

The Retreat Newsletter March/April 2021 Volume 18 Issue 2

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Karen Tyree: President

Rick Renshaw: Vice-President

Mary Anne Fiduccia: Treasurer

Stephanie Milazzo: Secretary

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR RETREAT COMMUNITY!

THE RETREAT CARES Audrey DeLoffi

Linda and John Stephens have lived in the Retreat for the past 10 years. Many of you know Linda from her work as Secretary of the ACC Committee, OR she may have done some painting in your house! Recently Linda has had some health challenges and has been in and out of the hospital. To lift her spirits (and John's), over 45 people participated in a rousing drive by at the end of January. With horns tooting, waving balloons and signs, we drove by their house and left flowers, food and get well wishes. The Stephens' were most grateful and said we made their day. Just another event indicative of our caring Retreat community.

THANKS FROM THE STEPHENS

I would like to thank all of my wonderful friends and neighbors for the caring and support shown to John and I just other day through that spectacular car parade. It was so nice seeing many of my friends and neighbors of whom I have missed seeing over the last few weeks. If I could heal from all the prayers and support that I have received, I would be healed ten times over by now. I was so amazed at the kind gestures and out pouring of love that many have We are so truly blessed living in a shown us. community like this. I do not think there is another place that could ever compare to the generosity that the Retreat has shown us. We cannot thank everyone enough. I hope to see everyone soon out walking the dog and even riding my bike, Hugs. Linda and John

Linda's pictures are on pages 2, 3, and 4.





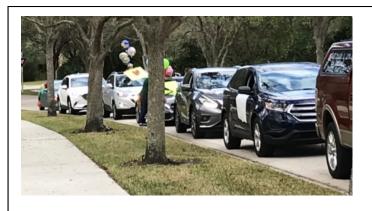
Editor & Publisher	Co-Editor	
Lill Malinowski	Dottie Williams	
545.3732	546.3866	

Information in this newsletter is believed to be reliable, but is not guaranteed for accuracy or completeness. Such information is provided solely for informational purposes, and should not be construed as definitive. Any information contained herein is not intended to be a substitute for independent investigation on any subject matter. The Retreat at Seabranch Homeowners Association as well as the editors and individual contributors to this newsletter expressly disclaim all liability in respect to actions taken or not taken based on the contents of this newsletter.

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













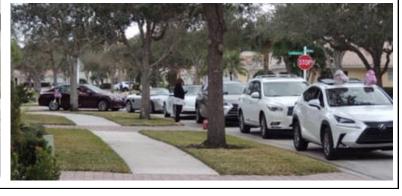






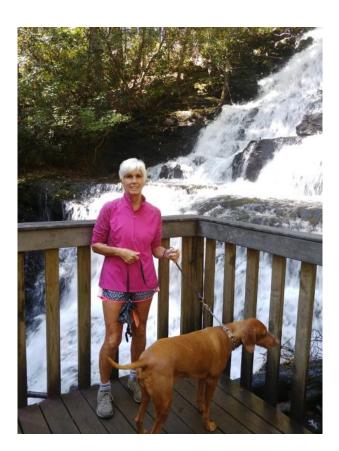
Linda!







Coni McGuinn
balloon shopping for the
Linda Stephens drive by
celebration!





We love Linda and John!

FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY BULLETIN

Dear Retreat Residents,

This notice is to make you aware that your in-home smoke detectors may no longer be functional. Even if you replace your batteries regularly and you push the test button doesn't mean that the detectors are operational.

The detectors in our homes are model FireX made by Kidde. They only have a life expectancy of approximately 10 years. Presently, if you haven't already changed out your detectors, they are between 17 to 18 plus years old. Kidde recommends that you replace after 8-10 years.

You can identify the age of your detectors by looking at the underside of the detector where the wire connector is located. They will be stamped with their installation date.

These detectors can be replaced easily with new detectors FireX I4618 Hardwired Smoke Alarm that can be purchased from Home Depot, at a very reasonable cost. A box of 4 is approximately \$40 and individually approximately \$15 each.

