



Photo by Ray Zwart

Due to increased printing costs, we will now be printing the Ocean Resorts Island Times in black and white. You may view a color version of each issue on the website at <https://www.oceanresortscopinc.org>

MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Holcomb, CAM

Good afternoon,

I hope everyone is doing well. There are some units that still need skirting, soffit and fascia, and/or roof repairs, etc. As season comes into full swing, I ask you to please address those repairs on your unit as you return to the Co-Op if your unit was impacted by the storm.

Comfort station four exterior renovation is complete.

Summerlin's Marine should be starting on the new retaining wall by the pavilion by the end of this month.

Just a reminder to clean up after your pet. There have been several complaints of dog poop not being cleaned up. There are dog stations throughout the park; please use them. It is also the owner's responsibility to maintain positive control of your pet and they are to be on a leash of 6 feet or less at all times when outside.

If you are storing a kayak or paddle board on the rack at the marina, make sure it has your name and lot number on it.

Just a few reminders: be considerate of your neighbors - quite hours are between 10 pm and 7 am.

Volunteers are a big part of the daily routine here at Ocean Resorts. If anyone is interested in being added to the volunteer list, let me know. If anyone would like to be added to my blast email contact list, either call the office or send us an email and we will add you so you will receive future blast emails.

"Did You Know"

What is the purpose of the Organization Meeting of a newly elected Board of Directors and how many days does the Board have to hold this meeting? The purpose is to elect the Board's Officers and it must be held within 10 days of the election. Reference Ocean Resorts By-Law 3.2

That is all for now, should you have any questions please let us know.

Be "In the Know" by attending these meetings:

- **Board of Directors' Meeting** -
- Thursday, January 18 at 9:00 in the
- Clubhouse
- **Annual Shareholders' Meeting** -
- Saturday, February 3 at 2:00 at the
- Pavilion

PRESIDENT'S REPORT **by David Comolli**

Now that my term is coming to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board members, the various committee members and the shareholders for their support over the past 3 years.

The transition from a Management Company back to a self managed co-op has been a very rocky road. We have had to fill numerous Board and Staff positions in the transition process. Problems both big and small were solved and we moved on.

With the grace of God, the past two hurricanes just grazed us with very little damage. We now have a good management team in place and I am looking forward to a bright and prosperous future for Ocean Resorts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

ELECTION INFORMATION **By Mary Dombro**

Since there were not enough candidates to replace the expiring terms of three members of the Ocean Resort Board of Directors, there will be no election this year. Nor will there be a "Meet the Candidate" assembly. Two eligible candidates, who submitted letters of intent, will automatically become board members. The third vacancy will be determined by the Board. The new Board of Directors will be announced on February 3, 2018 at the annual board meeting. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the pavilion.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Ida Smith

Photos by Lee Koesema

The Activities Committee had a very busy holiday season. Refreshments were served at the Christmas Tree Lighting Program which was held at the Center Mall.



The Annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon was well attended and, as usual, the food was plentiful and delicious.

The entertainment

was violin music provided by the talented sisters, Ada and Gracie, and the ladies did a special rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas, led by Lee Koesema.



On Christmas Eve, at the Children's Christmas Party, Santa (our own Eric Weed) paid a special visit to the children, giving out gifts and candy.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (continued)

Our updated 2017-2018 Ocean Resorts Telephone Directory is now on sale for \$2.50 at the Post Office as well as the Office.

Check out our supply of T-Shirts, hats, number plates, etc...which are on display in the Post Office and the Game Room. Call Judy Smolarek if you are interested in purchasing any of the items.



A Pampered Chef show will be held on Monday, Jan. 22nd. Sign up in the Post Office if you will be attending.



The Activities Committee is sponsoring and looking forward to the many upcoming events such as the Hot Dog/Hamburger Roasts, Flea Markets, a Fashion Show, the "I Love OR Week" festivities and much more. Check the Schedule of Activities and the Weekly Schedules posted on the bulletin boards with copies in the Post Office.

Thanks to everyone who helped to organize the **Christmas Dinner** for all of the Ocean Resort's residents who stayed in the park this year. The dinner was wonderful and the fellowship the best!!



New Year's Eve



Photo by Cibby Gardiner

PARTY AT THE CLUBHOUSE! By Donna Comolli

We all had a great time at our New Year's Eve party at the clubhouse!! The dinner was catered by a couple in the park, Roland and Kim; he is a Culinary Arts instructor at one of the Ft. Pierce high schools and she is a teacher and a baker. Dinner was Chicken Romano, Penne Pasta, Caesar Salad and homemade Italian bread which everyone said was delicious!

Party goers brought appetizers or desserts to round out the dinner.



