



The Retreat Newsletter

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Who are these folks, both 21 years young, married for only seven months?!?!?! The date is December, 1964, at Jones Beach, New York. Go to page 3 for more information.

New ADT/Devcon Contract

By Dave Williams

The Retreat signed a new contract extension with ADT/Devcon Security. The HOA pays a basic fee per home for your alarm system. The rate for the past contract was \$13.85 per home per month and now will be \$11.85, a \$2.00 per home per month savings for the contract extension of 6 years. In addition we received a \$5,500 bonus for signing 5 months prior to our contract expiration. All inclusive, this saves our association about \$85,420 over the 6 year contract period.

Also, all 555 owners will be offered new device options that can be connected to your system via Wi-Fi and to the monitoring center by 4G cellular. Our current system needs a hard-wired phone line to communicate with the monitoring center. An example would be to purchase a carbon monoxide detector to be placed in your laundry room. It would communicate with your alarm panel via Wi-Fi. If you keep your existing hard-wired phone line an alarm would be sent through it to the monitoring center. If you choose the cellular 4G option, your panel would have a device to call the center via a cellular

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NEWS FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Dave Williams



Our current 2014 Board of Directors:
Treasurer Jim Morrow, Vice-President Marlene Boobar, Director at Large Gene Gillis, President Dave Williams, Secretary Coni McGuinn

1. **Gene Gillis** and **Jim Morrow** have been appointed to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors after the resignations of Bill Cole and Pat Pezzicola. Gene will serve as Director at Large and Jim as Treasurer. Welcome and thank you. We all thank Bill for his 10 years of service and Pat for his 7 years of service.
2. We now have an active Finance Committee headed by **Larry Anderson**. Their function is to advise the Board in financial matters. They will be looking at the current operating budget and also the use of reserves for the future.
3. A new **Drainage Committee** has been set up.

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Questionnaire

Questionnaire Results

By Marlene Boobar

First of all, thank you to all those residents who took the time to return the questionnaire sent in May. The return rate was a 66% return...a whopping 364 surveys out of 555! That was outstanding. Consensus results:

- A. Regarding future roof treatments and eventual home painting:
 - money should come from reserves.
- B. Regarding clubhouse expansion:
 - money should not be spent on this at this time.
- C. Regarding other projects, membership in favor of:
 - Shuffleboard (6%),
 - Bocce (7%),
 - Larger Gym (7%),
 - Dog Park (5%),
 - Hot tub in pool area (6%)
- D. A few other suggestions included: Basketball court, Children's playground, Pickle ball court, Croquet, Improved Library space at clubhouse, Soft Music playing at the pool, the Retreat offer Lost Lake Golf Memberships

Primarily, the resounding plea from most was to be careful of spending! Although some wish we could provide more recreational activities, this accounts for a very small percentage of the membership. Therefore, BOD will not be considering implementing any of those features in the near future. We have heard you...and you can be sure we will do our due diligence in future considerations.

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Thanks to all who have volunteered to be part of this committee. All volunteers will be contacted and asked to attend an informational meeting about our system. A tour of the system both on and off the property will be part of the learning event.

- 4. Our documents are in the process of being updated by our lawyer. It will include bringing our documents to date with current HOA laws and Florida statutes and also delete references to neighborhoods, the builder and the developer.
- 5. In response to residents' inquiries, a survey pertaining to hurricane shutters will be in the next quarterly mailing.
- 6. Bids are being reviewed to replace the 8' culvert pipe located in the Park and used for Retreat drainage.
- 7. The Retreat has received the settlement check for \$46,750 for the Double Tree vs. the Retreat suit. We are both moving forward with new attitudes, a more specific agreement and better, shorter, and cheaper mediation options in the event of future disagreements.
- 8. Your volunteer Board of Directors has reviewed options to respond to resident concerns that the new shed could be located in a better location.

Our objectives for this review were:

- 1. Make the shed as inconspicuous as possible, especially from the pool and clubhouse.
- 2. Protect the community investment in the new Polaris ATV vehicle in as secure a location as possible.
- 3. Limit the costs involved with any action.

We considered many alternatives and selected the best relocation site that met our objectives. We agreed to move the shed to a location further back and closer to the tennis court, rotate it 180° and install plantings and a trellis or two for camouflage/beautification.

This is the least costly alternative that meets the goals. The target is to complete the move and install by September 15, 2014. The shed is installed to Martin County standards and is tied down to South Florida Hurricane standards.



