



# Harbor Cove Bulletin



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## Busy Month of HC Activities



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# **CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

By Sandy Greif

Well, it's winding down here in Harbor Cove. Our seasonal residents will be heading home soon, as well as Tom and I. Those of you staying, please participate in summer fun activities. I know they will be great.

Thanks to all volunteers who made these seasons activities a great success. While you are enjoying your summer wherever you are, do some thinking about new ideas or events you would like to see here in Harbor Cove. We have lost a lot of chair people this year, so some events may not return.

Have a great summer.

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

BY Karl Goudy



The Harbor Cove Civic Association is chartered and organized for the limited purpose of providing education, social and recreational opportunities to our residents. Like the Boat Club, Grandmothers and others it stands alone with a slate of officers and a Board. And like those others makes decisions in the best interests of its members and residents of our community. Civic and the others respect and work with each other for the good of our community. That is as it should be.

It appears that all HC contributing organizations representatives to this bulletin have heeded our advice on the new email address. It was published in the March issue, announced at the March Civic Meeting and appeared on the HC in-house channel. Thank you for bearing with us through the transition to a new email server.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

By Thomas Fastiggi, CMCA, AMS, PCAM - Property Manager



It's great to see so many residents enjoying all the Harbor Cove offers. Bocce, shuffleboard, pickle ball, grandmother's club, yacht club, civic, the new fishing club, writers club, and Bible study are some of the 80+ activities available within

Harbor Cove. There is no reason to stay home and watch television reruns! Get out, meet your neighbors, get involved and have fun!

There are number of projects underway in the community. Some of the most visible follow:

Three new treadmills and a recumbent bicycle are ordered and by the time you read this should be installed in the N. Recreation Ctr. exercise facility. The intent is to upgrade all the equipment over time and to establish a more user-friendly layout of the equipment in the room. There may be some equipment which may be removed if there is insufficient demand for it. If you have a favorite piece of equipment, or feel that there is something we should add to the facility please let me know so that your recommendations can be considered.

We have a new icemaker on the second floor in the kitchen. The original icemaker was relocated to the laundry room on the first floor of the clubhouse. Residents may use their key card to access the laundry room for ice as available. Remember that the first floor ice machine is for everyone's use and

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if you need 200 pounds of ice for a trip the right thing to do would be to purchase it at a convenience store.

Alan Westerberg and SCOC committee members have been hard at work cleaning up years of unidentified vehicles, trailers, and other personal property stored in the compound center. Each vehicle, trailer, boat, or camper remaining has a numbered sticker on it so that we can easily identify the owner in the event we need to. Where signs are missing, new signs with spot numbers are on order. They have weeded out residents who are no longer in need of a spot in the compound. Some tree stumps removed, a tree taken down and the yard is looking its best ever. My thanks to Alan and the Storage Compound Oversight Committee for a tackling a job that was long overdue.

Architectural renderings for bid purposes have been received from the engineer regarding the clubhouse stairway project. Contractors are being solicited so that the project can begin.

Both the clubhouse and the N. Recreation Ctr. are being reviewed by a structural engineer for the

purpose of hardening the facilities in the event of a short-term emergency. While neither are suitable for riding out a hurricane there are other types of emergencies which may make either building preferable over a mobile home in an event such as a windy storm. The weakest links are windows, doors and the roof system due to its gable style ends. The engineer will make recommendations concerning the building components toward strengthening the buildings.

A storm sewer repair is scheduled for a rotted 42" pipe, with new corrugated plastic pipe for drainage purposes. Many residents have commented about our seawalls and landward holes close to the seawalls where soil is washing through the seams and into the canals. A repair design is being worked on now will be implemented as necessary to control erosion and stabilize the upland side of the seawall.

Reminder letters were sent out to over 200 residents regarding mold on the exterior of their homes. Siding, roofs, and driveways are subject to mold growth. Check your home and if it is starting to turn green a quick mix of 25% chlorine and 75% water sprayed with a pump sprayer, allowed to sit for 15 minutes, then rinsed off should take care of most of the problems. If your home has heavy mold you may wish to employ one of the local pressure washing companies to take care of the job for you. Remember that chlorine is harsh to your plants so be careful when working around your garden to avoid burning plants.

After receiving three different, and damaged water coolers for the clubhouse, we switched vendors and have one that arrived without a bit of damage which was installed on the first floor.

The new home has been delivered and situated on a vacant lot at 714 Fairmount Drive. This new home has three bedrooms and two baths on one of the largest lots available within Harbor Cove. Interior set up and utility hookups are underway now. Be sure to take a ride by and see our latest new home. For those of you who may be considering replacing your home, Harbor Cove ROC is a licensed mobile home dealer. We can assist you with finding a new home for your existing lot. For further information kindly call Joy Steinman in our marketing office, 941-426-2806, extension # 2.

