



# The Retreat Newsletter

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## MAKING FRIENDS IN THE RETREAT



### Strangers Becoming Friends

By Marlene Boobar

This picture shows **Boshia Stone** and **Marlene Boobar** working together on the **Red Bench Project** boxes just prior to delivery to the Martin County Library System. Working together on projects...strangers becoming friends! Read more about The Red Bench Project on page 10.

## A CELEBRATION OF FRIENDS

By Dottie Williams



Jim and Susan Roach, Dave and Dottie Williams, David and Patti Greaves show off their Minnie veils and Mickey top hats.

Photo by Tom Hartnett

We indeed have been fortunate to establish such wonderful friendships in our new neighborhood. In the almost four years we've lived here, we have shared many happy times together. There is always some excuse to celebrate. Whether it be a meatloaf cook off, Annual Regatta, Super Bowl or just a few appetizers, desserts and cocktails on a Friday night, we all manage

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## RETREAT RESIDENT PAUL KELLY NAMED PRODUCTION DESIGNER FOR THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA NEW LAS VEGAS \$75 MILLION SPECTACULAR

By Jim Pawlak



Paul Kelly at the Broadway Phantom Gala

Legendary Broadway Director/Producer, Harold Prince (*West Side Story, Evita, Cabaret, Phantom of the Opera, Follies* and more) has named **Paul Kelly** of Retreat Drive in Hobe Sound, Florida as Production Designer for the new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* which opened this past June at the Venetian Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Paul has worked in the Theatre, Television and Major Motion Picture Industry for over 25 years as a Set Designer and Art Director. Among his best work include the movies *The First Wives Club*, (Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler, Diane Keaton); *In and Out*, (Kevin Kline); *The Thomas Crown Affair*, (Pierce Brosnan); *Ladder 49*, (John Travolta); *The Forgotten*, (Julianne Moore); *Prime*, (Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman) and the Emmy winning HBO Movie, *Iron Jawed Angels*, (Halle Berry, Angelica Houston).

He began his career on Broadway as an assistant on *The Who's Tommy* after graduation from the Theatre Arts Department of Western Michigan University (WMU), Class of 1978. In November of 2005, he was named to the WMU Outstanding Alumni Academy and is currently designing a production of *A Little Night Music*, opening this fall at the Michigan institution.

Working for the last two years on the highly anticipated new Vegas Phantom production in his design studios in New York

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to put our heads together and come up with good food and great fun.

It was a surprise to us all when we realized that three couples in our group had been married within a week and a half of one another thirty-five years ago – another excuse for a party! The **Spenglers** hosted a wonderful gathering of about twenty people to celebrate **Patti and David Greaves, Susan and Jim Roach, and Dottie and Dave Williams** 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries. Marian and Ernie out did themselves for this event. Their lanai area around the pool and great room were decorated with gold and white balloons, wedding bells and Happy Anniversary signs. Beautiful flower arrangements, made by Marsha Mark, decorated the table holding the cake. There was champagne and a delicious ham dinner with side dishes prepared by neighbors and friends. Once again, a good time was had by all.



There is one thing we all can be sure of. Whether it's a celebration or some type of problem or emergency, our friends are always there to offer support and help.



### SPECIAL MEMORIES

By Mimi Brown

Special memories never diminish and one of those happened to me in December 2005.

As a new resident, I walked into a Tuesday afternoon bridge game. Everyone said hello and was very cordial. The next week I went again and received the warmest welcome.

Since then, I have made friendships with the most wonderful ladies. Roger and I are indeed lucky to have met special new friends because of this. Our thanks to everyone.

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### MARTHA'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

By Helen Larcom

In February my friend **Martha Tarquine** decided to do something different to celebrate her birthday. She planned a birthday luncheon at her home on February 2nd for all the ladies in the Women's Club that had birthdays that month. Martha had the lunch set up on her lanai. She had a long table set with a lovely tablecloth and African violets at everyone's place. Later everyone took one of the plants home. She asked Joan Sofia and I to help serve the delicious lunch she prepared. She made a great green salad with marinated vegetables and shrimp. Joan made her famous spinach bread to go with it. For dessert a birthday cake with candles was served. I thought it was a wonderful way to meet new people and make new friends. I was really impressed. Good job, Martha!