Sailing on the Danube in Budapest, Hungary
July 2, 2014

From Paper To Gold... One Step At A Time

By Joann and Hank Stasiewicz

Joann and I met each other in 1962 at Helena Rubenstein Inc, a cosmetic manufacturer which was located in Greenvale, NY. Joann was 20 and I was 19. After a whirlwind one year's courtship, we married and thus began day one of our journey that brought us to May 31, 2014... our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Along the way we were blessed with a son and daughter who in turn, blessed us again with four grandchildren, three boys and one girl which included one set of twins. Joann had a successful business career. My career spanned 23 years in law enforcement which encompassed almost every facet of law enforcement from street patrol to undercover assignments.

As I sit here trying to recall the past 50 years, I realize that it is truly a mind boggling feat. How quickly the decades have vanished.

Joann and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a quiet dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. Over dinner that night, Joann asked me "Where did 50 years go?" For a moment, I was speechless as to exactly how to reply to that not anticipated question. After a very short period of thought, I did manage to say, "I really don't know, but we surely did have a lot fun together. If I had to do it all over again, I would do it without a second thought." My response came from deep in my heart as I spoke those words with the most sincere feeling I could muster. A very large loving smile appeared on Joann's face as she leaned over the table and gave me a kiss. She then raised her glass and we toasted to "*the next 50 years!*"

We have always maintained that anyone can get married BUT staying married is a daily joint effort. At times, it appears to be a challenging job, which it is, but the rewards are undeniably, immeasurable. We have been asked by many of our friends what we did to reach this milestone in our marriage. What was our magic formula? We simply reply that we do not have a specific program that can be written down on paper but rather, it is something one can't quite express. This is about the best explanation that we can manage.

It is partly an intangible feeling mixed with a mutual bonding that we have developed between each other. It is a deep joint understanding of give and take sprinkled with a ton of understanding and reciprocal love. It is something as simple as holding hands wherever we go, which is something we did when we first started to date and a practice we observe to today. Never go to bed without kissing your partner good night (and yes, even more so, on those days when we don't see eye to eye) and **NEVER, EVER** leave each other's company, for whatever reason, without kissing each other farewell...not goodbye... but farewell.

We have shared five decades of laughing, learning, loving, and living...plus a few tears along the way. Even after 50 years, we are still fascinated by the same exact wonderful things we discovered so long ago...**each other!**



I can't promise I'll love you for the rest of your life, but I promise to love you for the rest of mine. Unknown

WHAT'S UP AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB????

By Mona Wiley

WELCOME BACK!! It was hot here and rainy. Did you keep up with the weather here? Did I mention that it rained and stormed almost every day? Our ponds are full and gardens out of control!! Hopefully, things will cool off and we can start taming overgrown gardens, cleaning out dust bunnies in our homes and spraying spiders and hornets in the garage.

The Women's Club kicks off the 2014 – 2015 season with our first meeting on Monday, October 20th. Clubhouse doors open at 6:30 PM for refreshments, followed by a short business meeting, and then we will have some fun getting to know each other better. Remember 4th grade? What I did for my summer vacation – the first day of school essay? That's what we want to hear from you.

A few reminders for this season: For outside luncheons, we ask that members observe the following procedures when you sign up for a luncheon or outside activity. Meet at the Clubhouse at 11:15, ready to carpool. If you already have a carload, please stop at the Clubhouse to check-in with the event contact person so we will not be waiting for you. If you signed up for an event and cannot attend, be sure to notify the contact person at least the day before the event. The event coordinator needs to have an accurate number of people attending.

For activities held outside the Retreat, the same procedure applies. Meet at the Clubhouse at the designated time, ready to carpool. If you already have a carload, please stop at the Clubhouse to check-in with the event contact person so we will not be waiting for you. If you signed up for an event and cannot attend, be sure to notify the contact person at least the day before the event.

We have some wonderful craft classes planned this year so that our wonderful artisan teachers do not end up with lots of left over craft materials, classes will need to be paid for at least 3 days in advance.

October 26 & 27: Sunday - Monday

October 26 the Women's Club has planned an overnight to beautiful Mt. Dora during the annual Crafts Festival, rated one of the top 100 shows in the U.S. We will be staying at the lovely Lakeside Inn. Make your own reservation by calling the Inn at 352-383-4610. Deadline is soon, so please respond immediately.

