



TROPICAL TALES

February 2024

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Letter from Outgoing President

I have withdrawn my name from consideration for the 2024 BOD, while having enjoyed, for the most part, my Board tenure. As you know, I was appointed to the Board when only a few volunteered and therefore, no vote needed to be taken. Then, when a President resigned, I was voted to Vice President. Shortly after that, the 2nd President resigned, and I was voted by the BOD to be President. I attempted to do my best, to be as transparent as possible and to follow all the rules and regulations. I am not “The Great I Am” and know that no goal was achievable without the partnership of the other Board members. In departing from my role, I would like to list a few accomplishments of which I am very proud of the Board of which I had the privilege to be a member.

Rules and Regulations: We had begun work on updating the Rules and Regulations but didn't get very far. Residents often inquire about: (1) No smoking being allowed in the enclosed pool area and to enforce similar to 2023 update in Florida statutes; (2) parking at the clubhouse under the overhang, (3) The flag rules need to be updated and reflect the most current Florida laws. We had been advised that this could cost up to \$20,000. We checked this information with our legal firm, and they advised that it should be more like \$5,000.

Moratorium on share sales: I believe we acted too quickly when we imposed this on our residents and feel this should be revisited. I think we need an analysis of the true potential impact future sales would have on our annual budget.

RV Lot: The co-op derives income from 35+ residents who rent slots in the RV lot. When I joined the board, it was a mess, safety being an issue. We have had it cleaned up, new gate locks and cameras installed for surveillance. I think a realtor type lock box would be beneficial for vendors that need to get to the area.

Reserve Study: Universally considered a valuable tool for organizations to maintain property values and the integrity of communities. Our existing study indicates it is time to address our aging electrical pedestals/meters at the recommended rate of 25%/year until all are replaced. I feel strongly that hoping the problem will either not manifest, or that it will go away is not a viable solution. Ignoring this could prove detrimental and more costly in the near future.

Buildable Lots. Each lot represents potential income. During the RFP interviewing process, we became aware of several options and feel this is definitely worth pursuing.

POOL: we have been looking at other pool companies, while trying to also hold the current company responsible for past ineffectiveness.

Diseased Trees: we have worked with Carlos to remove and scheduled to replace some diseased palms.

I want to extend my gratitude to the BOD members with whom I had the privilege to serve. My best wishes for a successful and profitable run for the next Board of Directors!

Mike Resca

Activities

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Delivery	Volunteers needed	

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Circle of Friendship	Judy Sochacki	586-942-1864
C.O.P	Linda Cassidy 772-359-9932
Block Captains	Chairperson needed

Arts & Crafts Wed. 1 - 4 pm
Doris Jacoby 772-940-2223

Bean Bag Baseball Wed. 7:00 pm
Sandy Tremblay 802-522-9610

Billiards Daily 1:00 pm.

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Sonny Rimatello 772-240-1114

Bridge Wed. 1:00 pm
Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

Bunco Mon. 6:00 pm
Betty Thomas 860-916-6853
Judy Carrara 207-431-9291

Canasta Thur. 12:30 pm

Friday Night Pot Luck Fri. 5:00 - 7:00 pm
BYOB and a dish to share

Ladies Luncheon
3rd. Thurs. of the month 1:00 pm
Sign up on bulletin board
Sandee Liebl 772-465-4244 & Barbara Pattison 772-461-8393

Mah Jongg Tues. 11:00 am
Nina Petri 772-882-9142

Nimble Fingers Crochet & Knitting Tues. 2:00-4:00pm

Pickleball Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8:30 am
Mitch Hushak 515-707-2539

Pilates Tues. 11:30 AM (**currently via Zoom**)
Barbara Unger-Lengen 772-233-2407

Ping Pong Mon & Wed 2 PM
Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728

Pool Exercise Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10:00 - 11:00 am
Ann Collins 631-704-0852

Poker Tue & Wed. 6:00 PM

Shuffleboard Tues. & Thurs. 10am

Tennis Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:15 am
Tony Cimino 410-456-9649 and Don Randig 330-814-2630

Various Card Games Mon. 12:30 PM
Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326



Valentine Fun Day

Saturday, February 17 4:00 PM

At the clubhouse

Join us for a "bring a dish" meal. We will supply turkey, ham, coffee, tea and water. There will be games and cards—bring your change and your favorite game.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the clubhouse if you are interested.

Only \$5.00 per person

to help defray the cost of paper goods, etc.

Tickets on sale February 8, 12 and 14 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at the clubhouse.

Sponsored by the TI Social Club



Tropical Isles Clubhouse

Saturday, February 3, 2024

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Food and drink will be available for purchase

Contact Audrey Shanks at 585-721-8817 to reserve a table.

