

Activities for All

The new system of registering snowbirds on Mondays, so that Tuesdays could be strictly for the enjoyment of the meetings, seems to have finally caught on. However, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday this Monday, we will return to the old system of holding registrations on Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 8:15 before the 8:30a.m. meeting and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the 11 a.m. meeting. That is for this coming week only. This and other important reminders can always be found on the website at www.destinsnowbirds.org. Please check it regularly.

This new season has begun with a bang!

Take golf for example. Traditionally, the first Nine & Wine & Whine of the season might attract 40 to 56 golfers. But over 70 signed up for the first outing at Shalimar Pointe Golf Club last Saturday. Head pro Randy Bensley was concerned that, with such a large field, the play might have lasted into the twilight hours. Fortunately (or sadly) Mother Nature put all worries to rest with one of the season's worst storms to date. There are several more outings planned for both "Whiners" and 18-holers, so if you are wondering about the "where", "when" and "how" to join us, email snowbirdgolf@gmail.com, to request the details.

Another "first" was last Tuesday's T.G.I.T. (Thank Goodness It's Tuesday) party. Seascape Resort neighbors may have figured that another bad storm was brewing but, no, it was just all the fancy footloose dancing that over 180 snowbirds exerted to the golden oldies performed by the musically gifted and snowbird favorite Bobby D. The next T.G.I.T. party will be January 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. with the amazing Todd Herendeen at the microphone.



While the Writers' Group have already held a few meetings, here's a "first," they have an open spot or two for any interested snowbird. This is one club that is usually fills every chair afforded them at the Destin Public Library before the new year even begins, but chairwoman Pat Hager said that there were some regulars who were unable to return this year. Many members in the group are gifted and published artists, musicians and writers, but they meet to share what they know and to learn from one another. At

the end of the season, each offers a sampling of their talent in a special presentation that is open to the public. Watch for more information because the venue is free and highly entertaining. And, if you want to know if those seats are still open, contact Pat. Her information is listed on the Activity Sheet section of the web page.

Another group that has met a couple of times already is the Singles Friendship Club. Not only do these snowbird singles develop friendships with other singles, but they also get to sample the menu items of some of Destin's most popular eateries. They never patronize the same place twice in any one season. Last Tuesday it was 790 on the Gulf where 14 women and one brave man shared an afternoon of food and fun. John Nahbenayashe of Wisconsin challenges more single guys to join in on the fun. You know who you are! Next Tuesday they will gather at the Half Shell Oyster House immediately after the 11 a.m. meeting.



Contrarily, the men outnumbered the women by four-to-one at last Monday's poker card games in the Seascape conference center. It wasn't as bad as it might have been had it not been for the LSU/Clemson championship game. "We usually have three to four tables filled," said poker chairman Dean Harper. Only two tables were in play and one was going to lose a player halfway through the evening. Fred O'Bryan of Kentucky arrived early so that he could duck out before kick-off. He wore his purple and gold so that no one would question where his loyalties lie. Dean said that the Destin club hosts the poker games on Mondays and the Walton club hosts on Wednesdays. Always at the Seascape Conference Center, always 6 to 9 p.m. And they will nickel and dime you – literally!

If you missed David Seering at last Tuesday's meeting, you missed an awesome mix of operatic classics, Billy Joel jewels and Neil Diamond's snowbird anthem, "Sweet Caroline," among others. I can't tell you where you can find him performing, he's not. He has decided to take time off for other commitments such as traveling to L.A. to write and score the music for a friend's movie project. However, he will still perform the 9th Annual "David Seering Concert", February 17, 2020, at Village Baptist Church, to benefit Children in Crisis.



Next Tuesday, Bobby D. will be our entertainer and, no doubt, everyone who got a taste of his talent at the T.G.I.T. party, will want to attend, so you might want to arrive early.

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