October 30, Thursday: Lunch Bunch goes to Pawnbroker on Ocean Blvd (separate checks). More in

next newsletter about events for the winter, but always check Channel 63.

Be sure to check the MAILROOM and Channel 63 for all upcoming events.

All women of the Retreat are invited to join the Club. Even if you do not have time to enjoy all our activities—remember that half of your \$25 membership dues supports our local charities.



Endless Summer Winery in Fort Pierce—a trip enjoyed by all, as one of our last activities of the season!

Marguerite Burton Badcock Passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2014 By Marlene Boobar

Marguerite was born in Bloomfield, but then grew up in Chatham, New Jersey before moving to Madison where she lived for over 30 years with her husband Ernest George and four children.

Later she lived in Tewksbury for 20 years before retiring to Hobe Sound in 2002.

Marguerite had a career in Physical Education. In her later years, she taught dance and adult exercise classes.

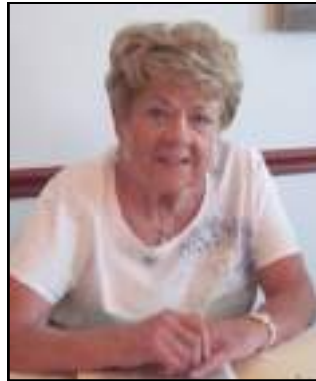
At the Retreat, Marguerite had led a water aerobics class several times a week. She was a member of the Red Hats and a member of the Women's Club. She served on committees, loved to play Mah Jong and was an avid reader. It was not unusual for her read multiple books each week.

Marguerite suffered with illness for several years; yet always greeted everyone with a soft cheerfulness. She was a woman who fought her illness with courage and grace...and without complaint.

Marguerite, you are missed!

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

Missing from these pictures is our outgoing President and photographer MARLENE BOOBAR





MY WEDDING PROPOSAL

By Mona Wiley

You've heard all about the process of deciding if the one you have fallen in love with is the right choice for you – you know – similar backgrounds, agreement on how to handle money, parents who are in the same income bracket, etc. etc. Well, Dan and Mona Wiley kissed those good bye a long time ago.

We went to high school in Asheville, North Carolina and Dan always sat in back of me, because we were seated in classes in alphabetical order. We were friends, but barely. After high school, we went our separate ways and connected again when I graduated from college. Dan was in the Chicago area finishing school and I was in Michigan. I suddenly got very scared about taking care of myself and doing it alone. My parents were in Africa and didn't support me anyway. I decided I needed to get married, so I sat down with pen and paper and made a list of every guy I had ever met at length or dated. I thought about each one and crossed out the name when I evaluated whether I could get along with him on a long term basis. You're right, I ended with Dan Wiley!

One problem--I thought he needed to grow his hair and side burns long. How to get him to do this when I hadn't really kept up with him?! We had a mutual friend at the same college I was attending, so I called her and his name just happened to come up in our conversation. She mentioned that she had seen Dan recently and he had longer hair and side burns. That was it. I hung up, called the bus station for schedules, called Dan and was on the next bus to Chicago. We spent the weekend together (no not what you ALL are thinking – shame on you!) walking the lakefront and loop in Chicago and getting reacquainted. Less than a year later we were married. We saw each other twice before our wedding in August. No dating – just many, many nights on a pay phone! It has been a great partnership, and I'd do it all again. We celebrated 44 years August 15th.

Our engagement was on the train to Iowa. Dan had planned a romantic ring ceremony by Lake Michigan, but my ride was late from Kalamazoo due to a screaming blizzard. Everyone in our car clapped and I showed off my ring to anyone interested in looking.

PROUD GRANDPARENTS

By Dottie Sacco

We are the proud grandparents of a beautiful baby girl. About time! With all the men in our family—my husband, four sons, and grandsons, I was feeling a little left out. Our new baby's name is Lilliana and she's the daughter of our son, Michael, who lives in Palm Beach Gardens.

Our son, Tony, and his family, Amber and Colin, moved in with us in December after selling their house in Palm Beach Gardens within two days. They love the area and when a house came up for sale in April they decided to make The Retreat their new permanent residence. Colin comes over almost every day (I always have ice cream available) even though Nick tells him he doesn't live with us any more.



Grandpa Nick with baby Lilliana



Michael with daughter

His response is to laugh and continue to come by and we love every minute of it. Colin is a 10-year old super active boy that you will probably see riding all over the community on his skateboard.

