



The Retreat Newsletter

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"SOCIAL DISTANCING"

What did you do while you were stuck in your Retreat home?

Driveway Cocktails

Audrey DeLoffi

As this 'Stay at Home' order continues, it becomes more and more difficult to stay motivated and feel meaningful. In the beginning we found small projects around the house to complete, books to read, TV programs to watch, etc. As time continues, we find we are less and less interested in finding things to complete. Because we are 'people' persons, the highlight of the day is walking the dog or riding a bike and looking for neighbors that we can have some conversation with, while 'social distancing.' One of the most enjoyable events that we have done is to have driveway cocktail hours. Several houses will meet at a designated time at the end of our driveways and be able to socialize and have some comradery, while still observing the required amount of space between us. Here's hoping that we soon will be able to return to some kind of normalcy. However, we feel blessed to be in this community and in this weather while we are enduring these challenging times.

Many families in the THE RETREAT gathered in their driveways Sunday April 5th at 12:00 to recite The Lords Prayer and asked the father for forgiveness of our sins and compassion and healing for our world as we suffer with the coronavirus. Celebrating this Palm Sunday we acknowledged Jesus Journey to Jerusalem knowing that he would be dying on the cross for our sins.

PASSING TIME DURING QUARANTINE

Jan Kasuboske and Herbie Battershell



(Continued more Social Distancing on pages 2, 3, 4, 5)



Bill and Maryellen Brosman snow birds from New York decided to extend their Florida stay and enjoy the beautiful weather.

The Perry's New Morning Routine Sherry Perry

Joe and I traditionally go out for breakfast on Saturday. Now our new routine has been to go to downtown Stuart and walk the River Walk, past Sailors Return, over to the park, and back. About a 3-mile walk. Then we have our isolation breakfast by the water.

Photos by the Joe and Sherry



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"This is what we are doing because we are bored. Nick did most of it. Not bad for a 79 and 80-year-old. Yesterday we cleaned the inside of the car. Just wish we could get to the garage." Nick & Dottie Sacco

WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING

During this unique time, I have been doing a bit of alcohol ink painting to jury into the Boston art gallery that represents me. This keeps me from thinking too much of the ongoing crisis and also quiets my mind by using the beautiful surroundings as my subjects. I am so grateful for what I have here!



Nick and I spend our evenings sharpening our skills playing dominoes. We are getting ready for our Friday nights with the Dara's and Scerbo's. We just celebrated our 61st wedding anniversary. Our sons who come for family dinner every week were not able to celebrate with us. We sure miss our Retreat friends and family. Stay well.



Guess who is up at bat? Yes, **Marlene Boobar** hit the ball a few times over at the Oaks with the grandkids. We all kept our distance and enjoyed a most beautiful day!





Staying home during Covid-19 gave me the opportunity to create new fish prints. Gyotaku began in Japan during the 1800's as the method used by fishermen to record the size and species of their prized fish. The fish caught was cleaned on the outside and positioned as it would appear in life. Its detailed image was obtained by carefully pressing rice paper onto the fish covered with ink where the blank eye area remained to be hand painted. Due to the aesthetic quality of the work, Gyotaku developed into an art form. You can see more of my work by going to: kendarafishprints.com or Etsy. Visit Rare Earth Gallery in downtown Stuart to see more of my work. Ken Dara



News about a Waste Management Service

If you or someone you know has trouble bringing their trash barrel from the garage to the street for pick-up day, Waste Management has a service called: **"Backdoor Service"**. A worker will pick up your barrel **at your garage door** - empty the barrel and then **return it to the garage door** for you.

This would require a doctors note being faxed to Waste Management requesting the service for medical reasons. The FAX number is: **866-224-4436**. **Please share with a neighbor who might be in need.**

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB???

NOTHING

By Mona Wiley

So sad! Yes, it is! We've missed several months of lunches out, activities on meeting nights and various tours that had been planned. We've missed each other's company, but Pam has kept the House of Hope in grocery goods with drive by grocery drop. Pam reports a WC record of nearly 870 pounds for April to date. Way to go ladies! In addition, Marlene has kept us informed (through Linda Wolf and "MailChimp") about various ones of our group who need some encouragement. Altogether, we are surviving in a different normal.

I think this has been a great time for excuses to be vanquished. I don't want to hear anyone say to me in September, "I haven't had time to clean my closet.....my drawers.....my car.....etc., etc., etc. my house, my garage. In fact, excuses to do whatever you might not ordinarily do abound! Here are a few so far: My grandson – "I've always wanted to have a mohawk and blue hair." Go for it JT.....and he did! I always wanted to have blue streaks in my hair. Go for it, Mona! Check out these ladies who don't seem to have enough ways to show off on a dance floor. Go for it Wear something you will be seen in. Who are they? Who cares! They're over 50 and can do anything they want.

