

The Savoy on Palm Newsletter

Note from the Editor

Betsy Cole

A year ago my assignment from Peter was to write a Savoy newsletter, with the idea that this would add another level of connection, enrichment and communication to our lives at The Savoy. Since the inception of the letter, any noticeable success is the direct result of those of you who generously chose to take the time to send me information. In this last newsletter, I want to extend my special thanks to all of you who took the time to send me your spring/summer plans. Your participation and sharing will serve us, throughout the summer, to stay connected to each other both in thought and well wishes. Hence, this issue will focus on 'us'. 'Us' being the very bestest group in town.

Please join in me in thanking Wayne Ruben for donating the five coconut Palms that your landscape committee, Bea and Betsy, planted behind the grill area. He also donated 9 ferns to complete the 'grotto' effect by the spa. His donation included transplanting the 4 Lugustrum that were moved, to accommodate the new coconut palms, to new spaces around the grill. Lady Palms, from our front pots, were transplanted into the pots at the pool. All these plantings will grow in no time and look glorious. Wayne thank you so much for your great generosity!

Bea added the landscape committee's final touch with her orchid pots, which she placed on the tables out by the grill. Stop by to see it. It is just lovely. Thank you Bea!

Thank you again Savoy Board, Peter, Mort, Wayne, George, and Bob for your leadership, your time, & your decisions. Thank you Turn-Over committee, Peter, Mort, Wayne, Billy, for your continuing work. I know first hand, despite the fact that all of you having other full time jobs, EVERY day each of you devotes the better part of your day, to Savoy turn-over business, which ultimately will greatly enhance the value of our homes and lives here. Your dedication and tenacity is remarkable. I know no other way to express it, other than to say... (Dina, try not to cringe ☺) ..Ain't we just the very luckiest dang group any where, any time, ever! Let us all feel that gratitude and take the time to thank these teams!!

Happy Spring and Summer to all!!!!

Letter from the Chair

Peter Fanning

Home Alone Again – As you read the last Savoy newsletter of the season that, like all the rest, has been so ably put together by its editor-in-charge Betsy Cole, I hope all of you who are making travel plans remember

those of us who are left behind. Oh, there is a period of several days when I bask in the peace and quiet of a computer that doesn't ping every few minutes with a new complaint (sorry, new greeting); or find pleasure in going to any restaurant in Sarasota at any time without having to call first; or getting in and out of Sarasota Memorial's Emergency Room in less than an hour when I stick myself with a fish hook; or drive to Aunt Madie's house in Venice in under 30 minutes. But after all this, I meet the several others each day at the mail boxes or on our way to lunch who are holding down the fort and we all regret that the rest of you don't just give it up and remain in "paradise" with us.

The Savoy is a remarkable architectural sight when you turn the corner and see it on your way back from wherever you are coming, but the real joy of the Savoy and the thing that gives it character is its residents. You are the ones with your enthusiasm for living, playing and working together that makes the Savoy so very unique and the envy of our neighbors. I am so convinced of this, that I know if we all moved to any other building on Palm Avenue, the building to which we moved would be the one every one else would admire – even those who came to replace us at the Savoy.

So please enjoy your hiatus from the Savoy. Be careful, live healthy and remember there are people back here who miss you and are looking forward to your return.

Upcoming Savoy Events

Parties - Mark your calendars!

Our International cuisine nights are hugely successful. You simply can not find better food on these nights, in any restaurant in Sarasota. Don't miss the last two... Greek and Mexican. Mexican night will probably be outdoors by the Grills. You will be emailed location. Meantime, sign up for Greek is in the Mail Room now.

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

***Sunday April 13th -3rd floor** - Greek – Marge

***Sunday May 4th** – Mexican – probably by pool/grill– Leslie

***Sunday, end of the week, casual BYO everything, will begin again, @ 6:00** by the grills for anyone interested.

Next fall- First Social Committee Event will be your 2nd Annual Welcome Back Party. Catered.

Meetings/talks/lectures

***April 10, Thurs 4:00pm.** Board of Director's meeting 3rd Floor.

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

April 9, Wed. 9:35 Social Committee meeting 3rd Floor

Committees

Facilities:

Billy Roe reports:

For the past month the major focus of the Facilities Committee has been to work with Beth Callans Mgt to improve the cleaning and maintenance of the building. This effort has included work on job descriptions, daily work lists, training, equipment additions, and other means to improve the performance of this very important part of our life at The Savoy. We still have a long way to go and feel free to add your suggestions and concerns.