You can go online and watch a video on how to replace your detectors. Search how to replace Kidde FireX smoke alarm. Or contact your local electrician who I'm sure will replace them at a reasonable cost.

These alarms also have battery backup incase of power failures. These do require the 9v batteries to be changed annually. Just like your old ones.

Note: New ones come with a 9v battery already installed.

Please the life you save may be your own.

A neighbor and past Fire Chief.

Robert Demoustes



For over 18 years Coni McGuinn has volunteered in some capacity to serve the Retreat Community. Coni is officially retiring!

Coni is currently part of the Newsletter team and the Directory team.

We need willing volunteers to help in those areas that Coni was working.

Chores include solicitation of ads for Newsletter and updating of Resident Listing on EXCEL spread sheet for Directory.

The Retreat has always been known for its excellent communication and publications. Let's make sure our communication stays strong!

Please contact **Marlene Boobar** if you can donate some time working on either of those teams. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbor as you work together for the common good of the entire community.

Your "pay" is the satisfaction of knowing you made a contribution to making your community a nicer place to live. Thank you!

Marlene Boobar marleneboobar@hotmail.com Cell: 561-889-4445

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB???

We have had so many new people join our community as well as the Women's Club, that I thought we might take this opportunity to meet 2 of our new members. Since we haven't been able to gather, let me introduce you to Mary Ellen Brosnan and Kristen Kroen! Please welcome them when you see them out and about.

Mary Ellen Brosnan comes to us from New York. Born and raised in Manhattan, Mary Ellen lived there through her 20's. She was a high school math and chemistry teacher in Manhattan. Next to the Catholic school where she taught was a hospital where she volunteered in her spare time. She discovered that she loved the medical field more than the teaching field, so she made a career change and went to nursing school. This was her niche! She worked for 35 years in home care as a visiting nurse. Part of that time she worked for an oncologist and the last years she was a hospice home health nurse.

Mary Ellen was the oldest of 4 children. She has 8 nieces and nephews with whom she has a close relationship. Mary Ellen met Bill on and off over the years through mutual friends. Their paths crossed in 2001, and this time Bill was a widower. They married in 2002. Bill has 2 sons — one in Texas and one in New York and 2 grandsons (17 and 20).

How did they get to the Retreat?

It so happens that **Nick and Dottie Sacco** brought them down here. Bill and Nick were friends through their younger years and that friendship is ongoing!

Bill and Mary Ellen started out spending winters in Naples, but it got too crowded there. They would return to the Poughkeepsie area for the summers and fall, and eventually Nick Sacco convinced them that the Retreat was the community for them.

They like being out of the cold and love being here and can't wait to get to know more people from the Retreat. You'll see Bill and Mary Ellen walking with her UP-walker.

Mary Ellen loves all kinds of crafts – knitting, crocheting and quilting. She also loves to read.

Meet another new resident -- Kristen Kroen from Belmont, MA

Kristen did her schooling at St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire where she studied Art History. Most people don't think there's a future in that subject but wait til you hear where this has taken Kristen! She studied a semester abroad in Florence, Italy on Renaissance Art History and lived there for a period. When she returned to the States, her career started at The Boston Design Center for two fabric houses Scalamandre & Schumacher.

Working for the House of Scalamandre entailed covering an expansive territory of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and the islands, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York.

As a representative for Scalamandre she sold fabric, trim, wall covering, furniture and rugs to architects, specifiers of hotels and interior designers. **One of the most interesting projects** was working with a specifier on a ball room in **Saudi Arabia**. The ball rooms were segregated and the color scheme for the women was pink and gold and for the men aqua and silver.

Running was a great passion and she was fortunate to complete the **Boston Marathon**. A few years later she was diagnosed with a disease that limited her mobility. Her parents encouraged her to move to Hobe Sound near them so they could assist her.

Her mother opened an interior decorating company a year ago and they have been keeping quite busy. She loves her home which has a pool for her physical therapy. Kristen says "It is an absolute pleasure living in the Retreat." Welcome Kristen and her parents Bill and Kathy!

House of Hope continues to be our monthly charity. For the calendar year of 2020, 4,927 pounds. of dry goods were delivered from mailroom pickups and the 2 food drives. CEO Rob Ranieri reports that over the last year 1.4 million pounds of food was distributed to 4800 clients, over 20 community soup kitchens, shelters and nonprofits.

Their Golden Gate Center for Enrichment continues to offer the community free health and self-improvement workshops, gardening, nutrition classes and career coaching in socially distant ways.

At some future point Rob has extended an invitation to club members to tour their Growing Hope production farm.

Thanks to all for your continued support.

MARCH events: **Lisa Tompson**, President of the Martin County Genealogical Society and member of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), will be speaking to our group on **March 15**th! She has made this a lifelong hobby and will be talking to us on how to start a family search, how she became interested in genealogy and show us some examples of her searches.

This event will be in the **Clubhouse at our usual time 6:15pm** for refreshments and it will also be available **on ZOOM.** Be sure to watch for email blasts and/or mailroom posts on upcoming programs or changes and additions.



Thank you, Coni!!!

The Communications Committee is sorry to announce that Coni McGuinn has decided to "retire" and will no longer working with us. After 18+ years of giving to our community, Coni surely needs the break but we will truly miss her.

We are so lucky that Coni decided to settle in The Retreat back in 2002. Her commitment and dedication to our community are evident in her works to help the Retreat develop in to the friendly well-run community it is today.

In 2004, Coni joined a group of Retreat residents to lay the ground work for what is now the Retreat Women's Club. She served as the first Treasurer of the Retreat Women's Club and is still an active member today. All members thank Coni for her dedicated support in making the Women's Club such a success—and it took a lot of effort.

Later in 2004 when DiVosta, the Retreat developer, turned over all the community records to its residents, Coni was elected as a member of our first Board of Directors. Serving as Secretary of the Board of Directors for 10 years, she played a major role in shaping our new 555-home community into a place recognized by many as a special place to live.

Always willing to help, when the Retreat started its Relay For Life team, Retreat Remembers... Coni volunteered and worked on many fundraisers over the years. She was an integral part of the team and also enjoyed decorating our team camp sites at the Relay.

Coni has been a member of the Communication Committee since its inception. Her continued ideas, support and commitment played a major role in the success of this committee. It would be difficult to mention all the "hats" Coni has worn but here are some. She was part of the team that created our first Retreat Directory and has continued working on this project right up to the publication of the 2021 directory that is now being distributed. In addition, the Newsletter team certainly has appreciated her organization and help in the sale of advertisements and her editing skills as the final deadline approached.

Coni deserves a big THANK YOU from all Retreat residents for her years of dedication and hard work.

Dottie Williams

Pickleball: Bursting at the Seams

The Retreat Sizzlers Pickleball Players watch the various local television station newscasters about our counties, that marvel at the growth of this nationwide sport. They linger on the issue of the communities that lack the resources to provide pickleball courts for their constituent pickleball players that continue to grow.

Each residential community that can provide the facilities to support the demands of recreation and sport can only enhance the property value of each residential owner. Take a look at a recent photo on a fine Saturday morning this January of *The Retreat* folks wanting and waiting to play this sport. Past seasons report no less enthusiasm.

Remember to use our chosen online retailer: 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.

<u>The Retreat Sizzlers</u> welcome new players. We play as mixed doubles in our matches with many players on our courts. The courts enjoy healthy competition



Ron Doucette Pickleball
Representative to the
Clubhouse Committee

ronald@sunkist2.com (772) 245-8484





Have you seen these people? Alene Sirott-Cope

You really can't miss us on this strange contraption. We start out at 7am every day and ride our 10 miles through The Retreat and Lost Lake to avoid traffic. We enjoy seeing the wildlife at that hour, like deer, otters, armadillos and a variety of water birds. (Squirrels not so much) We know all the dogs' names who walk their humans but not the human names. We say "hi" to both pets and owners. So, if you see us, say hello even if you're not walking a dog.

