

The Savoy on Palm Newsletter

Note from the Editor

Betsy Cole

Special thanks to all of you who have taken the time and made the effort to send me information for the newsletter. I really appreciate it! For the upcoming newsletters I welcome any suggestions for ideas that you would like to see more of, less of, or new. Email me at:

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I apologize for the length of this edition. I have added a new category just for the winter and spring Holiday issues, titled 'Grandchildren visits.' The purpose is two-fold; to introduce our grandchildren, possibly providing more fun during their visits over the years and, secondly, and equally important, to forewarn all of us! All totaled and reported to date, we have 3 two year olds, 7 four to seven year olds, 2 eleven to thirteen year olds and one 'on the way' coming to visit during the Holidays!

Under 'resources' I have taken the liberty to include a place for information about our owners and their families' interests, organizations, and/or business pursuits that may be of interest to us.

As I write this newsletter I am struck that I don't actually have to remember to use last names for you to know who I am talking about. I continue to be amazed and filled with gratitude for our wonderful, generous, friendly, cohesive, and interesting community of owners and staff at The Savoy. What a wonderful thought as we enter the New Year.

Wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy 2008!!

Message from the President

Peter Fanning

TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY AND
THOUGHTFUL OF OTHERS.

I thought I would share these thoughts written by George Hawley a while ago as we were starting to organize the Board of Directors after the Turnover. Even though the Board has not fully deliberated a vision statement, George's thoughts are very apropos to our present situation and the spirit of the holiday season. Thanks George.

We are a community in the best sense of the word, and we are always willing to step forward to help and support one another in good times and bad.

We are a neighborhood of good neighbors, and we behave at all times in a way so as not to impose our individual ideas or ways on our neighbors. We want to live together in a peaceful environment.

We want to enjoy each other's company while respecting each other's privacy.

We are investors in the community and we all support the maximum value of our investment, representing the Savoy

on Palm Condominium to be worthy of its high valuation because of the quality of life that we are privileged to share.

We are members of the surrounding Sarasota City and County communities and we are committed to supporting and participating in activities that help strengthen those communities, especially for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We are a group of talented and knowledgeable individuals. We respect the diversity of our backgrounds while we celebrate the contributions that we all make to the community through the use of our individual experiences and abilities.

We are good stewards of the property, caring for all of the common facilities, their upkeep and cleanliness as we do our individual homes.

Happy holidays to all from your Board of Directors.

Upcoming Savoy Events

Parties - Mark your calendars!

***New events! January 10, 2008 10:00 am, Thursday.**

Lynda Doery has graciously offered us a personal tour of the backstage of the ballet. We can observe the company taking their morning class, see their dressing rooms, the dancer's lounge, the costume department and learn about the educational programs. Lunch will follow at The Treviso Restaurant next door at The Ringling. Space is limited to 15. If you want to attend email Lynda lidoery@verizon.net ASAP.

***January 13th 6:00pm Sunday, party room. Italian night.** Very informal, come as you are, pot luck, end of the week, monthly get together. Attendees contribute a dish of the country sponsored. Sign up sheet is now in the post room. You will be notified of the number of people attending so you can plan your contribution. Last date for sign up is January 6th. The television will be available for game watchers!!
2nd Sunday International potluck cuisine night Schedule follows:
Sunday January 13, 2008 – Italian Cuisine – Betsy
Sunday February 10, 2008 – French cuisine – Lynda
Sunday March 9, 2008 – Chinese – Coots
Sunday April 13th – Greek – Marge
Sunday May 4th – Mexican – Leslie

*Anyone interested in a game night, or afternoon (bridge, etc) there will be a sign up sheet in the post room. Marge will coordinate the event.

***Owner Lecture Series** After the initial primaries, Peter Fanning has agreed to give a talk about the health care position of the candidates. Date to be announced. If

you have a talk that you would like to give or wish to request a talk on about a subject of interest from another owner or person, please contact that person and me.

***February 3, 2007** Super Bowl Party. 5:00 3rd Floor party room. Pot Luck. Details to be announced in February newsletter sent out January 26th.

***February 24, 2008** Condo Peep and Oscar's party. Catered. 3rd floor party room. Details to be announced.

Meetings

***Note change.** January 10, 2008 4:00 pm Board of Directors meeting will be held on 3rd floor. At this meeting there will be a discussion about changing the meeting to the 2nd Thursday of the month. .

*** January 29, 2008** 9:00 am Social Committee Meeting 3rd floor.

*** February 6, 2008 Wednesday 3rd floor 9:30** Facilities meeting 3rd Floor

Committees

Civic Committee: Jerry Elden reports that our new civic committee has started work and had its first meeting December 10th. The committee chaired by Coots Siegel with Jerry and Anne Bladstrom will concern itself with issues affecting owners' quality of life at The Savoy. They will be in contact with city, county, and state agencies and associations on issues such as development of our surrounding area, parking, vagrants, unkempt city property (i.e. leading up to our building), relations with Church of the Redeemer etc.

Life Safety: The water softener has been installed in the emergency generator room. You should notice a marked difference in the condition of your skin and hair. Fred has provided us with a photo our of new system. Shown on the last page of the letter.

