



The Sand Dollar

Whispering Sands Village

News from the Association and Social Committee

DECEMBER 2011

A Special Members meeting was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 in the Whispering Sands Clubhouse. Jim Aylor, President, presided over the meeting. There were one hundred and fifty-seven (157) members in person or by proxy. One hundred and thirty-four (134) of the total two hundred and sixty-seven members were required to establish a quorum. A quorum was established. Board members present were Jim Aylor, Michael Baumann, Eileen Kuffel, Gerry Paquette, John Pela, Bill Postiy, El Griffith, Alan Roer and on the telephone Bill Novelli.

The notice for this Special Members Meeting was mailed to each owner of record fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Association and requirements of Florida Statutes.

A Motion was made by Mike Brest and seconded by Leona Behrens to approve

the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Special Members Meeting. The Membership present voted in favor of the Motion. **Motion Passed.**

Reserve Vote

Section One

A Motion was made by Winafred Schoeffler and seconded by Patsy Heyman for not full funding or waiving of Section One Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of eight (8) dollars per unit per month for Sections Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Section Two

A Motion was made by Karen Rosenbloom and seconded by Dick Watson for not full funding or waiving of Section Two Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of thirty-five (35) dollars per unit per month for Sections Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Section Three A Motion was made by Dick Weaver and seconded by Murrel Winner for not full funding or waiving of Section Three Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of sixty (60) dollars per unit per month for Sections Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Section Four

A Motion was made by Jim Rosso and seconded by Pat Burns for not full funding or waiving of Section Four Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of seventy-seven (77) dollars per unit per month for Sections Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Section Five

A Motion was made by Mike Brest and seconded by Jo Unrath for not full funding or waiving of Section Five Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of ten (10) dollars per unit per month for Sections Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Section Six

A Motion was made by Marie Williamson and seconded by Florence Collins for not full funding or waiving of Section Six Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of twenty-two (22) dollars per unit per month for Sections Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Section Seven

A Motion was made by Nedra Farwell and seconded by Kay Paquette for not full funding or waiving of Section

Seven Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of thirty-two (32) dollars per unit per month for Sections Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Association Reserves

A Motion was made by Nedra Farwell and seconded by Kay Paquette for not full funding or waiving of the Association Reserves, but instead funding for the lesser amount of twenty-five (25) dollars per unit per month for the Association Reserves for 2012. **Motion Passed.**

Use of Association Reserves for 2012

A Motion was made by Nedra Farwell and seconded by Kay Paquette giving the Board the authority during 2012 to use all Association Reserves, those accumulated through December 31, 2011 and those accumulated in 2012. **Motion Passed.**

*Copies of the above-discussed items are attached to the Minutes in the office. A full set of minutes is available in the office. *

From The Board of Directors

A Board of Directors meeting was held On Tuesday, December 6, 2011 immediately following the Special Members Meeting. There were nine (9) Directors present constituting a quorum. Also in attendance was Richard H. Jones, General Manager and Christine Sims, Office Administrator.

Confirmation of Proper Meeting Notice: The notice for the meeting was posted in accordance with the by-laws of the Association and requirements of the Florida Statutes.

A Motion was made by Alan Roer and seconded by John Pela to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting. Each Director present voted in favor of the Motion. **Motion Passed.**

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Jim mentioned that the Clubhouse pool is about completed. The pool equipment is circulating and the cleanup from the project is taking place at this time. Hopefully, the pool will be open very soon.

Jim asked all residents to please contribute to the Employee Holiday Fund, he stated now is the time to show your appreciation.

A Motion was read by Alan Roer and seconded by Gerry Paquette to approve the 2012 Operating Budget that has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors and distributed to the owners. All Directors voted in favor of the Motion. **Motion Passed.**

OPEN DISCUSSION

An owner stated that her name was not in the 2012 WSCA Directory, and there has been a theft in her building. After the meeting the office checked,

her name is in the 2012 Directory, but not her husband's because it was not on the form requested by the office.

An owner stated she wanted more security and that the back door of Waterside Manor has been frequently left open.

There was a question on the employee salary and benefit line item in the budget and that was explained by the General Manager.

