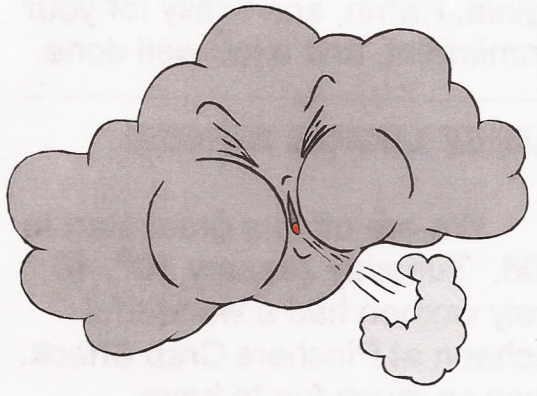




Port Carlos Cove

NEWSLETTER

Rick & Sue Hobot - Editors January 2006



*Next Year, Minnesota
Snowbirds leave the
North Winds Home*



LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

We survived another Annual Meeting, approving the budget and have 2 newly appointed directors, John Kean and Bob Wiesenauer. We welcome them and thank them for coming forward. Without people like them where would the park be, and how can PCC move forward and safeguard what we now have without dedicated, caring and giving people like John and Bob?

I know I have said this for years, probably ever since we started doing the newsletter, but I feel it should be said, that these men and women who are our Board's Directors "GIVE". They give their time, day in and day out, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and even during the summer months. They get phone calls, faxes, and e-mails and stopped on the street all asking a question or venting complaints. They give answers or explanations and try to do so to the best of their abilities. You also understand we are all different, from different locals, had different occupations and different temperaments. However, they all try to do the best they can and for nothing but the chance to give something back to the community and keep PCC the special place it is and home to us all.

So I for one want to thank Virginia Millert, our outgoing Secretary and Historian for her 6 years of dedication to the park and for continuing to take the minutes at upcoming meetings.

Karrin Unger also leaves us after her 2 terms of being on the Board and is probably best known for her "grass" dealings. Karrin was the Vice President and describes herself as a "gopher", doing what ever was asked of her by the

President. She and her husband Neal have been long time "givers" to the park. Lastly, to Wally Swartz who with the two women Directors leaves after his second term. Wally has been President and Treasurer and always ran the meetings in a very professional manner, explaining many points and numbers thoroughly and many times over to the understanding of us all. We THANK YOU Virginia, Karrin, and Wally for your time, commitment, and a job well done.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

We are off to a great start in 2006. Tuesday January 10th, 40 lovely women had a wonderful luncheon at Pinchers Crab Shack. It was so much fun to have everyone back and enjoying each other's company.

Our February luncheon will be Thursday, February 9 at Snug Harbor. We will order off the menu. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the February Civic Association Meeting or call Carolyn at 463-0172. Please come and join us.

Carolyn Wallem

ATTENTION ALL PIE BAKERS

We will need fresh home baked pies to sell by the slice at our table at the Bazaar on Feb. 11th. If you have any questions or wish to donate one, please call Sarah Lombard at 463-0501. Thank You.

Sarah

PORT CAROLS COVE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of 2006 was held on January 2nd at 7:00 PM. We had a great turnout with 48 people attending. 35 additional member dues were received. For only \$5.00, you too can become a member. Just one of the many benefits, of being a member, is this Newsletter, which is sponsored and supported by the Civic Association.

For those attending you heard about new ideas and updates on current activities. The discussion was contagious. People want to be part of "What's" happening and "making things happen". What a great way to further enjoy our piece of paradise.

Come join us the evening of Feb 6th. Bring your thoughts and ideas, bring your neighbor. Everyone is welcome. You DO make a difference. Be sure to check the activity calendar at the back of this newsletter and the boards at the Club House Area. Have questions/comments; contact your District Representative or any one of the officers/chairman of the Association.

This is a great way to meet others, get to know them and make new friends.

*Your Port Carlos Cove
Civic Association Board.*

Mary and Joe Otocky want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and words of sympathy and concern they received after their loss of their granddaughter. It helped them so. Thank you,
Joe and Mary

Looking for a way to recognize and/or remember that someone special?

Hurricane Charley and Wilma took a toll on the benches around the shuffleboard courts that were used by many of the shuffleboard players and viewers. As a result, we need to replace 10-12 of those benches. These benches were originally purchased by the Civic Association and a new purchase this year will impede some of the other planned projects. Therefore, as a way to raise additional funds, we are supporting a project where you (or a group) could purchase a bench and a plaque or memorial plate that would be attached to the bench. The restriction would be the design of the bench and size of the plaque and would be governed by a uniform set of guidelines. If you are interested in such an effort, please contact one of the officers of the Association or Corporation.

Will Rogers who died in a plane crash in 1935 was probably the greatest political sage that America has ever known.

