowing animals and aggressive plant growth. Human activities such as construction, trespassing and looting also threaten these sites and often cause damage which is beyond repair.

Park staff are trained to recognize the different types of archaeological sites in their parks and to use best management practices to protect them. This begins with monitoring any ground-disturbing activities such as facility construction or infrastructure improvements to ensure sites are protected.

To learn more about archaeology in Florida, visit www.flpublicarchaeology.org.



Imperiled Species Management

Florida State Parks are home to more than 275 species of plants and animals considered endangered, threatened or imperiled. Sometimes these species need extra help to ensure their survival. Park staff protect sea turtle nests, reintroduce endangered plant and animal species and sometimes take steps to limit human access to sensitive nesting and foraging areas.

Park staff follow scientific monitoring protocols to keep an eye on the health and well-being of species like the ghost orchid, Florida scrub-jay, Anastasia Island beach mouse and dozens of other imperiled plant and animal species.

To learn more about Florida's imperiled plant and animal species, visit <http://fnaif.org/fieldguides.cfm>.



The Numbers

708,000 managed acres
269,000 fire-dependent acres

archaeological and historical sites **2,000**

232 state-listed threatened and endangered species

state parks **160**

74 natural communities

federally-listed threatened and endangered species **46**

8 National Historic Landmarks

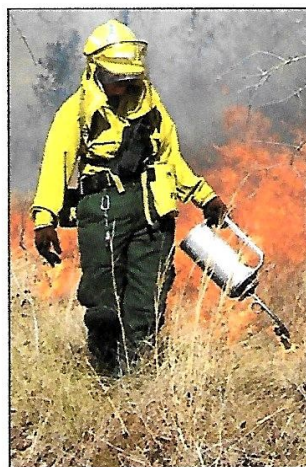
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Resource Management

Management of natural and cultural resources in Florida State Parks is two-fold, encompassing natural resources such as forests, springs, seagrass beds and beach dunes, and cultural treasures such as Native American burial sites and historic forts. Florida law requires the Florida Park Service to acquire lands which represent the "original domain" of the state and to conserve these lands and historic sites for all time. These special places require active management to preserve the natural and cultural values for which they were acquired.

Florida's ecosystems evolved under dynamic natural processes associated with fire, hydrology, and a delicate ecological balance between native species. The resource management goal of the Florida Park Service is to restore the original landscapes of the state by reestablishing these processes. This "natural systems management" ensures that park visitors have the opportunity to experience *the Real Florida*™ as early Floridians did.

Fire Management

Before there were roads, canals or big cities, lightning-set fires swept across Florida's landscape. Native Americans also set fires to improve the land for hunting and gathering food. Over thousands of years, habitats evolved under the influence of fire. Today, most lightning fires are extinguished to protect lives and property. As a result, many fire-dependent habitats and their associated plant and animal species are in decline.

Today, prescribed fire mimics natural fire and can help prevent devastating wildfires. Park staff, guided by detailed plans called prescriptions, conduct prescribed burns as a regular and important part of their land management activities. Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk.

To learn more about the role of prescribed fire, visit www.goodfires.org.



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Hello Retreat Residents!

Thanks to all for contributing to this newsletter. We sure know a lot more about our Retreat pets!

The theme for our upcoming May/June newsletter is:

MOTHER'S DAY
and/or
FATHER'S DAY.

Hope to hear from many of you!

Dottie, Coni and Lill

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