Tony's older son, Joey, who was in the Coast Guard stationed in Maine, has just moved to Clearwater, Florida with his wife Kelly. His plans are to enter the ministry and he will be attending Clearwater Christian College for the next four years. That works for us!!! Its a lot closer than Maine.





Summer Travels

Dottie Williams

Each June Dave and I look forward to traveling up to Pennsylvania to spend time with our children and grandkids. We usually spend a week or two with each one of our children. This year our first stop was at our daughter's in Spring City and then we traveled on to our son's in Port Matilda.

The kids managed to have a few projects

Can you find me in this picture?



Pop-Pop with Everett and Amelia

for Dad, and I enjoyed myself putting in their gardens and walking in the cool weather. Both Dave and I had a great time playing with our grandchildren, 2 1/2 year old Everett and 19 month old Amelia. On the way home we stopped to visit friends in Beech Mountain, North Carolina. What a beautiful spot in the mountains! There were lots of outdoor music concerts, beautiful hiking trails, a good old fashioned 4th of July parade, fireworks and a chance to recharge after four weeks with the grandkids.

This year's trip had an added bonus. While at my daughter's, I took the train in to New York City and met up with my friends from the Treasure Coast Community Singers. A group of 47 of us had been invited to join with choruses from Mississippi, Tennessee and New Jersey to perform at Carnegie Hall. The combined chorus of 250 voices performed John' Purifoy's *Chronicles of Blue and Gray*, a cantata about the Civil War. What an experience to meet and rehearse with people from other states and then perform this moving piece to a just about sold out audience..

All in all our travels proved to be full of fun with family and friends but it's always good to return home to The Retreat.

2014 RELAY FOR LIFE OF HOBE SOUND



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF RELAYING!!!

RAISED OVER \$95,000 IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!!!

The Retreat Remembers... Team

Joe Rosetta, Pam Levy, Colleen Schultz, Stu Levy, Bettyann Dixson, Bob and Marlene Boobar, Marilyn and Jim Patterson, Wally and Lill Malinowski and many more!

At dusk, Luminaria are lit for Retreat residents that are survivors or have lost their battle. These are only some of the over 60 that our Team donates for.



SURVIVOR CAREGIVER LAP



Bob Boobar, Stu Levy and Jim Patterson enjoying the Relay.





The Retreat Remembers... Team Banner

By Lill Malinowski

This is an amazing quilt made by my sister, Julie. She lives in Sedona, Arizona as you can see the beautiful Red Rocks in the background. We sent her ten years of Relay For Life t-shirts. She arranged them to create this fantastic banner which we will use in our fundraisers. This banner is 8-feet wide and 4-foot 9-inches in height.

Thank you, Siostra (Polish for Sister)!



CELEBRATION OF LIFE Simple Supper Sunday, November 16th 4 PM Clubhouse

Enjoy a simple soup supper, as we come together to remember our fellow residents who have lost their battle with cancer. This will be an evening of sharing, caring and remembering those wonderful memories of our neighbors and friends who have passed on.

All are welcome!

(Sign up in the mailroom for planning purposes)

Donations may be made that evening to the:
American Cancer Society

ENJOYMENT BOOKS

One of our fundraisers is selling Enjoyment Books. The cost is \$35 of which \$10 for each book sold goes to the American Cancer Society. Wally Malinowski will be selling these books from the end of October to mid December. Great holiday gifts!



HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

By Lill Malinowski

Our Relay For Life Team is putting the wheels in motion for our annual **Relay For Life** fundraisers. Anyone can participate in this fight against cancer.

The Retreat Remembers... Team will be hosting a fundraiser for this cause called the **Holiday Home Tour**. Several residents in the Retreat will open their homes for viewing on Sunday, December 14th to raise money in our fight against cancer.

This tour will give people a chance to see and share some ideas in not only holiday decorating but great ideas in enhancing our beautiful DiVosta homes in The Retreat. The **Holiday Home Tour** will also bring our community closer together. Many of our loved ones and neighbors have been touched by this devastating illness, and we would like to do our part in eradicating this disease. Please mark your calendars.



Pharmacy Topics

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

EBOLA HEMORRHAGIC FEVER (Ebola HF)

As of this writing, the Ebola virus has already killed more than 900 people in West Africa. This week, a missionary physician working in Liberia who contracted Ebola hemorrhagic fever, was brought to the United States from Africa and was safely escorted into a specialized isolation unit at Emory University Hospital for treatment. Another fellow missionary, also infected, is to be flown back to the same facility. Emory has an isolation unit that was established in collaboration with the Atlanta-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The unit is completely separate from other patient areas and is one of only four such facilities in the country.