Photo by Al Jacobs

### CONDON'S SURPRISE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY

By Helen Larcom

Friday, July 21st Marianne and Al Jacobs hosted a Surprise 50th Anniversary cocktail party for **Ann and John Condon**. Seven other couples were invited and the guests

of honor were very surprised.

The Jacobs had a wonderful array of both hot and cold appetizers and a strawberry short cake was served for dessert. It was so nice to celebrate this special occasion with them. They are a special couple.

John and Ann met through friends on June 23, 1955 in Merrick, Long Island.

They were married in St. William the Abbot in Seaford, Long Island on July 21, 1956. They were blessed with five girls and one boy. Thomas, Patricia, and Margaret live in Long Island. Cathleen lives in Virginia, Christine in New Jersey, and Maureen in California. They are the proud grandparents of ten, five girls and five boys.

The Condons moved into the Retreat in February, 2003. We are so happy they chose our community. They have made a lot of friends in the Retreat.

(Continued from page 1) **Paul Kelly**

and London, Paul has returned to his theatre roots and is honored to be in charge of the production originally designed by his long time mentor, collaborator and friend, the late Maria Bjornson. As Ms. Bjornson's Assistant Designer, he brought the original Broadway Phantom production to the United States and then went on for ten years to install the European Phantom Tour for Sir Cameron Macintosh's production company in Vienna, Hamburg, Basile, Oslo, and Copenhagen.

The Las Vegas Phantom is being presented in a new theatre specifically built to house the production and will transport the audience to The Paris Opera House, the setting of the epic musical which recently became the longest running show in Broadway history. Mr. Kelly has added to the original design in the spirit and style of Maria Bjornson's original concept and is especially proud of the Paris Opera House façade that will rise from the floor. He has also added some spectacular new special effects and some sentimental personal tributes that all may not see unless you are looking for them.

In the new Opera Boxes surrounding the elaborate gold proscenium, those in the know will be looking for a likeness of Maria Bjornson, forever ensconced there in period elegant attire overlooking her masterpiece, placed there by her grateful friend, Paul Kelly.

Retreat residents who may see the show will have to look closely in the beautifully painted Baroque opera drops in one



Paul in front of "Crunch" in the IL Mutto Drop

scene for a small dog lying near a grand lady's feet. Paul has included a portrait of our beloved Lakeland Terrier, **Crunch**, who passed away in August 2005 here in Hobe Sound.

Paul and his partner, **Jim Pawlak**, returned to the Retreat after the Vegas opening. After time spent relaxing around the pool with friends and neighbors at home, they headed to the Italian Island of Sardinia in August as

the guests of dear friends from London and their English Godchildren at their summer home there.

Returning in September, Paul will then continue with his movie career and perhaps another Phantom production somewhere in the world. Rumors are swirling about Beijing or Singapore!



Creating the set



## MEETING FRIENDS

By Barbara Farley

After having lived and worked full time in Broward and Palm Beach Counties for the past twenty years, I looked forward to meeting new friends and neighbors. I realized that I would have to become involved in the community and did so by first joining the Mah-Jongg group. About the same time Mary Paukstys, Becky Freedman, and a few other gals were instrumental in getting the Women's Club up and running. We really have had some wonderful times and have had many opportunities to go to luncheons, the theater, and raise money and/or volunteer our time with The Hope Rural School and a few other worthwhile charities. For the past two years I have been secretary of the Women's Club. I also have been active with the Retreat Landscape Committee and the Master Gardeners of Martin County. Plus in my spare time I do like to exercise in Marguerite's water exercise class and attend Red Hat functions. I do enjoy the friendships that I have made in the Retreat and like living in our beautiful community.



