



The Retreat Newsletter

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House Guests: Where do you take them for entertainment?

THE BOAT

By Hank Stasiewicz

You should not have to ask me that question...the boat, of course!!!

Tour the ultra rich homes on Jupiter Island from the Intracoastal or the ocean side and stop for lunch at one of the many eateries along the way that have docking facilities. Cruise the ocean from the St. Lucie Inlet down to Palm Beach, take a boat ride up the North Fork of the St. Lucie River (that cruise is an all day trip) and for those of them that like to fish, well, there is FISHING.

Tourist Attractions

By Becky Brown

Something that my guests have always enjoyed is a ride on the Manatee Queen pontoon boat out of Jupiter. You get on it at the dock behind The Crab House on the inlet. It goes up the Intracoastal and they point out famous people's places, but it is just a nice little ride up the Intracoastal. Another place that I take them (this is after I have taken them to the beaches, Palm Beach, Worth Avenue, and eaten at Taboo or Renato's and the Norton), is the Morikami Japanese Museum in Delray Beach. Having lived in the Orient for a number of years, we really appreciate this museum, but I think anyone would enjoy it. The restaurant there is superb, too. You have to pay to get into the museum before you can eat at the restaurant.

Short and to the Point

By Otto Vernacchio

For entertaining house guests, I recommend The Outback Restaurant, fishing, and the Bass Pro Shops.



Left to right: Gerri Strong, Marsha Levine, Barbara Nappen, Hillary Horn, Sandy Goldfarb, Pat Taylor, Diane Rothacker, Bonnie Becker, and Boshia Stone. Not in photo: Catherine Klinger, Marlene Boobar, Sally Troiani, Ali Kuron, Nancy Rowe, Rosemarie Scotti.

The Island Princess

By Sandy and Gary Goldfarb

Our favorite place to take visitors is a boat ride on *The Island Princess*. The boat leaves from The Marriot on Hutchinson Island. They offer cruises of Jupiter Island with lunch, Indian River/St. Lucie River Cruise, Afternoon Cruises, Nature Cruises and even some special evening

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WHAT TO DO WITH COMPANY?

By Marlene Boobar

Aside from offering to go to the beach, the theater, a tourist attraction or even a baseball game in March, we take our company to **flea markets!** We think it good for the Florida economy; and we think it fun too. It's a day out of the house!! Of course there is the week-end

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The Retreat Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 6:45 PM

SeaWind Elementary School

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stop at **B&A Flea Market** located at 2885 SE Federal Highway in Stuart. Driving time is under ten minutes--five miles North of the Retreat.

Open every day, we have found it fun to stop at the **Festival Flea Market** located at 2900 West Sample Road in Pompano Beach. This all indoor market takes just over one hour to drive the 69 miles via the Florida Turnpike. It is just right off the turnpike at the Sample Road exit.

One other flea market, which is again open every day, is the **Swap Shop** located at 3291 West Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. This drive is just under one hour and a half and logs in about 80 miles using I-95 South. Our visitors marvel at some of the prices and "deals" they can find at **flea markets**. If for no other reason, they can purchase some fun souvenirs to give to family and friends when our visitors return back home.



Retreat Resident, Lois Beutlich

By Bea Kozlowski

We are deeply saddened to announce that our dear friend and neighbor, **Lois Beutlich**, passed away Saturday, December 2nd, after a brief illness. She was a member of the Tuesday Bridge group and the Women's Club. Lois helped raise funds for the Relay for Life and other charities. Lois was not just our neighbor—she was a part of our neighborhood family. She touched the lives of many and will be remembered fondly and lovingly for her smile, good nature, adventurous travels around the world and, most of all, for her wonderful self. Our deepest condolences to Jim Acker, Lois' son, Jim's wife, Mona, and Lois' stepdaughter, Jill, and her husband, Paul.

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cruises.

Florida's Intracoastal waterways give you an opportunity to watch for porpoises, manatees, pelicans, blue herons, and egrets in their natural habitats. The captain's narration is always lively acquainting you with homes of the rich and famous, history of the area, spoil islands, and other points of interest. There is air-conditioning inside the cabin as well as outdoor wind protected seating on the upper deck.

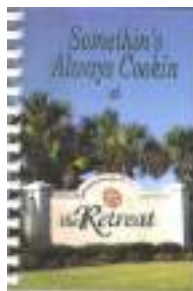
For reservations call 772.225.2100 or visit them on the web at www.islandcruises.com.