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The wifi in the North Rec Bldg. has been fixed by Verizon. It seems to be running even faster than in the clubhouse so we've asked Verizon to check the clubhouse to see if that speed could be improved.

Recently some board members have been riding around the community checking homes, roofs and shutters for mold and mildew, in need of power washing and/or paint. Well over 100 homes were cited for needing some attention. It was rather amazing to see the number of homes that looked good until we checked the non-carport side. Please take the time to check your home over completely and keep it looking good from all sides. Our neighbors don't want to have a view of an undesirable residence.

Our key card system is completely up and running. We've had to make a few adjustments but for the most part everything is running smoothly. Some residents had some issues and thought their cards weren't programmed but it was just a case of trying to open the door too quickly after waving their key card in front of the eye. The minor complaints seemed to have lessened.

If we were to have a power failure during any bad weather the clubhouse doors have a short term battery backup and then they would automatically unlock. The north rec building would automatically unlock during a power outage so you'd be able to access either building without your key cards.

At February's ROC board meeting a reverse 911 system was approved. This is a system where we will have the ability to send a message to your telephone (landline or cell) in an emergency situation. This will help during severe weather alerts such as we've had the past couple months.

## **ROC PRESIDENT REPORT**

By Diane Matteson



It's already begun.....residents departing for the summer. Before you do please remember to put everything you have outside away, especially anything that can become a missile in a storm. Residents who have never spent a summer in Florida don't realize

just how bad the winds can get here and damage that can be caused.

Also before anyone leaves please don't forget to notify the office that you'll be gone, who your caretaker is, northern address and approximate time you'll be returning.

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## **From the Bridge**

*BY Gilles Girard*

Hope everybody is enjoying the beautiful weather that is upon us for the last few days. The boat club sure has been busy. We had the opportunity to play bingo on the river. Willie Howlett and his volunteers did a good job gathering over 25 boats in a semi-circle with kayakers going from one boat to the other handing out the earnings by the winners. Then it was Dan Severn and his better half, Ginger, gathering a dozen good friends to put together the popular Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt. Over 60 carts took part and over 150 stayed to enjoy pizza and refreshments.

March is the busiest month of our calendar. Saturday the 5th was the Commodore's Ball. You will find an article about the event in this issue. There were so many people involved in the making of this unforgettable event for a commodore. I would like to thank everyone involved especially Dee and Clarke Fiddes and Sue and Jim Glowacki for a job well done. Friday the 11th will be the announcing of our 2016 Old Man of the River at the general meeting. This is a very special moment where the membership recognizes an individual that has been involved over the years as a volunteer in a multitude of occasions. The recipient has also shown dedication to the Harbor Cove Boat Club and shown a lot of respect for every member. On Saturday the 12th it was the Memorial Golf Outing organized by Doug Shearer and his numerous volunteers. Sunday the 13th we had our Charity Water Trip where Tom and Connie Garlie have taken our boaters to the usual beach by the bridge to enjoy friendship and roll those dices for a charity of the region. On Wednesday 16th Vic Ribaud and his crew have treated the community at the annual Ice Cream Social. On the 19th Tom will have lead the boaters to the Port Charlotte beach as previously scheduled in February. Finally, on the 20th your commodore along with some of

the past commodore will have served dinner to our volunteers. Music provided by Sax on the Beach.

Make sure you save April 3rd for Poker On The River that is being organized by Dan Cox and his crew. May 7th will be the Kentucky Derby gathering for those of you who are still in the community at that time.

## **Beautification Committee**

*by Susan Fulford*

We hope you all had a Happy Easter. Our weather has improved and spring is certainly in the air. Many of our activities are winding down and some of our residents have already headed for their summer residence.



Winner of the Home of the Month for April was awarded to Dan and Sharon Cox 549 Blackburn Blvd. They are full time residents who have spent a lot of time and effort making improvements to their property. Stop by and tell them how nice it looks.

The last chance this season to purchase a personal house sign will be Tuesday, April 5th. in the rec hall during ticket sales. Signs sell for \$30.00 due at the time of order. You have your choice of a gold, silver or no logo on the sign, which makes it nice if you wish to purchase one as a gift for someone outside of Harbor Cove.

Our next meeting will be Wed. April 1st. at 9:00am. in the office conference room. Our meetings are always open to all Harbor Cove residents.

For those of you who will be leaving us soon, we wish you a safe trip and a healthy summer.

## **LIBRARY NOTES**

*BY Elaine Ribaud*

It's hard to believe that our winter season is just about over and soon many of our residents will be heading north. Having said that, I want to thank the volunteers who've worked with me keeping Harbor

Cove's Library up-to-date and looking so nice. Thank you Evelyn Vincent, Pat Moran and Becky Groenefeld. Your help has been much appreciated. We also are looking for a full time resident who could continue with this work during the summer.