Enjoy some of his quotes,

- 1. Never slap a man who is chewing tobacco.*
- 2. Never miss a good chance to shut up.*
- 3. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.*
- 4. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.*
- 5. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*

SHUFFLEBOARD

Our shuffleboard tournament ended on Tuesday and our winners with 32 playing were Bill Olney who won the trophy for 1st place. His wife Ann Olney won her 1st place trophy for the woman as we were playing singles. (This is the first time Ann has won first place in all the years of playing, good job Ann!)

The 2nd place winner for women was Tamara Young and having to play as a man Liz Gravelle came in 2nd.

Third place for men was Barney Bryant and 4th place was Joe Wilaby. This was the first time Joe had played the game. For the woman, Margaret Anderson came in 3rd place and 4th place was won by Loretta Asselborn. The consolation prize was won by Ann Nelson.

Helen Warren can make the perfect 4 oz. hamburger patty and it took Joe Wilaby and Roger Gravelle to cook them to perfection.

Liz Gravelle helped me do the shopping for the food and she had Tamara Young assist her in making up the trays of trimmings for the burgers. To complete the meal, Virginia Perry served chocolate ice cream bars and really cleaned up the kitchen for me after the meal. I especially want to thank Jean Wilhelm and Ann Olney for assisting me and knowing how to make the chart correct. We can't do without Bill Olney as he had the courts all clean and disc and all waxed and ready to play. Again, my thanks to all!

Our February tournament will be the obstacle course singles and will be held Feb. 6th at 9 am. The invitation is out to all and sign up sheet will be ready for signing up by January 31st. Blanche



Marinated Carrots

3 lbs, carrots cut up and cooked
1 medium Green pepper cut small
1 med. Onion cut into thin slices
1 can tomato soup
½ c. olive oil
1 c. sugar or splenda
¾ c. white vinegar
1 tsp salt
½ tsp pepper
1 tsp prepared mustard
1 tsp Worcestershire Sauce

Cook carrots, drain and cool. Mix all together and cover and marinate for 12 hours. Drain to serve. Can keep leftover carrots in fridge for 2-3 weeks.

Mary Ann Wiesenauer

AARP SAFETY DRIVING PROGRAM

55 ALIVE

FEB.20 & 21, 2006
8 - 12 Both Days

\$ 10.00 Fee
Materials will be provided

Proof for insurance reductions upon completion.
Limit 25 persons

Sign up sheet in clubhouse
For questions call
Karrin or Neil Unger
463-5539

Christmas Party

39 Port Carlos Cove residents and Dave & Jan Schweisthal's grandson, Tyler, enjoyed our beautifully decorated grounds & clubhouse as they arrived at the clubhouse at 7 pm on Friday, December 23rd. In lieu of presents for each other, over 100 pounds of food & \$147 was received for the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. The monies received represents over \$1300 of food donated to hungry families. The true meaning of Christmas

The festive tables included candy canes donated by Tom Frana and lovely holiday napkins from Helen Warren, both of whom were unable to attend but wanted to be part of our celebration. Gwen Havens narrated the Christmas Story, followed by a prayer offered by her husband, Glen. After we enjoyed the delicious holiday finger foods brought by the attendees, Blanche Simpson presented the prizes to the winners of the Holiday Decoration Contest, which were announced in last month's *Newsletter*.

Our Jolly Old Saint Nicholas (known as Bill Arendt 363 days of the year—he's also Santa in the Christmas in July boat parade in Minnesota) arrived with gag gifts for everyone, providing an evening of laughter and good cheer. Our wonderful evening concluded with the recitation of *The Ballad of Befana*, and Italian Epiphany legend, by Sue Smock.

Marcia Struga

Christmas Caroling

At 6:30 on Christmas Eve, about fifteen very merry Port Carlos Cove residents and guests began their singing on streets magically lit with the beautiful luminaries provided by the PCC Christmas elves. We gathered back at the Clubhouse after caroling to enjoy cookies and cocoa lovingly provided by Lone Mink and Patti Irvin

February Birthdays

Ave Hilfiker	1 st
Violet Zepp	3 rd
Dave Gallagher	8 th
Tana Gerwin	9 th
Doug Moore	9 th
Donna Hoversten	11 th
Richard Law	18 th
Harry Mitchell	18 th
Sherill Diehl	19 th
John Kean	21 st
Ellen McClennan	21 st
Helen Morton	23 rd

Steve Gumm	25 th
Lori Hohner	25 th
Gail Pomodoro	27 th

*Joyeux
Anniversaire*

Bill & Marcy Arendt
February 15th

John & Eileen Bielec
February 21st

CIVIC ASSOCIATION WISH LIST

We have decided to create our own "MAKE-A-WISH" list. As you know many of our play day items were lost in the last 2 hurricanes and need to be replaced before our play days events are held.

Therefore, if you are willing to loan for a day or donate any of the following items it would be appreciated.

Crochet Set

Tidily Winks

Marbles - including shooters

Badminton Racquets and Birdies (shuttles)

Volley balls or Soccer balls for relay races

Some golf balls and a few clubs have been donated, however, we could use more.