DON—OUR HERO

By Geri Cioca

Twas a few days before Thanksgiving and all through the house, everything was quiet. My husband, Joe, had just settled down for a little afternoon nap. Out in the backyard, there arose such a clatter. He sprang from his chair to see what was the matter. Away to the back door, he flew in a flash. Tore open the door and stepped out on the grass. The sun on the pool gave a luster of morning to objects below. All the yelling he heard was coming from the maintenance lady cleaning our pool. She was pointing to the skimmer. What to his wondering eyes did appear but a miniature snake so lively and quick, he knew in a moment he must call "**Don the Snake Eliminator**" (Refer to *The Retreat Newsletter* September/October 2006 issue, page7—Unwanted Visitor!). To the top of the counter, he flew like a flash, dialed the phone and called Don, no problem said he, I'll be right there. Up to the house front he came, he was dressed for snake from head to foot--a bucket on his back, a rake in his hand. Soon let us know we had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to the back, tore open the skimmer, and looked inside. Laying his hand inside the pool, up came the foot long snake that caused Joe to place the panic call. Don threw it in his pail and said "Joe, it's only a rat--non- poisonous snake". Then he sprang to his car, as he drove out of sight. We yelled Happy Thanksgiving to all and to all a healthy and Happy New Year!!!!!!!. Watch out for the snakes (poisonous and non-poisonous) coming in from the cold weather.

WOMEN'S CLUB FUNDRAISERS



Cookbooks:
\$10 each
Marlene Boobar
545.1043



License Plates:
\$12 each
Mary Pratt
545.0704

MORE RETREAT CELEBRITIES!

Photo by Jan Kasuboske



Marty Mason - St. Louis Cardinals bullpen coach

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

By Jan Kasuboske

It is a lucky man whose avocation becomes his vocation. This is what happened to **Marty Mason**, a Retreat resident living on Angelina Court. Marty is the bullpen coach for the St. Louis Cardinals.

He has been with the Cardinal organization for twenty-six years.

Marty got his start in baseball when he was a young boy playing Little League in a small town in Alabama. He perfected his pitching and shortstop skills, played high school and junior college ball, and earned a baseball scholarship to Western Kentucky. After college he was drafted by the New York Yankees in 1980 but was acquired by the Cardinals in 1982. For a while he was a player - coach for St. Petersburg, a Cardinals' affiliate, but eventually gave up the playing for the coaching.

Marty and his family, wife **Lynn** and daughters **Brandy and Lindsey**, have always lived in Florida. This is their home much of the year. They lived in St. Petersburg, while he was involved with that team but moved to the East Coast when Roger Dean Stadium was built in Jupiter, and the Cardinals moved here for their spring training. Prior to purchasing their home in the Retreat, they lived in Palm Beach Gardens in the off season. When spring training ends at the beginning of April, the Masons move to St. Louis, where they rent a townhouse. The girls will finish out the school year there and then begin the fall semester; they remain there until the baseball season is over. This year Lynn, the girls, and family dog **Troy** will remain in Florida until school is out as Brandy will be graduating from South Fork High School. This move between two schools has allowed the girls to have friends and experiences in each place. Marty and Lynn have moved many times and have had 48 different phone numbers in the 20 years of their married life.

The highlight of any baseball player's career is winning the World Series. This became a reality for Marty and the St. Louis Cardinals this fall. Even

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Photo by Sandy Goldfarb



Tim Luke from *Cash in the Attic*

TRASH OR TREASURE

By Sandy Goldfarb

How many times have you heard people lamenting about their "stuff?" It may be "stuff" collected during

their lives, "stuff" inherited from relatives, or perhaps "stuff" they haven't been willing to part with because they "think" it has some value. Or, perhaps it's just time to downsize and get rid of some "stuff." If any of these scenarios sound like you or someone you know **Tim Luke** might very well be your man.

With his gregarious personality, easy style, and smile Tim is a perfect fit with host **John Sencio** for the HGTV show **Cash in the Attic** which can be seen Monday evenings at 8:30 PM. Tim has been busy filming thirteen new episodes that will begin airing in January. These feature Tim as the appraiser going to homes across America to assist people in identifying items that have value, that they are willing to part with, which are then sold at auction. Each one of the families has a target amount of money they hope to raise for some reason i.e., to update a kitchen, get a hot tub, take a trip. You get to follow these people to the auction to see how close they come to reaching their goal. If you are interested in appearing on *Cash in the Attic* you can go to www.hgtv.com and submit an application and photo. Applicants are screened and selected from a pool of people.

