

NOVEMBER 2011

From The Board of Directors

A Board of Directors meeting was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 in the Whispering Sands Clubhouse. Jim Aylor, President, presided over the meeting. There were eight (8) Directors present, constituting a quorum. Also in attendance was Richard H. Jones, General Manager and Christine Sims, Office Administrator.

Confirmation of a Proper Meeting Notice: This meeting was posted in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association and requirements of Florida Statutes.

A **Motion** was made by Alan Roer and seconded by El Griffith to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of September 27, 2011. Each

Director present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim mentioned that the office has been taking a reading each day from our new water meter recently installed by Sarasota County. In September we were using 16,000 gallons a day, which increased to 25,000 gallons as owners returned and it could be as high as 50,000 gallons of use during the full season. He asked if everyone would be conscious of their use, such as running the dishwasher with a full load.

In January, a Planning Meeting will be scheduled and the date posted to discuss ideas that need to be considered for long term planning.

The Clubhouse pool project is moving along. The old pool equipment has been taken out and the new equipment is in the process of being installed. The

sidewalks and pavers have started, and the pool resurfacing is complete. We are looking at mid-December for completion of the project.

Elevators and new cabs in the South Tower are complete and the North Tower elevators and cabs should be completed by mid-December.

New Business

Per the Executive Committee, a **Motion** was read by Alan Roer and seconded by John Pela to approve the mailing of the 2012 proposed Budget to all owners. All Directors present voted in favor of the Motion. **Motion Passed.**

As per the Executive Committee, a Motion was read by Alan Roer and seconded by Bill Postiy to approve the roll-over of surplus from the 2011 Operating Budget to Section Reserves for 2012 as a one-time roll-over. All Directors present voted in favor of the Motion. **Motion Passed.**

Per the Executive Committee, a Motion was read by Alan Roer and seconded by Gerry Paquette to approve the WSCA Employee Holiday Fund committee consisting of Joan Hornauer and Marie Weaver. All Directors present voted in favor of the Motion. **Motion Passed.**

OPEN DISCUSSION

An owner asked about Denise/Security guard if she received any holiday

compensation. She is given a monetary gift from the Association.

An owner wanted to comment about the security guard who is on the property when Denise is off. It was a concern that he does not do some of the tasks that are required.

An owner asked about the flag that is put out concerning the mail delivery, and that it is not removed at dark.

A capital improvement meeting on long term and future items such as improvements for roadways and infrastructure of the property will be scheduled in January. If owners can't attend the Planning Meeting, please give your thoughts to your Advisors or to the Board of Directors.

Richard wanted to mention that we recently have had some back-ups due to paper products in the toilets. Sleuth is a company we have used for these issues and they suggested that some of the paper products have caused problems. Charmin, Northern and Cottinelle are products that they have found in their investigations as potential culprits. Angel Soft is a product that is biodegradable to use and they recommend.

Pool deck expansion at the Clubhouse was voted down at the last Board meeting and a Board member thought this item may need more discussion by the whole community for feed back. He felt there could be better use of the pool deck. At the Planning Meeting

this can be discussed if there is any interest.

Items at the Planning Meeting will be prioritized, what is most needed, cost effective, etc. Roof replacements for the Midrises is one item that will need discussion.

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

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 would like to thank all the owners who have returned and have expressed their appreciation on how nice the property looks.

As you can see, the staff has started to put up the holiday decorations. The village does their light up on the Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend, and we will also have our lights turned on that night.

Turtle season ended October 31st and we changed out the low wattage LED amber lights to the white lights as requested by owners for more illumination. Of course, in the spring we will have to go back to the LED lights for turtle season again. Now

that the turtle season is over we will be raking the beach each Friday, weather permitting.

The Tower elevator project has not gone as fast as we would all like. One of the major reasons is that after the initial project was approved we then added new stainless steel doors and cladding to the doorframes. The installation of the new doors took over six weeks to install, which started the project in the hole. Some code changes by the elevator inspectors, electrical issues and, as Power Elevator has stated, some things just took a lot longer than anticipated. The South Tower is completed except for the stainless steel cladding on the elevator doorframes on each floor that will not affect the operation of the elevators. As far as the North Tower, Power Elevator has given us a completion date of December 15th.

The Clubhouse pool project is finally in full force. We anticipate completion of all the sidewalks and the pool deck and the changing out of all the pool equipment from underground to above ground will be completed in three to four weeks. Again, this project was held up waiting for permits from three different agencies.

The new Whispering Sand Directory is completed for 2012. If you did not supply the office with the form that was circulated for several months,

your phone number or e-mail address will not be in it.

The Villa roof pressure washing is well on the way from A-1 Pressure Washing. The roofs have been difficult to clean as some of the roofs had not been cleaned for several years. All roofs should be done by the end of November. Those of you not using A-1 Pressure Washing must make sure that your roofs are cleaned by the end of the month or we will have them cleaned by A-1 Pressure Washing and invoice you for the cost of \$200.00.

We will be continuing to re-mulch the property and this will be on going until all areas are mulched.