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President	Jim Aylor
Vice President	Michael Baumann
Secretary	Eileen Kuffel
Treasurer	William Novelli
Director	Elbert Griffith
Director	John Pela
Director	Gerry Paquette
Director	Bill Postiy
Director	Alan Roer

Manager's Update Richard Jones, General Manager

I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and thank those of you in advance who contributed to the Employee Holiday Fund. Just looking around the property, I am sure you can see all the hard work the office and maintenance staff has accomplished this year. The grounds, new front planter and of course the holiday decorations and many other repairs and projects that were completed over the summer.

We are in the final stages of the Clubhouse pool project. We are waiting on the pool-heating contractor to finish their portion of the project. We are estimating we will have the pool open mid week of the 12th. The pool temperature may not be at 88 degrees as desired. It will take several days or longer to get it even close to that temperature.

Those of you who are traveling back north for the holidays, may you have a safe trip, and don't forget to pack your long underwear!

OUR COMMUNITY CHANNEL
IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLY
ON CHANNEL 195

If your mortgage company is asking for a new certificate of insurance for the coverage on the property, please call our agent directly. They will fax the information to the mortgage company and you can also request a copy for your files. Our agent is: *Brown and Brown Insurance*
941-893-2200

THE NEW 2012 WHISPERING SANDS
DIRECTORY IS
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE
OFFICE

WHEN YOU RETURN TO WHISPERING SANDS FOR THE SEASON, PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE. IT IS VERY HELPFUL TO KNOW WHO IS ON THE PROPERTY AND WITH FUTURE MAILINGS.

NOTE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR IN
SUNSET HOUSE

Whispering Sands resident, Realtor Inez Stopher of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate has been awarded the designation of SRES-Senior Real Estate Specialists by the Senior Advantage Real Estate Council

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Please call with your questions.
All inquiries confidential.
References upon request.

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November 1, 2011

TO: ALL WHISPERING SANDS OWNERS

As your new Board President, and an owner at Whispering Sands, I would like to extend a joyous holiday season to all. I am so pleased and proud of our beautiful property and how it is maintained all year, plus all the new projects that have been accomplished by our long-standing staff. Example, our new front entrance. Our community continues to approve even in this very tough economy.

Each year I feel our staff has surpassed their past accomplishments, as I am sure you all have noticed. We are so privileged to live in this beautiful environment. We owe this to our General Manager, Richard Jones, Office Administrator, Christine Sims and Office Assistant, Jackie Runyon-Horr and maintenance staff, James Alberts, Scott Jones, Hector Lopez and Donna Corns. The majority of the staff has been with Whispering Sands for many years. They have proven time and again to be dedicated, loyal and dependable.

The staff's continued excellent performance is recognized by the long-standing tradition of the annual Whispering Sands Holiday donations. I ask all owners to be generous and to show your gratitude for a job well done again this year. Without the owners contributing, the staff does not receive any monetary recognition.

All donations to the holiday fund are combined and each staff member is given a gift of appreciation. The Board of Directors has appointed a committee of two residents to administer this fund. Joan Hornauer and Marie Weaver have agreed to continue on this committee.

Please make your checks payable to the Whispering Sands Holiday Fund and return it in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible by mail or come to the office and put it in the holiday fund basket. We would like contributions by December 12th so we can distribute these gifts before the holidays.

The Board of Directors and I would like to wish you all a happy safe holiday. I would like to thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness to the staff, I know it is greatly appreciated.

Jim Aylor, President





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Siesta Key Rentals Rentals 20 Whispering Sands #401 and 402



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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Ruby

Your Social Committee trusts all residents are enjoying our pleasant fall weather. We look forward to seeing all of you at Whispering Sands social events this winter. Please call the host mentioned to confirm reservations where requested. All are warmly welcome.

Please make a note that our In-house TV access is now CH-195 only. You will need either a box or an adaptor which can be obtained from Comcast on Fruitville Road.

NOTE: Sand Dollar for our villa friends can be picked up in the Clubhouse or the office.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18. START SAVING THE ITEMS YOU WANT TO PART WITH, THINGS YOU ARE TIRED OF, THE WRONG COLOR, OR JUST PLAIN "TAKING UP SPACE" – DISHES, PICTURES, ART, KNICK- KNACK, JEWELRY. PLEASE NO CLOTHES! ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN AND USABLE. CALL RUTH DUERSCH AT 349-4846 OR MARIE WEAVER AT 346-3294, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED STORAGE SPACE.