Originally from Ohio, Tim has lived in South Florida for the past nine years and has resided in The Retreat for the last three. Locally Tim Luke and his business partner **Greg Strahm** own and operate **Treasure Quest Appraisal Group**. They supply a variety of services including estate sales, consulting, appraisals, lectures and consignment. For \$200 an hour Tim and Greg will peruse your possessions and tell you the value of items that can be sold or equally divided among heirs to settle family disputes.

Some of the most unusual items that have been auctioned have included teeth with gold fillings which brought around \$40 and a silver Olympic Medal from the Los Angeles games which fetched \$2,000. One of Tim's most surprising finds was a collection of six original Madame Alexander dolls in mint condition which sold for

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though the Cardinals have made the playoffs several times and were in the World Series in 2004, this year was a dream come true. Marty wears his World Series ring of 2004 proudly and will get the 2006 variety very soon. Lynn has a pendant that matches Marty's ring, which is typical of the players and coaches' wives. Marty said this year's team was better prepared for the series than they were in 2004 when they were swept in four games. Many of this year's team were on that 2004 team, and they learned from experience. **Tony LaRussa**, the Cardinals manager, tried to slow everyone down when it came to World Series time. He certainly didn't want a repeat of the 2004 series. Since the Cardinals led their division most of the season, the end of the regular season was spent looking ahead to maintain the health of all the players, so they could play at their best in the World Series. Marty said it was a true team victory. The rookies stepped up when they needed to, the veterans had the experience, and the talent was obviously there.

In the off season Marty has time to enjoy his family and pursue some of his other interests. He and Lynn love to fish and are awaiting the arrival of a new boat that will allow them to do more of that. He is also an avid motorcycle enthusiast. The Masons have three cycles and enjoy riding as a family. One of their smaller bikes was a gift from the bullpen pitchers to Marty last year.

During the regular season LaRussa encourages the participation of families. Family members are allowed to travel with the team on the chartered plane to a few games each year. Marty says this has given his family a chance to visit places all over the United States and do some sightseeing while they are there.

Marty feels that sometimes baseball gets a lot of negative publicity, but often the many good things the players and coaches do for people are overlooked. He mentioned a couple of examples: one player donated \$10,000 to a family who had a small child with cancer. Another player bought a house for a family that would never have been able to own one on their own.

One of Marty's main responsibilities as a bullpen coach includes studying films of opponents a few days before a game is played. He knows his bullpen and consults with the pitching coach as to the best fit for relief pitching. The pitching coach is in the dugout during a game, but Marty handles the relief pitchers in the bullpen and readies them to go into

the game. Like the regular pitching staff, the relief pitchers have a rotation but one that might be the best fit for the opponent. Marty also pitches some batting practice for the relief pitchers. In the off season his only responsibility with the Cardinals is helping with a camp at Roger Dean Stadium in January.

The Cardinals have a new stadium this year. It's always nice to move into a new home, so maybe that inspired them as it is a beautiful facility. Stores and restaurants are being built where the old stadium stood in the center of downtown St. Louis, across from the Arch, to provide more entertainment for the fans.

Most of the team members do not live in St. Louis year round. Some of their families move there during the season but some just come for visits a few times during the season. When asked about the players on the team, Marty said that many of them were just terrific guys.

Like many of the pitchers seen on television, Marty sports a goatee and mustache. When asked why pitchers did that, he said, "Oh, they're just a goofy bunch." Marty obviously loves his job, and why shouldn't he? There is obvious spirit, pride, and enthusiasm in his voice as he talks about his team.

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\$75,000.

When asked about what collectibles might be hot in the future he replied, "I'm an appraiser not an oracle." His definition of a collectible is "something never meant to be collected when found in mint condition generations later." People should run away from anything that claims to be a "limited edition." Give some consideration to what technology is replacing today. Pay attention to how many of a particular item were produced as well as their quality. For instance, those toys and board games we played with as children made by well-known companies that are being replaced by today's electronics could become valuable in the future. "Collecting should be fun and enjoyable – when collecting be sure to ask lots of questions."

