

# The Savoy on Palm News

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## **Note from the Editor**

**Toby Kaulkin**

This newsletter contains loads of information about us, our neighborhood places and events. But I wanted to take a moment to bring news of some members of our community who are having a hard time right now.

At this writing both Marge and Betsy are fighting serious illnesses and I know everyone is hoping and praying for speedy and full recoveries. Peter and Dina are still suffering the pain of a very ill son-in-law.

On another sad note, Leslie and Dick lost their wonderful dog Stella to illness. See photo of Stella on last page of News.

For happier times there are also two photos of Savoy children at a pool party hosted by Betsy and Billy during the Xmas week. It was a great event!

Everyone's contributions to this newsletter are sincerely welcomed.

Toby

## **Message from the President**

**Lynne Gross**

Hello, it's spring and the beaches, shops, restaurants and soon our common areas and homes will be full of visitors. There have been numerous improvements in the building for the spring season, including the large planters that have been repaired and are ready for new plants.

We have had some elevator issues. Be assured that we are working hard with Turner Construction and Schindler Elevator to resolve the problems. A few questions have come up as a result:

**Q:** What should I do if I call the elevator and the door does not open or if there is another urgent issue in the building?

**A:** If available, report the problem to the concierge who will know what action to take.

**Q:** What if I need to use the phone in the elevator?

**A:** That phone is answered 24/7 by the Schindler Emergency line. Their repair people will then come to our building.

**Q:** If there is an urgent problem after hours and concierge is not available what should I do?

**A:** Please report the issue to a Board member. That Board member will notify Beth Callans using the after hours emergency number (941-387-3443). Bill Veal will also be notified.

**Q:** Why should I call a Board member and not call Beth Callans directly?

**A:** The Board member will have to make a determination and authorize the corrective action to be taken. For instance, whether or not to call the elevator repair company or another repair service and incur repair costs and overtime. In addition, if a "work around" is available, the Board member will post a notice by the elevator or elsewhere in the building if it is not an elevator issue.

I would like to know if you have found this information helpful and if there are other topics that you would like addressed.

All the best,

Lynne

## **Real Estate Corner**

**Bob and Nancy Lindeman**

It was suggested that we write a short column for the newsletter about the real estate market, but most particularly the downtown market.

FYI- as of March 29, 2008 there are 214 condos for sale in the downtown area. There are 13 under contract, 14 have sold since January 1, 2009, and we sold 2 of them. There are 74 condos priced at \$1,000,000 or more actively on the market. 3 are under contract. 5 have sold since the first of the year and we sold 1 of them. We have a complete breakdown of these statistics if anyone is interested.

If there is anyone who would like to receive our weekly email of the article in the Michael Saunders real estate section in the Sunday issue of the Herald Tribune, we would be happy to add you to our email list. Just let us know.

Bob and Nancy

#### **Guests Arriving in April**

April 6<sup>th</sup>: **Coots and Mort** have a son and daughter-in-law arriving with Mitch (10) and Carlye (5). The grandkids will be staying for a week, coming from Chicago.

**Jane** is expecting her two grandchildren, Sarah age 13, and William age 11, arriving on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and leaving Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Toby and Marvin** are expecting son Ted and daughter-in-law Hope with Talia age 7 ½ and Arielle almost 6. Arriving April 11<sup>th</sup>, departing April 18<sup>th</sup>.

From **Betsy and Billy**: Gillett and Lynne and granddaughters Libby 9 and Katharine 7 are arriving from Minnesota, Thurs. April 2<sup>nd</sup> for 9 days. Trip and Ann will be arriving from Israel at the same time.

#### **Upcoming Savoy Social Events**

March Madness – NCAA Basketball Playoffs Championship Game April 6<sup>th</sup> - more information on this game/get together later.

April 19<sup>th</sup> **Low country/Southern Cooking** Leslie is in charge, more info to follow.

#### **Restaurant Recommendations**

**Whiteberry** – a new dessert place at 1473 Main Street. Delicious real nonfat frozen

yogurt in 3 flavors: Original tart, Original green tea, and Organic chocolate. All kinds of toppings are available - lots of different fruits, and lots of different candy and cookie bits. All very tempting.

**Mrs. Chens** – 6125 Tamiami Trail. 941-924-0039 or 1301. All you can eat Chinese buffet, no reservations. Coots says “incredible fresh Chinese food including h’orderves, salads, main courses, and desserts. Everything was delicious and fresh”.

#### **Peter is a President again**

The Downtown Sarasota Condo association (DSCA) selected Directors of their Board. Our own **Peter Fanning** was chosen as Chairperson and President. The buildings that belong to this association are the Sarabande, Sunset Tower, 1350 Main St., Savoy on Palm, The Ritz Carlton Residence, One Watergate, Tessera and LaBallasera. Peter is going to extend a meeting invitation to the Presidents of the other Association Boards to try to strengthen and coordinate the efforts of the DSCA.

#### **Events of Special Interest-**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Winefest & Auction**, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Fine wine from top makers, fine food with celebrity chefs. Call 952-1109, [www.floridawinefest.org](http://www.floridawinefest.org).

**Sarasota Fire Fighters Benevolent Fund** is having a Rib Cook Off on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm at Phillippi Creek Estate Park. Ribs-Music-Raffles.

#### **Anniversaries celebrated**

Congratulations to **Nancy and Bob** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in March.

Congratulations to **Coots and Mort** who celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary in January.

#### **Artist Recommendation**

This one is from Coots. “Best young artist I have seen in a long time. His name is **Tom Stephens** and he works out of his home in Sarasota. He can be reached at 941-809-5793 to set up an appointment. He is a graduate of the Ringling School of Art and Design and has unbelievable talent... and still affordable”

#### **Vendors**

Fabulous alterations by **Maca Cvetan** (from Paris, France) at a shop named **Bracchee** at 539 S.

Washington Blvd. Parking next to showroom 941-536-3314. Coots says she is “better than anyone I have ever been to”.

From Dee- **Stuart Daveman**, tile servicing guy who also does accessory installation in bathrooms. Cell 232-5735. Dee says he is a “great fellow and very good at his work”.

***Our Savoy Community Herb Garden***

Betsy spearheaded the “Victory Garden”. Mike Mesirov would like to encourage cooks at the Savoy to partake of the herb garden. The Savoy has a large selection for use.

***Hot Water Heaters***

Later this spring and early summer Bill Veal will be flushing everyone’s hot water tank. For more info or to refuse this service call Fred Doery, 365-3351.