Photo by Cibby Gardiner

BONFIRE ON THE BEACH By Judy Smolarek

Please be sure to visit Ace Hardware in Fort Pierce and THANK them for supplying and delivering free wood pallets for our bonfire.



Photo by Cibby Gardiner

Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped us with the New Year's Eve bonfire by carrying wood and digging the hole. The fireworks also added to the party mood, along with singing Auld Lang Syne.



Photo by Cibby Gardiner

The weather was perfect for the approximately 75 people who attended and had their glow on.

The remainder of the firewood will be used in the "once in a blue moon" bonfire on Jan 31 at 6:00 PM, weather permitting.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

By Mary Dombro

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Despite the very chilly weather, we were able to get this job done and items stored away in under an hour. Wonderful team work was exhibited!!!!

We held our first meeting of the season on January 4th. One of our projects, this year, is to work with the Activities Committee to purchase outdoor umbrellas to be used at any outdoor event. The number of working umbrellas that we currently have will determine the additional number needed.

Our annual Chicken Barbecue will held on Saturday, February 24th, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Music will be provided by "Just Us," and we ask you to BYOB and snacks for yourselves. Tickets will be sold, beginning Monday through Friday, February 12th - 16th and Tuesday through Friday, February 20th - 23rd. **Tickets will not be sold on Monday, February 19th, Presidents' Day, or on Saturday, February 24th.** The price of a ticket is \$10.00 per person and will be sold at the Post Office from 2:00-4:00 p.m.



Photo by Glenn Ludwig

BOCCE

By Mary Dombro

You may have heard that our new bocce chairperson is very ill. Karen Wroblewski was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome and is unable to presently reside at Ocean Resorts. She has asked that I take over this committee for her until she is able to return. Please keep Karen and her husband Roger, in your thoughts and prayers.

The bocce season will begin on Monday, January 15th and Wednesday, January 17th. The first game of each day begins at 9:00 a.m., with the following games playing one and a half hours later than the previous one.

LET THE BOCCE GAMES BEGIN!!!!!!

POOL COMMITTEE
By Sue Ertel

Welcome back to Ocean Resorts. I am still in NY and it is freezing up here. Looking forward to returning to OR soon! From what I am hearing, it is cold in Florida too. So, we NEED volunteers to help cover our pool each (65 degrees or lower) night so we can enjoy the warm water temperature the next day.

Please stop down to the post office/library and sign up for a night or add your name to the sub list. It takes 2 people to get the cover on. I will be happy to give you a quick lesson. See you all soon!

TENNIS COMMITTEE
By John and Karen Stampfi

The tennis club just started our daily playing schedule. The men play at 8am 10am and 3pm The women play at 9am 11am and 4pm. The daily 5:00 late bird round robin is open to all.

If you would like to get on the schedule for any of these times, please contact Cathy Moon for the women's morning schedule. Jean Lockerby for 4 pm slot and John Stampfli for the 3pm slot. Peter Hartl will be taking over for Dave Comolli for the men's morning schedule so please contact Pete.

The first tournament of the season is the mixed doubles on January 20 & 21. Andy Bonnetti is the tournament coordinator. Watch for the sign up sheet at the tennis pavilion.

YOGA by Nancy Wilder

Yoga classes will resume on January 22, 2018 at 10 am. Please bring an exercise mat and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

Again this year, our beloved Ann will lead the one hour classes. Ann is an experienced yoga teacher. With patience, kindness and humor, she helps the Ocean Resort participants stretch, balance and breathe correctly.

Classes are coed, and suitable for all levels of ability. "There is no judgement on the mat". Respect for your body and its strengths and limitations is the core of yoga practice. Stop by and take a class, I guarantee you will feel better!

MAHJONG by Nancy Wilder

We're back!!! Mahjong is starting up again as Ocean Resorts fills up with our returning friends and neighbors. Thursday night is the night, the clubhouse is the place, 6:30 is the time. Bring your set or join an ongoing game. And remember, there's Wednesday afternoon mahjong in the game room.

For those interested in Mahjong lessons, please speak with someone on a Thursday night as we look forward to introducing everyone to the fun and challenge of mahjong (it's not just a woman's game).

MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

The meditation classes scheduled for Mondays have been put on hold temporarily. But remember, meditation is simply the regular practice of paying attention - to a word or your breath, or the sand under your feet. Try to pause a few moments every day to look at our beautiful community, take in deep slow breaths of ocean air, and marvel at the sun and the clouds. Live mindfully and experience gratitude.