## **HC SINGLES**

*By Carol Farley*



The March activities of the Harbor Cove singles were co-chaired by Hilda Jones and Mary Ann Anderson. They started off the month with a dinner at the Old World restaurant, following the regular organizing meeting, held at the hospitality room of the club house. Breakfast at Perkins, lunch at Olympia in Port Charlotte, Easter Sunday dinner at the Family Table. Their regular Friday evening get together consisted of Hoagies, salad and dessert.

The April calendar is in the planning stages with Judy Belyea and Jean Straub in charge. We would love to have you join us for some fellowship and a chance to enjoy food at different restaurants as well as other activities. Come to the regular meeting on April 6th at 4:00 pm in the hospitality room. We are open to all Harbor Cove singles and will be sure to give you a warm welcome.

## **NU PI ALPHA SORORITY**

*Jan Chase - President, 330-456-1888*

What a busy season here in Harbor Cove and now we are nearing the time when some will be heading back to their northern home. Nu Pi Alpha members can look back on exciting projects the last several months as we review a very successful Party Wheelbarrow Raffle and working with the Grandmother's Club to plan a fun and lovely Luncheon/ Style Show on March 1. Thank you to all in our community for supporting our many charitable endeavors.

Our next sorority meeting will be Saturday, April 9, at 12:00 noon at the Olde World Restaurant. This will be our installation gathering as we welcome our new officers for 2016/2017. If you cannot attend the April meeting, let Sandy Heacock know. (240-5554). Also, watch for more information on a planned April gathering.

## **BC Auxiliary**

*By Sharon Cox*



Well it's hard to believe that it is April already. Where has the time gone? In March we had several things that happened, the Ladies Auxiliary fund raiser that I was very pleased with. I wish I could have sold more tickets because it was a great show. If you didn't get to go you missed a good one. The duo Patsy and Majella were really awesome and the warm up was performed by my 92 year old mother Mary Lucas on the piano. I think everyone that attended enjoyed themselves.

I want to thank all my board members and their husbands for all of their help selling tickets and cleanup for the dance. They all helped me in so many ways that I could never have done it without them so, Thanks again.

We picked our Nautical Lady for 2016 and it was Jo Ann Dziuba. So if you happen to see her out and about, please congratulate her as this is quite an honor. A Thanks to the committee for the lovely luncheon for the Nautical Lady, the chairman was Mary Gottleber, committee persons, Norma Van Horn, Lois Cooke and Sandra Walda. As always our ladies do such a wonderful job.



As April is upon us, our committee has started to sell tickets for our luncheon in April. There was a misprint on the price for the luncheon, it should have said \$15.00 for the lunch, not \$12.00. The luncheon will be at the Jacaranda West Country Club on April 1st. Hopefully by the time you are reading this you will have bought your ticket and are attending the luncheon. We are hoping to have a meeting in May but most people are getting ready or already gone home and we need to ask if a May meeting is necessary. We didn't have one last year. By this time of the year there isn't much news and most people are thinking of what they are going to do when they get back to their northern home. Please try and come to the meeting and we will make a decision on whether to have a meeting in May.

To the Board members our next meeting will be April 29th at 11:00AM.

# HARBOR COVE FISHING CLUB

By Mark McGrath

Since the water has cooled down and fishing is slow, I thought I'd describe the philosophy on how the Fishing Club developed. There are a number of people in the park that have boats and like to fish. We have another group of people without boats, but they also like to go fishing. There are some with many years of experience and some that are not familiar with salt water fishing. By matching individuals up, we can all get out fishing and have a great time doing so. One Thursday in February, we did just that. Four different boats went out, each with 3 or 4 passengers, into the Myakka River up to the El Jobean Bridge. We fished about 4 different spots up until about 3:00 in the afternoon. A few fish were hooked, but nothing worth bragging rights, yet we still had a good time.

At the March 6th Fishing Club meeting, Andy, a representative from The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission held a question and answer session. There were a lot of questions, but some of the main points were:

- If you are 65 or older and a Florida resident

with a valid ID (generally a drivers license) you do not need a fishing license

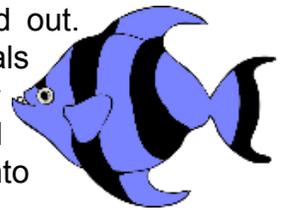
- Fish need to stay intact until you are on shore
- If you are fishing for fresh water fish, like bass, you must have a fresh water license
- They are anticipating a fall Gothic Grouper Season
- Some clarification on what are private verses public ponds

There was information distributed for pond stocking, and both fresh and salt water fishing regulations. In addition we had another 6 new members join our ranks.

The Fishing Club has a new bulletin board which is located in the pool/game room. Even though the fishing has been a bit slow, check out some pictures of some of our catches. The ROC Board has also granted temporary approval for a fish cleaning station. This is currently being built and will be placed near the boat ramp by the marina. We all need to make sure that this is kept clean at all times and that no fish remains are discarded that could attract alligators or turkey buzzards.