## A Badger\* Knows (Or How I Met Sandy Goldfarb)

By Bonnie Becker

One afternoon while picking up my mail, I started a conversation with a man who was looking at postings on the bulletin board. Being a typical Realtor, I asked him if he was looking for a home. We started talking and I followed **Gary** outside to meet his wife, **Sandy**. One thing led to another, and I listed their Capri and helped them purchase an Oakmont in The Retreat. During those months, we spent a lot of time talking and getting to know one another. Although Sandy is from the East Coast and I am from the Mid West, we seemed comfortable with one another and seemed to have an interest in getting to know one another better.

One day in the fall we were talking on the phone, and I said I had to get going as I always watched the Wisconsin football game with my Dad. Sandy responded that she went to the University of Wisconsin...in Madison.

"So did I!" said Bonnie. "When did you go there?"

"63/64"

"Oh my gosh, so did I. Where did you live?"

"Lowell Hall. Where did you live?"

"Shepherd Hall."

It turned out that we lived about three blocks from one another, both in private dorms off Langdon Street.

Ever since that day, Sandy and I have had a bond that is understood. We both share a time and an experience that molded our lives and who we are. It is no wonder we felt comfortable with one another and have become friends.

*\*Bucky Badger is the University of Wisconsin mascot*

## ROOF TILES

By George Rebholz

During the sale of a home in the Retreat when the home is inspected, it is not unusual to find there are a few broken or missing roof tiles which need to be fixed before the closing takes place. The manufacturer of the tile on our homes is **MonierLifetile**, the style is called Spanish "S" and comes in Brandywine Blend (darkest), Desert Sunset (medium), and Charleston Blend (lightest). There is a supplier in West Palm who will sell small numbers to home owners - Mediterranean Roof Tile located at 852 W. 13th Court, Riviera Beach, Florida - Telephone: 561.881.8836. Call the supplier to be sure they have the tiles you need. Field tiles are \$4.00 each and ridge tiles are \$5.00 each. With tiles in hand, it is a lot easier to find a "roofer" to replace them.

## SNOWBALL

By Catherine Ross

My husband, Jack, and I have had the opportunity to meet some really great folks in the Retreat. We bought our home two years ago as a second home so we did not get to meet many people until we moved to Hobe Sound permanently in February of this year.

One of our concerns was that we no longer had anyone to watch our dog **Snowball** when we went out of town. Snowball is a ten-year old white German Shepherd who has always stayed with friends and family. I could not bring myself to board her at a kennel. One day my husband came home and mentioned a note that he saw posted in the mailroom that advertised "Loving Grandparents" for dog sitting services.

I called the number and spoke with **Irv Rothman** who agreed to come over to our house to meet Snowball. I think he was initially surprised by the size of our dog but quickly realized that she has a great disposition and is very loving. There was no doubt that Snowball liked Mr. Rothman right from the start. **Mr. and Mrs. Rothman** have watched Snowball several times now at their home. Snowball stayed with them recently for an entire week, and we were very appreciative of all the love and attention they give her.

I no longer worry whether Snowball is being cared for as well as we take care of her. In some cases, I think the Rothmans' spoil her even more than we do!

## WHITE CERAMIC FLOOR TILES

By Bonnie Becker

I have a line on obtaining the white, ceramic floor tiles that most of our homes have. I have been talking to DiVosta. They are considering bringing in a container if there are enough of us who want tiles.

If interested, decide what rooms you want to tile, measure, convert to inches and add 5-7% for breakage, etc. and e-mail the results to me at [beckerbon@yahoo.com](mailto:beckerbon@yahoo.com). I will then tell DiVosta, and we may have enough to order the exact tiles. If you cannot reach me via e-mail, please send a letter to me at:

9152 SE Retreat Drive

Hobe Sound, FL 33455

You can order as many or little as you want but the minimum would be one box at approximately \$80.00. You could share a box with several neighbors if you want to but there is a one box minimum. There are 16 tiles per box.

## USEFUL COMPUTER LINKS

By "Cybrary Man" aka Jerry Blumengarten

[www.cybraryman.com](http://www.cybraryman.com)

### Best Gas Prices for Your Area

Since we have seen the tremendous rise in the price of a gallon of gas it is wise to shop for the lowest local price. Every night MSN Autos receives pricing data from over 90,000 gas stations across the nation. Please note that gas prices may change more frequently than they can [obtain them](#).

