

The Savoy on Palm News

December 2009

Note from the Editor

Toby Kaulkin

Welcome back to our snowbirds and congratulations to those who luckily got through the summer months here with no big hurricanes.

Also welcome to our new owners- Margy and Leon Ellin in 502. We hope you'll be very happy in your new home.

This edition of our "News" contains a variety of information about upcoming events in Sarasota, family doings, some recommendations, and Savoy owners' activities.

Mentioned in this edition of the "News" are those among us who are great supporters of our cultural activities here in Sarasota. It is so important that we make every effort to "go local" whenever possible.

Some highlights of our community life are our Sunday grill-side informal get togethers, and our Cuisine nights where all attendees bring a dish they have made. For our Italian night in November we had 24 people attending and the food was great! Do join in for the scheduled evenings.

Also I must mention that recently we have had generous offers of the donation of equipment to the Savoy for everyone's use. Unfortunately we have no storage space available for any of it. Additionally, the offer of exercise equipment has had to be turned down for lack of space and other reasons. Please make any future offers through the Board which will research the offered item and come to a conclusion.

As always, any item that you feel is newsworthy is welcome to be published in our "Savoy News".

Toby

Message from the President

Lynne Gross

Happy Holidays!

It is wonderful to start the New Year in such great shape. No diet and exercise program for our building! We are looking good, especially our garages and decorative gates. Our building looks like we care and we do. I extend my sincere thanks to all of you for enduring the inconvenience of the garage painting. I extend my special thanks to Wayne Ruben for making it happen.

I would like to appeal to those of you who are not on one of the Savoy's committees to reconsider volunteering. We have a small building and it really helps if everyone does something. Even if you are only here part-time, you can serve on a committee for the time that you are here. I am encouraging the Committee Chairpersons to broadcast the dates and times of the meetings to the entire building to encourage more participation. The more people that are involved the better for all of us.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in the staff holiday fund. In these days when pay raises are non-existent or very infrequent, it is important to show our gratitude to the staff. It makes a real difference in their lives, and they take wonderful care of us!

Your opinion is important and very worthy of consideration. If there are some items of influence that you think we should address through our committees or at upcoming Board meetings, please let me know.

On behalf of the Board and myself, I would like to wish all of you a beautiful, loving and peaceful holiday season and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Lynne Gross

Landscape Corner

Anne Bladstrom

Dee and Stan gave us a gift of a beautiful plant which is now in the lobby going out to the pool. In the main lobby John and Elaine Kidd donated the poinsettia on the sideboard. The other poinsettias in the lobby area are the results of purchases by the committee from Mr. Florist who also lent us the two pedestals. We hope you enjoy the season's plantings, and don't forget to snip the herbs!

Anne

2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Meetings occur on the third Thursday of the following months:

February 18th

April 15th

October 21st

November 18th – Annual Meeting

Upcoming Savoy Social Committee Events

Sunday February 7th, 2010 – Super Bowl Cuisine. Bring the cuisine of the State of your favorite team (whether or not they made it to the Super Bowl). Ronna in charge, time to be announced.

Sunday April 11th, 2010 – Low Country Cuisine – Leslie in charge, 6pm.

Sunday May 23rd, 2010 – Cuisine to be announced, this get together will be poolside – Marge is in charge. 6pm.

All events are informal, celebrating good cuisine, BYOB, held on Sunday nights in the party room on the 3rd floor. The sign-up sheet goes up 2 weeks before the event in the mail room.

Every Sunday, Weather permitting grill area

At the end of every week, weather permitting, we have Sunday Suppers down by the grill. There are always a couple of full tables of Sunday nighters. BYOE, (bring your own everything, just a plate of food, or grill your own, or even just a drink to

come and be neighborly), These are fun, easy, 6pm casual early evenings, come as you are.

Anniversaries Celebrated in December

Marge and Mike are celebrating their 40th
Toby and Marvin are celebrating their 26th.

Children Visiting for Holiday

Last year Billy and Betsy hosted a pizza party so that everyone's grandchildren could meet. Perhaps someone else will carry the banner this year? Ronna and Wayne's kids will be down for Christmas week, Rachael, Joe and Jake (Dec. 24th – 31st).

Betsy and Billy's kids are coming from Israel and Minnesota. All arrive on Dec. 20th and leave Jan. 3rd. Ages of Grands coming from Minnesota are Libby 9 almost 10, and Katherine 7 almost 8.

Equipment for children available to Borrow

High Chair and Pack 'n' Play, see Nancy and Bob
Large Bin of Lego blocks, see Toby and Marvin

Restaurant recommendation

Rick's French Restaurant. Recommended by 3 separate friends as excellent. Located on Siesta Drive, across from Westfield mall in a strip shopping center.

Rubicon Wine Fest Event

From Leslie and Dick:

The Wine Fest dinner on the Rubicon is Friday evening, April 23, 2010. Similar to last year, we will be hosting 10-12 couples for a sunset cruise. The winery and caterer will match food and wine for (what we hope) will be a beautiful sunset and great get together. Just wanted everyone to know the date so they can put it on their calendar. I don't know when the invitations will be going out, but I'll let everyone know when tickets are available...it is first come, first serve. Last year we were the first sell-out.

Florida Studio Theater and Jane Baisley

Billy and Betsy ask that you give a big thank you to Jane as one of the underwriters for “Spelling Bee”, now playing at the Florida Studio Theater. They recommend this fun, uplifting production that is funny yet with some depth, filled with good singing and acting.

Sarasota Orchestra and the Elden’s

Bea and Jerry are great supporters (he’s on the Board) of the **Sarasota Orchestra**. They are proud to announce that the orchestra’s **Music Festival** (in June 2010) will not be in hiatus as a \$250,000 donation from the Kaiserman Foundation will allow it to go on.

Circus Sarasota

“The Legend lives On”, featuring Nik Wallenda, Friday Feb. 12th through Sunday Feb. 28th, 2010, Tuttle & 12th St. in Sarasota. Half Price Tickets for Opening Weekend available at www.CircusSarasota.org

Property Video

Bea and Jerry recommend having this done professionally for insurance purposes. She has used:

Bruce Schwartz
Video Property Archives
Professional Video Documentation
941-544-3081
www.videopropertyarchives.com

Savoy Garage Parking

A reminder – Our Rules state that Owners must park in their garages. Guests and vendors who require a parking space or a temporary delivery area must register with the Concierge. Owners should not assign the guest

and vendor parking spots themselves. For everyone’s safety and comfort, it is important that the Concierge be aware of all parking taking place in the garage at all times.

Real Estate Corner

Nancy and Bob Lindeman

There has been a definite up tick in the number of sales that have taken place in the last few months in the Sarasota/Bradenton marketplace. In addition, there has also been a decrease in the number of properties for sale. Both signal a positive change from 2008.

The Sarasota Association of Realtors tracks the number of listings, the number of contracts written (pendings) and the number of sales that closed. [See the next page chart for details]

You will notice from the October-November 10th, 2009 information on the following page that the median sales prices are very low. This is, of course, because most of the homes and condominiums sold are in the lower price ranges. Many of them are short sales or foreclosures.

The new owners of these properties are either first time homebuyers (taking advantage of the \$8500 tax credit) or investors with cash buying them for rental properties.

There are definitely more buyers looking at properties in all price ranges. For example, our company (Michael Saunders) sold a property this month for over \$9 million on Casey Key!

If you would like more in-depth real estate information, please do not hesitate to call.

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