

The Savoy Gazette

A Word from the Editor

This has been a great season for the Savoy on Palm. Our board meeting in November had so many people attending, it was standing room only. I'm sure the board appreciates the active interest and support they are receiving from all the owners. I think the board feels a little like rock stars!



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Look who has been working out with Wayne Lawrence

- Trash Collection is on Wednesday. If I were you, I'd eat fish on Tuesday. 🐟
- Recycle Collection is on Tuesday. Don't forget to bag your glass and plastic.
- The orchids on the back fence must be on a hanger. You can put your name on them if you wish and then bring them back in when they bloom again. Don't leave them on the ground or they will "collected" by the landscapers. (hangers are \$2.00 at Awesome Orchids)
- Boxes must be broken down to go in the Cardboard container. If you don't want to risk a broken nail, bring it downstairs and Jim or Joseph will help to break it down. If the container is full, wait till pick up on Thursday before adding more cardboard.
- If you are leaving home for a long period of time, it is suggested that you pour 1/4 cup of vegetable oil into your disposal to prevent the blades from rusting.
- It would be good for all of us to know how to turn off our water in case of emergency. If you don't know, just call Bill. He'll come up and give you a personal demo.

Have you been there?

Here are a few restaurant recommendations from some of our owners:

Maison Blanche on Longboat Key....fine French food in an elegant atmosphere

Mediterraneo on Main Street...fresh, simple and delicious

Bijou Café...sophisticated with an inviting atmosphere.

Beach Bistro...it's a long haul, but worth the drive

Americano... great for lunch, especially on a beautiful Spring day

Appolonia Grill in University Shopping Center...pretty tasty food in a mid-priced range.

Did you know?

By Norma Cohen

When I called Bill Roe to do this interview, he said, “Why us? There are others who are more interesting. Betsy is interesting...me – not so much.”

Well, was he wrong!

What an inspiration this wonderful couple turned out to be.

They lived in Minnesota with their two boys, one of whom is a Montessori teacher and the other, a sales manager for a contract manufacturing company and tour guide in Israel.

In 1985 Bill and Betsy bought a contract manufacturing company turning metal into hi-tech components. Together they turned the company around to become one of the leading manufacturers in the country and of the few who survived and thrived the great out-sourcing of manufacturing to China. Bill, in his “spare time”, connected with a floundering wildlife rehab center. Today, this center, now in a two million dollar facility, handles more than 9,000 injured animals. Just imagine having walls lined with shoeboxes holding baby birds having fallen from their nest, all being fed by volunteers. By the time the feeding is finished, it’s time to start all over!

Since selling his business in 2010, Bill works with young entrepreneurs helping them to start up or turn-around their businesses. He is an avid windsurfer and an “old” pilot and flight instructor.

Betsy is an accomplished artist. How this came to be is quite unusual and a reminder that sometimes we discover things about ourselves when least expected.

Some time ago, Betsy was diagnosed with cancer that required surgery. While she was waiting for the scheduled procedure, filled with worry and fear, Bill suggested she take a 4-day art class to help pass the time. At the end of the 4 days, she thanked everyone there for helping her get through the long days before the surgery. A teacher in the class invited Betsy back, as a gift, even though the class was full. So, after Betsy recuperated, she went back to class and went on to become a certified scientific illustrator, focusing on botanicals and entomological illustrations for scientists around the globe. She has shown her art in the US, Canada and Australia and has five botanical paintings that were accepted into the prestigious Eloise Butler Florilegium, the oldest public wildflower garden in the United States. Bill put it beautifully saying that she has always had art in her soul. And what fabulous art indeed – their home is filled with exquisite paintings of botanicals, as well as colorful oils, water-colors and graphites...so many wonderful, joyous images.

Many of you may not know that in 2007, Betsy had a diving accident and suffered stage 2 bends. She almost lost her life, but she is living proof of miracles. After extensive surgeries, rehab and lots of support from her family, friends and Savoy residents, Betsy survived and truly flourished.

By the way, Bill and Betsy still own a home in Minnesota as well as a home on Georgian Bay, Ontario, where six generations of Betsy’s family reconnect each summer.



Here, There and Everywhere

Joan and Arthur Schwartz have finally started construction on their new home on Orange Ave. Though they will be moving out when the house is finished, we are happy to know they'll be here most of the summer "managing" the build out. Also, their daughter, Jessica, is getting married May 4th in Savannah, GA. Ever the multi-tasker, Joan is hoping to get in a little antique shopping before the wedding day.

Norma and Al Cohen are going to London on the Queen Mary in late July. Then after spending a few days at the London Savoy, they are going to Florence and Tuscany to see family and have a few days more of vacation.

Jim and Marilyn Heskett are being very coy about their plans, but Jim is offering **FREE** copies of the Korean edition of his latest book on organization culture, The Culture Cycle. If you read Korean, you better call him soon.