<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx>

### IBISEYE Hurricane Tracking Service

IBISEYE uses streaming weather data, Google Maps, state and county property and GIS records to track hurricane and severe weather. It gives views and the tracks of all the hurricanes that hit Florida since 1851. It provides weather news and alerts and neighborhood damage reports.

<http://www.ibiseye.com/betapublic-pi/index.aspx>

### September and October Holidays and Celebrations

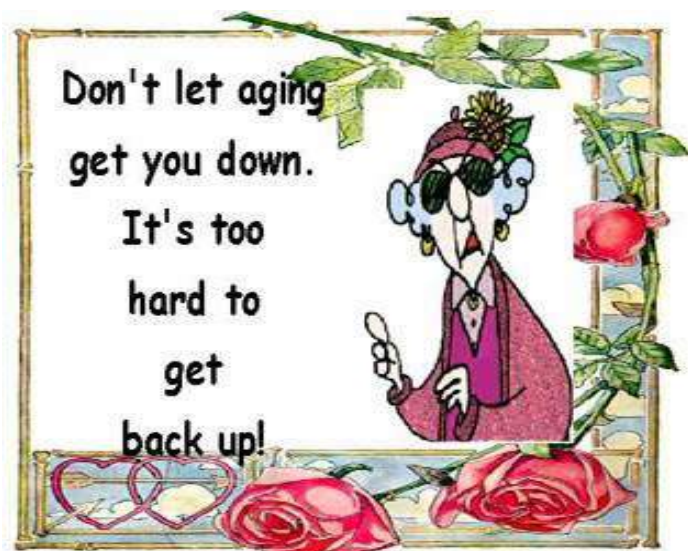
The following sites are good ways to make sure you do not miss the holidays and celebrations that take place during the months of September and October.

September Holidays and Celebrations:

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

October Holidays and Celebrations:

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



## BOUNCE THIS ALONG

Received from MANY Retreat Residents

My mail carrier told me that the US Postal Service sent out a message to all letter carriers to put a sheet of Bounce in their uniform pockets to keep yellow-jackets away. It really works. The insects just veer around you.

*ALL THIS TIME YOU'VE JUST BEEN PUTTING BOUNCE IN THE DRYER!*

1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It repels mice.
2. Spread sheets around foundation areas or in trailers or cars that are sitting, and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
3. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
4. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.
6. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.
8. To freshen the air in your home, place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
9. Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.
10. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.
11. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
12. To freshen the air in your car, place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
13. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.
14. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
15. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
16. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
17. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
18. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
19. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
20. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.
21. Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. It will keep them smelling fresh.



## ART NEWS

By Marsha Levine

The *Seabbranch Art League* is happy to announce our first Fine Art Exhibition on **Saturday, November 18th, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Retreat Clubhouse**. The show will be a multi-medium event. Everyone is invited. Please join us in celebrating our first event.

Two of our members' creations are currently being exhibited at *The Gardens of Goods Art Gallery* on Dixie Highway in Hobe Sound. They are **Chuck Eschenburg**, with his Bargello and mobiles, and **Marsha Levine** with Pen and Ink drawings and greeting cards. All art in the gallery is for sale. Please visit as it has become quite a large and very interesting art gallery. Soon it will have a café as well.

Local artists are invited to join the Seabbranch Art League and display their art at this exhibit and other planned exhibits for the local area. For information, please contact Marsha Mark, President (545.2888), Marsha Levine (546.6438), Vice President, or Dick Langbert, Treasurer (546.9599).

## BEGINNER BRIDGE CLASS

By Marlene Boobar



**Sally Troiani** has once again generously given her time in giving Beginner Bridge lessons on Thursday mornings. These are the new "graduates" of Beginner Bridge! Thank you, Sally, for giving of your time and talent and sharing your expertise with us!!

## FREE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

Received from Karin Ryan

**1-800-FREE-411** (1.800.373.3411) revolutionizes the 411 (directory assistance) marketplace by offering consumers a FREE alternative to the high cost service provided by traditional carriers. This works for both home phones and cell phones. In addition, **FREE411.COM** on the Internet provides consumers with an easy to use Web-based destination for telephone number lookups. National and local merchants sponsor this service with a 12-second audio jingle about their services, which are played to consumers at the point they make a 411 request for a business in their category.