MANAGER'S CORNER Scott Montagna-LCAM, CMCA

I hope you all are doing well, staying well, and happy.

I want to thank everyone for your continued use of face masks in the mailroom. That extra step goes to helping to keep our residents safer during the COVID 19 times.

I wanted to bring you up to date on our Members Annual Meeting that took place on February 1, 2021. We had a little over 90 participants in the ZOOM room that evening and we hit a quorum of 210. The meeting took place and your Board of Directors was seated for 2021. With the close of the Organizational Meeting of the Board which immediately followed the Members Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors is as follows;

Karen Tyree- President, Rick Renshaw- Vice President, Mary Anne Fiduccia- Treasurer,

Stephanie Milazzo- Secretary, Susan Chirico - Director.

Since the Annual Meeting, Susan has resigned as she has sold her home and moved. The Board will be appointing a 5th director to fill that position.

I also wanted to let you know that the Board of Directors continues to have the hog trapper catching the wild hogs. As a reminder, if you see them, please report them to Management. Sod damage by the hogs is not covered by the HOA, but owners can get a quote from Impact for repairs to their sod.

From myself and my at home assistant, Piper, we wish you all the best during this time.

Thank you, Scott Montagna- LCAM, CMCA- Vice President of Management S

Grammy – the "Mystery Reader" Dottie Williams

Last September, amidst the question of face to face or virtual school, my grandson, Archer started Kindergarten. His teacher, hoping to keep her young students involved, initiated a "Mystery Reader" program. On designated Fridays throughout the school year a secret surprise reader would Google into the classroom to read a story. Family members and friends were asked to sign up to be a "Mystery Reader." When my daughter-in-law, Suzanne asked me if I'd like to be a reader, I was excited to say "yes" and signed up to read on January 15th.

During my Christmas visit with my son and his family in Pennsylvania, Suzanne selected one of Archer's favorite books and I secretly packed it away to bring home. On Friday, January 15th at 11:50 I signed onto the link the teacher had sent and there I was, looking at Archer and his social-distant, masked classmates. I heard Archer call out, "It's Grammy Dottie Williams!" What fun! The class was quite excited to hear that I was in Sunny Florida. The temps were in the teens in State College, PA that day. After we chatted for a while, I got down to my assignment of reading "I Met a Moose in Maine One Day." What a special day for me! I'm so lucky to have had this opportunity to be part of Archer's class even if they are over 1,000 miles away!



Photo taken by Mrs. Lintal (Archer's teacher)

Caption: Grammy Dottie Williams and Archer

Some fun holiday photos from the Sacco's







My sister-in-law lives in a gated senior community that has been closed down do to COVID concerns. No visitors allowed into the community and residents are discouraged from leaving except for things like medical appointments. All the many activities have been suspended. Just walking the community can get a little dull. So, for fun she puts up a sign a day. Here are a few samples.

Did you ever look
into a mirror and
wonder
WHAT HAPPENED?

I'm a multitasker.

I can listen, ignore
& forget......
all at the same time.

I'd grow my own food if

I could only find

bacon seeds.

What is Santa's nationality?

NORTH POLISH

In 1980, we thought that in 2020

we'll have flying cars, cities on

other planets...... but here we are,

teaching people how to

wash their hands.



Thank you, Celest! Maybe somebody from the Retreat would send us one or more?

Love, Lill





Bob and Marlene Boobar moved into the Retreat as original owners in the summer of 2003. Marlene became active in the community while Bob was the silent partner to the outgoing Marlene. Bob was the introvert and Marlene the extrovert and as opposites, they were well suited. On the evening of Saturday, January $2^{\rm nd}$, Bob fell in the bathroom when he became a bit faint. At the hospital, it was discovered that he had a fever and pneumonia brought on by the Covid virus.