Marge and Leon Ellin are hosting two of their children and their families late this month. While they are here, one of the grandchildren is planning a tour of the Ringling College to see if it fits with her artistic talent. Another is looking forward to eating Marge's Matzoh balls...(is it already Passover?). Marge wants to entertain everyone with a visit to Mote Marine...the kids are hoping that she'll try the zipline at TreeUmph. It will be fun to see who "wins".

Toby and Marvin Kaulkin are still in Houston. Marvin is recovering from the ordeal of his cancer surgery and with Toby's help, he's gaining his strength back. We hope to see them both back home by the end of the month. We are all thinking of you.

Jane Baisley just returned from a ski trip to Austria. I don't know how much time she spent on the slopes, but she reported she did some serious shopping.

Coots and Mort Siegel are busy finishing up their home on Pleasant Place and should be able to move in by June. For those of you who don't know them, Mort played a major role in the turnover of the Savoy from the builder. And Coots was a battle warrior until she finally convinced the city to landscape the space between the Savoy and Ringling Blvd. We will miss you and wish you the best.

Dina Lareau and Peter Fanning are hosting their daughter Alicia and her children, Zachary and Lucas, over the Easter holiday. Let's hope that Cleveland has thawed enough for them to get out of town.

Michael and Sandy Mesirov are in Las Vegas as I write. Sandy says they are celebrating a "big" birthday. I'll have to remember to ask her how many candles were on the cake!

Bea and Jerry Elden are planning a summer trip to California, Washington state and New Mexico. While in New Mexico they are hosting a dinner for some of the Sarasota Orchestra musicians who will be playing at the Santa Fe Opera this summer. Also, congratulations to Bea on the beautiful Gala that she co-chaired to welcome our new Music Director, Anu Tali. The gala was a wonderful event, followed by Anu's fantastic debut.

Doug Baker just returned from Nicaragua, where he was helping his goddaughter, Sophie, with installing fresh drinking water systems in remote parts of that country. (www.aquaaaid-international.org) Oh, and just to mix in some fun, he's going to Rio for the World Cup finals!

Marta Riordan and Jim Boyle are celebrating Jim's birthday (for the 2nd time) aboard a Seabourn ship to Istanbul in July and then to Argentina in late September. And, as if they don't have enough frequent flyer miles, they are squeezing in trips to DC, NYC and Aspen,

Lastly, *Dick and Leslie Rivera and John and Mary Metz* are embarking on a European holiday beginning with a cruise on the Crystal Serenity from Barcelona to Venice and then going by train to Paris for a few days.

The Committees

Here's a list of the Savoy's committees. As you can see, Peter is actively recruiting members for the Civic Committee and the Rules Committee. Please consider volunteering. Every success is celebrated. And, at the very least, make recommendations to and ask questions of anyone on these committees.

Civic Committee: Chair, Jerry Elden

Members: Peter Fanning

Finance Committee: Chair, Leon Ellin

Members: Bill Roe, Dick Rivera, Al Cohen, Peter Fanning, Jim Boyle

Facility Committee: Chair, Peter Fanning

Members: Leslie Rivera, Kim Blackmore, Betsy Cole, Bea Elden, Toby Kaulkin

Grievance Committee: Chair, Allen Klein

Members: Dina Lareau, Betsy Cole, Mort Siegel

Social Committee: Chair, Dina Lareau

Members: Norma Cohen, Leslie Rivera, Marge Ellin, Toby Kaulkin

Rules Committee: Chair, Toby Kaulkin

Members: Peter Fanning



What's going on in Town?

There are 5 projects actively underway in town. Our balconies will be dusty for a while, but the improvement to the tax base is always welcome.

Election Season has arrived. We have a School Tax referendum at the end of March, a Presentation of a revised City Charter advocating a "strong mayor" and revamped City Council, and a County Commissioner election in District 2 (our district) and District 4. If you want more information, there will be a number of forums on these issues.

Florida Film Fest April 4-13

Florida Winefest April 10-13

YMCA "Going for the Gold" Black Tie dinner and auction May 3 at Berlin YMCA

Sarasota Music Festival Jun 2-21

Sarasota Museum of Art Docent-Led tours Weekends until April 19 1:30-3:00

Sarasota Walkathon March 29 8:30-noon at Payne Park. (Benefitting Southeastern Guide Dogs)

Mandy Patinkin April 1 8:00 pm Van Wezel

Sarasota Orchestra—Beethoven's Fifth Symphony April 4 at Neel Performing Arts Center, Bradenton

Sarasota Orchestra—Beethoven's Fifth Symphony April 5 & 6 at Van Wezel

Piano Masters at Church of the Nazarene, Venice April 11 and 12

Sarasota Orchestra—The Beatles in America April 11 at Van Wezel

Sarasota Pops— Take 5 around the World at Neel Performing Arts, Bradenton April 13 3:00pm

Live from Downtown—It's Friday Night! Every Friday 6:00-9:00pm

1st Friday Palm Ave, Main St, 1st St & Whole Foods

2nd Friday Burns Square (South Pineapple)

3rd Friday Towles Court (Adams & Washington)

4th Friday Rosemary District (Fruitville & Central)