The fishing charter on the Reef Raider scheduled for Monday March 14th is sold out.

We currently have 31 individuals going. This will be an 8 hour trip leaving from Englewood and going about 20 plus miles out into the Gulf.



I wish you calm seas for your next fishing adventure!

## HARBOR COVE "CHA CHING" TRAVELERS

By Pam Pearsall, Trip Coordinator

March was a very busy month with many trips. We went to Weeki Wachee, Fiddler's Ridge Winery, Strawberry Festival, Annual 4-day Biloxi Trip, Toruk, and Solomon's Castle/Car Museum and Chocolate House. We had many residents and guests traveling with us, and most of the trips "sold out".

April brings us the following trips:

April 1 - History Center - Tampa

April 12 - Immokalee Casino Trip



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May 4 - Calyspo Queen Cruise - sails from Clearwater to Tarpon Springs. Continental Breakfast Buffet, and Tropical Island Style Lunch Buffet with time for some shopping in Tarpon Springs. I announced this trip at the March Civic Meeting and sold all but 4 seats the next day. If you are interested check with me at Ticket Sale to see if any seats are still available.

May 10 - Monthly Immokalee Casino Trip

June trips booked so far are as follows...

June 7 - Immokalee Casino Trip

June 13 - Ikea Shopping Trip

I can't stress enough about signing up early, many trips sold out quite fast this year, and several people were disappointed they couldn't go!

All trips are on sale at the Regular Ticket Sales on Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. in the RH.

## **SUMMER FUN COMMITTEE**

*Pam Pearsall, Chairman*

The Summer Fun Committee will hold its 2016 organizational meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016 in Conference Room #1.

I hope that our Committee Members from last year will be coming back. We are looking for some new members also, who would be willing to run an event of their choice such as luncheon, happy hour, trip, etc.

Please bring your new ideas, or even old ideas and help to plan our events for this summer.

Call Pam @ 426-7387 if you have any questions.

## **R. O. C. NOW A REALITY**

**\* Setting Up \***

*By Bonnie Erfourth*

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that goes with a closing, to be done by April 30th.

Lucinda Warren, the FMO Conversion Attorney wrote all our documents. But she requested that the Acquisition Committee read them prior to approving them. She wanted to be assured that the committee understood the documents.

On April 2nd, the Acquisition Committee listed all the tasks and services that needed to be in place before the closing date. These tasks were divided up and everyone went to work. Again fliers were used to dispel fears and rumors. Each plat had two representatives, plus Glenn Mills as Director-at-large and the five officers.

Did everything go smoothly? Of course not! On April 14th, Mr. Sid Adler had a land lease agreement with CWS on plat 6. Mr. Adler was willing to agree to a ten-year loan, but no Homestead Exemption for those people for three years. Another flier! Another meeting! This was for residents of Lakeside Drive, Riverview Circle and the "new" upper Imperial Drive. It was moved that "Lucy play hardball with Adler". The land lease was redesigned as a second mortgage. Mr. Adler signed papers assuring the residents of the Homestead Exemption. Mr. Adler stated, "It was

a pleasure to work with Lucy", indicating his respect for our lawyer.

We had had bank days for individual; now it was time to present Harbor Cove Resident Owned Community to the banks for our financing. The four banks that had participated in our "bank days" were given the pertinent information. On April 21st their responses were reviewed. First Union presented the best package and the committee voted to accept. The minutes stated that Marty Pozgay called it a tremendous deal, saying he doubted if he could have done as well. According to Millie' Gaudreau's minutes, it resulted in saving the Association a great deal of money.

Glitch number two occurred when CWS could not close on April 30th. Everything would be signed and held in escrow until May 30th. This actually gave us a little longer to get our organization up and running. CWS would occupy the office. Ron and Pat Woods offered their extra, vacant house to be our office. We had hired Justine Mackie as our office manager. She had been working for CWS and knew what needed to be done. Another flier and a myriad of details still needed tending.

Somewhere in all this the Civic Association gave an "appreciation party".

Finally, on May 29th at 9:00 pm. President Lyle Erfourth and VP Leo Martin signed the final forms as John Dzuiba, Al Daeger and Millie Gaudreau looked on. This was done at Attorney Richard Webb's office in Sarasota. Harbor Cove belonged to the residents!

That first year, with a hired manager and Justine as our bookkeeper, Irene Brady filled the receptionist's duties and organized volunteers to help her. Dick Lavender and Lowell Bendorf were our first "sales and rental" committee.

During the rest of 1997, the floating docks were rebuilt, the large pool was resurfaced and the area landscaped. The pool bathrooms were refreshed with paint, flooring and doors. The leaking office roof was repaired.

