

The Savoy on Palm News

February/March 2010

Note from the Editor

Toby Kaulkin

So far the year 2010 has turned out to be a real disappointment weather wise. It's been cold and windy and especially bad for our visitors who have come here to escape to a warm and sunny Florida. At this writing the unseasonably cool air is supposed to continue for another 12 days into early March. Brrr!

In spite of the weather, we do enjoy ourselves. 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. Do join in for the scheduled evenings.

This issue contains two announcements of new Savoy initiatives to keep our community functioning smoothly. One is a refinement of how we reserve the Guest Suite and two is a change in the programming of the elevators.

Recently Jane Baisley suggested that we organize a Movie Night at the Savoy. This could be fun and anyone interested in supporting this event should please contact Jane.

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

Toby

Landscape Corner

Anne Bladstrom

We have ordered new plantings for the northwest corner where the drainage repair was completed. We have also ordered new blossoming colorful plants for areas at the swimming pool, the pots around the front doors, and the two big pots on either side of the fountain. All planting activities of these new items will wait until the possibility of frost and extreme cold is behind us.

2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Meetings occur on the third Thursday of the following months:

March 11th – (this is the 2nd Thurs.)

April 15th

October 21st

November 18th – Annual Meeting

Savoy Social Committee Events

On Sunday February 7th, 2010 – Super Bowl

This event was a smashing success with 29 people in attendance. The food was great and everyone had a wonderful time. The Rubens and Kaulkins were the big winners of the pool.

Coming up:

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.

***** For future events the Social Committee requests that owner's guests be limited to those who are actually overnight guests of the owners.

Sundays, Weather permitting grill area

At the end of every week, weather permitting, we have Sunday Suppers down by the grill. 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.

Children Visiting for Holidays

Betsy and Billy's kids are coming from Israel (son Trip and wife Ann) and Minnesota (Lynne and Gillett). All arrive on March 25th and leave April 3rd. Ages of Grands coming from Minnesota are Libby 10, and Katherine 8.

Toby and Marvin's kids are coming from Los Angeles arriving on Mar. 28th and leaving April 3rd. Son Ted and wife Hope and granddaughters Talia age 8 ½ and Arielle almost 7.

Margy and Leon's family is coming from Oconomowoc, WI. with granddaughters Rebecca 11 years old and Melissa 8 years old arriving on April 4th and leaving April 12th.

Savoy Library

"Marian the librarian" (aka Jane) is asking for new donations as our book supply is getting thin. If you want them back after 6 mos. make note of that inside the front cover. Sarasota Memorial Hospital appreciated our book donation delivered to them by Dee. Patients and staff very happy.

Restaurant recommendations

Mia Pueblo Cantina, recommended by Betsy and Billy as fabulous Mexican food.

Fish Camp at Burns Court, low country cuisine is also recommended by Betsy and Billy and Toby and Marvin. Just opened in what used to be the 516 Burns location.

Rubicon Wine Fest Event

From Leslie and Dick:

The **Wine Fest** dinners on the Rubicon are Thursday evening, April 22nd and Friday evening, April 23, 2010. We will be hosting 10-12 couples each night for a sunset cruise "A Night in Napa". Chef Brent Williams of *Gordon's Gourmet* will prepare fabulous bites. The wines will come from *Anerson's Conn Valley Vineyards*, *Antica Napa Valley*, an *Antinori Family Estate wine* and many others. Tickets will go on sale around March 1st on a

first come first serve basis. 941-952-1109. Thurs night \$125 pp, Friday night \$150 pp. (Both 50% tax deductible) Last year we were the first to sell-out.

New Orlando Couture Consignment Shop

Leslie Rivera has two friends who just opened a fabulous new consignment shop for couture clothes, shoes, and accessories in Orlando. The entrepreneurs Rebecca Wiler and Mary Nunis each have extensive retail backgrounds. They will make pickups in Sarasota of items for sale. Call Leslie or call **Top Drawer Couture, 2506 Edgewater Drive, Orlando FL. 407-841-1818.**

Sarasota Orchestra and the Elden's

Bea and Jerry say if a group of people are interested in attending one or more Sarasota Orchestra concerts they can get a group rate. I.E.: Pixel Pops, Ellis Island, The Dream of America on March 19th, or Charlie Chaplin's City Lights on April 16th. Both concerts to be at the Van Wezel. Also coming up is the Journey to Genius, Beethoven: The Angry Revolution, Saturday April 24th at the Opera House. Last season this sold out weeks in advance. Bea put up sign-up sheets in the Mail Room for the group rates.

**** Also, for next season's calendar: Sarasota Orchestra Brunch November 21st, at Michaels on East.

Asolo Theatre presents June LeBell

June LeBell, radio personality, lecturer and host of *The Sound of Broadway* at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, returns with a series of entertaining musical conversations in live and video performances with special guests. The next lectures will take place on March 9 & 23. **Asolo Theatre, 941-360-7399.**

Books of interest

From Dee: One of the best books I have read lately is "Sarah's Key". I have a Kindle so unfortunately can't place it in our library.

Siegel Grandson appointed Editor

Coots' and Mort's 19 years old grandson Josh Siegel has been asked to be the editor of the Florida Gulf Coast University newspaper. He is the youngest editor in the school's history. Congratulations to the proud grandparents!

Real Estate Corner

Nancy and Bob Lindeman

February, 2010 - as we mentioned last month, the number of sales has increased, but they primarily involve properties priced up to \$500,000. This is very much indicative of the foreclosures being sold as well as the impact of the first time homebuyer tax credit.

This month we thought you might be interested in the condominium activity in our own Zip code 34236. The activity in this market involves properties priced between \$300,000 and \$3,000,000. The average price of condos on the market in this price range was \$935,000. The average sold price was \$773,000, which was 82% of the original asking price. The average sq. ft sold price was \$405.

We have also included a graph published by Trendgraphix showing the number of condos for sale, how many went under contract, and how many closed.

Properties are going slowly and with the current low absorption rate it would take 28 months to sell the current inventory. It is still a "buyers" market. For more information please contact us.

Elevator News

Programming changes have been made to both sets of elevators. You may have noticed that the elevator takes less time to answer your call. With the new set-up: When you take the elevator to your floor it will remain there for 90 seconds - unless called to another location - and then return to a parked position. One elevator will return to the 1st floor to park and the other is now programmed to park on the 7th floor - thus giving quicker response time to the upper and

lower floors. This is a trial. See Bill Veal for more details.

Guest Suite Reservation Form

We have a new system for reserving the guest suite. Now when you want to reserve the suite you will go to the front desk where you will be given a form to fill out and sign. At that time a reservation deposit will be required of \$250. Hopefully, this form will eliminate any possibility of misunderstandings regarding reservations. We have a great guest situation and we want it used happily. If anyone hasn't as yet seen the Guest Suite, please ask at the front desk (or call Toby K) for a tour!

GRAPH for Zip 34236

**Number of Homes for Sale vs. Sold vs.
Pended**