Fear that this outbreak could now spread throughout the U.S. has generated considerable anxiety and controversy among our citizens. The purpose of my article is to provide some information about this deadly virus' transmission, treatment, and most importantly, the prevention of its spread.

Ebola hemorrhagic fever (Ebola HF) is one of numerous viral hemorrhagic fevers. It is a severe, often fatal disease in humans and nonhuman primates (such as monkeys, gorillas, and chimpanzees).

It is caused by infection with a virus of the genus *Ebolavirus*. The first *Ebolavirus* species was discovered in 1976 in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo near the Ebola River. Since then, outbreaks have appeared sporadically – until now.

The natural source host of the Ebola virus remains unknown. However, on the basis of available evidence and the nature of similar viruses, researchers believe that the virus is zoonotic (animal-borne) with bats being the most likely reservoir.

Transmission

When an infection does occur in humans, there are several ways in which the virus can be transmitted to others. These include:

- direct contact with the blood or secretions of an infected person, and/or
- exposure to objects (such as needles) that have been contaminated with infected secretions.

The good news is that this virus is not airborne, thus it is easier to contain. The viruses that cause Ebola HF are often spread through families and friends because they come in close contact with infectious secretions when caring for ill persons.

During outbreaks of Ebola HF, the disease can spread quickly within health care settings (such as a clinic or hospital) where hospital employees are not wearing appropriate protective equipment, such as masks, gowns, and

Proper cleaning and disposal of instruments, such as needles and syringes, is also important. If instruments are not disposable, they must be sterilized before being used again. Without

adequate sterilization of the instruments, virus transmission can continue and amplify an outbreak.

Signs and Symptoms of Ebola HF

Symptoms usually occur 8 – 10 days after exposure to the Ebola virus. Specific signs and symptoms vary, but often include marked fever, fatigue, dizziness, muscle aches, loss of strength, and exhaustion. Patients with severe cases often show signs of bleeding under the skin, in internal organs, or from body orifices like the mouth, eyes, or ears. Severely ill patient cases may also show shock, nervous system malfunction, coma, delirium, and seizures.

Treatment

There is no proven cure for the virus. It kills an estimated 60 percent to 80 percent of the people it infects, but American doctors in Africa say the mortality rate would be much lower in a better functioning health care system.

Standard treatment for Ebola HF is still limited to supportive therapy. This may consist of balancing the patient's fluids and electrolytes; maintaining their oxygen status and blood pressure; and treating them for any complicating infections. Stabilizing the patient, allows the body's immune system to try and eradicate the infection on its own.

Timely treatment of Ebola HF is important, but challenging, since the disease is difficult to diagnose clinically in the early stages of infection. Because early symptoms such as headache and fever are so nonspecific, cases of Ebola HF may be initially misdiagnosed.

If a person has the early symptoms of Ebola HF and there is reason to believe that Ebola HF should be considered, the patient should be isolated and public health professionals notified. Supportive therapy can continue with proper protective clothing until samples from the patient are tested to confirm infection.

Experimental treatments have been tested and proven effective in animal models but have not yet been tested in humans. In today's news, an experimental serum, called Zmapp (currently in animal testing phase by Mapp Biopharmaceutical Inc.) shows some promise – and, apparently was given to the two missionaries in Africa when it became evident that they were infected.

Prevention

With the exception of yellow fever and Argentine hemorrhagic fever, for which vaccines have been developed, no vaccine exists that can protect against this disease. When cases of the disease do appear, there is increased risk of transmission within health care settings. Therefore, health care workers must be able to recognize a case of Ebola HF and be ready to employ practical viral hemorrhagic fever isolation precautions or barrier nursing techniques. They should also have the capability to request diagnostic tests or prepare samples for shipping and testing elsewhere.

While it is very scary knowing that this virus now exists in our country, we have the best facilities in the world to deal with this situation and the best chance to develop a treatment and/or a vaccination that would finally eradicate this virus from the world. The CDC states that a vaccine could be ready for human testing as early as September.

The Retreat Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Did you know that you need approval by The Retreat ACC before changing or adding to the exterior or grounds of your home? You must submit an ACC CHANGE APPLICATION to the Management Office and follow the instructions as outlined on the Retreat Website.

The ACC meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday to review and approve/disapprove your applications. Applications are due on the Monday before each meeting at noon. All are invited to attend.