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## Meeting for the 20th

### Anniversary

By Bonnie Erfourth

The third meeting for the 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held on April 4th in conference room 1 at the office at 1:00 pm. We found a box of info and pictures. We also have Harbor Cove history through 2008. If we want to do something with that, we'll need volunteers specifically interested in doing that. We would like to have planning and volunteers set up to work independently until Oct. or Nov. If you haven't come before, but are interested you are invited to join us.



is optional. Time to be comfortable and have fun.

Tickets are \$ 5.00 ea. and are on sale the Tues. before the dance and at the door. Pat and I have been out listening to new bands and have found some that are very good. We are negotiating with them for next season. Pat and I and our great dance committee hope you enjoyed this season. Have a healthy and happy summer.

## LEASE HOLDERS NEWS

By Jim Ringler



Thanks to all of you who took the time to attend our Annual Meeting. We had around 70 in attendance representing 45 properties or 20% of the total Lease Holders. It sure was nice having the signs at the entrance to remind our residents about coming events. The minutes

of the meeting are posted on the Lease Holders Bulletin Board in the lower level of the recreation

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## Dance Steps

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Sat. April 9th is our last dance of the season. Jay Smith will be here to provide the music. We call this dance our here comes summer party. Dress

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A special "THANKS" to Diane Matteson, President of R.O.C. for installing the 2016 Lease Holders Officers and heading up a very informative question and answer session.

We are in the process of having to replace some of our Board members. Thanks to Bob Prior for his many years of service as Plat 2 director. Bob moved out of Harbor Cove last year. The Board appointed Dottie Duquette to replace him and then we elected her for a 3 year term starting in 2016. Also thanks to Plat 3 Director Nanette Coon for her years of service on the Board. Nanette and George will be leaving Harbor Cove at the end of the season. The Board will appoint someone to take her place when the time comes. Nicole Eddy has been appointed Audit Chairperson as well as Membership Chairperson. Wayne Witham has once again been appointed Nominations Chairman.

"Origin of Harbor Cove continued." In 1974 we became Harbor Cove, The Hall was enlarged, and we became Precinct 045 for the General Election of Sarasota County. In October of 1974 "Saturday

Morning Coffee Hour" started and in November Civic dues went from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

In 1985 the Harbor Cove Homeowners Association (HCHA) was formed with the main purpose of trying to buy Harbor Cove. In 1987, Sydney Adler, a part owner of Harbor Cove expanded the park to include what is called Plat 6, that is Riverview Circle and Lake side Dr.. On November 6, 1987 CWS closed on its offer to buy Harbor Cove. At this time Adler continued to own Plat 6 as part of Harbor Cove. HCHA continued to negotiate with CWS concerning the possibility of buying the park and then negotiated the Lifetime Lease agreement to help control the large rent increases. At that time the lifetime leases seemed a good thing to do because the inflation rates were between 15% and 20%. Of course shortly after that, the inflation rates dropped and the lot renters were stuck with the minimum rent increases of 4%.

In 1997, after extensive negotiations with HCHA, CWS agreed to sell the community to the residents. This was no easy task because it was a two part sale. The original Harbor Cove was owned by CWS with what is known as Plat 6 being owned by the Adlers.

Many of the 99yr Lease Holders were members of HCHA and worked to support Harbor Cove becoming a Resident Owned Community. Look what has happened since then. What a great place to live. Once again I encourage all of you to follow the rules and help make Harbor Cove a Community we can all be proud of. God Bless you all.

## GRANDMOTHERS CLUB NOTICE

### Attention Movie Fans!

The GM Club will be showing The Age of Adaline on Sunday April 10th at 6:00 pm. Everyone that purchased a ticket for the movie in November that was cancelled is free for this showing.

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## **CABLE TV NOTES**

*by Jan Goudy*

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Verizon's fee structure to Civic is such that any home that is wired for Verizon must be charged. This means that any wired-in home where the owner declines cable TV must still be paid for by your Civic Association.

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## **BC News**

*by Deanne Fiddes*

The Commodores Ball this year was held on March 5th, honoring our new Commodore Gilles Girard and first Mate Cindy. What a great turnout we had, thank you to everyone who helped set up and take down. I think the decorating committee out did themselves this year. The theme this year was Under the Sea. The hall was decorated with a beautiful mermaid, made by Sue Glowacki, also a cute Octopus by Sandy Greif, we had a sunken ship, pirates, fish, shells, Sandy McGreevy once again outdid herself with decorating the hors d'oeuvres table. Tables were decorated with Dolphin centerpieces, turquoise placemats, the programs had a coral reef picture on the front. Ron Horbinski was our photographer this year, thank you Ron.

Our favorite punch this year was made by ladies from the committee, thank you both. Food was served by Gary Miller music by Twice as Nice, Honor Guard was North Port High School NJROTC. Once again Cathy Doll and Dottie Duquette gave



out boutonnieres and corsages to the head table, and visiting Commodores wives.

Master of Ceremonies was Larry Tombaugh. the roast was given out by Russ Denesha, Ellie Wikle said the prayer. The committee would like to thank them once again for a job well done.