A golf putting green is needed

If you can help with any of these items, contact:

Bob or Jean Wilhelm
463-2880

MEN'S CLUB COFFEE

The Men's Club had their first meeting January 2nd. There were many ideas and several projects discussed.

When you walk by the Clubhouse, the first project, and you see the repairs and the new paint, remember how valuable these people are because they just saved the Park between seven and eight thousand dollars or approximately \$4 a month Association fees.

Hats off to the Men's Club

Subject: GOLFING WITH THE WIFE

Out on the golf course with his wife, the husband says, "Twenty years ago I had a brief affair. It meant nothing, I hope you can forgive me."

His wife was hurt but said, "Dearest, those days are long gone. What we have now is far more valuable. I forgive you." They embraced and kissed.

On the seventeenth tee, the husband was starting his back swing when the wife blurted out, "I'm sorry darling, I've been so conscience-stricken since you told me about your affair, but since we're being honest with each other,

I have something to tell you also. Fifty-two years ago I had a sex change operation, I was a man before I met you. I hope you can forgive me."

The husband, froze at the top of his back swing, then threw a fit! He slammed the driver into the ground, kicked the ball into the woods, stormed off the tee, pushed the golf cart over on its side, broke the rest of his clubs one by one, then started on hers. He screamed and ranted, "You liar...you cheat. You despicable deceiver! How could you? I trusted you with all my heart and soul...and all these years you've been playing off the ladies tees!"

T'was the month after Christmas

And all through the house,
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse;
The cookies I'd nibbled, the
eggnog I had to taste, at the
holiday parties had gone to my
waist;

When I got on the scales there
rose such a number! When I walked to
the store (less a walk than a lumber),
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd
prepared, The gravies and sauces and
beef nicely rared;

The wine and the rum balls; the
bread and the cheese, and the way I'd
said, "No thank you, please." As I
dressed myself in my husband's old
shirt, and prepared once again to do
battle with dirt,

I said to myself, as only I can.
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a
man!" So away with the last of the sour
cream dip. Get rid of the fruit cake,
every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food that I like
must be banished, 'til all the additional
ounces have vanished. I won't have a
cookie—not even a lick. I'll want only to
chew on a long celery stick.

*I won't have hot bisquits, or corn
bread, or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and
quietly cry. I'm hungry, I'm lonesome ,
and life is a bore, But isn't that what
January is for?*

*Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good
diet!*

—Author Unknown

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

District 3 put on the New Years Eve
party. We had about 70 of the park
members and their guests together in
the clubhouse to celebrate the changing
of the year. A delicious meal was
enjoyed by all. John Sbrega cooked the
pork roast on several grills, and the
aroma of the cooking meat had the
neighbors' mouths watering. Cocktails
started at 5 and before dinner John
Sbrega led us in singing the songs of
the different military services after which
the whole group sang "God Bless
America". Then dinner was served
buffet style. There were so many dishes
brought by the ladies and gents that it
was over whelming. But all was soooo-
good! And then the desserts were out
of this world, (need to start a diet again)

The club house was decorated with
lots of hats and new Years signs and of
course we had noise makers galore for
all to use. Our Association President
Margaret Anderson, called "dirty bingo"
and it seems her Vice President won a
few too many prizes (just kidding Ken).
We had some music and then off to the
races. We had 6 horses racing. # 1
race was won by the red jockey and the
2nd for won by the blue jockey. After the
races Wally Swartz supplied music and
all enjoyed dancing to some of the
tunes. We did not make it till midnight
but I feel all had a good time. The
evening was truly filled with great food
and better neighbors. The Harry Chapin
Food Bank benefited as many folks
brought donations. A big thanks to all
the ladies and gentlemen of District 3 for
their help. They did a wonderful job

Mary Ann Wiesenauer

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 <p>Water Aerobics Mon – Fri 9:30 AM</p>		1 GOLF (Tom Frana) EUCHRE 7PM	2 BINGO	3 Friday Golf (Neil Unger)	4
5	6 Men's Club Coffee 8AM SHUFFLEBOARD Tournament Civic Association meeting 7: PM	7 POT LUCK 4PM BRIDGE 7:30 PM	8 BOARD MEETING 9AM GOLF EUCHRE 7PM	9 <i>Ladies Lunch Bunch</i> BINGO	10 Friday Golf	11 BAZAAR 
12	13 Ladies Poker 1PM	14  Valentine Party Dinner & Dance "Ron Rutz"	15 GOLF EUCHRE 7PM	16 BINGO	17 Friday Golf	18
19	20 Ladies Poker 1PM	21 HAPPY HOUR 4PM BRIDGE 7:30 PM	22 GOLF EUCHRE 7PM	23 BINGO	24 Friday Golf	25 Pancake Breakfast 
26	27 Ladies Poker 1PM	28 HAPPY HOUR 4PM BRIDGE 7:30 PM	<div>JOINT Shuffleboard Mon – Wed – Fri – 9:AM</div>			<div>2006</div>