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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR RETREAT COMMUNITY!

PETS IN THE RERTREAT

ISABOO

By Alene Sirott-Cope



Folks around Angelina Court are familiar with "Isaboo." He is my 11-year-old Grand Champion Pembroke Welsh Corgi. His ribbons line the walls of my husband's office. He is my soulmate and best friend. He's been our boy since he was 9 weeks old and until we moved here in October 2018, he lived with 2 Old English Sheepdogs. I don't know if he is happy or sad about that...but he is my very handsome boy and he brings us great joy.

He's retired from the ring now and he likes it that way. Hates the pool, loves food (will beg from everyone he sees on the street including the UPS guy who once gave him a treat so now he tries to chase all delivery trucks) and enjoys sleeping, walks, eating, car rides (don't leave your car door open...he'll jump right in) and seeing his friends...both human and canine. Love this guy!

MORE PETS IN THE RETREAT

ON PAGES 2 AND 3

LULU AND MISS BLISS

By Sue Behn and John Nauer



We are owned by two very senior dogs.... they don't know that they "are dogs." But, that's another story! My black and grey, longhaired chihuahua is Lulu and she lives up to her name. She weighs eight pounds and can out eat our 14 -pound poodle, Miss Bliss who is always on a diet. We are four seniors under one roof, it's like living with the "Golden Girls." We line up our medicine bottles, tonics, etc. I have to be very, very careful not to give John or I one of their pills, so far so good, humans happy and not barking; although this could change any day now.

There's nothing like coming back home after a long day's outing and being greeted as though you've been away for days on end. We count the "girls" as one of our greatest blessings (while dreading the day we will have to say goodbye). I know that this love we share with you today is true of all the wonderful " pet people" here in our community.

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CALIVAR KING MACK

By Bosha and Stephen Stone



We received this portrait of Mack as a gift from the Feiler family ,who were our holiday visitors from Las Vegas.

Mack is a 6 year old ,Black and Tan Caliver King Charles Spaniel, who loves greeting all The Retreat neighbors and dog walkers.

MR. SCHMIDDLES

By Diane Meagher



This is Mr. Schmiddles our sweet little Himalayan Persian who loves hanging in boxes or out on the lanai!

MR. CARSON

By Mr. Carson Malinowski



My name is Mr. Carson. I am named after Mr. Cason, the butler on Downton Abbey Masterpiece Series. I have a black coat with white on my chest—like I am wearing a tuxedo. I am also a very faithful butler. I came from the Treasure Coast Humane Society in Palm City. I think that 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 8 years old now. I am very happy living in the Retreat with my Mom and Dad, Lill and Wally.

FIJI

By Clark Rothacker

I found a wonderful rescue dog—half West Highland. Her name is Fiji and she is about six and a half years old now. Fiji goes with me to Dunkin' Donuts frequently. She also likes happy hour at Tiki Bar 52 in Tequesta. Fiji likes the smaller dogs rather than the bigger one. She is part of my family.



MARGAUX DELOFFI

By Audrey and Tom

Our Chocolate Lab, Margaux is 10 ½ years old and still as playful as a puppy. She loves to chase balls, ride in the car and swim. Since her parents are only children with no children, she is truly our baby! During her lifetime she has had several serious medical issues, including the loss of an eye, due to glaucoma. She remains such a love—greeting us with such enthusiasm when we come home. Her new place to be cool is to lie on the floor of the shower! If you see her walking around the Retreat, be sure to greet her—she loves making new friends with humans and with dogs.



ANDY

By Helen and Paul Larcom



After we had to put our cat Teddy to rest, we knew it would not be long before we added another kitten to our family. After two weeks, we decided to go to The Humane Society to see what they had available. There were three kittens surrendered by their owner. One was an all black female, a tiger stripe male and orange tabby with white markings, also a male. Paul and I took turns holding the males. The orange one just nestled into my arms purring. His brother on the other hand was non stop action. I was ready to take Andy home. Paul fell in love too. The next day we went back to adopt Andy. He has turned out to be an exceptional pet. He loves people. If the doorbell rings he is right there to greet you. When company is sitting in the living room, he is right in the center hanging out. We were on vacation for a week last June. When we came back he followed us around all day. He is still doing that. He also sleeps in our bedroom on an overstuffed chair as soon as one of us goes to bed. We are so happy with our Andy. One of the best decisions we ever made.

FROM THE BOARD

As we move into a new year, we felt it was important to remind our residents that per the Declaration of the Association, Article VI, Section 6.1 (B), the Association shall maintain the lawn and landscaping on all individual lots. However, it is the homeowner's responsibility to replace any dead or dying lawn areas or landscaping materials, including shrubs. All replacements must be selected from the approved list found on our website.