Good luck to the new Commodore and his Board have a great year and smooth sailing. From everyone from the decorating committee.

## **CLOSE TO HEAVEN**

*BY Jim Morris, of the Writers Group*

Would you like to know some of the things I like to do? Let me count the ways. Can I count eating, sleeping, exercising, writing nonsense, watching football, woodworking, helping someone, sunbathing, walking the beach, watching the sun set, team work, driving my car, visiting with my kids and family, watching football, drinking with friends, gambling, and watching football? Did I say watching football?

The things I like to do the most have changed over the years as I grew older and my status changed.

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When the country was at war (WWII) it was very important to me to become a combat soldier. I did not want to spend the war as a ground school instructor in west Texas, I was willing to accept the danger of combat to satisfy the driving desire to be in on the action. This made me feel that I had done my full part. It still gives me a feeling of satisfaction. I am glad I went and I am also glad I survived.

When I had completed my schooling and my work career settled down I was happy to get married and become a husband and home owner. After four years of tough military service and four years of a tough college, it seemed heavenly to come home from work at five o'clock to a happy wife and a well cooked dinner. A pleasure that I will never forget was coming home from work to be greeted by a happy smiling wife and two little kids that ran to me for hugs. I would hug and wrestle with the kids on the floor for five minutes. It gave me a great feeling of satisfaction and completeness in a loving environment. Gladys was happy to have me playing with the kids while she completed the dinner preparations.

After retirement I thought the greatest comfort was to sunbathe on a warm afternoon drinking a Manhattan and waiting to be called to a well cooked dinner.

That is about as close to heaven as I have ever been.

Our beloved Jim Morris, 95, long time member of the Writers Group, died March 12. He was feisty to the end and never lost his wonderful wry sense of humor. To say that he will be missed is an understatement. He was one of a kind and we are honored to have known him and been his friends. Rest in peace, Jim.

## Harbor Cove Art Club Journey to the Fine Arts

By Shirley Napean



April...time to go home for the Snowbirds. A time when we say not goodbye but see you next season and if we don't get caught up in our commitments at home may even communicate with an email or two before then.

In this issue of the Newsletter, the Art Club would like to write a Tribute to Sylvia Hokansson. Sylvia and Carl have sold their home after living in Harbour Cove for 17 years to begin a new chapter of their lives. Sylvia began painting in oils when she arrived in Harbor Cove in 1999 and developed a passion for the medium and would become more involved in the creation of an official Art Club. The Art Club at that time was just a group of painters

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meeting on Friday mornings in the computer room of the Clubhouse.

Sylvia joined the committee to develop Long Range planning for the North Rec Building. The opening in 2008, provided a dedicated space for the Fine Arts. The Art Club became more formalized, an official club, developed a schedule that allowed for separate times for oils/acrylics and watercolour groups. The space provided the club with opportunities to plan activities such as the Paint and Party sessions held these past two years.

Throughout all of these years, Sylvia has been the leader, spokesperson and representative for the Art Club. She wrote the articles for the Harbor Cove newsletter, attended civic meetings on its behalf and every year organized the Harbour Cove Arts and Crafts Show in March, just to name a few. Her determination made sure that if something needed to be done, it got done.

Sylvia has been an empathetic leader ensuring decisions were collaborative and fair, inclusive and considerate of all members. The club definitely has some big shoes to fill...might take a few individuals to do so!!

Sylvia leaves us with an artistic heritage that we will enjoy for years to come. We have been blessed by her vision and friendship.

### **Below is the Fine Arts room schedule:**

- Mondays and Thursdays – 9 to 12 – Watercolors – No teacher, a “self-help” group.
- Wednesday 1 to 3 – Open Studio. Friday 9 to 12 - Oils and Acrylics – Teacher – Clare Harvey - \$10. per session.

## **MEET THE NEIGHBORS**

*By Bonnie Erfourth*

Meet Bob and Leslie Penny. They have wintered at 724 Riverview Circle since 2008. Their northern home is in Massachusetts. They chose Harbor Cove after Leslie had visited her cousin Carl and Mary Thompson for many years.

Leslie is a registered nurse. She grew up in Portland, Maine and attended Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing in Massachusetts. She worked there for many years in orthopedics. Later she worked on the cardiac floor at U. Mass. Medical Center. She retired in 2013. Bob grew up in Worcester, Mass. After attending St. John’s and Holy Cross, he became a high school math teacher in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, retiring in 2002.

They met while working at Worcester City Hospital and were married in 1969. They have four children: Lisa, Lori, Julie and Buddy, Robert III. They have become very active in the lives of their eleven grandchildren who range in age from 23 to two years old.

They have taken some interesting cruises. Their favorites were to Alaska and Hawaii. It sounds like they are world travelers as they have toured Portugal and Spain with friends. Now they are looking forward to a “River Cruise” down the Danube in May.

