

Old Patrician



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Summer Starts With a Great Memorial Day Barbeque

With the rain clouds gathering, an intrepid band of celebrants prepared for an indoor barbeque event. About 40 of us crowded into the social room and another dozen retreated to apartments. So, in spite of the inclement weather, we had over 50 at the first barbeque of summer.

This was made all the more impressive as the vandalized bulletin board was only useful for a few days to “market” the event. The Board asked the SocComm to try again with the bulletin board and we did. This time it was clear sailing with no more trouble.

We now have greater capacity to do cookouts. In addition to the two charcoal grills, we have a brand new gas grill. In addition to that, the old gas grill has had a “guts transplant” such that it is working as designed.

So, we will hold barbeques for the Fourth of July and Labor Day. If there is interest, we will run a June and August one too. Please make your desires known if you would come to the additional barbeque events. The SocComm can plan these activities, but it is up to you to make them happen.

It became obvious when no one signed up for *Ella* that there was no interest in that outing. Part of the problem must have been that the Florida Stage had done that show a couple of years back.

With culture in mind, would anyone wish to join us at the Boca Raton Museum of Art in June or July for an afternoon of art. That site does not have a restaurant, but we could eat at any number of establishments in Mizner Park. Pat and I love this place. It has a focus on



Patrician circa 1972

modern art that sets it apart from other museums in the area. I would like to do this over a weekend such that those of us who work can make it.

The only weekend day I have free in June is Sunday the 19th, Father’s Day. Weekends in July are free right now. So, if you think that this is a good idea and you would like to join us, see me poolside, give me a call, or shoot me an e.mail message.

For as long as there has been the modern incarnation of the Social Committee we have always had an upscale dinner during the summer. This has been a weekday evening. I have a number of restaurants in mind. They are doing summer specials. High on my list is the Sundry House in Delray Beach. This is one of my favorite dining establishments in all of Southeast Florida. It does not have to be there, so if you have a favorite, let me know and we will see what we can do.

Note the picture on the left of our beach in 1972. This is one of the first shots I took in Palm Beach when my parents moved in the year before. I have printed this to point out that our beach today, almost 40 years later, is about the same size.

The beach comes and goes. Our little section is stabilized by the coral reef that is very close to the shoreline in front of the Patrician. The town has never added sand in our backyard, but we do benefit from the sand that is deposited north of here as the usual current flows from north to south.

The same reef that preserves our shore is often called in error “old A1A.” It is thought to be the road because it is flat on top. Wally McTammany explained to me why this is so. It seems that in mid 20th century, folks who could afford it had slices of coral cut off the top of the reef to make pool enclosures for their Palm Beach homes.

As of this writing, I have 73 people who are receiving this newsletter by e.mail. If you are reading this on the bulletin board and you do have an e.mail address, please let me know. Of the people who are on the e.mail distribution list you will get this paper even if you are not



in residence at this time. Therefore, I would like to open the discussion about the SocComm during the up coming season.

First, the committee is open for anyone who wants to serve. I would very much like someone on the committee who is younger than 55. We have a nice age distribution above that age with the four members who currently serve. It would be useful for someone younger to join us.

As past newsletters have stated, we tend to repeat the parties, activities, and events that have proven successful in the past. So, you can count on the 2011 - 2012 season will continue this tradition. But, we are always looking for new and different functions that we can try out this year. Sometimes they are a hit, like the Wine ‘n Cheese and sometimes they are a flop; but we keep trying. If you are reading this now let me know the kind of things you enjoy doing and make suggestions on how we can build them into our social program.

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