Fri Dec 9 We have a full bus for our *Christmas Canal Cruise & dinner departing from WS by bus at 2:45p*. Call to be put on our waitlist. Choose from a choice of a 10oz NY Sirloin Steak; Chicken Marsala; or Tilapia Florentine fish. After dinner sail from Fishermen's Village Marina, Punta Gorda, at 6 pm for viewing of homes gaily decorated for Christmas. This location is approximately one hour from W.S. Cost is **\$50** per person and includes round trip bus transportation, choice of entrée, tossed salad, potato or rice, fresh vegetable medley, hot rolls & butter, cheesecake, coffee, tea, ice tea & water, tax & tip. Cash bar is available. Call **Kay** at **312-0376** to sign up or be put on the waitlist. Make checks payable to Kay Paquette and leave in the office. This cruise has been a Punta Gorda tradition for the past 30 years.

NOTE! To our Punta Gorda participants. Bus will leave the Clubhouse promptly at **3 pm**. Please arrive at the Clubhouse by **2:30 pm**. You will be given boarding passes for the bus at this time. Small coolers which will fit at your seat may be brought on-board with drinks of your choice.

Sat Dec 10 *Saturday Nite @ the Movies* has been cancelled due to the DVD not being available until the end of December. Watch the January bulletins for details.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Ruby

- Wed Dec 14** *Book Discussion* is this afternoon in the Tower Lounge at 1:30 pm. We will discuss “*The Forgotten Garden*” by Kate Morton. Our leader is **Marie Williamson**.
- Fri Dec 16** Come to the Clubhouse at 7p.m. and enjoy the Concert on DVD recorded at the Ringling Museum in April, 2011, featuring *Jackie Evancho*, the 11-year old operatic sensation who gained millions of fans when she won second place on the *America’s Got Talent* competition last summer. Host is **Alice Bukantz**.
- Wed Dec 21** *Happy Hour* is this evening at 5:30 pm in the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite hors d’oeuvres to serve 10 – 12 friends and neighbors and B.Y.O.B. Hosts are **Truman & Joyce Vannatta** and **Jim & Ruby Fant**
- Sat Dec 31** **A Happy and A Healthy New Year to one and all.**
- 2012
- Thu Jan 5** *Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch* is today leaving Whispering Sands by carpool at 11:30 a.m. Watch CH-195 and the bulletin boards to see where our hostess will take us this month.
- Wed Jan 11** *Book Discussion Group* will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Tower Lounge. We will discuss “*The Paris Wife*” by author Paula McClain. Our host is **Dorothy Williams**.
- Wed Jan 11** The first in our *Lecture Series* is tonight in the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. We will enjoy “*What’s Right and What’s Wrong With the CIA*” by Carlos Luria, retired CIA Agent. Carlos was born in Germany, educated in England and the U.S. He was recruited by the CIA at the height of the Cold War. His 29-year career in the agency gave him a unique perspective on a broad range of clandestine operations, as well as an intimate look at the strength and weaknesses of the U.S. approach to Intelligence. Luria has lectured widely at colleges and universities and at The Chautauqua Institute and taught courses on intelligence topics for Osher Institute of Lifelong Learning. Our host is **Dorothy Williams**.

Some of you may recall Carlos was scheduled to give us this lecture last January 2011. He has promised not to be hospitalized as he was in 2010 and not to be involved in an auto accident as he was in 2011. He sincerely hopes to visit us in 2012 without incident.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Ruby