Since last August, there has been an ongoing sod replacement effort throughout the community. The sod being replaced is to restore that which was killed off prior to June of last year. There are three specific causes for this dead sod. They are from the inappropriate use of Round Up and lack of needed irrigation repairs/ maintenance prior to June 2019 plus a turf fungus. No other areas of dead sod except those caused by the above will be replaced by the HOA.

We have had several requests for sod replacement between homes where it has gradually disappeared leaving mostly dirt and/or weeds. Throughout the years soil has settled and shifted around many homes. This has resulted in low lying areas that collect water where the drainage is no longer effective. These wet areas prevent sod from growing yet provide fertile ground for moisture-loving weeds. In addition, trees have now matured and are now creating significantly more shade to many lawns. This additional shade prevents moisture-evaporating sunlight from reaching the ground and is also a contributing factor.

While the ongoing effort to replace sod will continue, please note that the HOA will not be responsible to replace sod except for sod that has been killed off due to the three causes stated above. All other sod replacement will be the homeowner's responsibility. For those residents with insufficient drainage or excessive shaded areas we recommend expanding your plant beds with mulch or rock. Please remember to apply for ACC approval should you want to make this change.

Lastly, residents who have requested no chemical spraying to their lawns by the HOA, please know that this request includes no spraying of all chemicals including fertilizer, weed control, pest control and any others deemed necessary by the HOA's professional landscaper. Opting out will make this part of your lawn maintenance become your responsibility. Any homeowner's lawn that no longer meets the community wide standard may be subject to possible violations and fines.

MANAGER'S CORNER

Scott Montagna-LCAM, CMCA

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends. Now here we are fast approaching spring. As you look around the neighborhood we have a lot going on right now. Improvements at the clubhouse, Bluestream coming in, roofs being cleaned and homes being painted.

While this is all going on, I wanted to take a moment to remind residents to please look at their own homes for the items below as we do our spring cleanup. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Dirty and/or black molded and/or oil stains on driveways, walkways

1. Commercial vehicles are not permitted
2. Pickup trucks in driveways without the needed cap on the bed.
3. Homes with dead or dying hedges- replacement needs
4. Plant beds needing mulch
5. Landscape borders: should be neat in arrangement and clean of black mold
6. Outside storage: garbage cans, recycle bins, lawn tools, wheel barrels etc., are not permitted. Be sure to store all items in your garage.
7. Please be sure screen cages are clean of mold with no torn screens.

Please be sure when walking your pets, to carry a bag with you and be courteous to your neighbors and pickup and then dispose once you get back home.

Also, in the spirit of this month's newsletter theme which is "picture of your favorite pet". Below is my Nikki, my 4 legged daughter!



Thank you,
Scott Montagna- LCAM,CMCA

FEBRUARY FIRST FRIDAY

February First Friday was a night of good food and great conversation! The Social Committee provided a chocolate fountain along with treats to dip in the chocolate to celebrate Valentine's Day! For those who don't know First Fridays are held the first Friday of the month at the Clubhouse at 5:00 pm to socialize with your neighbors! Everyone brings an appetizer or dessert to share along with their favorite drink! Please come to the next first Friday in March on Friday, March 6th at 5:00 to say hi to your neighbors!





A Sport for All Seasons: PICKLEBALL

The Retreat Sizzlers Pickleball Group is alive and flourishing at The Retreat at Seabranh with new players and offering lessons to those interested in picking up the sport.

The sport is growing in popularity, nationwide, according to statistics, and is sweeping the nation as the fastest -growing sport in America, with 75 percent of its core participants aged 55 or older. Five years ago, there might've been 30,000 to 50,000 people playing this sport, now you've got over 3 million nationwide. PGA Village Verano facility in Port St. Lucie will feature a 27-court pickleball facility, which would make it the largest private Pickleball Center in South Florida. Now, John's Island of Vero Beach, installed new lighted pickleball courts in a community where homes may exceed \$16,000,000.

We are blessed to have amenities such as our pickleball courts, which can certainly benefit the future value of our homes and make The Retreat appealing to those searching for a vibrant community.

The Retreat Sizzlers Pickleball Group 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 playing time may occur under the lights on periodic Sundays. 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.**

Ron Doucette

Pickleball Representative to the Clubhouse Committee

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB???

By Mona Wiley

What's not to love about Italian food? Our fantastic chefs in the Retreat and members of the Women's Club showed their talents February 8th by bringing their best Italian food to our fundraiser. Thank you so much to all the cooks who brought appetizers, salads and main dishes. In addition, the volunteers who set up and took down the clubhouse were amazing, and everything was done in about 20 minutes. Ken Gregory won the 50/50 and donated \$100 back to the charity event – The Backpack Program. Thank you Ken,!

In all, the Charity event raised over \$3500.00. Thanks to Abel Soares for manning the auction items and to all those who participated in the program, a big thank you!