Another major effort that we plan to complete this spring is an update of our inventory including photographic records. This will be invaluable in case of loss by theft, fire, or storm.

Many of the new cushions for the outdoor furniture have arrived and once we receive the balance and have the storage equipment in place, the new will replace the old and torn ones.

The Landscape Committee has added lots of new plantings (including the Coconut Palms so generously donated by Wayne Ruben and the orchids that Bea placed on the outdoor tables) and the Grill/Pool area is really looking beautiful. Many Thanks.

And, thanks to Leslie Rivera for the 2nd Exercise Bench for the workout room.

Have a wonderful summer

Landscape: Bea and Betsy report that Areca Palms were successfully planted along the south wall of the pool for privacy by the grill area. Lobelia replaced the dead plants along the pool wall and are blooming beautifully. Jasmine vines were planted in the planters on the roof top. In a few weeks our impatiens in the font garden and front urns, will be replaced with white Vinca. We are going with a *white theme* for the summer plantings this year. Coconuts and ferns were added to the grill area, thanks to Wayne.

Rules: The Rules Committee has **NEW** rules for all owners who are doing or beginning any construction in their units. Before you begin any construction project review the rules. You may go to the internet site or get a copy at the front desk.

It is incumbent upon each one of us, to take the responsibility to read and familiarize ourselves with both old and new rules. When we live 'in community', it is a necessary responsibility that makes life here more pleasant for all of us. **New Rules adopted at Board meeting:** Posted by Toby

.1) Due to the limited space in the fitness area, no persons, unless they are overnight guests either in an owners unit or in the guest suite, shall use the fitness center at any time.

2. There is a time limit of 30 minutes for use of all equipment in the fitness center if someone else is waiting to use that equipment.

3. Anyone who is not an overnight guest of an owner or using the guest suite may not use the pool, spa or grill areas unless in the company of an owner.

Civic: Representatives of the civic committee will be setting up a meeting with commissioner Clapp to personally discuss vagrancy and noise issues etc. We also

will be inviting and hosting a 7:00pm meeting on March 24th with Palm Avenue and Gulf Stream board executives only to discuss concurrency etc vis a vie possible recent small changes the developer has made to the original PLAZA HOTEL. PLANS. Lottie Varano, ESSEX HOUSE, spokesman for their group and the attorney they have retained to represent their interests will be attending this meeting. Question and answer period to follow presentation.

Turnover

Wayne gave a report at the last board meeting which you will find on our web site.

Life Safety:

Bob reports that 23 people have been trained in life safety and defibrillator class. There will be one more class. 4 have signed up. There needs to be 2 to 4 more to make the class work. Please sign up. Jim, Joe and Kim have been trained, which means our staff is fully trained. Thank you Bob for making this all happen.

For those interested in purchasing a defib at a group discount, Bob has a sign up sheet at the desk. Deadline is April 11th.

At the board meeting owners expressed a preference to own our own defibrillators in our apartments versus having them in the elevators. Emergency. Training on the defibrillators is a part of the course.

Website

Bob is keeping our website up to date where you can find the updated Savoy news, rule changes, newsletter, board and committee notes, hurricane information, etc.

Thesavoyonpalm.org. If you forget user name and password call Bob. His new email is

rjlindeman@comcast.net

Social Committee

The social committee continues to plan events for your pleasure at the Savoy. Our most recent event, March Madness, put together for us by Lynne Gross, has stirred up lots of competition, and fun replete with competitive emails between participants. We anxiously await the news of the winner!!

We will have our final meeting April 30th. We will review the events we planned for you this year. We would appreciate your feed back and input for this meeting.

What did you like, not like, would change, and add, new suggestions. Plz email me ecole@usinternet.com with your ideas to take to the meeting. We already have a Ruben suggestion for an easy scheduled Sat. bikes rides next fall. Great idea for those interested!

PLEASE participate and comment on Welcome home party, (we already know to have more chairs available) Sunday nights by the grill, International cuisine nights, Oscars, Super bowls, March Madness, GrandChildren's' Holiday pool/Pizza get together, bike ride, Owner's Series, and the Newsletter. Specific newsletter question: Do you think the newsletter can work as email blurbs... reminders of committee events, parties, rule changes, upcoming meetings, new things around

town, owners news etc?