Our Special Members meeting is December 6th for the approval of the 2012 Budget and Section Reserves. The mailing to all owners of the proposed budget has been mailed. Please remember to return your proxy prior to the meeting. We must have a quorum and a majority of the quorum must vote in favor of the Reserves amount for each Section.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2011

Operating

Maintenance Fee Income	\$137,889.00
Misc. Interest Income	\$ 37.95
Other Income	\$ 100.00
Total Income	\$138,026.95
Expenses	\$158,728.70
Net Income Over Expenses	\$ (20,701.75)

Reserves-Association & Sections

Association-CH Engineering Drawings	\$ 1,575.00
Section Two-Roof repair/supplies, stucco repair in hallway, supplies	\$ 2,063.42
Section Three-Roof repair/supplies, Underground pipe replacement, PVC Hook-up	\$ 1,608.74
Section Four-Roof repair/supplies	\$ 687.12
Section Six-Metal doorframe Electrical room	\$ 316.75

Resident's Corner

On a sad note...Our Whispering Sands community extends condolences to the families of our friends and neighbors who recently passed away.

William Bergehagen	806 ST
George Carlisle	116 WSD
Aulis Nurmenniemi	206 TV
Stuart Van Dyke	106 SH

Our Whispering Sands Community extends a warm Welcome to new owners

Samuel & Paula Kline 202 NT

OUR COMMUNITY CHANNEL IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLY ON CHANNEL 195

PLEASE DO NOT PUT RUGS OR LARGE ITEMS IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM WASHERS

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*

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SANDS DIRECTORY IS
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN
THE OFFICE

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JANUARY**

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SEASON, IT IS VERY HELPFUL TO
KNOW WHO IS ON THE PROPERTY
AND WITH ANY FUTURE
MAILINGS.**

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GOLFERS***

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nine holes of golf every
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Call Joan Hornauer
349-5686 if interested**

**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
WHISPERING SANDS**

GOLF CLASSIC

**The Whispering Sands golf
outing was held Sunday,
November 13 at the Serenoa
Golf Club. Under bright blue
skies, six groups teed off for a
nine-hole best ball outing.
Following golf, the golfers met
non golfers for a dinner at
Café Baci. Sandy and Ray
Evenson and Hans and Ruth
Lochmann organized the event.
All golfers are welcome so
please come out and join us
next year.**

**The first place team with the
lowest score was Alan Roer,
Jim Losel, Tom Kutter and
Ruth Lochmann.**

**The fewest putts went to Ray
Evenson, John Lawrence and
Beverley Deterding.**



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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



Fiona M. Hoefler

2/19/1919 - 9/23/2011

In one of the stars

I shall be living

In one of them

I shall be laughing

And so it will be

as if all of the stars

were laughing

when you look

at the sky at night

.....there is sweetness

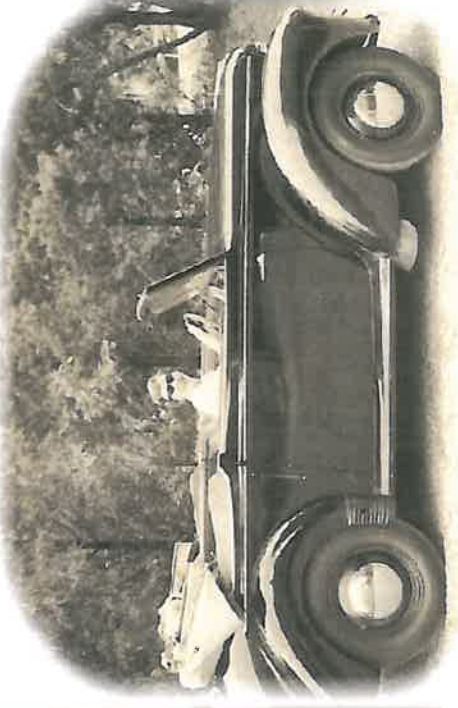
in the laughter of the stars

and in the memories

of those you love.



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19 Whispering Sands #1202. 2BD/2BTH Condo with 26'x9' Lanai. New Listing. \$699,000

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 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.

Thu Dec 1 *Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch* is today leaving Whispering Sands at 11:00 am. Our host is **Inez Stopher**. We will be going to the *Polo Grill* located at 10670 Boardwalk Loop in Lakewood Ranch. Order from the menu and receive separate checks. There will be a private room for our group. Call **Inez** at **349-1179** and tell her if you will drive or ride.

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.

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by Ruby

- Sat Dec 10** *Saturday Nite @ the Movies* is in the Clubhouse tonight at 7:30 pm. Watch CH-195 and the bulletin boards to see what our movie will be. Hosts are **Jim & Ruby Fant**.
- 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**.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Ruby

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.

- Sat Jan 14** *Saturday Night @ The Movies* is tonight in the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Check CH-195 and the bulletin boards to see what our host will choose.
- 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**.
- 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 47 tickets sold, so there are only 3 remaining. If you are interested, we encourage you to call right away before they are gone. Please call **Nedra** at **349-4933** to reserve and leave checks in the office made payable to Nedra Farwell. If you leave cash, please be sure to enclose your name & unit number. Please note that Nedra will be keeping a waitlist, when the last three tickets are gone, in case of any cancellations, so be sure to call to be put on the waitlist.

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 – Every 1st & 3rd Sunday - **Tower Lounge**.

Walking – Tuesday & Thursday morning at 9 am from the Clubhouse parking lot.

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

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

by Ruby

Quote of the Day: Loyalty has no expiration date

Thought of the Day: Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.
Chinese Proverb

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.