



The Retreat Newsletter
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SPECIAL EDITION

By Lill Malinowski

Highlights from 2004—2021



I am Lill Malinowski. You may know me as The Retreat Newsletter. I have been involved with the newsletter since 2004 when we put together the first “official” newsletter. This special edition is the last cooperative that I will be a part of.

The newsletter has been the object of dedication for me for more than 17 years. I have plugged away, come up with topics, torn my hair out when people didn't meet deadlines, laughed, rejoiced with the birth of grandbabies, and maybe cried when I've had to post a passing of another friend or neighbor, but throughout the years, it has given me great joy and satisfaction when I see that copy come off the press.

Various topics have been introduced over the years. Many committees have been created in the Retreat and we have made room for coverage on those activities as they have become popular. I have had fantastic response from reporters for the newsletter, committee chairs and members of the community whenever I have asked for a small write up on an event. I could not have done 17 years alone, and I have relied on all the clubs and interests to contribute.

Thank you for your participation and support publishing an informative and quality neighborhood newsletter!

The Newsletter has evolved from a one-page information sheet produced by the developers, DiVosta, to what we enjoy bi-monthly. When we first moved here, Bea Kozlowski, my next door neighbor and I thought we could put something together that would be more interesting and more comprehensive. After getting advice from some Lost Lake residents, we forged ahead and found The Print Shop, a local print company. Carl Vogel printed our newsletters until his death last year. Our first staff consisted of Bea, me and Becky Freedman, who was the editor, proof reader and generally put everything together. Many of you were reporters in the field bringing in news tidbits from within the community. Hank Stasiewicz and Jane Stokes were part of that crew. Many others submitted articles in the years to come. As our community expanded, so did the newsletter. On the front page the photo of the entrance was taken by Hillary Kozlowski, and Marsha Levine created the Sandhill Crane water mark pen and ink drawing. Under the new board in March/April 2004 the first Retreat Newsletter Vol. 1, Issue 1, rolled off the press.

Dottie Williams joined me in 2007, and many times we put the newsletter together when I was heading to California for Christmas, Dottie was driving to Pennsylvania, and my contributors and feature writers were in Florida when deadline rolled around. There were occasions when Mona was in the hospital or camping where there wasn't internet. In spite of technical problems or miles between us, everyone met their deadline and the newsletter was on the web or in the Mail Room .

The following pages are a walk down memory lane of some of my favorite stories, events and pictures. I hope you will reminisce with me. I hope this will jog your memories of the many dog stories, kid contributions, dinner parties, fund raisers, and Retreat common space and Clubhouse decorating that have shaped our community and brought us closer together.

Our Friend, Mary Regan

By Coni McGuinn, Mary Paukstys,
Audrey Ruggier

Mary Regan was one of the founders of the Women's Club. Once our clubhouse was completed, it became a place to gather for social events. From those events and friendships forming, the Women's Club was organized.

Mary was intrinsically involved in writing the by-laws, setting up social events and was elected to be the first secretary.

Mary was a wonderful person full of exuberance! Her smile lit up a room, and she had many friends. Mary was a kind, sweet person and a listener who was always there for you! She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



The 2004 Founding Board Officers of the Women's Club of the Retreat. Sitting is President Mary Paukstys, standing is Vice President Brenda Frank, Secretary Mary Regan, and Treasurer Coni McGuinn.



WHAT'S UP AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB????
By Mona Wiley

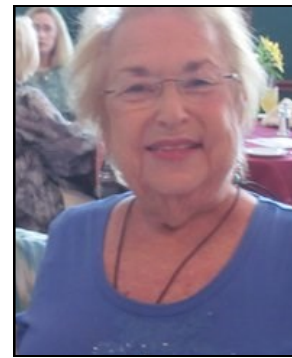


Women's Club Luncheon Dolphin Bar and Shrimp House Friday, January 15th



FAREWELL TO THE BIRDS' LUNCHEON MAY 9TH AT HUNTER'S GRILL

September/October 2014



Relay For Life



RELAY FOR LIFE CRUISE



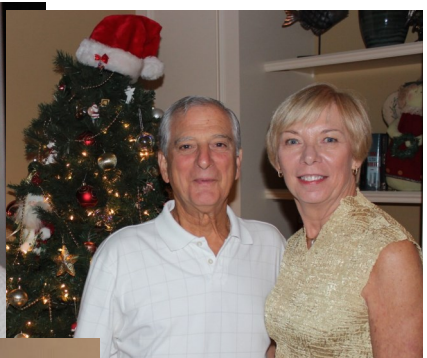
Our live auctioneer, **Tim Luke**, donated his time and expertise, which helped greatly in the excitement and earnings of the day. Also donating his professional services was Retreat resident, **Gino Giliberto**, who spent the afternoon entertaining us with music and song.



2005- 2018 We raised

\$121,500!





Past BOD Members....Thank you all!!!



Thank you all for stepping up and for your hours of service .



FIRST FRIDAYS



Come meet and join your neighbors for a friendly gathering at the Clubhouse on the First Friday of every month. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage.

First Friday of EVERY MONTH
October thru June

No reservation required.
5:00pm until 7:00pm



SOCIAL COMMITTEE KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

September/October 2011



FRANCES FUELS FRIENDSHIPS

September 4, 2004

By Hank Stasiewicz

Hank Stasiewicz wrote a wonderful article describing what it was like during Hurricane Frances. For the residents that were out of town it was a long time to find out that every thing was OK at the Retreat. Thank you, Hank!!



Our Christmas elves!



WOMEN'S
CLUB
Of The Retreat

Thank you, Linda Wolf for all of your efforts!



Pictured above is the Retreat Red Hat Society. This was taken in July when this organization met for their first outing for lunch at the Dockside. The Red Hat Society is a group of ladies over 50. We dress in Red Hats and purple dresses. We get together once a month and plan what our next outing will be. A couple of weeks ago we went to the movies and then out for ice cream. In November, we went to Ashley's in Stuart. The idea is just to have fun.

By Ann Condon

HOUSE OF HOPE

Thank you to
George & Dotti Wurster
Pam & Stu Levy



Communication Team

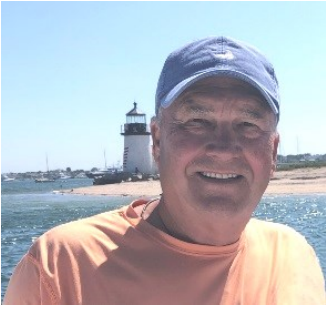


Total Food Collected

HOUSE of HOPE

Women's Club Outreach Committee

Activities and fun moments at The Retreat



Ron Doucette



Walk a Mile in her shoes

Tom D'Avanzo



The Retreat Sizzlers



Carol Flynn

Patsy Shattuck

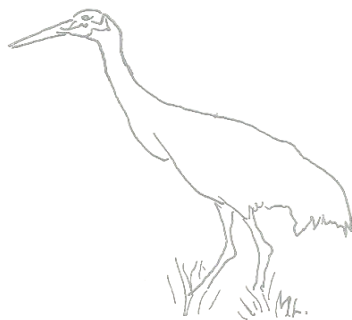


Natives in the yard

By: Dottie Williams




A visit by Kate Smith!



Marsha Levine

Celebrating a Woman of Grace, Courage and Strength




A surprise lunch was held in honor of **Mimi Brown** on Thursday, December 10, 2015 – just before Bridge. Mimi is a woman who does not complain and tries her best to be cheerful to all whom she meets, even though life is difficult for her.

Mimi suffers from Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD). Friends and neighbors gathered to show Mimi that she is cared for and loved.

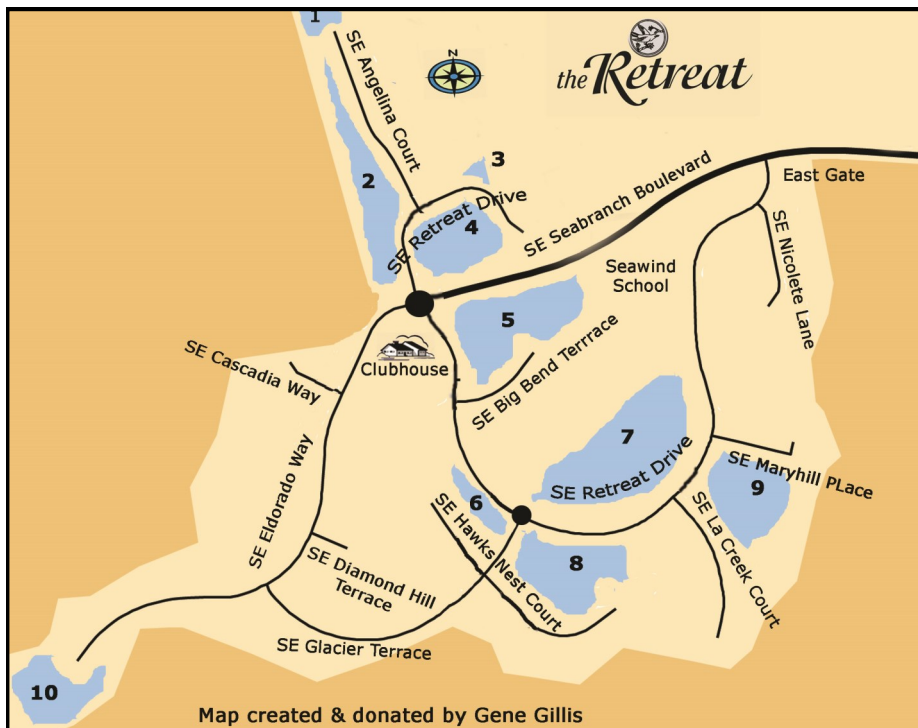
Love was in the air! It was so beautiful to see the surprise look on Mimi's face.

The Retreat is a caring community...how blessed we are to live in this place.



Audrey DeLoffi & Marilyn Patterson

Pharmacy Topics *By Connie Bandy, R.Ph., Doctor of Pharmacy*



RETREAT MAP FACTS

The information below is compiled from Retreat Maps used during the construction phase. Some are taken from Site Information charts on the maps and other statistics are obtained by taking accurate measurements directly from the maps.

313.4 acres Represents the area within our boundary. To give some perspective, try to visualize the area of 237 football fields including the end zones. (One such field equals 1.32 acre) (91 yards without end zones equals one acre.)

4.83 miles (25,500ft) Represents the Retreat perimeter. If you were to hike beginning at our entry and the Lost Lake Doubletree entry, to the end of Lake 1 at the end of Angelina, proceed around the lake and walk the length of lake 2 back to the end of lake 2 across from the Clubhouse where the fence gate is located, this would be about 1/3 of your hike. Continue from the gate and follow the fence and drainage ditch the length of Eldorado, behind lake 10 at the end of Eldorado. Then proceed East along Glacier and Hawks Nest and continue following the fence behind the ends of La Creek, Maryhill and along Nicolette to our East Entry. To finish, hike back to the start point.

5.46 miles If you were to add to your hike the .74-mile perimeter fence and wall around SeaWind School, the distance would add to this.

.74 miles (3900 ft) SeaWind School perimeter wall/fence.

3.85 miles (20,250 ft) This is the approximate length of our privately owned paved street system. It would also follow that this number to a degree represents the length of water pipe, sewer pipe, cable and phone trunk lines, and electric power cable. Street and swale drainage pipe systems and lake pipe systems are probably twice that length. Irrigation piping and control wires are so many miles long that I can't even guess.

.84 miles The length of our drainage ditch located on our property. It begins by the fence gate across from the Clubhouse and ends at the SeaWind ditch off property behind Lake 10 at the end of Eldorado Way.

Compiled in January, 2007 by Dave Williams, BOD and map done by Gene Gillis.