**Chairman: John McGuinn
545-9704**

Things to consider:

**Tree replacement/planting
Shrubs shutters
Screen enclosures
Fences/Screens
Exterior Painting
Solar Panels
Satellite Disk
Swimming Pool and more.....**

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system phone number and thus you could get rid of your hard-wired phone system. With this new technology you can purchase many devices (smoke detectors, glass breakage, key fob) for a onetime cost for the device only and its monitoring through ADT/Devcon is included at no additional cost no matter the number of devices added. If you add certain devices you will probably be eligible for homeowner insurance discounts. The new contract will offer each homeowner many options from not changing your current service to updating to a newer integrated alarm system with added devices.

We will be holding community informational meetings to explain the options starting in December when many more residents can attend. ADT/Devcon company representatives will answer any questions and present the options. These meetings will be scheduled at various times and possibly we can have a presentation at the annual meeting in February. ADT and The Retreat look forward to your being able to take advantage of our new contract offerings.

The BOD wishes to thank residents, **Tom Hartnett and Ernie Spengler** for all their contract ground work investigating security companies. They met with and compared 5-6 different companies and their services before recommending that the BOD extend our existing contract with ADT/Devcon. A lot of time and effort was expended by them and we will all benefit from the results.



These baby alligators in our community are being fed by a Retreat resident. Feeding alligators is against the law and subject to \$1,000 fine.

DO NOT FEED THE ALLIGATORS.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

By Lill Malinowski

Channel 63

The Communications Committee is composed of these entities: Channel 63, WEB site, Newsletter, E-Mail Blasts, Bulletin Boards, Retreat Directory, and WI-FI Hotspot. In this newsletter, I am focusing on Channel 63 (CH63). The purpose of CH63 is to provide news and information to the Retreat community via their television sets in the comfort of their DiVosta homes. Committees, activities, and Board of Director news are some of the information broadcasted 24/7 CH63.

The process to submit a request to be put on CH63 is as follows:

- Content should be brief, yet informative
- Each submission should have a start date and removal date
- Any photos to be used/submitted for CH63 must be in ".jpg" format
- There is NO advertising permitted.
- Typical turnaround for creation of slide to actual broadcast is 2 days
- E-mail request for info to be broadcast on CH63 direct to Content Creator at the following email address: morroja1@gmail.com (Jim Morrow).

Jim Morrow has been maintaining the CH63 system since April 2007 when the Retreat received the equipment from Comcast. Jim does a spectacular job keeping our CH63 updated with important information for our Retreat community. The slides that Jim creates are colorful, musical, with lots of icons and animated characters. He also maintains the data timely. Jim names his position as the **Content Creator**.

Jim needs a back-up. He has created his own job description (refer to column to the right). If you have questions regarding this position or are interested in fulfilling as his back-up, please contact Jim via his e-mail morroja1@gmail.com.

Thank you, Jim, for all that you do to keep our community informed.

Channel 63 – Content Creator

Description of Duties

By Jim Morrow

The **Content Creator** role is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Channel 63 slide show. The slide show is televised over the Comcast provided Channel 63 to all Retreat residents. The individual should have a good knowledge of Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Powerpoint and ability to navigate through a variety of situations (blips) that may occur (i.e. Management Office computer needs to be rebooted, lost internet connection, etc.).

A basic knowledge of MS Powerpoint is essential to create individual slides and an understanding of the proprietary software (MediaZone Editor Pro) used to arrange the slides and upload to the player computer for broadcast. Of course, training in the use of MediaZone Editor software will be provided.

The Content Creator is typically notified by the chairperson of the Communications Committee, a Board of Director member or the Property Manager or other committee chair to post something on Channel 63. This might be a notice for an upcoming Board meeting or an event planned for the Women's Club, etc. Whatever the information is the Content Creator would take that info and format it onto a slide. He/she can take the liberty to add artwork to the slide to make it more attractive for viewing. Once completed the slide is inserted into the current CH63 slideshow and uploaded to the player computer attached to the Comcast broadcast equipment.

Presently the creation of the individual slide is created at the home of the Content Creator, but can be created by remote access (via LogMeIn) on the MediaPro Editor computer in the Management office. Either way the new slide and the current slide show is maintained on the MediaZone Pro computer.

Depending upon the season and the activity within the Retreat the typical tasks performed by the Content Creator is a weekly job that lasts no more than 30 minutes.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 18th

for a **RETREAT** get together!