**Ocean Resorts Celebrates our Nonagenarians:
Interviewed by Lee Koesema**

LOIS DIFILIPPO



Photo by Lee Koesema

I was born on March 24, 1927, in Perth Amboy General Hospital. This is the same hospital where my mother earned her R.N. Degree. When I was seven years old, we moved to a small hamlet called, "Chelsea on the Hudson", where I learned to swim. I was educated in a two-room school house for grades one through eight.

My father contracted TB (tuberculosis) while serving in the Army during World War I. We moved to Chelsea so my father could be treated for his illness in a veteran's hospital. We lived there for five years then moved back to New Jersey when my father was well. My father was an accomplished pianist. At age sixteen, he played the piano for the "silent-movies" and gave lessons in our home. We always had a piano in our home, and as he practiced daily, I would dance to his music every day.

In NJ, after graduation, I went to work for Merck and Company, in Rahway, N.J., doing micro analytical work until retirement age. It was while working there, I met my husband Al, "Chick", at a dance. Al had served three and a half years in the Navy, spending some of that time on the U.S. Carrier Wasp. We were married in 1948. During these years, many of our summer vacations would involve traveling in our 5th wheel trailer. In 1987, we traveled across this country and into Canada. We were on the road for three months, putting over 11,000 miles on our unit.

In 1983 on one of our road trips, we came to Ocean Resorts, and bought a lot on Loggerhead. Who could resist that beautiful pool and the ocean across the street! Since I was seven years old, I had spent most of my summers swimming in the Hudson River all day long, or as long as I could. My love for swimming had never left me, but could never be satisfied since I had no place to swim. When my eyes saw this beautiful pool, here at Ocean Resorts, I just knew I had to live here. During the early 80s, the Barnett Bank in Florida sponsored the "Good Life Games", and for many years, I competed with other Ocean Resorts friends in many events. Swimming was my best event, and our team from Ocean Resorts won many metals. I was also fortunate to win many first place medals.



Photo taken from historyor.com

We bought our second lot on Ebbitide, and put on a house but it was sadly destroyed with Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne. Finally, we put a new house on Compass Cove in 1999, where I live today. During my many years at Ocean Resorts, along with swimming, I enjoyed tennis and bridge, and was blessed to have made many lasting friendships. After all the traveling my husband and I did, over all

“Wandering Soles”

By Barb Goodman

Ocean Resorts is blessed to have such a diverse group of owners and renters with diverse talents. This month we are highlighting artist Glenn “Doc” Stimpson, who has been at Ocean Resorts since November, 2016. You may know Glenn as he passes you by on the way to his daily barefoot walk on the beach with his walking stick.

Glenn has found many interesting items on the beach but some of his latest finds after Hurricane Irma inspired him to put together a fascinating and thought-provoking creation. Entitled “Wandering Soles”, the artistic piece causes you to envision the people behind the shoes and formulate stories about those people and what might have caused the shoes to be separated from them.

Glenn said he was not thinking of doing anything with the shoes after he had gathered them but that they seemed to haunt him as he contrived his stories about each one. It was not until he put the creation together that he found any peace surrounding the shoes.

Glenn was born in the Chesapeake Bay Area but immediately moved to Virginia then to Texas, Tennessee and Alabama as a preacher’s son. He served in the Vietnam War from 1967-68 as a Combat Medic. Glenn - Thanks for your military service and for your art that graces our lovely resort! “Wandering Soles” may be seen on Gisela Migliore’s house on Loggerhead Place.



OCEAN RESORTS "HAPPY HOUR" 2018
By Sharon and Tom English

The **OCEAN RESORTS "HAPPY HOUR"** will continue throughout 2018 on the second and fourth THURSDAY during the winter season. HAPPY HOUR is held at the pavilion from 4-6 PM, it is BYOB - beverage and snack to share. It's a great opportunity to meet new and old friends in our wonderful community. All residents, guests and renters are welcome to join in a fun evening. The following dates have been set for 2018: JAN 11 & 25, FEB 8 & 22, MAR 8 & 22 and APR 12 & 26. MAY-DEC we will meet only on the last Thursday of each month. Every month, as a reminder, there will be posters at the post office and comfort stations.

January 25 will be a special **MEET and GREET** for new owners. We are hoping that our new shareholders will come to Happy Hour so that we can all have a chance to meet!!

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY MIMS!!



LET'S EAT OUT!
By Sharon English

SUSHI-THAI, OH MY! For a small city, downtown Ft. Pierce has three excellent Asian restaurants for your choosing. Each has its own atmosphere but offer many choices of Thai and Japanese cuisine. We have tried each of them and recently went to the newest, Wasabi Thai Sushi.

WASABI THAI SUSHI

217 Orange Avenue, Ft. Pierce
772-242-1310

Hours: Mon-Fri 11AM-10PM, Sat-Sun 12 Noon-10PM

www.wasabithaisushi.com.