As we have learned, this virus is especially tough on older folks. Bob was 84 and his lungs were a bit compromised prior to any virus. After 11 days in the hospital on Wednesday, January 13th, Bob 's lungs just could not recover and he passed away peacefully with Marlene at his side.

It is awful to lose anyone...but in gathering photos over an almost 29 year marriage to Marlene, pictures show that Bob had a great life! He was first married for 30 years to another outgoing woman named Marge. Marge died of breast cancer and four years after she died, Bob married Marlene. This quiet man had two families who loved him. Two sons were from the first family and Marlene had two young daughters (age 10 & 14) when they were married. How often does a man get to share a life with women who truly cared for him and children and grandchildren who just wanted to love him.

Both Bob and Marlene found their home here at the Retreat and had always felt so comfortable in this caring community. Bob is now in another home which is beyond our comprehension how beautiful a place that can be. But both Bob and Marlene always felt that the Retreat was a close second to that heavenly realm.

Marlene has received an outpouring of love and support from this Retreat community which will never be forgotten. The gratitude felt is beyond measure. What a life...what a community!



Newsletter

The March/April 2021 Retreat Newsletter is now available in color on the website

<u>retreatatseabranch.com</u> (Simply click on the above link)

Printed copies will soon be available in the mail room.

Thank you to all our contributors that have sent articles to this newsletter!

Thank you! Your Newsletter Staff Dottie, Jack and Lill

Top 9 Reasons to Read the Newsletter on the Web

- 1. Newsletter is available in glorious color!
- 2. No trees were sacrificed for the online version!
- 3. You'll never get a paper cut from a PDF.
- 4. You can get the online newsletter from the comfort of your home; no face mask required.
- 5. Email the newsletter PDF to your friends.
- 6. You can zoom in to read the small print.
- 7. Looks even nicer on your iPad or tablet.
- 8. Carry the PDF version with you in your smart phone. You can read it while waiting for the doctor.
- 9. Did I mention the glorious color?

By Jack Spyker-Oles

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 pub	lished in the Directory.
	Today's Date:
You ha	lia lia



NOT GETTING HOA EMAILS?

If you are NOT currently receiving HOA Email Blasts, and wish to:

Complete below and place in the Property Management Drop Box located in the Mail Room.

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.retreatatseabranch.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.

RETREAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Karen Tyree	561.339.9255	retreat.karent@gmail.com
Vice-President	Rick Renshaw	772.546.1940	retreatrickrenshaw@gmail.com
Treasurer	Mary Anne Fiduccia	864.517.5556	retreatmaryannefiduccia@ yahoo.com
Secretary	Stephanie Milazzo	772.245.8615	retreat.stephanie@gmail.com

RETREAT PROPERTY MANAGER

SCOTT MONTAGNA Signature Property Management

scott@

signaturepropertymgmt.com

LCAM, CMCA Vice President of Management Support 3231 SE Dixie Highway Unit B Stuart, FL 34997

Office Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Telephone 772.219.4474 Facsimile 772.210.4474 Emergencies: 772.219.4474

RETREAT COMMITTEES

Architectural Control	John McGuinn	545.9704		
Clubhouse	Joyce Fordham	545.0081	fordham48@msn.com	
Communications	Marlene Boobar	561.889.4445	marleneboobar@hotmail.com	
Finance	Tom Hartnett	545.3107	tmhartn55@gmail.com	
Landscape	Linda Wolf	932.7969	lwolf33455@icloud.com	
Neighborhood Watch	Bill Burns	546.6990	burnsjro@aol.com	
Social	Fran Massey	546.6768	fmass1954	

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	Carol Flynn	546.4118
Relay For Life	Lill Malinowski	545.3732	Mon. & Fri. 9:30 AM		
Retreat Assistance Network (RAN)	Audrey DeLoffi Marilyn Patterson	245.8420 932.4340	Mah Jongg Mon. 1 PM	Ginny Franklin	561.339.4409
Retreat Directory	Coni McGuinn	545.3465	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Flynn	546.4118
Retreat Newsletter	Lill Malinowski	545.3732			
Netiteat Newsletter	Dottie Williams	546.3866	Knot Just Knitting	Sandy Morrow	545.1936
Social Bridge	Carol Flynn	546.4118	- Tanot odot Tanting	Liz Plourde	546.5673
Tennis	Tom D'Avanzo	545.7229	Pickleball	Ron Doucette	245.8484
WEB Master	Marlene Boobar	561.889.4445			
Women's Club of the Retreat Pres. Dottie Sacco Vice Pres. Sue Arnold Treas. Fran Spaulding Sec. Meg Ochotorena	546.0654 216.409.1480	Poker—Men's Straight	Joe Ciocia	545.9767	
	Sec. Meg Ochotorena	027 657 0240	Poker—Texas "Hold— Em"	Otto Vernacchio	546.7523

Business owners—The Retreat Newsletter is a great place for you to reach local customers. Ads are business card size in black and white. The ads appear in color on our WEB site, www.retreatatseabranch.com. Cost for each ad is \$175 for the year—double ads are \$325.00 for the year. A yearly contract is required. Please contact Jack Spyker-Oles at 845.481.0581 or spyker.oles@gmail.com. The revenue from the ads is used to defray our newsletter printing expenses.

SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS OWNERS

THE REVENUE FROM
THE ADS IS USED TO
DEFRAY OUR RETREAT
NEWSLETTER PRINTING
EXPENSES.

You must have masks at the mailroom.
Thank you!

Photo Credits

Linda—Audrey DeLoffii

Linda—Wally Malinowski;

Pickleball—Ron Doucette



Dear Retreat Residents.

We thank all the contributors to this newsletters!

We have a theme for the May/ June Newsletter theme:

Your Worst or Most Fun Snow Storm Experience!

Thank you Coni for all you've done since 2004!

God be with you.

Thanks Jack for volunteering.
Hopefully the "Help Wanted" article
will recruit some more volunteers.

Your Newsletter Staff,
Dottie, Marlene, Jack and Lill



www.retreatlostlake.com







Chad Thurman, GRI, CNS
Broker Associate / Realtor
(cell) 772-631-6097
Retreat DiVosta Real Estate
Specialist

mclthurman@gmail.com



The Keyes Company
Hobe Sound
37 offices

Stuart Computer Service

Computer Repair, Setup & Sales ~ Networks
Backup Solutions ~ Data Recovery ~ Virus Removal
Remote Support

Roger Bergstein



Н

A

N

Κ

Υ

O

Т

0

0 U R

D V E

R T

I S

E

R

Office: 772-919-3669 Cell: 772-214-6750

roger@stuartcomputer.com www.stuartcomputer.com



Retirement Network Advisors

Retirement & Tax Planning

Joe Thomas

4440 PGA Boulevard - Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Joe@JupiterJoe.com

561-743-0999

Retirement Network Advisors.com





ILLUSTRATED PROPERTIES

NICHOLAS D'ALESSIO Real Estate Consultant

772.263.2494

T772.236.5400 Ext. 72118 ndalessio@ipre.com nicholasdalessio.ipre.com

ILLUSTRATED PROPERTIES

IP LUXURY PORTFOLIO | Leading COMPANIES COMPANIES

5693 SE Crooked Oak Ave. | Hobe Sound, FL 33455

We are original Retreat owners and residents with over 30 years combined real estate experience.

We're your neighbors and we love living and selling in the Retreat!

You get two great agents for the price of one!

ILLUSTRATED PROPERTIES

Karen Tyree (561) 339-9255 Ktyreehomes@gmail.com Lillian Keck (772) 486-4261 Lkeck@ipre.com

SIMPLY THE BEST!



Illustrated Properties Seabranch | 5693 SE Crooked Oak Avenue | Hobe Sound FL