(A Social Committee Event)

More Information to come.

If you would like to help on the Social Committee/First Friday Committee, please contact:

**Sandy Morrow @ 772-545-1936 or
Jean Scerbo @ 772-545-3592**



Retreat Assistance Network (RAN)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Volunteers available to assist you with:

- ✓ *Prescription Drug Pick-Ups*
- ✓ *Transportation to Medical
Appointments*
- ✓ *Grocery Shopping*
- ✓ *Companionship and Check-In*
- ✓ *Phone Calls*

FLU SHOTS

The Visiting Nurses Association will not be administering flu shots at the Retreat this year. We did not meet their minimum requirement of 50 vaccinations last year.

For more information, contact:

**Muriel Barry at 545.1919
Alice Bernhardt at 600.5226**



Natives in the Yard

Coral Snake Sighting

By Dottie Williams

This morning as I was walking along Glacier Terrace I saw a Coral snake winding its way up one of the driveways. Once it reached the shrubs on the border, it worked its way under the cover of the plant. I was quite surprised to see it. Coral snakes are usually elusive. They tend to burrow under dirt and dead leaves but they do become more active when it rains.

These snakes are quite colorful and pretty to look at but are very dangerous. Their powerful venom attacks the nervous system. They do not have fangs like pit vipers. Their mouth and teeth are small and they have a pair of venom-injecting teeth that are fixed in the front of the mouth. Not usually aggressive, these snakes flee when confronted. They bite only when stepped on or cornered.

Coral snakes are not to be confused with the Scarlet King Snake, a non-poisonous snake that has similar coloring. The way to distinguish between the two is that the Coral snake has a black snout and the red and yellow bands usually touch one another. That's where the saying, "Red and yellow kill a fellow" comes from.

I just thought I'd share my observations with you and to let folks know that because of our rainy season these snakes might be more active and out in the open. Residents should be cautious when reaching into bushes without looking and certainly should pay attention to young children and pets when they are outside.





Tuesday May 20, 2014

TREASURE COAST NEWS

SPECIAL REPORT BY GEORGIA GREAVES

This story was written by 8-year old Georgia Greaves, granddaughter of Patti and David Greaves. It's about an adventure that she and her brother, Hobey (6 1/2) had while out on Meema and Grampie's boat in the spring.

THERE ARE TWO CHILDREN FROM GLOUCESTER, MASS. THEIR NAMES ARE GEORGIA AND HOBEY. THERE IS A MAN NAMED TODD WHO HELPED THEM FIND THE BOTTLE WITH THE TREASURE MAP INSIDE AND HELPED THEM FIND THE TREASURE. IT IS A CHEST THAT HAD COINS INSIDE. IT HAS A SKULL AND CROSS BONES AND THE YEAR IS 1694. YOU CAN GO TO PIRATE ISLAND AND MAYBE FIND TREASURE BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THEY FOUND THEIR TREASURE. SO GO THERE ANY TIME.