## SOME MORNING FOLK

By Chuck Eschenburg

Most of the morning folks are being led by their dogs on daily outings. The dog "du jour" seems to be the **Shih Tzu**. This is especially gratifying to me as my wife, Carole, bred this breed just at the time the little dogs were recognized by the American Kennel Club. Our daughters were then able to show them and have become devoted animal lovers.

**BETTY LOOMIS** of Angelina Court had temporarily retired from the morning folk excursions due to the passing of her aged Shih Tzu, **Rocky** last year. But, this spring, she has acquired a new Shih Tzu pup, named **Rocky II**. Betty lived in the Keys for many years, but grew up in Ohio.

Another new Shih Tzu pup, **Bella**, has also arrived across the street at **JOAN and JIM ATTOLINO's** home. Bella is a black and a little white "Tasmanian devil." Bella joins the other two Attolino Shih Tzu on their merry romps.

**BILL KRONE**, formerly of New Jersey and Maryland, escorts eight-year old **Maude**, another Shih Tzu who visits in Maryland in the summers while her owners go to Alaska.

Also from Ohio is **TIM LUKE**, who escorts his Cocker Spaniel, **Buster**, along Retreat Drive. Tim can also be seen on HGTV as an appriaser for the show "Cash in the Attic" at 8 pm on Mondays as well as reruns of "Antiques Roadshow" where he appraised for nine years.



Manny, Moe and Jack

## MORE NATURE IN THE RETREAT

By Paul Lytle

I know a number of our residents have been monitoring the raccoon family that had nested on our roof. This mother raccoon and her three babies settled in under our portico roof. The only bad part that I am aware of, is they caused some screen damage where they climb up and down the screen enclosure. While one of the babies fell off the roof early on, the two remaining seemed to thrive. The one that fell off the roof survived, but we had animal control take her away when it became obvious the momma raccoon wasn't taking her back up.

They have moved on, but not before posing for some pictures.



## UNWANTED VISITOR !

By Hank Stasiewicz

On the morning of June 10, 2006, **Sandy Knight**, who lives on Hawks Nest Court, went out in her rear yard to change the water in her bird bath and was surprised by a very dangerous visitor. Sandy was totally unaware of the coiled **Diamond-Backed Rattlesnake** under a bush, about a foot from her legs. As Sandy went to dump the water from the birdbath, it began to rattle it's warning.

Sandy immediately called her husband, **Don**, who instantly recognized the potentially dangerous, if not deadly threat in his back yard, and quickly dispatched the snake with the aid of a garden rake and a machete.

We all should take notice of our surroundings when outdoors, especially when young children are playing outside. We are surrounded by natural areas which are abundant with wildlife and at times they come for a visit. Pet owners should be particularly aware of where their pets are and try to keep them from investigating brushy areas where the ground cannot be totally seen.

## NEWS FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Bill Cole

1. The Retreat looks beautiful...lakes are healthy.
2. Much work continuing on turnover related items.
3. Good financials...actually operating with a small surplus.
4. Adelphia is building a community TV station for us (Channel 63) at no cost to the Retreat...on the air in October.
5. Sprinkler system re-build will be complete in two weeks.
6. *Florida Community Association Journal* will feature the Retreat in a cover story.
7. Seabranh Association held a candidates' night for Martin County office seekers. The Lost Lake Clubhouse was packed...informative evening.
8. Work has begun on the 2007 budget.

## SURVEY SAYS HOMEOWNERS LARGELY CONTENT

Questionnaire Results by Philip Kemp

The Board of Directors sent out the June financials and a short questionnaire posing the questions: what would you like us to continue, what would you like us to stop, and what would you like us to start.

As of August 14th, we received 39 replies out of 555 homeowners. This suggests there are no major concerns for the community at large.