Dan was in Publix last Saturday and it must have been husband day to shop. All the men had their lists, cell

phones and masks on. At the appropriate distance he watched them take pictures of "Can of Beans #1" and send it to the boss at home. Nope, well, here's another shot – this time "Can of Beans #2". Buy whatever is on the shelf for goodness sake. Now, here's a good one. A dear husband was sent to the grocery store with a list. After several items, there was an item marked "BOGO". Do you know what BOGO is? He didn't. After going up and down isles, he finally asked a stock person, "What is this item on my list called BOGO?" "You're kidding, right?" said the stock person!!! Do your grandkids know what "Oleo" is?

You know we've all worked so hard throughout our lives to come to this stage where we can enjoy the "fruits of our labors." Do that! As Americans, we often do not take the time to enjoy what we have. We have friends. Pick up the phone and call those you haven't talked to in a while. I've had friends who have called me during this down time. Write a note. Enjoy a sunrise or sunset. Most of all, keep a sense of humor. I love the makeover of the Bee Gee's song of "Stayin' Alive, Stayin' Alive."

Check out on You Tube the MASH clips of isolation!! Does anyone know what M*A*S*H stands for?

Marilyn Patterson



On February 26th the Women's Club lunch crew went to Casa Giuseppe's in Stuart. The food was delicious and fun was had by all. Special thanks to Ersola for the poetry game!

Sad News - April 14

We have just heard that Women's Club member, Becky Brown passed away very suddenly.

Becky had been a long time, faithful member of the Women's Club. Although she did not attend meetings regularly, nor attend many functions, Becky always supported the Women's Club.

May she rest in peace.



My parents were married 55 years...only two of those years were spent apart when my dad served in the Army and was in Vietnam. This is a testament of how much they TRULY loved each other!

She was warm, caring, funny, grateful, giving, and SO much more...she had such an infectious smile! She was the best mom a girl could ask for.

Thankfully I was able to make it down here and speak to her before her passing however, I was not able to see her. COVID is an ugly virus and while this is NOT what she passed away from (she was COVID negative), the COVID regulations kept my dad and myself from being close to her during this time.

My mom will be buried in Arlington National Ceremony however, this will not take place for sometime...approximately 6 months. My dad hasn't decided on a 'service' locally as we both know with COVID it just isn't really possible.

Thank you so much for putting something together....BE SAFE, STAY HOME, AND WASH YOUR HANDS...this is now our new normal for quiet some time!

Heather M. Brown, Ph.D.



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE RETREAT!!!

Please see the current **Women's Club Application for the 2020-2021 Activity Year**. (Page 9)

Yes! There **WILL** be activities again! There **WILL** be meetings again! There **WILL** be outside luncheons again! There **WILL** be opportunities to meet and enjoy each other's company!

Yes! Yes! Yes!

Meanwhile, the Women's Club **STILL** supports the House of Hope each and every month. The Women's Club sends \$100 of your money to help this charity all year long. Also, Pam and Stu Levy continue to bring food donations to the House of Hope center several times each month. There was a special food collection in April and food continues to be collected from the mail room.

The Retreat is a special place. Many women have become lifelong friends by participating in the Women's Club. We are so lucky to have this group in our community...let's keep it going!!!!

Please support this community club and send in your \$25 membership fee to Fran Spaulding at your earliest convenience. Since we are all home...writing that check will be something for you to do! Please do it today.

Thank you for your continued support. Dottie Sacco will again lead us as President; Sue Arnold will again lead us as Vice President; Fran Spaulding will again serve as Treasurer and last but not least is Meg Ochotorena who has agreed to serve as Secretary.

Please send checks to: Fran Spaulding 9184 SE Hawks Nest Court Hobe Sound, FL. 33455

Plan to attend the 1st Fall meeting on the 3rd Monday in October. We'll kick off this meeting with a great celebration....**Monday, October 19th**. Mark your calendars!

Be well and be safe in the meantime.

The Women's Club of the Retreat
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

2020-2021 SEASON

Membership Year: April 1st to March 31st
Activity Year: October 1st to May 31st

Please complete the application and give it (or mail) to the Treasurer along with your check
for **\$25.00** – 1 Year Dues - made payable to:

“The Women's Club of the Retreat”

Name: _____

Address: _____

Seasonal Address: _____

Phone/Cell: H: _____ Cell: _____ Seasonal: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: (Month/Day) Month: _____ Day: _____

Do you need a name tag? Yes _____ No _____

Please give (or mail) Application & Check to Treasurer: Fran Spaulding
9184 SE Hawks Nest Ct
Hobe Sound, FL. 33455

This information will be included in the Women's Club of the Retreat Annual Directory

Do you have a business you would like listed in the Women's Club Directory?