Thanks to all the Committee and Activity Chair volunteers! 2004—2021

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| Anderson, Larry | Gillis, Gene | Plourde, Liz |
| Arnold, Sue | Greaves, Dave | Quinter, Elaine |
| Badcock, Marguerite | Greenberg, Florence | Raska, Chuck |
| Barry, Muriel | Greene, Darlene | Raska, Lois |
| Battaglia, Mary Jane | Gregory, Bev | Renshaw, Rick |
| Bendonis, John | Gregory, Ken | Rothacker, Diane |
| Benson, Deb | Hall, Brigit | Rothenberg, Lisa |
| Bernhardt, Alice | Hartnett, Tom | Rublowsky, Lena |
| Bibby, Angela | Hayes, Don | Ruggier, Audrey |
| Boobar, Marlene | Heisler, George | Ryan, Karin |
| Botkin, Zackary | Hemmer, Susan | Sacco, Nick |
| Botkin, Brennan | Hurston, Zora Neale | St. John, Carol |
| Briganti, Diana | Kelcourse, Chuck | Sanchez, Lucille |
| Brown, Pat | Kelly, Mary | Scerbo, Jean |
| Burns, Bill | Kemp, Phil | Shattuck, Alan |
| Calicchio, Anita | Kosmala, Linda | Shattuck, Patsy |
| Ciocia, Joe | Jacobs, Gail | Sibilia, Cindy |
| Clifford, Mary | Kisslinger, Nancy | Spaulding, Fran |
| Collette, Katrina | Kozlowski, Bea | Spyker-Oles, Jack |
| Cotter, Winnie | Larcom, Helen | Stasiewicz, Hank |
| Cussler, Clive | Lariviere, Rita | Stine, Kate |
| Dara, Margaret | Levy, Pam | Stone, Carol |
| D'Avanzo, Mary | Luke, Tim | Stone, Steve |
| D'Avanzo, Tom | Malinowski, Lill | Stokes, Jane |
| Deiley, Bob | Massey, Fran | Strahm, Greg |
| DeLoffi, Audrey | McGuinn, Coni | Strona, Nancy |
| Dixon, Bettyann | McGuinn, John | Strong, Gerri |
| Doucette, Ron | Milazzo, Stephanie | Tarquine, Martha |
| Elliott, Mark | Morgan, Geri | Troiani, Sally |
| Estes, Joanne | Morgan, Mark | Vernacchio, Lois |
| Farina, Emilio | Morrow, Jim | Vernacchio, Otto Sr. |
| Farley, Barbara | Morrow, Sandy | Vernacchio, Mickey |
| Ferrandino, Bob | Mussatto, Emily | Vornholt, Jim |
| Ferrandino, Marie | Ochotorena, Meg | West, Marie |
| Fleming, Marty | O'Neill, Pat | Wiley, Mona |
| Flynn, Carol | Palmer, Tom | Williams, Dave |
| Fordham, Joyce | Patterson, Marilyn | Williams, Dottie |
| Frank, Brenda | Paukstys, Mary | Williams, Pat |
| Franklin, Ginny | Paukstys, Ron | Wolf, Linda |
| Freedman, Becky | Perrelli, Marilyn | Woundy, Rosemary |
| Freedman, Lenny | Pezzicola, Gail | Wright, Monica |
| Galiher, Nancy | Pezzicola, Pat | Ziegler, Frank |



Besides of all you who have supported my efforts, I want to recognize my husband, Wally. A hundred million thank yous! You have supported me in this endeavor. You have guided me. You have been my rock, advisor, my sounding board. You have been so patient with me through my many frustrations and lived another month to do it all again—for 17 years! Wally, you're the best co-editor/computer wizard/husband and everything else! Thank you!

I am retiring and Jack Spyker-Oles will carry on as editor of the Retreat Newsletter. Jack and I have been working together for about a year as he learns the format. He is very capable and is looking forward to taking on this project. I know he will carry on and all of you will support him as you have me. I wish you all the best, Jack.

If you want to capture all the goings on at the Retreat over the last 17 years go to:

1. www.retreatatseabranh.com 2. Click on Resources 3. Click on Newsletters

Easy as 1 2 3

Thank you very much!!!