

THE TIDES OF CIRCLE BAY

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Merry Christmas



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Happy Hanukkah



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 AM Pool Exercise	1:00 PM Bridge	8:30 AM Men's Breakfast	1:00-3:00 PM Yoga	9:30 AM Pool Exercise
1:00-3:00 PM Yoga		9:30 AM Pool Exercise		5:30 PM Social Hour BYOB & Snack to Share
1:00 PM Mah Jongg Experienced players		1:00-3:30 PM Art Associates (Except for 2 nd Wed. of month)		
		1:00 PM Mah Jongg Those Learning		
		6:30 PM Texas Hold'em		

December Events

Friday, 1st	1:30 PM	Needlework & Crafts	Clubhouse
Thursday, 14th	11:30 AM	Ladies' Luncheon meet at Clubhouse	Pirate's Loft
Friday, 15 th	1:30 PM	Needlework & Crafts	Clubhouse
Thursday, Jan 4 th	10:30 AM	Remove Holiday Decorations	Clubhouse

Happy Birthday



- 1 – Bea LeBarre,
Judy Hutchinson
- 3 – Ruth Szocik
- 5 – Bill Cottle,
Judy Runnakko
- 14 – Cyril Thornhill
- 20 – Carolyn Lally
- 27 – Ted Bloomer

President's Message

We hear a lot of different rumors, talk about how we should do things differently, questions about why don't we do this or that. Some of it is just curiosity, others can be very critical, and, of course, there are times when the unsubstantiated rumors fly like a squadron of unleashed drones.



I'd like to address a couple of those items today starting with "We should put ourselves under the full control of a professional management company."

Well, to start with, it's expensive: we definitely would not be saving any money. The staff is

hired by, reports to, and is paid by, the management company. The company adds on a minimum of 30% to the actual wages paid to maintenance folks, office staff the CAM. Further, the company does all the bookkeeping in house for which we get charged the full amount. Management Companies also have their own list of Vendors and Contractors which, of course they use, and to whose invoices they add their percentage. Management Companies are in business to make money. We, when using their services, pay.

Another item is loss of control. When hooked up with a company, one of the selling points is that "The Board doesn't have to worry about anything - we take care of it all." As noted above, that means the company determines who we have as a CAM, who our maintenance folks are, what vendors and contractors are used here, the lawn cutting schedule (using the in-house service, of course), etc., etc. True, we "have no worries", but we also have little or no control. If for example, we don't like the assigned CAM (who is likely to be responsible for several other properties) we may get a replacement from the company's pool, but we actually have no say.

Various Boards and groups have thoroughly investigated this option several times. Each time the idea has been turned down.

"Why don't we use more volunteers? I know of places where they get a lot of labor done through volunteering." When CBYC was in its infancy, we were famous for the work done by volunteers. Well times change, people change. As an example, Lorrie Markarian did an outstanding job as Social Director for nine years until she felt she had to step down. We've asked for someone to step up and replace her and Bea LeBarre has taken up the cause. However, lots of folks have said they'd help, but nobody wants to be in charge. We used to have Security volunteers headed most recently by Vince Meyer. Both he and his predecessor, Allen Blaise, finally gave up in part because no one was volunteering. I will say that recently we've had some volunteer help on a couple of one time projects, but that's a far cry from any sort of continuing commitment.

Please note, this is not a cry for a "return to the old days", but rather commentary on how our society has changed over the years.

Glenn Meyer, President



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Were you lucky enough to attend our last Members meeting in the Clubhouse? Our own Fred Schoenberger related the life and times of Pedro Gilbert the pirate. He (the pirate) was based right here in Stuart. Fred dressed up in pirate garb and with his booming voice gave us a first person account. It was great, thank you Fred!



In early 2018 we will be installing new officers on the bridge and while we are well staffed we would like someone to step up and take on the role of secretary.

As always I would like to invite everyone to join the Yacht Club, only ten dollars per year and first time members are free. Also our fiscal year ends on December 31st and if you want discounted tickets to the January 22nd Commodores Ball you must sign up before then.

Don't forget to save those "desirable" items that you no longer need as a donation to our annual auction in February. This is the event where we gain the revenue that allows us to make generous contributions to the Circle Bay Association. Our most recent was \$3000 toward the purchase of 30 new Deck Chairs, featuring the traditional CB colors of turquoise and white.