Name of Business: _____ Product or Service: _____

Committees and Sub-Committees of the Women's Club include:

Membership		Outside Events	
Sunshine to Members		Crafts/Activities (50-50)	
Refreshments		House of Hope/Charity	
Communications		Programming for Meetings	
Outside Luncheons		Summer Activities	

Please check any area(s) you might be interested in becoming more involved.

Thanks so much!

The Retreat Pickleball Sizzlers ANNUAL BANQUET

The Retreat Sizzlers Pickleball Players have enjoyed quite a bit of comradery during the past year. Besides having several new players enroll to enjoy the fastest growing sport in the nation, on-court lessons were given and special off court events were held.

Over forty players and significant others came together on a very special end-of-the-season Saturday night in The Retreat Clubhouse in March. All enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts and many beverages at a festive-decorated *Annual Awards Banquet*.

Highlights included: • Most Ferocious Competitor: **Anita Calicchio** • Wicked Server Award: **Ray Audette**. • Most Energetic Poacher/Good Dinker: **Gerry Caputo**, *awarded an egg poacher!* • Most Improved New Player: **Meg Ochotorena**. • A New Awarding: Best OFF COURTS Party Organizer award and Best Dressed on Court: **Sue Arnold**. • Tireless Court Engineer & • Invaluable Working Partner/Treasurer: **Joe and Jean Scerbo**, among many others. And finally: The 2020 Players of the YEAR: **Randy Spaulding** and **Orest "OTSIE" Acedansky**, whose names are now engraved on the Ray Audette Annual Pickleball Trophy. A good time was had by all. I want to thank all the great people that make my job cheerful.

Ron Doucette

Pickleball Representative to the Clubhouse Committee

ronald@sunkist2.com

(772) 245-8484





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?

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

All RAN information available

BRIDGE SCORES By Carol Flynn



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



Got a question?

Looking for a form?

Not getting HOA email blasts?

www.retreatatseabbranch.com

Check out **FAQ** on Home page tab

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

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

Raspberry Boy Cookies

The recipe is from Lucille Sanchez. Thank you, Helen Larcome.

2 sticks butter

1 cup sugar

1 egg yolk

2 cups flour

3/4 cup chopper walnuts

10 oz raspberry preserves or other flavor

Cream butter, sugar, egg yolk. Add flour, nuts to make dough.

Put 1/2 into 9x13 greased pan spread jam.

Crumble remainder of dough on top.

Back 350 for 40 minutes.

MANAGER'S CORNER

Scott Montagna-LCAM, CMCA

I hope you all are doing well, staying well, and happy. This is a difficult time we are all going through right now. I know it is not easy having the common amenities closed, but we can feel safer and better knowing we have done our part to try and overcome the COVID-19 Virus issue. I have talked to many residents in your community and others where this has personally affected us. My sister-in-law's sister, who is a nurse in a New Jersey hospital, tested positive about 2 ½ weeks ago. We keep her and her kids in our prayers and also a big thank you to her for being on the front lines. We will get through this and good times are ahead. I also wanted to let you know there is a lot going on in your community right now.

Please see below:

1. Trees are being fertilized. They are also being trimmed.
2. Sidewalk repairs begin on April 23rd.
3. The irrigation system is getting a re-wiring overhaul to the system
4. Roofs are being cleaned.
5. Homes are being painted.
6. Street Drains were cleaned.
7. Street light poles were re-finished.
8. Key system for the clubhouse, pool, gym and tennis courts is being overhauled to bring up to date. When done, your same key fob will be used.

My "at home assistant," Nikki, and I wish you all the best during this time.



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



**THE RETREAT 1st ANNUAL
RESIDENT CHARITY CRAFTS FAIR
DATE TBA (late November/early December 2020)**

There are so many talented people in The Retreat that we wanted to showcase them. If you have an artistic talent of ANY kind such as jewelry making, knitting, painting, drawing, woodworking, beading, baking, sewing, ceramics, soap making, candle making, writing ... etc... only limited to your creative minds, join us for the 1st Annual Retreat Crafts Fair.

Vendors will pay a fee for a table to present their wares. This fee will be donated to a local charity (TBA). Any sales you make are yours to keep. The table fees will be:

Card table size - \$15.00 (limited # of tables available)

Regular rectangle table/round tables - \$20.00

Each vendor can set up and decorate their table as they choose. The number of vendors will be limited to the size of the clubhouse, utilizing both inside and outside areas as needed.

The event will be open to all the residents of The Retreat. Admission to the fair will be free and light refreshments will be served.

If you are interested in participating, contact the following residents anytime from now to November 1st. This gives you all summer to create lots of goodies to sell!

Fran Massey – 772-546-6768

Darlene Greene – 561-578-0615

Diane Meagher – 772-932-7887

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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 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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KNOW.

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BREAK FOR THE SUMMER. THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020
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HAVE FUN!!!

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