Rules:

1. Small toys (including pool toys) **are** allowed at the pool. We ask everyone to take them back upstairs with you when you are finished using them. Please don't leave them around the pool.
2. At the next Board meeting the Board will consider the Rules Committee recommendation that food and drinks be permitted around the pool, not in it. So right now the previous Rule stands which prohibits food and drinks around the pool. No glass items are permitted around the pool at any time. Our grandchildren and other guests (and this includes owners too) can have snacks under the gazebo at the tables, but not in the immediate pool area.
3. The Board approved the Rules committee recommendation that private parties would not be permitted around the pool and the grill area. We felt that

these areas should always be available to owners. An alternative outdoor area is the Rooftop, which can be reserved the same way we make reservations for the party room.

Facilities: Billy Roe reports there are a lot of 'irons in the fire' and we can expect many wonderful changes in the upcoming weeks and months. All will be reported in the next newsletter.

Landscape: Until we have a better solution 'spent' orchids may be left against the wall behind the grill. The watering system will reach them and they are out of sight while not in bloom.

Reminders

Rules and Regulations

*Be sure and read your Rules Manual. The committee has made a tremendous effort to make our communal living respectful and enjoyable.

*Remember to check out the web site for *any and all* information you need about The Savoy.

Notice to Residents

*Homelessness is a big issue, especially at this time of year. Should you be stopped by someone seeking money, remember that panhandling is illegal in Sarasota. It is a wiser use of money and more supportive of law enforcement while still help the less-fortunate, if we donate money to an organization like the Salvation army who house, feed and counsel homeless. They are located 1400 10th street near the Savoy.

Helpful Hints and Requests of the month

*Bill Roe has purchased two 30 x 12 x 1 inch furnace filters from Ace hardware on Ringling for less than \$5.00 to fit into the vent over his garage door to minimize the amount of dust coming into the garage. It works well.

*It is requested that all owners closely inspect their balconies and exterior areas for wasp's nests. If any are found please fill out a work request form at the front desk, so that Kim can come up and remove the nests.

Resources

*A list of all your committee chairs and members will be posted on the website as of this writing. I will also print it and post it in the post room. If you don't see your name, do feel free to sign up and participate.

*Do check out the website www.laptoplunches.com . This is a just a wonderful gift idea for your grandchildren!! It is made and developed by Nancy and Bob's daughter Amy!

Owner News

+Leslie Rivera is in Houston, Texas celebrating her Mother, 'Petes' 95th! birthday. She warns all Savoy

owners, their friends and relatives who visit Houston to stay off the roads on Fridays because it is Pete's beauty shop day and she drives herself there!

+Congratulations to Dick Rivera who just opened his 4th Marlow's Tavern last Tuesday in Keenesaw, Georgia.

+Candice and Gary will be spending the holidays and welcoming the New Year 'in the land of enchantment at their home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Taos ski slopes opened today!' on 12/12

+The Totem statues have been returned to the Lobby. Bob Lindeman sends thanks to Joey and Toby Tanenbaum on behalf of all of us.

Grandchildren's Visits!!

What fun to know about all the grandchildren that will be visiting over the holidays. Below are the ages, genders and 'owners' of them, as well as a few suggestions for fun things to do.

+*Toby and Marvin* have 28 month old twin grandchildren. One boy and one girl. 12/21 – 12/28.

+*Bob and Nancy* have 4 grandchildren Nathan 5 and Daniel 3, Briam 13 and Dana 11 arriving 12/28 - 1/6.

+*Lynne and Marv* have 3 grandchildren arriving from Pittsburg Rachael 7, Josh 4 ½ and Daniel 2. 12/23 – 12/27.

+*Billy and Betsy* have 2 granddaughters from Minnesota, Libby 7 ¾ and Katharine 5 and 11/12 (important increments!) 12/21 – 12/31.

+*Ronna and Wayne* have a grandchild still in vitro, arriving from Maryland 12/23 – 12/31.

*If any one is interested in the social committee planning a winter or spring holiday event for grandchildren over future Holidays, please let us know. In the mean time, it might be fun to call and arrange for some of the kids to meet, weather permitting, at the pool or another spot, to get to know each other.

Things to do:

-Our new neighborhood Payne Park, just a few blocks away, is great and safe for biking and walking. It is well lit at night.

-G-WIZ Museum for kids on 1001 Blvd of the Arts by the Hyatt is just wonderful for kids and adults.

-Playground at Bay front. The animal fountains will be closed for repairs until February but the playground equipment is fun and fenced in.

-Kids Zone is a kid's party on New Year's Eve sponsored by the city on Main and Orange. *Punch and Judy Show* along with lots of other interactive events.

-Selby Gardens Lights in Bloom festival. Children under 12 free. 6-9pm December 12-16, 19-23, 26-30. The Café and Garden Shops will open nightly, and children and families will enjoy activities such as cookie decorating, storytelling, a secret garden, and an interactive giant picture book. Special guests Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the Gardens on December 15 and 22 along with face painter, Pitter Pat. Beautiful experience for all.

@ Town.... Restaurant//Theater/Events picks and reviews

*The Eldens mentioned The Symphony Gala is January 19th at the Ritz Carlton. They are delighted that some of the Savoy owners are attending because of the importance of supporting the arts in our town and keeping Sarasota the cultural center of Florida.

*We are all welcome to the New Year's Eve party sponsored by the city beginning 7:00 to 1:00am on Main and Lemon. There will be bands and stage shows. Kid's entertainment starts at 7:00 on Main and Orange. See under Grandchildren's visits.

*Dee said she just ran into the owner of B & B La Palm Royale on Palm Avenue and he offered the following: A 10% discount to Savoy Guests. He also will be offering wine from 609 every 'First Walk' on Palm Ave. The B&B is pet friendly, any size dog. Telephone 866 800-3921. Website: www.lprsrq.com.

Our new water softener:

