

The Savoy on Palm Newsletter

Note from the Editor

Betsy Cole

As the winter storms and cold weather rage through the northern states, I feel grateful and fortunate every day to be living in this wonderful climate, where we all are ensconced in the best building in the city, surrounded by such a fabulous community of Savoy owners.

While we enjoy our lives here, it is also reassuring to know that our Turn-Over committee, Peter, Mort, Billy and Wayne, is working for hours every single day to successfully conclude the transition process with Floria and Turner. We cannot thank this team enough for all they are doing. Of course we all, especially the Turn-Over committee, look forward to the day when this huge project is completed. Continuing gratitude goes to all of the many owners who continue to join committees and step up to the plate to make life at the Savoy work as well as it does. We have a lot to be grateful for, including the new arrivals of grandchildren to our extended community! See Owner's News.

Please note a few event **date changes** under Upcoming Savoy Events. Any CHANGES, as well as new events, will be in **PURPLE** letters. *Happy Spring to all!!*

Letter from the Chair

Peter Fanning

For all those who subscribe to the old adage that there is only one direction to go when you are on top, let me introduce you to the Savoy on Palm Condominium Association, Inc. and its owner-members. Those who fear being on top usually do so because they believe the fall from such a lofty position is imminent and are also the ones who resist challenge and change.

I learned long ago that when you are on top there are two directions to go. The unmotivated and pessimistic people are always looking down. The ambitious and energetic people are always looking up. Now in which direction do you think a Savoyite looks? Our family of Savoy members knows only too well that when on top, the direction we are going is limitless. It is defined only by our own limitations. I fully expect all of the owners at the Savoy are limitless pro activists for the Savoy who fully believe we live in the best building in Sarasota. Even so, it continues to amaze me and makes me proud to hear from non-Savoyites in our community how they admire our building and its active owners. The dedication of so many owners who are not only trying to improve our living environment in the building, but also the many who are actively engaged in the community at large furthers our reputation as an extraordinary asset to Sarasota. So when you hear or see that one of our owners has again been recognized in the community, let everyone know

that that person is part of the Savoy family. And when you see or hear that one of our champions is arranging a meeting, seminar, community event or information session, jump on board and attend whenever possible. Experience what moving in one direction means when you are on top and you live at the Savoy.

Upcoming Savoy Events

Parties - Mark your calendars!

**The schedule for the continuing Informal, 2nd Sunday, potluck, International cuisine night follows:*

Sunday March 9, 2008 – French – Coots- **Last chance to sign up is March 5th!!*

**Sunday April 13th – Greek – Marge*

**Sunday May 4th – Mexican – Leslie*

Meetings/talks/lectures

**Owner Lecture Series-nothing more planned. Please consider signing up.*

**March 13, 2008 Thursday 4:00pm. Board of Director's meeting 3rd Floor.*

**March 3, 2008 Life Support Training. 3 ½ hour course, 1st come 1st serve, \$30/person, sign up with concierge. April date to be announced*

**March 5, Wednesday 7:00pm 3rd Floor –Civic committee meeting, with Lt. Karr who will discuss 'vagrancy' and the issues the Police department has in dealing with homelessness. There will be discussion on what we can do as citizens to help.*

**March 13 or 19 (to be announced by email) Discussion regarding the plans of our new neighbor, the Plaza Hotel. Details under Civic committee report.*

**March 26, 9:30 - Facilities Committee 9:30 3rd Floor*

Committees (Committee reports are made at each board meeting)

Facilities: Bill Roe reports the Facilities Committee has recently accomplished the following:

- The Timer for the SPA has been installed.
- The order for the fence to be located on the NW side of the property has been placed.
- 'No Parking' signs for the 1st floor garage have been ordered and are awaiting installation.
- We have worked with Kim and Jim to provide more visibility to the owners of the Savoy of the Work Order request status. The binder with this information is available for all to review at the front desk.
- The replacement cushions of the Pool and Terrace areas have been ordered and should arrive before the end of the month.
- The Party Room once again has HD TV.
- So far, we are unsuccessful in getting permission from The church of the Redeemer to install a short walkway by the NE gate leading to Burns Court.

We have requested of the Board, approval to have the Concierge perform additional duties such as watering, clerical work, pool skimming, picking up etc. during quiet times. We are awaiting a decision.

In an attempt to improve the general appearance and condition of The Savoy, Gary Jones and Bill Roe will be meeting with Beth Callans to assist in the development of the daily *Walk-Through* and *Job Task Lists* for the staff.

Rules: Nothing to report

Civic: Coots Siegel reports Todd Kucharski, Deputy Director Public Works, is looking into having the city be responsible for landscaping the property adjacent to the Church of The Redeemers parking lot on Palm heading south towards us.

On either March 13th or 19th, The Savoy will host political activist, Denise Kowal who will speak about the Plaza Hotel's current plans for construction, Greenery, future changes etc. The architect of the hotel as well as other Palm Avenue residents will attend.

Landscaping: Bea and Betsy report that on March 10th Areca will be planted along the south wall of the pool for privacy by the grill area. Lobelia will replace the dead plants along the pool wall. More jasmine vines will be planted in the planters on the roof top, to create a more attractive gathering place.

Turnover

There will be a report at the next board meeting.

Life Safety:

The Life safety/defib classes will continue to be held for all who are interested in being trained. Sign up at the front desk. Feed back from the first class was very positive. This class is a step by step process to follow if you are in a medical emergency. Training on the defibrillators is a part of the course.

Social: The Super Bowl Party was a great success. Bob and Betsy won tons of money! The food was wonderful and a fun time was had by all. Peter still has not figured out why his team lost so badly.

-Oscar's night, another Social Committee event where you lose your money and enjoy dessert at the same time, was yet another success. Marv Gross described it well when he sent us the results the next morning. "While No Country for Old Men dominated the Oscars, the two old men at the Savoy, battled with Jane for the Savoy winnings! The three winners, who walked away with barrels of money, were Marv Gross, Mike and Jane.

--Peter Fanning's 'Owner's talk' on health care and the positions of the four major candidates was just fascinating!! Thank you Peter. Everyone enjoyed it.

The social committee is requesting that other owners offer to give a talk on a subject from your area of expertise. If you are interested, Plz email me at ecole@usinternet.com

-French night is coming up and promises to serve the best French cuisine in the city. Sign-up before March 5th.

-We are happy to announce that Lynne Gross joined the Social committee. Thank you Lynne!

Reminders

***Really important reminder per the rules committee & the**

facilities committee.....some people have forgotten that ALL recyclables, except newspapers, must be put in bags. From now on any thing not in a bag will not be picked up by Juan

*The minutes of your board meetings are posted on our web site.

You will also find updated info on announcements, rule changes & other happenings here. Copies of your news letters, your committee members and chairs are listed there.

*Before you use the lock on the gate going to Burns Court, Press 'C' on the key pad. This clears the pad.

*Place all of your garbage in tied waterproof plastic bags before sending them down the chute!

Helpful Hints and Requests of the month

*Chocolate is the best possible food source for your mental and physical health. Inst. of rehabilitative health & diet, Unit 801.

Resources

* A fun visitor activity is kayaking. Bain, from Island Style Sports, will meet you in the park, across from us on Lido Cay, with Kayaks, paddles and life preservers. You can take a guided or unguided tour through the mangroves to see birds, manatee and fish. Ph # 954-1009

Around Town

*Don't miss the grand opening of one of Sarasota's Historic Landmark, The Sarasota Opera House on March 1st with Verdi's Rigoletto!

*For grandchildren's visits, the animal fountains will be turned on again in the Bay Front Park.

Owner News

*Jacob Andrew Feldman, grandson of Wayne and Ronna, arrived Feb 22nd weighing in at a hefty 9#s! The Ruebens are presently in Annapolis with their new grandson.

*Akira Jacob Lindeman, grandson of Nancy and Bob, arrived weighing in at 8 Lbs 5 oz. Nancy and Bob just returned from visiting their new grandson in Concord Mass.

*Candice and Gary won first place!! with their 575 Maranello at the Ferrari and Exotics Show at St Armand's Circle on Saturday February 9th. This annual display is organized by the Ferrari Club of Florida, Sarasota chapter and the proceeds go to support the Child Protection Center. You can find out more about the Center at www.childprotectioncenter.com

*On March 2nd 6:00am Peter Fanning will be running a half marathon with his daughter Victoria, who is coming from Colorado. After only two years, the 3rd Annual Sarasota marathon. has become a "runaway" success, growing from a modest 1500 runners in 2006 to over 2200 runners from 39 different states and 10 countries in 2007! More than 500 volunteers and countless Sarasota residents turn out to support the runners and to line the picturesque streets and Ringling Bridge to cheer. The Sarasota Marathon, a Boston Marathon-qualifier, has placed our city on the prestigious list of cities boasting a world-class marathon. More importantly, the Sarasota Marathon has donated \$75,000 to local charities in its first two years. Good luck Victoria and Peter!