- ◆ 20 homeowners said keep up the good work.
- ◆ 9 homeowners said do not increase HOA fees.
- ◆ 7 homeowners want a finance committee.
- ◆ 5 homeowners want relaxation of hurricane shutter rules.
- ◆ 5 homeowners want the green book updated.
- ◆ 5 homeowners want a more positive attitude toward children in the community.



## RELAY FOR LIFE

The Retreat 2006 Relay for Life Team, *The Retreat Remembers...*, raised over \$5,400!!!

The 2007 Retreat Team will be hosting our second *Holiday Home Tour on December 3rd*. If you are interested in hosting your home on the tour, please contact Lill Malinowski at [lillm@adelphia.net](mailto:lillm@adelphia.net). All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Last year's event was a wonderful fundraiser, and all who participated had a fun time.

We have met so many wonderful friends while working on the Relay for Life for the past two years. If you want to make friends with Retreat residents, *please join us in the 2007 Relay for Life*. Announcements of meetings will be posted in the mail room this fall. Thank you to everyone that helped make our team so successful!!



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Elaine Quinter

Thanks to all who came to *Christmas Around the World* on July 15, 2006, at the Clubhouse. As usual, the food was fantastic! We brought dishes from our heritage, and we had a wonderful variety. A special "thank you" to all who helped setup and cleanup. We really appreciate all of the help we get.

Please watch the bulletin board in the mailroom for announcements of future events.

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON

By Mary Jane Battaglia



Recently everyone should have received notice from the supervisor of elections office. The notice contains a new voter information card letting you know our polling place has changed. It also contains important information regarding primary and general election dates.

I called the supervisor's office inquiring if we are getting a new voting ID card. I was informed that a new voter card is not being issued. The information card indicates the information needed to vote if you are registered. You must bring a photo ID (drivers license or passport) with your signature in order to vote. For any questions or clarification, please contact the Supervisor of Election office at: 288.5637



## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By Coni Mc Guinn

## CHANNEL 63 IS COMING TO THE RETREAT

Adelphia will be installing a TV channel for the Retreat in the next few months, and we are looking for volunteers to help run the station. Information for the channel will be done by a computer in the Clubhouse. Adelphia will train all operators once the system is installed. If interested in volunteering to input information and man the station, please contact Coni Mc Guinn at 545.3465.

## 2007 RETREAT DIRECTORIES

If you have not received your **2007 Retreat Directory**, stop by the Retreat Office during regular business hours and pick one up. Thank you to all that advertised in the Directory. Each Retreat residence is able to have a free Directory as a result of the ads.

## E-MAIL BLASTS

If your e-mail address is included in the Retreat Directory, you should have been receiving periodic "e-mail blasts" from our Board of Directors. These "blasts" include information that our BOD wants to share with our community. If your e-mail address is not published in the Directory but you would like to receive these "blasts," contact the Retreat Office and ask that your e-mail address be included. Also, if you change your e-mail address, notify the Office so that the BOD can continue to send you this information.



## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

By Stephen Stone

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The **Architectural Control Committee** has been formed to help protect the covenants, conditions and restrictions of the community known as "The Retreat of Hobe Sound." The committee exists to work with the homeowners to review their requests for changes and modifications (to buildings and grounds) and guide the process to a reasonable outcome within the original intent of the covenants. All requests for change and additions to landscape, grounds and buildings must be made by application. The applications will then be turned over to the committee for review. Applications are available through Gina in the Retreat office either Tuesdays or Fridays. **Remember we are here to guide the process not block change.** Members are: Stephen Stone, Chairman, Brenda Frank, David Greaves, Dick Langbert, and Bruce Woundy.



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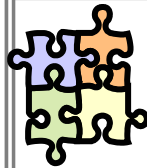
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## Dear Retreat Residents,

The theme for our next newsletter will be **home tune-up tips**. Gene Gillis has offered to insert these tips on our WEB site: [www.retreatatseabranh.com](http://www.retreatatseabranh.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

Last year's November/December's theme was **holiday traditions**. We received so many special articles. If you have a special tradition that you and your family celebrate during the holidays, please submit that to us.