At Wasabi Thai Sushi, we enjoyed the modern atmosphere, the helpful, friendly wait staff and of course, our dinners. The extensive menu was presented both on an IPAD and a menu book. The IPAD made choosing a little easier with visuals. We shared a Big Blue Monster roll: tempura shrimp, tuna, crab, scallions, and spicy mayo. For our main entree we split a Whole Fried Snapper, which came with a garlic sweet chili sauce, wonton soup and rice. The restaurant serves beer, wine and cocktails. There are two spacious dining rooms that could easily accommodate a big group.



THAI PEPPER

224 Orange Avenue
772-577-6989

Closed Mon, Tues-Fri lunch 11AM-2:30 PM,
Sat 11AM- 10 PM, Sun 11AM-9:30PM

Thai Pepper is across the street from Wasabi Thai Sushi and is a lovely restaurant with a pleasant, intimate atmosphere. It is locally owned and family

operated. The beautifully presented food is mostly Thai and sushi. The last time we visited we received a complimentary dessert. Both beer and wine are served.

KRAZY FISH

211 Avenue A
772-595-3566

Hours: Closed Sun, Mon-Fri 11:00 AM -9:30 PM,
Sat-Sun 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

www.krazyfish.net



KRAZY FISH is a fun locally owned place decorated with FISH! We ate there last summer and it was quite busy. The menu also has an extensive offering of Thai and Japanese dishes. We enjoyed a crispy Siam Duck dish and Sushi. They offer both beer, wine and saki.

The Nature of Ocean Resorts

By Linda Smolarek

All the colors of the Mangroves - red, white and black.....

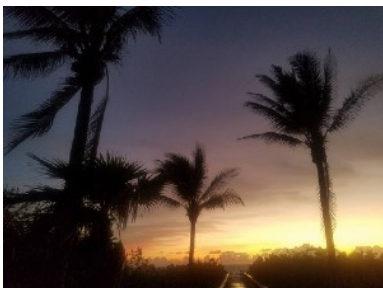


Much of our island facing the river is covered in mangrove forests. The term “mangrove” is applied to a species of tropical trees –in Florida. The Red Mangrove, The Black Mangrove and White Mangrove that share in their ability to tolerate tidally flooded coastal banks, not requiring fresh water. These tropical trees survive in areas where the average temperature is above 65 degrees with few hard freezes.

Some 470,000 acres of mangrove forest line Florida’s salty coast creating one of the largest mangrove ecosystems in the world. They protect the shoreline against erosion and storm surges, and provide safe harbor to a full spectrum of animal life. Fish and crustaceans live amid their underwater roots; land animals find shelter and food within the mangroves.

Florida law mandates that mangroves never be trimmed below six feet in height. All three Florida varieties have exposed roots that “breathe” through pores facilitating oxygen uptake in a submerged habitat. The Red Mangrove roots dangle and eventually grow into tangled loops called prop roots. This complex roots system creates a micro-habitat important in providing sanctuary for young marine organisms.

Mangroves filter sediment, dust and debris from the water. As with all plants, mangroves improve air quality by using carbon dioxide for photosynthesis. Our shoreline mangrove thickets provide unique roosting and nesting sites for herons, egrets, White Ibises, Brown Pelican and Magnificent Frigate birds. Next time you are out in your kayak, stop and admire the intricate ecosystem, right here, in your own backyard.



**Photos by
Ray Zwart**



UPCOMING EVENTS



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, January 25, 2018
Servings: 4:30, 5:15, 6:00 PM

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread
Dessert, Wine & Coffee

TICKETS - \$10 PER PERSON
AVAILABLE AT POST OFFICE
2:30-4:30



Jan. 18th - Jan. 24th

Presented by Marina Committee



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JANUARY 27TH
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February 1st to 28th

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Red Fish	Sheephead
Black Drum	Bluefish
Any Trout	Any Snapper
King and/or Spanish Mackerel	
Any other legal fish	

To Register/Weigh your fish call:

Paul Kozlowski	330-352-7819
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John Sundstrom	1-616-638-4166
David Crook	207-450-4568
Luxy LeClair	207-649-4686
Joe Goodman	724-594-3473

AWARDS CEREMONY & HOT DOG ROAST
SUNDAY March 4th @ Noon at Rec Hall Pavilion

January 20/21 - Mixed Doubles
Tennis Tournament

January 22 - Pampered Chef
Party

February 1-28: Ocean Resorts
Fishing Tournament

February 3 - Annual Meeting

February 10/11 - Sadie Hawkins
Tennis Tournament

February 11-17: "I ♥ OCEAN"

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