We're into March already and with that brings **Duffy Days**. Eat out on Tuesdays and Duffys will donate a certain portion to Relay For Life. There are flyers in the mailroom and if you have any questions, you can contact Wally or Lil Malinowski 545.3732

Saturday/Sunday March 14 and 15 the Treasure Coast Community Singers will perform *Great American Songbook*. Saturday's performance is at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2450 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart and Sunday's is at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2221 NE Savannah Rd, Jensen Beach. Both concerts begin at 4pm. Advance tickets are \$15. You can also purchase online www.tccsingers.org Contact Dottie Williams 546.3866

Monday March 16th is the monthly meeting starting at 6:15 for light refreshments and a short business meeting at 6:30. Romagosa Dermatology will present a program on how to help our aging, drying skin. Think about it – skin is amazing. We can shower for 30 minutes and we don't absorb all that water. We can sit at the pool all day and our skin protects us from all the elements coming at us. We need to know how to take care of our largest organ.

Wednesday, March 25th Lunch Bunch will go to The Blue Point Grill in Tequesta. This luncheon was originally scheduled for Jan. 22nd, however, it was cancelled due to weather. Chickie (Flavia) Woolfenden is the contact person for this lunch. Her number is 545-9897. So many people were disappointed that we were not able to go in Jan., so now is our opportunity to sign up again for this lovely restaurant on the water. The address is 18701 SE Federal

Hwy in Tequesta. You can sit out on the pointe and enjoy lovely ocean breezes and enjoy delicious food and friends.

Thursday, March 26th. Port St. Lucie River Lilly Cruise: Discover Old Florida! This is a 1 1/2-hour cruise on a pontoon that leaves at 1:00pm from the River Park Marine, 500 E. Prima Visa Blvd. Port St Lucie If you are a birdwatcher, nature lover, wildlife photographer or relaxer – you'll love this event. Cost is \$24. Be sure to sign up, pay up and show up and let Mickey Vernacchio (546.4236) know if you want to carpool or drive yourself. There will be an optional Happy Hour to continue the fun at about 3:00pm at Manatee Island restaurant in Port. Salerno

Now, it's **April** and that kicks off the ACS Relay For Life Event – The Retreat Remembers Festival of Hope walk at the Memorial Park in Stuart. If you want to participate and have questions, as always, Lil and Wally Malinowski are on top of it.

I've run out of time and space, so I'm just going to summarize the next couple of events. Please check our Women's Club directory for more details, time and contacts.

Wednesday, April 8th is "Inside Hobe Sound" tour from 8:30-2:00pm. Presented by the Chamber of Commerce. You'll travel in an air-conditioned van, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Tour is free with a boxed lunch if you choose for \$9.00 Please indicate lunch when you sign up. Contact Marilyn Patterson 932-4340 or marilynjim@comcast.net

April 18th and 19th Saturday and Sunday the Treasure Coast Community Singers will perform *Chronicles of Blue and Grey* (Purifoy) at 4PM both days. Contact is Dottie Williams 546-3866 for concert locations or visit www.tccsingers.org

April 20th is our monthly meeting beginning at 6:15pm **This is Annual Salad Night and installation of new officers.** Lots of delicious eats and socializing

April 29th Lunch Bunch says "Goodbye to the Birds" we'll let you know where and when that will happen so watch for it in the mailroom. Meg Ochotorena and Cindy Sibilila will be in charge of that outing Meg 516-457-0476 and Cindy 908-295-6658

NO! Don't look up and watch the cranes leaving! If you are new to south Florida, the "Birds" means those of you who come for the winter and then return to your northern homes.





Today's Date: _____

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Signature(s) *

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Today's Date: _____



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Thank you all for buying the Enjoyment Books! 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.

I will be closing up shop soon.



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Audrey DeLoffi, 245.8420

Marilyn Patterson, 932.4340



BRIDGE SCORES

By Carol Flynn

January 7, 2020

- 1 – Sally Dunmire
- 2 – Rosemarie Scotti
- 3 – Steve Strong
- 4 – Barry Mussatto

January 14, 2020

- 1 – Sally Dunmire
- 2 – Rosemarie Scotti
- 3 – Steve Strong
- 4 – Muriel Barry

January 21, 2020

- 1 – Barry Mussatto
- 2 – Kathy Majewski
- 3 – Sally Dunmire
- 4 – Rosemarie Scotti

January 28, 2020

- 1 – Barry Mussatto
- 2 – Steve Strong
- 3 – Alan Benson
- 4 – Rosemarie Scotti

February 4, 2020

- 1 – Flo Greenberg
- 2 – Deb Benson
- 3 – Barry Mussatto
- 4 – Rosemarie Scotti

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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 Mon. 1 PM	Ginny Franklin	561.339.4409
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Dear Retreat Residents,
We thank all of you that have
contributed to this newsletter.

You are always welcome to share
with us your Retreat gatherings,
recipes, reviews on books, movies,
restaurants, plays, concerts, etc.

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