Reminders

* If you see something that needs to be repaired or replaced or modified or.....please go to the front desk and ask Jim or Joe for a *Common Area Work Request Form*(located in the three ring binder on the left side of Jim's desk). In less than a minute, your issue will be in the system and our maintenance staff will diligently pursue resolution of the problem to its ultimate conclusion! If, what you have identified is of an emergency nature and needs immediate attention, tell Kim, Jim, Joe, Peter Fanning or me as soon as possible. Forget the form; just let someone know about the problem so we can get it resolved immediately. Thanks , Bill Roe

*Marge reminds all owners:

1. No pets of any type are allowed to be in the pool - grill area.
- 2) When you have guests, please make sure that they park in legal spaces for cars

Helpful Hints and Requests of the month

*Billy Roe reminds people not to forget to get those furnace filters for your garages, they make a huge difference in the amount of dust that gets into the garage.

* The separate filter the Roes have installed on their water tank is taking out a huge amount of matter!! brown in color! and it eliminates the soft soapy feeling from the building softener.

Resources

* Found a Great Dry Cleaner, a new kid on the Block, called DRY CLEANING TO GO. 366-1100. Owners are Sharon and Rob. More of a boutique cleaner BUT, they are much less expensive than anyone else, they pick up and deliver, do a fabulous job. Very accommodating. New Customers \$25 off before end of month. Call me if you want the \$25 off coupon. Will post their prices on BB board.

Around Town*The Last Word, (maybe I made that up..it is something like that) B'fast and lunch restaurant is opening where the Metro used to be on Osprey Ave.

Owner News!!

Dee says "I can't believe that the Northerners are starting to plan for the migration. To all of those, we will take good care of the Savoy, in the sweltering summer months!

Stan and I are leaving for a BIG trip this summer. We leave the 27 of June for South Africa. Traveling with Tauck Tours we will visit Cape Town, Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, two game preserves, and then an additional trip to Botswana for 5 days. I am ordering clothing for the Safari, as we can't take more than 27 lbs each, including carry on! Fortunately there are companies that sell light weight, warm, earth colored clothing! We are thinking it will be the best trip of our lifetime!

Ciao," Dee

Nancy and Bob will be here through July, spend

the month of August in Maryland hosting "Camp Lindeman". They will then be back and forth depending on real estate business, back for good sometime in October.

Kim and Bruce "are sadly leaving the Savoy to go back to New Jersey to operate our restaurant for hopefully its last season. We will be in the process of hiring and training 25-35 teenagers to make ice cream cones, milk shakes, and count change! We are looking forward to next fall when we come back and attend our annual owner's meeting and 'Welcome Back Dinner'."

MA shares that ' my summer plans consist of short trips to New York, Pennsylvania and Canada. Will be going to a wedding in Vancouver in August, but, for the most part will be in Sarasota.'

Fred and Lynda will travel to France in June. They will fly to Bordeaux, rent, a car, and explore the little villages in the Dordogne. North to North Carolina in July where the family has rented a house to celebrate Fred's daughter's 50th Birthday. After spending time with family they will visit several friends who have homes in North Carolina.

Plans for August are still unsettled.

However, in September they will attend a wedding in the Napa Valley and visit Lynda's son and his family in San Francisco. Lynda says, "We wish you all a safe and satisfying summer."

Riveras are planning " to take a cruise on our boat this summer (to lick my wounds from the NCAA tourney). Ever since we took delivery of RUBICON, we have wanted to do some long distance voyaging (Leslie is thinking that she would rather be heading south toward the US & British Virgin Islands) - this summer we will cruise to Maine and back, some 4600 miles! Highlights along the way will include transiting the ICW from Miami to Norfolk, (I'm told Savannah, Beaufort, SC, and Charleston are great stops along the way) then on to the Chesapeake (Solomons, Annapolis, St. Michaels and assorted eastern shore stops) in route to New York City, Long Island Sound, Block Island, Newport, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, Boston, Bar Harbor and Boothbay Harbor. We expect to leave in mid-June and return in early September. It will be the first time we will have cruised this extensively and a good warm-up for some future "down island" passages. Leslie and I are both excited and a little apprehensive as we gather data and "local knowledge" regarding currents, tides, fog, lobster traps, etc. We hope to have some good tales to tell when we gather in the fall!"

Bea reports Jerry's and my "summer plans are as follows. We are not spending 6 weeks in Europe like we did last summer, I will make a trip to Norway, which I do every year, about 10 days.

We will probably fly up to New York once or twice, most probably also to Martha's Vineyard.

We are also thinking of spending a few weeks in Oregon and California, golfing."