Bob loves woodworking and gardening. He has beautiful flower and vegetable gardens with a large green house. He volunteers in a community greenhouse project, starting flowers to be planted in their community’s public areas. Leslie likes to knit, especially for her grandchildren. She also has sung in her church choir for fifty years.

Leslie has spent a few more winters here than Bob. While here, she has attended potluck, making her

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delicious mac and cheese. I know that Leslie loves the pool and our beaches. Bob has been enjoying a daily stroll, getting acquainted with other walkers. He also does more walking in the pool. This year he has been enjoying a quiet winter with his books.

As they spend more time here, they hope to become more involved in the activities of Harbor Cove. Bob has some specific plans for his future in Harbor Cove. He's looking forward to joining the fishing club, woodworking and the wood carvers groups.

They love everything about Harbor Cove. According to them, "It's like living in paradise!" We can't get a better advertisement for Harbor Cove. Watch for them at the pool and during their strolls. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself. They are great neighbors.



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*Suggested by Irene Drozdowski*

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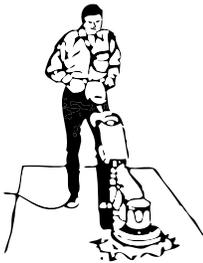
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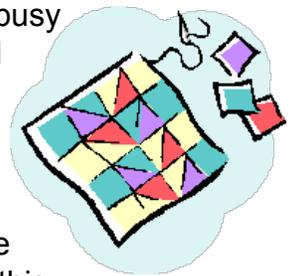
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## THE QUILT GROUP

*BY Sandy Greif*

The quilt group has been very busy this season. We completed and donated over 45 quilts. We gave the Grandmothers club, 13 baby quilts for their annual baby shower. We donated baby and newborn quilts to the Shriners a couple of times this year. We also made and distributed lap quilts to the Veterans home in Port Charlotte.



Thanks to all who purchased tickets for our raffle quilt. Proceeds from this sale allow us to purchase fabric and batting for next seasons crop of baby and lap quilts. As of this writing I do not know who won but I hope they are pleased and happy. We have already completed next seasons quilt top. You are going to love it.

I would also like to acknowledge two of our wonderful members ,Eileen Fearing and Priscilla Avery. Eileen

completed and sent to Haiti over 100 dresses and Priscilla sent almost 30 to Cuba with her church group. Priscilla already has a new batch of dresses cut out and ready to sew. Great job, ladies.

And as always we are happy to have any donations of usable fabric for these projects.

## **GLASS CRAFTERS**

*By Brenda Lemczak*

HC Glass Crafters are pleased to announce a project that we have been diligently working on to raise monies for newer equipment and tools. We do not have a fee to join the group, so most of the equipment has been in place for quite some time and needs repair or replacement.

We, as a group, have decided to make a Stained Glass piece to raffle off to the community. The project is quite an "ambitious" project, but will be stunning when we complete! There are approximately 300 pieces, measuring about 31"high x 25"wide. As you see, it will be quite a significant piece. Approximate value of our piece in the market would be \$800-\$1000

We will be selling only 100 raffle tickets at \$5 each. Tickets will be available until exactly 100 have been sold, probably next season. I know that seems like a

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By the time this is published, we should be well into the start of spring. I hope everyone is enjoying our great weather here in Harbor Cove. Don't take it for granted that I have been informed about those who are ill or have suffered a loss. Please leave a message on my answering machine at 941 240-6718 or e-mail me at [judybelyea@gmail.com](mailto:judybelyea@gmail.com).

Thanks, Judy Belye

long ways away, however, this is a large project and we want to get it right. If you are not present for the drawing, no need to worry, we will keep it safe until you arrive. People involved in project "Hummingbird" are as follows: Lois Dodge, Fred Jones, Brenda Lemczak, Elaine Miner and Patti Vail.

One last note, if you have an interest in the "dirty" art, please stop by and join us on Monday or Wednesdays @ 9:30. And if you would like to check out our progress on the project, you are welcome to drop in. I will post updates on Harbor Cove Residents Facebook page.

## **Harbor Cove Memorial** **Committee**

*By Betty Spahr*



The Memorial Committee members for 2015 were Mary Belanger, Jo Anne Dzuiba, Bonnie Erfourth, Jeanne Hansen and Betty Spahr as Chairperson. At the January 25th ROC meeting I asked for new volunteers to serve on the committee. We had three new members come forward, Nancy Cashen, Lois Cooke, and Irene White. Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month from December to April. Other meetings are called as needed.

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### **SYMPATHY**

Family of Howard Cole  
Loss of Howard  
Family of Paul Johnston  
Loss of Paul  
Family of Stella Laffleur  
Loss of Stella  
Family of John 'Jack' Neil  
Loss of Jack

The purpose of the Memorial Committee is to oversee the installation of pavers in the Memorial Walk on Tampico. Pavers are ordered for any Harbor Cove residents who have passed during the year. We send a letter to the family to ask what they would like on the paver. The form needs to be returned to us by March 31st. The list of residents is compiled and the order placed in April. Installation of the pavers is done during the summer.