- Sat Jan 14** *Saturday Night @ The Movies* is tonight in the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Check CH-195 and the bulletin boards. Hosts are Jim & Ruby Fant.
- Wed. Jan 18** *Happy Hour* is tonight in the Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share with 12 – 14 friends and neighbors and B.Y.O.B. Hosts are **Jackie & Keith Dougherty & Randa & Jack Hulse**.
- During the Happy Hour tonight there will be an **OCTOGENARIAN OBSERVANCE** to honor all in attendance who will be turning 80 in 2012, as well as those who have already reached their 80's and beyond. Come and enjoy some delicious cake and good fellowship.
- Thu Jan 26** *"Welcome Back"* to all our friends and neighbors. Come and enjoy some good fellowship in the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. and enjoy a delicious cup of freshly brewed coffee and/or tea, as well as many sweet delights, some handmade by our residents. All residents, owners, renters and guests are heartily invited to join in the camaraderie. Hosts are **Ruth Lochmann & Bev Deterding**.
- Fri Jan 27** *Pot Luck Dinner* tonight will be in the Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to serve 12 – 14 friends and neighbors and B.Y.O.B. Our hosts are **Ruth Duersch and Marilyn Pela**.
- Tue Feb 14** **WS Valentine Dinner** is at **Mattison's on So. Tamiami Trail**. Dinner Menu includes choice of 3 entrees—**All entrees \$35**. Rosemary & Lemon Honey Glazed Salmon with sweet potato streusel, citrus beurre blanc. Pot Roast Reconstructed, with truffle mashed potatoes, mushroom-Gorgonzola cream, port wine demi. Half Chicken brick seared, cipolini onions, pancetta chicken jus. All include a house salad or Tomato-Gorgonzola cream soup, seasonal vegetables, dessert, soft drinks, coffee or tea, tax & tip. Hosts are **Charlotte & Ken Sizemore, Kay & Gerry Paquette** Make Checks payable to Charlotte Sizemore and leave in the office. **Call Charlotte** for reservations - **349-4427** - **by February 1st**.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Ruby

Fri Feb 24 Come to the Clubhouse at 5:30 pm when doors open for our popular *Italian Pizza Night*. We will be serving wine, snacks and soft drinks. At 6:00 pm there will be salad and at 6:15 pm our pizzas will be delivered for our culinary enjoyment. Following the pizza we will have dessert. Cost is **\$10.00** per person inclusive. Call **Kay** at **312-0376** for your reservations. Hosts are **Kay and Gerry Paquette, Charlotte Sizemore and Ruth Duersch**.

Fri April 13 Nedra Farwell has secured tickets for the *Booker High School Musical Play "All Shook Up"* at 7pm. Cost is **\$10 per person**. She currently has sold all tickets. If you are interested call Nedra at 340-4933 to have your name put on the waitlist for any cancellations. Leave checks in the office made payable to Nedra Farwell. If you leave cash, please be sure to enclose your name & unit number.

Bridge Schedule – all are held in the Clubhouse:

Monday afternoon at 1:00 pm. *Mixed Bridge*. Call **Anne Miller 346-1740**

Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. *Duplicate Bridge*. Call **Halina Zawadzka 349-1595**

Thursday night at 7:30 pm. *Mixed Bridge*. Call **Anne Miller 346-1740**

Men's Poker - Monday night at 7:00 pm in the **Clubhouse**. All are welcome - call **Murrel Winner** at **346-1637**

Men's Coffee - Thursday at 8:30 am in the **Tower Lounge**. Contact **Dean 349-4933**

Low Impact Aerobics - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8 am in the **Clubhouse** in-season

Water Aerobics - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 am in the **Tower Pool** (while the Clubhouse Pool is closed, we will be back in the CH when it reopens)

Pinochle for Guys & Gals - Each 1st & 3rd Sunday. **Tower Lounge** Call **Mary Long 346-2092**

Walking – Tuesday & Thursday morning at 9 am from the CH parking lot. **Maureen 487-7869**

Anyone interested in **Mah Jongg** please call **Caroline O'Connell 346-1637**

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Ruby

Quote of the Day: We cannot do great things on this earth. We can only do small things with great love. **Mother Teresa**

Thought of the Day: Nothing is easy to the unwilling. **Nikki Giovanni, Poet**

**Here are the dates & books for the 2011/12 [Book Discussion Club](#) :
(Clip out this page and attach it to your fridge for easy reference)**

TOWER LOUNGE

<u>Date – Wed. 1:30p</u>	<u>Book and Author</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
December 14	“The Forgotten Garden” by Kate Morton	Marie Williamson
January 18	“The Paris Wife” by Paula McLain	Dorothy Williams
February 8	“The Art of Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein	Marilyn Manzer
March 21	“New York” by Edward Rutherford	Jean Pokorny
April 18	“Cutting For Stone” by Abraham Verghese	Mary Rose Heffern

Please note the December date for the Book Discussion is the 2nd Wednesday so as not to be too close to Christmas.

Watch your in-house Community [TV CH-195](#) for updates on all activities at Whispering Sands and keep an eye on those bulletin boards.



*Happy
Holidays*

*-From the
Whispering Sands
Staff*