Table Prices

Residents	Non-Residents
8 ft tables—\$10.00	8 ft tables—\$14.00
6 ft tables—\$10.00	6 ft tables—\$12.00

Tropical Isles Utilities Corp.

BREAKFAST AT TROPICAL ISLES

At the clubhouse

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Service begins at 8:30 AM



Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Bacon French Toast
Sausage Links Fruit Cups Biscuits Sausage Gravy
Mini Muffins/Cookies Juice Coffee Tea Water

\$7.00 per person

On sale at the clubhouse

Jan 29, Feb 1, 5 & 7

From 5:00 Pm—6:30 PM

On Saturday February 10, 2024, TIUC will hold its annual meeting for all interested residents at 1:00 PM in the clubhouse hall.

No director positions are currently open for election. (One board member resigned and his position was filled from the current board directors.)

Current finances and the proposed operating budget of the corporation will be discussed, and all residents are urged to attend.

December 31, 2022

Checking	\$12,641.41
Money Market	\$22,272.26
Total Assets	\$34,913.67

December 29, 2023

Checking	\$13,527.33
Money Market	\$37,308.97
Total Assets	\$50,836.30

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PING PONG

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available for use at the club house. (if the room is
available)

Call Steph with any questions.

Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728

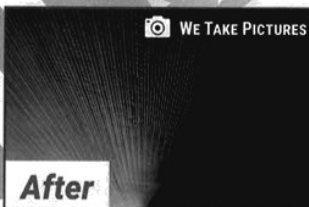


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Valentine's Day is the best-known holiday for romantic love and tokens of affection: flowers, chocolates, and jewelry. But who was Saint Valentine, why is February 14 significant, and what other lore and legends are associated with this heartfelt occasion?

Saint Valentine was indeed a real person, but the details of his life, background, and accomplishments are muddled in centuries of interpretation. There are many origin stories of St. Valentine, but the most detailed account says he was a physician-turned-priest who lived in Rome in the third century, during the reign of Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). Claudius II was a cruel emperor who outlawed marriage as he believed it interfered with military prowess.

St. Valentine performed secret marriages and was imprisoned for doing so. After some time, he befriended the jailer's daughter, Julia, whom he tutored. He was urged to renounce his faith, but refused, and was sentenced to death. Before his execution, he crushed violets to make purple ink and wrote a letter to Julia. He signed it, "from your Valentine." Thus marked the mystical origin of the first Valentine's Day card. Valentine was martyred on February 14, 270 AD.

According to historians, there are many tales of the same man and it is impossible to tell which details are accurate and which may be exaggerated. In total, more than 50 priests, bishops, and other church officials have taken the name Valentine, and bits and pieces of all their histories may be part of the St. Valentine legend.

PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball is played Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 8:30 AM. ALL skill levels welcome. Equipment provided if you want to give it a try.

Mitch Hushak 515-707-2539



C.O.P

I want to welcome back our winter residents, and I hope you all had a nice cool summer.

I have noticed one of the latest scams is check washing, so heads up on that. (Check washing is a form of check fraud in which a scammer steals a completed, signed check and erases everything but the signature. The scammer then rewrites the check to send money to themselves. The check can be stolen from mailboxes or postboxes, and washed in chemicals or copied or scanned. This scam can cause financial losses to the victims if not detected and corrected.) Try not to send checks through the mail. It will also save you a stamp, which has gotten increasingly expensive. I usually call in my payments or bank online.

As usual we are still looking for volunteers. There are only 4 of us and we are lonely and overworked, so please consider driving. Our current vehicle has power steering and a semi-working radio. If you have any questions, please call me anytime.

Your C.O.P. Leader, Linda Cassidy

Residents - Your grand total today (1/19/2024) was 79 lbs, which will help distribute 66 meals to the community.

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Travel News

Neil Sedaka was a complete sell out so we could not get tickets, but I have just put 2 new outings on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

I'm excited for this one and am hoping for a great response. I have not committed to it yet, pending the response from all of you. It's a Dinner Detective show! I found a bus company that is reasonable to take us to:

Marriott Palm Beach Gardens
4000 R C A BLVD,
Palm Beach Fl. 33410

Menu choices are Chicken Marsala, Roast Pork Loin or Veggie Lasagna and the tentative price and breakdown is - show \$65.00 & bus \$37.00 = total \$102.00. Date is Saturday, March 23, 2024. If you have any questions, or if you are ready to sign up, contact me at 586-942-1864 by February 6, 2024.

OK now, great news for anyone who wants to go to Tarpon Springs for the day on Tuesday, April 19, 2024. The cost is \$129.00 per person. If you're interested in going, please let me know before 3/14/24. We need 32 people for the bus. Payment in full for this trip is due by 3/25/24.