The pavers are purchased with funds from our line item budget and donations from the Harbor Cove Memorial Golf outing each year. This year the Memorial Golf Outing is March 12 at Hills Golf Course in Rotunda.

Friends or family may wish to purchase additional pavers which we also oversee. Occasionally we receive requests from individuals or families who would like to place larger memorial pieces in the community in remembrance of loved ones. We must review those requests, seek the ROC's approval, and supervise their placement.

Sadly, 34 residents passed away in our community this year. We received requests for 5 additional pavers but there were no requests for larger memorials.

## **IMPORTANT CIVIC NOTE**

*By Sandy Greif*

We are in need of the chairman for the following events for the 2016/17 season

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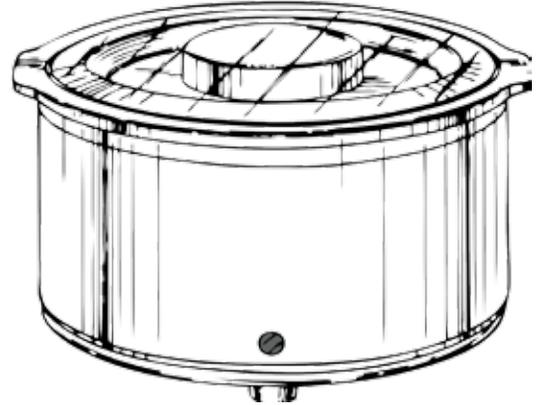
# POTLUCK RECIPE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2016

By *DIANE MATTESON, POTLUCK COORDINATOR*

The chosen recipe at February's potluck was prepared by a visitor, Deborah Heede, Linda Cress' sister-in-law. It was:

## Slow Cooker Creamed Corn with Bacon

- 10 c frozen corn, thawed (about 50 oz.)
- 3 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, cubed
- ½ c 2% milk
- ½ c butter, melted
- ½ c heavy whipping cream
- ¼ c sugar
- 2 t salt
- ¼ t pepper
- 4 bacon strips, cooked & crumbled
- Chopped green onions



In 5 qt. slow cooker combine first 8 ingredients. Cook, covered, on low 4-5 hours or until heated through. Stir just before serving. Sprinkle with bacon and green onions.

Thank you Deborah for visiting Harbor Cove and sharing this great recipe with all of us.

## APRIL POTLUCK

*Bill & Diane Matteson, Potluck Coordinators*



Our busy season is very quickly coming to an end. Our last potluck of the season is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st. Social time will begin at 4:30 pm and dinner will begin

at 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass to serve 10-12, your own silverware and coffee cup, whatever beverage you want and \$1 per person. Meat, bread & rolls, coffee and tea will be provided. If you'll be heading north before then please travel safe and have a healthy and warm summer. We look forward to seeing you when you come back in the fall.

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11-12:30	OPEN PICKLEBALL	TC	1-4	OILS & ACRYLIC	FA	3-6	OPEN	FA
12-2	CR1 OVERFLOW	FA	3-6	SEWING WORKSHOP	CR1	3-6	NEEDLE ARTS	CR1
12-3	QUILTING	CR1	6-9	QUILTING	CR1	3-6	OPEN WORKSHOP	CR1
1-3	Advanced Photography	CR2	6-9	CR 1 OVERFLOW	FA	6-9	STUDIO	FA
6-9	CRAFTS (last mon of mo)	CR2						
6:30	SCRABBLE	CR2						
Tuesday			Thursday			Saturday		
9-12	PAPERCRAFTS	CR2	9-12	WATERCOLORS	FA	9-10:30	OPEN PICKLEBALL	TC
9-12	OVERFLOW FROM FA	CR1	9-12	FA OVERFLOW	CR1	9:30-11	Photography	CR2
11-12:30	WOMEN PICKLEBALL	TC	9-12	WOOD CARVERS	CR2			
12:30	PAPER QUILLING	CR2	11-12:30	MEN PICKLEBALL	TC			
12-3	SPECIAL CRAFTS	CR1	12-4	CARD MAKING	CR1			
6-9	CRAFTY LADIES	CR1	1-3	WOOD CARVERS	CR2			
6-9	CR 1 OVERFLOW	FA	6-9	QUILTING	CR1			
			7-9	CAMERA CLASS	CR2			
Sunday								
						9:00	SEWING WORKSHOP	CR1
						9:00	OPEN STUDIO	FA
						9:00	OPEN STUDIO	CR1
						10-1pm	OPEN TENNIS	TC

## Legend - North Rec

CR1 Craft Room 1  
 CR2 Craft Room 2  
 FA Fine Arts  
 TC Tennis Court

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