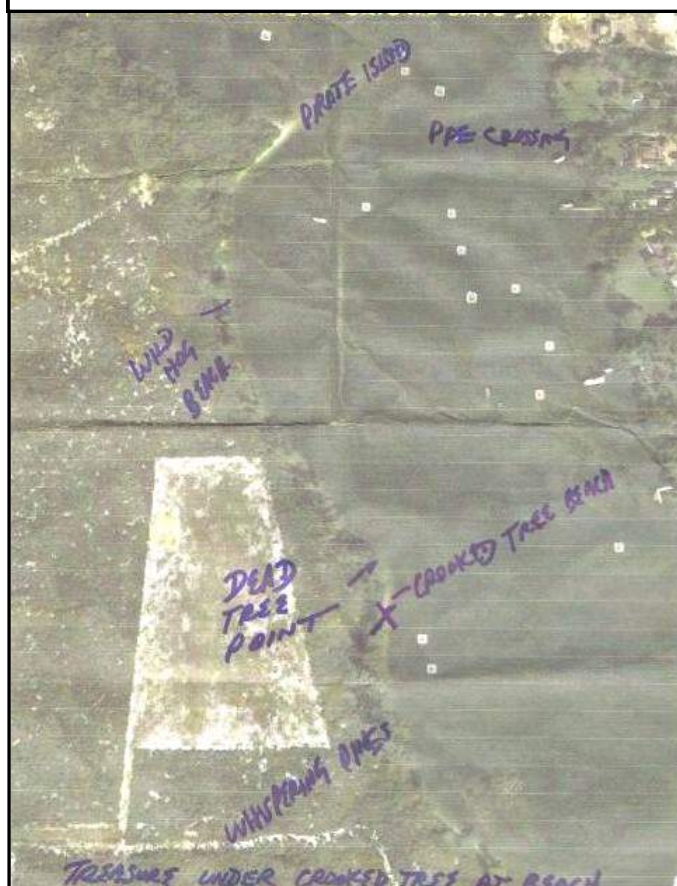


Georgia and Hobey



Captain Todd

PIRATE ISLAND TREASURE MAP



PUNOGRAPHY

Received from Becky Brown

- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils.
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

PUNOGRAPHY (cont.)

- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back for seconds.
- I wondered why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- I took the job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

WILD LIFE IN THE RETREAT





MORNING FOLK

By Chuck Eschenburg



Early morning on a sunny early summer day were two pool denizens who usually dip later.

PEGGY JOHNSON grew up in North Dakota but has been in Florida since 1968. She studied in New York and was in fashion design in Los Angeles before marrying and moving to Hawaii and then Denver.

She says "Do not sweat the small stuff" as she drifts off on her water dumbbells.

Her floating companion is **Alice Bernhardt** from Long Island before becoming a Floridian in 1967 in Fort Lauderdale. She worked for Bell South and ATT as well as parenting two daughters.

Her word to the wise: "Keep the glass OVER 1/2 filled" then she drifted off on a green water noodle before rushing to an appointment that prompted their earlier morning water workout.

HOBBIES: a Fun Way to Spend Time and Money

By Kevin Knoop

My name is Kevin Knoop. I live in the Retreat and here are two things that I enjoy doing. They are remote control (R/C) scale boating and model railroading. I understand that at one time, there was a group of scale boaters that met here in the Retreat. I belong to both Treasure Coast R/C Scale boaters and the Treasure Coast Model Railroad Club and Historical Society. The railroad club is said to be one of the best in Florida. If anyone is interested in learning more they can visit the web site, www.TCMRR.org. The railroad club is located at 273 Becker Road in Port Saint Lucie (P.S.L.) and is open to anyone on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 PM and Saturdays from 10AM to 1PM. The boaters club meets at a lake about one mile north of the town center at Tradition in P.S.L. every Sunday morning from 7AM to 10AM where we run our boats. We even have scale docks to tie up to. Go to www.TCRCBoaters.org to learn more. Both of these clubs are a lot of fun and the members are a wealth spring of information and history as well. If you wish, you may also contact me at 4wheel2wheel@gmail.com. Thank you.

BRIDGE SCORES

By Patsy Shattuck



Can't believe our summer is about over. It seemed to go very fast. Will be happy to see our winter residents. Thanks to all who helped keep us going! Thanks for all the well wishes for us that had a "not so fun" summer. Thank you!

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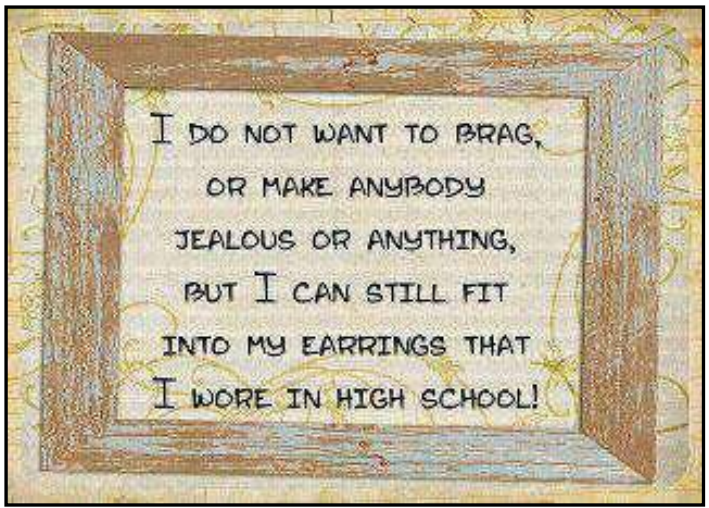


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Dear Retreat Residents,

We thank all of you that have contributed to this newsletter. Your input makes this newsletter informative and upbeat.

We need your input on future newsletter themes. Please forward your ideas to us.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer and a healthy one. Safe travels to those of you that will be returning back to the Retreat.

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