Some misconceptions that people have is that you can't equate age and value. Just because something is old doesn't always mean it's worth a lot. People also need to remember that memories associated with an item don't equate into money. He informed me that all those Singer sewing machines sitting around in their oak cases aren't very valuable. But just as styles change so do tastes in collectibles. Trends come and go with the ages. However one thing is for sure - you can sell almost anything!



Ken Dara
Gyotaku—Art of Fish Painting

Dick Langbert, Silver Jewelry
Wife, Rose, modeling

Marsha
Levine
Pen and Ink
Renderings

Stephen Stone
Abstract Acrylic

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Marsha Mark
Oils

Bob Mark
Portraits

Jeanette Hayes
Acrylic (Modern Portraits)

“WHAT A TURNOUT”

By Marsha Mark, President of the Seabranh Art League

The **Seabranh Art League** presented its annual exhibit November 18, 2006 at the Retreat Clubhouse. Twenty-four artists from the various communities on Seabranh showed while approximately 200 people attended this extraordinary event.

From portraits to abstracts in acrylic to the masters in oils and watercolor, these pieces were hung for quests to absorb. Original silversmith work and pen and ink renderings were displayed on tables around the room along with Bargello and decorative fabric art. Photography of nature and wild life complimented the copperfoil method of stained glass which was viewed thru light.

Easels of paste sketches delighted the children as well as some of the large acrylic pieces, while gyotaku, the ancient art of fish painting, was an insight for many.

This event was supported by The Framery of Hobe Sound Leaf Lighting in Stuart, the Hobe Sound Library, Blake Library, Stuart Photo, Dimar Florist of Stuart, and most important, The Retreat Board of Directors for the use of the Clubhouse. The next meeting is January 25th at 7 pm at the Retreat Clubhouse.



Sachi Sushi Restaurant & Bar

By Diane Giordano

If you have heard about Asian food but haven't sampled it yet or if you are a

frequent consumer—**Sachi Sushi** is sure to tempt your palate and satisfy the most discriminating taste. I found this amazing "Little Gem" the newest Asian addition to the Treasure coast to be abundant in freshness, varietal selection, ample portions and exotic presentation.

From the minute you enter this establishment, you surely sense you will enjoy this experience. The proprietor welcomes you graciously, while accommodating your seating request: table, sushi bar or tatami. The atmosphere flows with a warm Asian flare.

The appetizers are numerous and well defined. The steamed Gyoza melt in your mouth with flavor and a very thin skin dumpling. The Ebi Shumai (shrimp dumpling) is an excellent choice but is slightly heavier in consistency. Sea bass with miso sauce and Yuke beef excel in this category.

The vegetable selection boosts 14 choices of which Edamame and Age Natsu are superb.

Sushi Bar appetizers are an "Evening in Itself"—Be Prepared.

Soup, salad, and noodle dishes are a great way to introduce a novice. Sushi Sashimi "A la Carte" will spark the seasoned Japanese diner.

Inside, outside—you pick where your seaweed goes on your sushi rolls. Hand rolls (Temaki) are available in 13 different combinations and best selected for the hearty eater. Sachi Super Rolls, combo dinners, tempura, and sukiyaki are too numerous to itemize.

Now, if you haven't had enough to choose—or you're returning to sample other delights, try their Thai menu and really broaden your horizons.

All in all, Sachi Sushi has it all—quality, selection, price, and a full bar. Give it a try. You'll be glad you did.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14

MORE MORNING FOLK

By Chuck Eschenburg

On a very brisk morning, I interrupted **MURIEL BARRY**, our Retreat treasurer, walking briskly to keep warm—quite a contrast to summer strolls. From a childhood in Bayridge, Brooklyn, New York where she spent 25 years to Lake Worth before moving here to greet three hurricanes. Muriel has three children in Florida in addition to one in Oregon and one in Delaware. She enjoys walking and keeping busy including a recent whitewater rafting adventure.

Most of the morning folk are out with their dogs to enjoy fresh air. **ELAINE QUINTER**'S dog, **Dixie-NO!**, was a stray along a Tennessee road until rescued. Arriving just three years ago to withstand the hurricanes, Elaine now works in Tequesta for an attorney. Her early years were in Reading, Pennsylvania. She said it was too early in the morning to think of words of wisdom to pass along.

Jake is a very large Shepherd-Lab mix belonging to **PAT O'NEILL**. Pat has been in Florida for 37 years and worked for FPL. She grew up in Baldwin, Long Island New York. She feels blessed to live in such a beautiful place where we have magnificent weather.