Summer plans for the Gross's

- Be here until end of May
- June - Pittsburgh and a trip to San Francisco, Phoenix and Las Vegas
- July - Sarasota for the 4th of July and the week of July 21st with our daughter, Jody, and the grandkids
- August - Pittsburgh and 10 days in Eastern Canada (Montreal, Quebec City)
- September – split time between Pittsburgh and Sarasota
- October - Back to Sarasota by October 12 (after the Jewish High Holidays)

Sorry, it should be a lot simpler, how about:

The Gross's have decided this year to spend some time in Sarasota this summer in June and July. August, September and the beginning of October they will primarily be in Pittsburgh. Vacation plans include a trip out West in June and a trip to Eastern Canada in August. Smiles from Lynne

Gary and Candice are off to Argentina in May and will be in Santa Fe off and on through the summer but certainly for most of June, July and August

Jane shares, 'Unfortunately I will be here most of the summer. I am trying to work up plans to be away at least one week each month- but don't know where that destination will be'.

Fannings report "Well, Dina and I are planning to just "tool" down Tamiami several times a week experiencing a traffic free ride to such exotic places as Nokomis, Venice, Casey and Siesta Keys. Maybe for a real treat we'll speed along the Gulf of Mexico Drive the length of Longboat Key with our radar detector set to highly sensitive to allude the LBK traffic patrol and go all the way to Anna Maria."

Billy responds to Peter "you guys really set a high standard for the rest of us! And to think we spent hours this weekend with our old college friends debating between France or Italy,....oh, what a waste of time when we could have just followed you on our scooter to Anna Maria and suffered no currency exchange problems., no crowds etc etc. Oh well.....as it is, we will be heading up to Minnesota at the end of June to spend a couple weeks with kids and grands, my business and then head to our family Island in Georgian Bay where we will be staying for 6 weeks. There are 5 generations, over 200 of us, all family who happily get along, come and go over the summer to this 40 acre island purchased exactly 100 years ago this summer by Betsy's great grandfather. It is a great place, where we gather every summer. All our kids and grands will be with us for two of those weeks. Back to Minnesota for a few weeks in the late summer/early fall and finally return to our wonderful home here the first part of October. We are already looking forward to returning!!

Marge We're planning to leave on Aug 1st and spend a month in Philly believe it or not. We lived there

in a past life. Then we're up to Lake George, NY and somewhere in Vermont for a wedding. We will be gone for 2 to 3 more weeks but we're not yet sure where we will be

Toby said " Marvin and I plan to leave here around May 25th. We hope to return for the first two weeks in July and then we will be away until the end of October. Our summer travel plans are not extensive. We plan to visit grandchildren, spend some time in Philadelphia, and oversee some construction on our home in Maryland. We'll miss everyone.

Ronna reports that every month either they will be going to see their new grandson, daughter and son in law in Washington or Rachael and family will be coming here. There is nothing like those new grandbabies!!

*March 2nd Peter Fanning, with his daughter Victoria, from Colorado, placed 7th!!! in his age group in the Sarasota Marathon!! Billy and I went to cheer them on and were sooo proud!! It was a huge event!



EDGARDO G. FOUNTAIN | Times Herald Online
Visitors pack the new section of the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts on Saturday. About 1,200 guests turned out at a ceremony organized by the museum's Stuart Society to celebrate completion of the \$21.2-million Hazel Hough Wing.



EDGARDO G. FOUNTAIN | Times Herald Online
Anne Bladstrom, 77, and her husband, Walter, 75, of Sarasota examine Extruded Video Engine #2, a video sculpture by Peter Sarkisian purchased in honor of Bill Hough, whose donation put his wife's name on the new wing. See MUSEUM, 4B

2002 mandate to reduce class sizes, and you'll like response like Joanne Hough. "I would stick with the size amendment and make come up with the most Haymond, a 75-year-old mother from northwest St. Petersburg. But ask the same vote allowing schools to extend limits in emergency sit and watch the reaction. "You do what you've got to do," says Susan Bedford, a Pasco County teaching. "I'm not going to close. But I'm not going to take 15, either." Six years after the narrowly won approval, overwhelming majority of voters say they still want classes in public schooling to a St. Petersburg. But the survey also that nearly half of them to tweaking the mandate it more flexible, with third mandated. The findings come-lawmakers are trying the financial burden of size amendment, which schools to reduce class 15 students in grades through third grade, 22 in grades 4-8 and 25 in high schools by the school year. It's a cause made no. See CLASS, 4B

AFire, gi

Anne and Walter attended the opening of the new wing of The St. Pete Museum of Fine Arts and found themselves front and center in the news!! We like that!!