The Yacht Club routinely purchases needed supplies for our many events. These supplies are kept under lock and key. At the same time we recognize that there are other than Yacht Club events that from time to time may need supplies and they may need them in a hurry. Consequently we are willing to share these supplies as long as what is used is also replaced. A notice will be placed in the CB kitchen with a list of Yacht Club members (and phone numbers) that can be contacted and will allow access to our cabinets.

The Yacht Club wishes all of you a very happy Christmas holiday.

Dennis Stewart
Commodore, CBY&SC

WiFi Inside CBYC Condos

The CBYC Internet system was completely upgraded last year. Capacity increased 900% overall and speeds at the new outlet in each condo increased 700%. The actual speeds of the devices inside your condo depend on how well your WiFi

router communicates with your Smart TV, Laptop, SmartPhone, Tablet or Streaming device.

WiFi operates over radio frequencies in the 2.4 Ghz and 5 GHz bands and is subject to interference from both other routers in your building and other electrical devices. Some examples include cordless phones, wireless speakers and some computer displays. The concrete, rebar and steel wall studs in our condos also absorb large amounts of the WiFi signal.

To minimize these issues:

Consider changing channels on your wireless network (requires accessing router configuration).

Connect to a 5 GHz wireless network (if possible). Note 5Ghz may not work as well as 2.4 Ghz over longer distances.

Move your connected device and Wi-Fi router closer to each other if possible.

The Circle Bay Condo Association Office has a list of Technicians who can assist residents with WiFi Router configuration and troubleshooting.

Joe Urban

CBYC Internet & TV Volunteer

Welcome!

The Welcoming Committee has submitted the following report for October activities. There were four new owners and two annual lease renewals. There were no new annual leases, no new seasonal leases for 2018 and no seasonal lease renewals for 2018.

New Owners

Unit 11-201 Nancy Ritter

Unit 5-209 Robert and Mary Barnes

Unit 12-304 Larry and Sharon Dolinsky

Unit 12-105 Julie Kendrigan

Annual Lease Renewals

Unit 3-309 Leah Dobkin and Linnea Mercer

Unit 5-202 Susan Murtha

Social Activities

You might say Happy Hour is just about in full swing as more and more residents are returning from their summer haunts.



The November Ladies' luncheon at Carson's was great. There were 22 gals in attendance. Thanks to Helen for making the arrangements.

Shirley Lamonica has booked the Pirates Cove for our Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 14th. Please bring a wrapped \$10.00 gift for our gift exchange. Call Shirley at 772-286-7478 to place your reservation.

Building 4 hosted the Friday Night Socials during November. Thanks to them for a job well done. On slate for December is Building 5.

By the time this appears on "the stands", the elves will have done their magic and Christmas will be in the air at the Clubhouse.

Ginny Gande

Thanksgiving Thank You

This is the time of the year we give thanks to the less fortunate, especially our local veterans. Tony Reese from Veterans Association of Stuart could not be more appreciative to the residents of Circle Bay for their generosity. I was able to turn over to him \$860.00 towards Thanksgiving dinners for our veterans.

Thank you all and a Blessed Christmas to you. May your New Year be a healthy & Prosperous one.

Adele Norton

Just a Note

A thank you to all the people who helped me with the Clubhouse decorations. I really appreciated it. Bea LeBarre

In Memoriam

It is with regret that we note at this time the demise of Al Scharz (9-108) on October 22nd at the age of 98.



Al had a very full life. He served with the 101st Screaming Eagles during World War II and was awarded many military medals. He also had a 30 year career with the National Park Service in an administrative capacity. In retirement he turned to woodworking and furniture making. He was well known in Circle Bay for his craftsmanship.

A Memorial Service was held at the funeral home on November 4th followed by refreshments at the Circle Bay Clubhouse for family and friends.

The residents of Circle Bay extend their sympathy to the Schwarz family and Al's friends.

Jack Randis (10-101) died on November 10th after a long illness. Friends and family gathered at the Clubhouse on November 15th to celebrate Jack's life.



The residents of Circle Bay extend their sympathy to Jack's sister Kay and the Randis family.

Frank Campbell (3-304) passed away on November 29th after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Carol.



A Vietnam veteran; he served with distinction earning numerous citations and being awarded the Purple Heart.

Frank served two terms on the Circle Bay Board. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved his boat "Cranky Franky."

Frank touched many lives and had many friends who will long remember him. The residents of Circle Bay extend their sympathy to his wife, Carol and the Campbell family.

EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS FUND

Again this year you will find on the table in the Clubhouse foyer during office hours a box for each employee. An expression of appreciation for their efforts on our behalf would be welcomed.



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