Another large and very friendly fluffy dog is **Molly**. Molly can be seen directing **GENE GILLIS** on their outings. Gene is a WEB site builder and is responsible for the Retreat WEB site. Gene is from Portland, Connecticut, moving to Florida about four years ago. He keeps very busy with an impressive number of civic activities such as Rotary. Both Gene and his Golden Retriever enjoy greeting the nice people of The Retreat.

USEFUL COMPUTER LINKS

By "Cybrary Man" aka Jerry Blumengarten

www.cybraryman.com

You can find interesting information on things to do in our area on my **Hobe Sound, Martin County, and Treasure Coast** page:

<http://www.angelfire.com/stars3/education/hobesound.html>

Your Hub – Hobe Sound

<http://tc.yourhub.com/HOBESOUND>

January Holidays and Celebrations

<http://www.suelebeau.com/january.htm>

February Holidays and Celebrations

<http://www.suelebeau.com/february.htm>

NEWS FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Bill Cole

1. Atlantic Ridge Preserve vote was postponed by Martin County until April.
2. 2007 Budget has no increase over 2006.
3. Seabbranch Boulevard. will be maintained by Concepts in Greenery starting January 1.
4. The Retreat Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 6:45 PM, SeaWind School.
5. Martin County and Seabbranch Association will be paying for the street lights and landscape maintenance on our end of Seabbranch from now on. We had been paying for this before--a savings to us of more than \$12,000.00 per year.
6. Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas fund for the on site Concepts workers. This is much appreciated by them.
7. Have you called Devcon Security to activate your alarm system? You may be entitled to a discount on your homeowners insurance. My company, Allstate, gives a discount of 15% of the premium. This is a savings to me of more than \$200.00. Check it out. Call Devcon at 800.226.2351 to activate. Your HOA has a contract with Devcon that we inherited from DiVosta with another 3+ years to run. You are paying for this in your quarterly fee so why not use it and maybe get a discount on your insurance too.
8. HAPPY SECOND BIRTHDAY RETREAT! The Retreat HOA was started on 12/15/04.

Thank you for all your help and support in 2006. Best wishes for the holidays and the New Year.

Your Board of Directors

Thank you to all the Retreat
volunteers that make our
community such a wonderful
place to live!!!



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Elaine Quinter

On Friday, December 15 we had our annual Holiday Dinner Dance at the Mariner Sands Country Club. One hundred and forty-four residents, family, and friends attended. Our thanks to Gino Giliberto for providing the entertainment and Dottie Sacco for sharing her singing talent. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the evening such a success. We would also like to thank the following residents for their help in collecting donations: Joy Currier, Helen Larcom, Coni Mc Guinn, Sandy Morrow, and Karin Ryan.



*Gino Giliberto
and Dottie
Sacco*

Photos by Jim
Morrow

*Retreat
residents having
fun*



Thank you to the 2006 Social Committee, **Sandy Morrow, Elaine Quinter, and Mickey Vernacchio**, for all the outstanding events they have planned for the entire Retreat community. These events include the Super Bowl Party, Valentine's Day Dance, Taste of Italy, Kentucky Derby Party, Christmas in July, the Doo Wop Party, and, of course, the Holiday Dinner Dance. We appreciate what you have done for our community.

Welcome to the 2007 Social Committee—**Mary Paukstys, Geri Morgan, and Bev Gregory!**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THESE
BUSINESSES THAT HAVE
DONATED SO GENEROUSLY TO THE
HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE RAFFLE**

- * Marsha Levine – Resident - Pen and Ink Print of a “Passion Flower”
- * Carpet Center of Jupiter – (615 W. Indiantown Rd., Jupiter) - Indoor/Outdoor Area Rug
- * Dimar Florist - (6406 SE Federal Highway, Stuart) - Gift Certificate
- * Chris D’Anna’s Restaurant – (9196 SE U. S. 1, Stuart) - Gift Certificate
- * R & K Moving and Storage – Bob Regan – Resident - Gift Certificate – Carrabba’s Italian Restaurant
- * Trueglo Medspa – (11670 U. S. Highway One, Palm Beach Gardens) - Gift Certificate
- * The Retreat Social Committee - Chocolate Gift Basket
- * The Retreat Social Committee - Wine and Cracker Gift Basket
- * Monkey King Restaurant – (1725 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart) - Gift Certificates
- * Larry Lieberman – Resident – Framed Photograph of Sunset Looking Toward Palm City from the Anchorage in Stuart
- * Joe Boucher – Resident – “Joe of All Trades” Gift Certificate
- * Anita’s Skin and Body Care – (198 Seabrook Road, Tequesta) - Gift Certificate
- * Delfino’s Full-Service Salon (6107 SE Federal Hwy., Stuart) – Gift Certificate
- * Talbot’s (The Gardens of the Palm Beaches) – Gift Certificate
- * Otto Vernacchio - Resident - Free preparation of an income tax return

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

See old friends, make new ones, and get to know all your wonderful neighbors at The Retreat.
THE START OF SOMETHING BIG –

January 13 -- BACKYARD BARBECUE at The Retreat Clubhouse—\$5 per person

ALL ABOARD!!!

February 10 - -Dine and Dance aboard "The City of Stuart Paddle Boat"—\$38 per person

PUT ON YOUR GREEN

March 10 -- Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a good old-fashioned Irish way

Look for further details pertaining to all the above events which will be posted in the mail room and on the Internet

WATCH FOR OUR PREMIER MOVIE NIGHT IN FEBRUARY AND OTHER FUN EVENTS WE ARE PLANNING.

LET'S ALL PARTICIPATE AND MAKE THE "2007 SOCIAL CALENDAR AT THE RETREAT" THE BIGGEST AND BEST EVER!!

Your 2007 Retreat Social Committee

2007 Retreat Telephone Directory

The 2007 Retreat Telephone Directory will be published in the spring. New residents who wish to be listed in the 2007 directory should fill out the form located in this newsletter on the next page. Residents listed in the current directory can make changes or additions by using the form. Residents who list their e-mail addresses in the directory will receive periodic Retreat Homeowner Association e-mail notices. If you have questions, call Bea Kozlowski at 545.3505.

RETREAT SHIRTS, HATS AND VISORS ON SALE

By Dottie Williams

The Retreat’s **Relay for Life Team** works to raise money for the **American Cancer Society**. One of our fund raising projects is the sale of Retreat logo items. We are selling collared shirts, hats and visors. The shirts come in men and women’s sizes S to XXL and the colors are cactus, maize, new navy and white. They are \$35. Size XXL is available for \$38. The hat colors are green, navy and stone and the visor comes in taupe. They are \$15. All have the embroidered Retreat logo. If you would like more information or are interested in purchasing one of our items, call or e-mail Dottie Williams at 546.3866/davrep@adelphia.net.

2007 RETREAT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FORM

If you are not currently listed in the 2006 Telephone Directory and wish to be listed in the 2007 Directory, please fill out the form below. If you are currently listed in the directory and would like to update it with a change or addition, please fill out the form below with the updated information. Note that if you do not choose to list your email address in the directory, you will not receive periodic Retreat Homeowner Association email notices. Please sign the form and place it in the Drop Box in the Property Management Office located in the Clubhouse or mail it to Retreat Homeowners Association, 8700 SE Retreat Drive, Hobe Sound, FL 33455, ATTN: Communications Committee **no later than February 1, 2007.**

List your information exactly as you want it printed in the directory

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

LAST NAME _____

FIRST NAME(S) _____

(For example: Jane and John)

RETREAT ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

CELL TELEPHONE (optional) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (optional) _____

* Signature

* Signature (spouse)

*Signature(s) are required to have information published in the directory.

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REMEMBER TO RETURN THIS FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2007

WOMEN'S CLUB OF THE RETREAT

By Karin Ryan, 2006 Women's Club President

As 2006 has been a very busy year for the gals in the Women's Club, we have enjoyed so many events together and made many memories. New friendships were forged, and old ones re-enforced. I for one have never in my entire life been as overjoyed with where I lived as here in the Retreat--a hub of activity for almost any interests that one could enjoy not only collectively but individually. What a blessed place this is.

I would like to thank this year's Women Club officers and committee chairs. Thanks to the outgoing Officers--Vice-President Martha Tarquine, Secretary Barbara Farley, and Treasurer Virginia Darcy, for their dedication, organization, and time for making the Women's Club of the Retreat such an outstanding Club. Many thanks to this year's energetic Outreach Committee Co-Chairs, Mary Pratt and Boshia Stone and to the Co-Assistants—Marlene Boobar and Sandy Goldfarb. These ladies and the many committee members have done so much for the charities that the Club supports.

In addition, the Women's Club has purchased two warming trays and a professional convection microwave oven for the Retreat Clubhouse kitchen. These products are available to Retreat residents who rent the Clubhouse.

Many thanks to Helen Larcom for keeping our membership lists up to date and to Sue Behn, Audrey Ruggier, and Pat Keir for the planning of special events and luncheons. Thank you so much to Lucille Sanchez who is our Sunshine Chair. For years Lucille has been sending out birthday and get well wishes and gifts from the Women's Club. Congratulations to the 2007 officers, President Barbara Farley, Vice-President Martha Tarquine, Secretary Carol Stone, and Treasurer Nancy Kisslinger. We are in great hopes that no one here in the Retreat is left behind. Join us in 2007 in the pursuits of even a greater year of inclusion. For those ladies that are not yet members, **please join us for our first 2007 meeting the third Monday of January.**



Lill Malinowski, Martha Tarquine,
Wally Malinowski, Joan Sofia
enjoying The Taste of the Retreat

THE TASTE OF THE RETREAT

By Marlene Boobar

The Taste of the Retreat was held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. What a success!! The Retreat community enjoyed a tasting of various recipes taken from our first

Community Cookbook. Each corner of the Clubhouse was filled with food and friends!! The Women's Club raised over \$600 between the sale of the cookbooks and the bake sale outside. Thank you one and all for making this event fun and fruitful.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Year in Review

By Marlene Boobar

"Many hands make light the work" is the saying that can sum up the activities of the Outreach Committee for the 2006 year. First of all, the Committee was led by Co-Chairs: Mary Pratt and Boshia Stone. Next the Committee was greatly helped by Co-Assists: Marlene Boobar and Sandy Goldfarb. What did the "hands" complete? With the help of so many committee members and the continual support, energy and generosity of the entire Women's Club, the following was completed:

- ⇒ 185 library volunteer hours and 1,550 Box Tops for Education for Hope Rural School located in Indiantown.
- ⇒ 75 plastic boxes filled with children's items and delivered to the Blake Library Red Bench literacy program.
- ⇒ 100 "Teddy Bears that Care" and 35 painted and filled children's bags given for the children that come to the SafeSpace Domestic Violence Shelter with their mothers.

Since the shelter was chosen as the primary charity of the Women's Club for 2006, the rest of the year was spent giving assistance to this facility. Women worked to help clean and organize the kitchen and storage area. Children's clothing, food supplies, household articles were purchased and or donated. Monies were spent to clean, paint and furnish a living room and a children's room at the shelter. This fall project greatly enhanced the overall environment of the shelter. "Home" is the feeling these two new living spaces now create. Women arrive at this shelter for a day, a week or sometimes up to a maximum of six weeks. They come with their children to escape, often, a very violent situation. The Women's Club has made a substantial contribution to this shelter in the past and especially this year. We will never know the full effect we have made in the lives of these women and children. The Women's Club is to be commended for all the support given to these projects.

*How did the Women's Club pay for all these projects? Monies from the sale of our beautiful Retreat License Plates and Cookbooks! **Thanks again for all the support in purchasing these items!***

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Relay for Life

By Lill Malinowski

The Retreat Team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life has been busy this fall. In November,

Team member, **Joy Currier**, gave herself a birthday party to celebrate her 75th birthday. Joy did not want any gifts—only checks made out to the American Cancer Society. Joy turned over a “bagful” of checks amounting to over \$1,500. Thank you, Joy!



In early December, the Team hosted their second **Holiday Home Tour**. This fun and successful event received over \$1,700 in donations. Thank you to everyone that made this event possible—those that brought refreshments, helped set up and clean up, donated to the cause by purchasing tickets to the event, and most especially to the Retreat home owners that opened up their hearts and their homes. These residents are pictured in the photo below:



- Herschel and Sherry Innis**
- Bob and Marsha Mark**
- Coni Mc Guinn**
- Nick and Dottie Sacco**
- Bart and Brenda Frank**

The Team is planning more events prior to the Relay for Life which will be held this year at the RV Reed Park in Hobe Sound, starting at 6 pm on **Friday, April 27, to Saturday, April 28**. We hope to see many Retreat residents at the Relay.



Refreshment servers Carol Stone, Muriel Barry, Joy Currier, and Catherine Klinger. Gene and Cynthia Gillis are enjoying the treats.





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