Judy Sochacki

Circle of Friendship

On behalf of the Circle of Friends, I would like to say congratulations to Linda Young and Audrey Shanks on their debut with the Italian Night. I know from the looks of the dance floor everyone was having a great time.

Please don't forget about the Flea Market - come help support The Circle of Friends. We have a table and are looking for donations of goods. You can bring them to the clubhouse Friday night or

Tropical Isles Available Storage Lot Spots

#2- \$100 Electric
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#16 - \$100 Electric
#36- \$50

These storage spots are on a first come first serve basis.

Please see the office with any questions.

Please be respectful and be sure to replace your American flags when they become tattered or torn. There are several organizations that will assist you with flag disposal, including the Elks, Home Depot and the American Legion.



Circle of Friendship (cont'd)

call me at 586- 942-1864. In addition to our table, we will be cooking and serving a hot dog lunch so please stop by the concession stand. We will also be having a couple of raffles. If you have a raffle prize you would like to donate, just call me. We need our entire group's help with this.

We have received no calls recently to let us know of hospitalizations or people passing. Without your input we cannot support these families. So PLEASE, if you know of someone, let us know.

SAVE THESE NAMES & NUMBERS:

Judy Sochacki for any notification - 586-942-1864
Jeannie DeLiberis for flowers - 302-345-6760
Patti Johnson for all cards - 772-971-0260

We are always looking for new members. If you have some free time and would like to help spread cheer and make residents feel like they're not alone, our next meeting will be February 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the card room.

Judy Sochacki

February Birthdays

2/1 James Culver
2/1 Regina Marlin
2/3 Linda Byrne
2/3 Maria Pienkosz
2/7 Timothy Bryson
2/8 Lorraine Blatt
2/8 Laureen Lenhart
2/9 Janet Rawling
2/11 Suzanne Gallipeau
2/12 Mary Everett
2/13 Margaret Horrigan
2/14 Russell Courtemanche
2/16 Vincent Baia
2/16 Bernard Janyska
2/19 Jeffrey Buncy
2/19 Nelda Charles
2/19 Betty Thomas
2/20 Jon David Steuart
2/21 David Darrow
2/21 Lynne Randig
2/23 Mary Sherry
2/23 Roger Taylor
2/24 Sherry Frank
2/25 Joseph Krzyminksi
2/26 Hazel LeClair
2/27 Alan Critzer



February Anniversaries

2/4 Gilbert Rochon & Trudy St. Pierre-Rochon
2/10 Bernie & Joyce Janyska
2/14 Otto & Marie Wuelfing
2/20 Gregg & Nancy Parr
2/20 Larry Steinbauer & Mary Tangora

Greetings to all and Happy New Year! Just wanted to share with the park what a wonderful time our neighbors had on NYE! It all started with, "Do you mind if we gather, have a little party, and watch the ball drop in the club house?" With stipulations, we were given the okay and off we went, originally thinking we were going to get 20 people at the most. The team was Deb Dean, Kristie Melo, and Laurie Berki and we took off running! The flyer was made, the list went up and lo and behold we had approximately 100 people sign-up! As the days went on and the list grew so did our personal budgets!

With no monetary backing from Tropical Isles or the Social Club, we were able to decorate the room like you were in a ballroom on NYE. We ate some awesome appetizers and delectable desserts that everyone made and brought to the party. Thank you for that! We had approximately 70 of our neighbors show up and believe everyone had a good time! We streamed music off the phone through a BOSE speaker while dancing and singing. (We had to start somewhere!)

We appreciate all of you coming and ringing in the new year with us. We also want to recognize and thank the people that helped set up and stayed after the party was over to clean up and put away tables and chairs. That's what this place is all about - community. Who knows, maybe next year we can get a DJ. It appeared that a good time was had by all!

Let's do more in 2024!

Laurie Berki

**March newsletter
deadline is**

Friday, February 23 .

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New Years Eve



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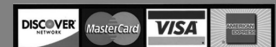
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4 Dominos 2pm	5 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Bowling 11am Card Games 12:30pm Ping Pong 2pm Breakfast ticket sales 5-6:30 Bunco 6pm	6 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Pilates via zoom 11:30am Nimble Fingers 2pm Pool Volleyball 4pm Poker 6pm	7 Tennis 8:15am Bocce 9:30am Pool Exercise 10am Bridge 1pm Ping Pong 2pm Arts and Crafts 1-4pm Poker 6pm Breakfast ticket sales 5-6:30 Bean bag baseball 7pm	8 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Canasta 12:30pm Pool Volleyball 4pm Valentine Ticket Sales 5-6:30 PM Bingo 5:30pm	9 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm	10 Pickle Ball 8:30am Breakfast 8:30am 1:00 PM TI Utilities Annual Meeting
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