Your editors, Bea and Lill



## BRAIN TWISTER

Received from Becky Brown  
See if you can figure out what these words have in common:

**ASSESS**  
**BANANA**  
**DRESSER**  
**GRAMMAR**  
**POTATO**  
**REVIVE**  
**UNEVEN**  
**VOODOO**

Answer is on Page 11.



## Somethin's Always Cookin' at the Retreat

**1<sup>st</sup> Community Cookbook has  
arrived!!**

**The Women's Club of the Retreat  
has worked all spring and  
summer to complete this very first  
community cookbook.**

**Over 100 contributors and over  
250 recipes!**

**Certainly every home should  
obtain at least one copy for  
themselves!**

**Will make great stocking stuffers  
for the holidays.**

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## **RED BENCH PROJECT: S.H.A.R.P.** **Stay Home Activity Reading Program**

By Marlene Boobar

**SHARP** is the "old" name for what is now known at **The Red Bench Project**. The idea came from **Connie Bass**, volunteer coordinator of special projects at Martin County's Blake Library. Red Benches are made by **Gary Townsend's** vocational carpentry students at South Fork High School; and between coordination from the Library, the school, and Martin County's Head Start Program, hundreds of youngsters are learning to love reading.



**The Women's Club of the Retreat** took on the project this past winter of filling 75 activity boxes which were delivered to the Blake Library. The library coordinator along with Head Start identifies a needy family. A red bench and activity box is then delivered to this family. Each activity box is designed to sit under the seat of each red bench. Children then have a dedicated place to call their own, in which they can read or enjoy some learning activity.

Over three years ago, Head Start had identified 25 needy families in the Port Salerno area with young children who might benefit from a reading program at home. With the cooperation of the library, the high school's carpentry students, and now the Women's Club, more families are being helped by promoting literacy.

The **Outreach Committee of the Women's Club** had voted to promote literacy to the poor in Martin County. This is just one of the many projects that Outreach, along with the help of the entire Women's Club, has been doing to meet their goals.

Thanks go out again for all who participated in this worthwhile project.



The Cookbook Committee met for the last time in May to finalize plans for the first Retreat Community Cookbook. **Proceeds from the sale will benefit projects of the Women's Club.**



## BABY BLANKETS FOR SAFE SPACE

By Ruth Dudziak

I work at Jensen Beach High School (JBHS) as the Principal's Secretary and, therefore, I am able to petition help from all the teachers and support staff through e-mail. So, when the Woman's Club of the Retreat decided to collect items for Safe Space, we as a school community decided it was a wonderful idea, and I collected a car-full of items for both the Moms and the children. After several months, I received a random box delivered to the front door with a note that read as follows:

*Dear Ruth, We are a small group of woman at Stuart Congregational United Church of Christ. We have a group called, "The Dorcas Fellowship."*

*We admire the work you do. Like us, you try to help those, sincerely in need. We make Baby Blankets and give them out to places like Hibiscus House for Children, Sheriff Dept., Hurricane Victims, etc.*

*Please accept our small donation!*

*We hope you can put these to use with your new cribs.*

*Thank you –*

*God Bless –*

*Brook Murphy, "Dorcas Fellowship"  
S.C.U.C.C.*

There were 14 beautiful baby blankets in the box, and each one was more beautiful than the next. I had mentioned in the e-mail to the JBHS staff that the Woman's Club had obtained two cribs and that is where the Church ladies got the idea of donating the blankets. We are truly blessed with many loving, caring people in our community.

## SAVE THE DATE

By Marlene Boobar

Our "Taste of The Retreat" - Cookbook recipe sampling soiree is scheduled for:

**Sunday, November 19th from 4 to 6 PM at The Retreat Clubhouse**

(week-end **before** Thanksgiving)

This will be an opportunity for the community to "taste" some of the recipes in the book - and then of course - purchase several books!!

*"Somethin's Always Cookin' at The Retreat"*

Thank you all for your support, contribution, and participation!

Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman:

"And what do you think is the best thing about being

104?" the reporter asked.

She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

### Answer to Brain Twister:

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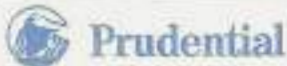


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