

Club Raphael News

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From the Manager's Desk

Season is officially in full swing with the return of our part time residents who choose to come to Naples and share our warm temperatures and beautiful evening sunsets. In January, we had our first social event of the season, the "Congratulations and Welcome Party". Over 130 residents attended to congratulate Lisa Philip as she assumes her new position as District Manager for Guest Services and to formally welcome me to Club Raphael. Jack Ribeiro was on hand to present Lisa with some outgoing comments and several gifts on behalf of the association. Special thanks go to Joan Cacace, Penny Legittino and Marcia Murray for all their hard work in making the evening a spectacular event. Music and entertainment was provided by Frank Torino.

We started February off with the "10th Annual Super Bowl Party" at Club Raphael. Over eighty residents turned out to watch the New York Giants beat the New England Patriots with a final score of 21 to 17. Gerry and Sandy Lockhart organized the event, and Bill Traiser provided the additional sound system. Ted Raia manned the game board. Food was plentiful, and a good time was had by all.

On Monday, February 20th, we had our first "Social Game Night" from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Games of choice were Bridge, Gin Rummy, Mexican Train and Mahjong. The turn out was not as expected but those who attended had a good time. We have also put together a list of names, phone numbers and preferred games if anyone is interested in getting together to play.

The social committee "rolled out the red carpet" for a "Night at the Oscars" held on Sunday, February 26th. The party started at 5:30 PM with many residents staying until after 11:00 PM when the presentations were over. Again food was prepared by attending owners and their guests. It was an enjoyable evening for all attending.

On Saturday, March 3rd, there will be Ladies Tennis Round Robin with breakfast at 9:00 AM followed by games from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. If you have not signed up and are interested, the sign up sheet is in the mail room. Out Tennis Round Robins continue to be a success at St. Raphael.

On Monday, March 26th, a "Spring Fling" is being planned with music and entertainment by Michael Angelo that is sure to be an enjoyable evening by all that are able to attend. The sign up sheet is in the mailroom. Cost for the event is only \$5.00 pp (pay in the office or at the front desk). Bring a dish to share and BYOB.

To all of you that I have met, I would like to thank you for making my wife Debbie and I feel so welcome here at Club Raphael. My goal will be to continue to maintain this property as the premier condominium in Pelican Bay. It truly is a special place.

Sincerely,

John Biasi

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Annual Meeting on March 14, 2012

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

Two weeks ago, we mailed out the second notice of the annual meeting. A ballot is included, and you will be asked to vote for 7 candidates for the Board of Directors. Also included in the package you receive will be a proxy which includes two very important amendments to the documents. They include language that is required by South Florida Water Management District to convert the construction permit that was originally issued for the surface water management system to an operating permit. This permit includes the preserve area between the berm and Club Raphael. The Pelican Bay Services Division has an easement agreement on this area and will continue to be the responsible party for the maintenance of this area including keeping the area free from exotic vegetation. The Association will continue to be responsible for the water management system on all other areas of the condominium property. Club Raphael was granted an extension to convert this permit until March of 2012. It is imperative that you return your proxy and vote **“YES”** on these two very important amendments.

If you have questions regarding these amendments, please do not hesitate to contact me. These amendments amount to nothing more than the finalization of administrative housekeeping that was begun several years ago.

Failure to convert the permit could result in fines to the association of up to \$10,000.00 per day.

Note: Your Board of Directors recommends a “YES” vote on these amendments.

Resident Services Program

The Resident Services Program is now six years old. This program serves the ownership by assisting with tasks in individual units utilizing the staff and/or contractors at Club Raphael. We offer a wide range of items from home watch and vehicle care to housekeeping, carpet cleaning as well as general maintenance items. Please see the Resident Services Menu attached to this newsletter for a complete list of services that we offer. If you have any questions or would like to schedule work, please contact the office at 239-593-9611. We should note that many of the owners have used other individuals in the past to perform work in their units. You may choose to continue to do this, but please note that if you contact the office or front desk with your requests, it will be done through resident services.

Bicycle Permits

All bicycles stored on the bike racks in the garage are required to have an identification sticker affixed to them. If you need a sticker, please contact the front desk. Our bike racks are once again becoming crowded with old rusty bikes with flat tires. If you have a bicycle that you no longer need or is in disrepair, please contact the office or the front desk to arrange for a repair. You may also put in a request for us to dispose of your old bike or if in good condition, to donate it to a local charity.

Common Area Parking

There is a very limited amount of common area guest parking on the outside of the building. All trucks and service vehicles are asked to find parking on the north or south side of the building whenever possible. Guest parking at the entrance to the building is limited to two hours. If you rent your unit with all your parking spaces, it will be necessary for you to either rent another spot from a neighbor or to store your vehicle at an off-site location. Your vehicle cannot be left outside in the common area guest parking.

Pet Policy

Pets must be leashed when outside of units. With the exception of the garage, all pets must be physically carried when in Common Elements of the main residential condominium building, including the elevators. No pets shall be allowed at any time in the pool or pool deck area except that pets may be physically carried through the pool area to an Owner's cabana. No pets are allowed on the Lobby Level.

Pelican Bay Foundation News

At a recent meeting of the Pelican Bay Foundation, a motion was made and approved to widen the sidewalk from the Montenero to the Commons to a width of 6 feet, not 8 feet, as previously planned.

Local Naples Activities

Thursdays on Third - Third Street South

Call 434-6533 for information or www.thirdstreetsouth.com

Naples Princess Sunset Dinner Cruise & Show

Call 649-7357 for information or www.naplesprincesscruises.com

The Naples Players at Sugden Theatre

"Fiddler on the Roof" March 3rd thru April 3rd

"Crazy Mary" March 24th thru April 17th

Call 263-7772 for information or www.naplesplayers.org

Germain Arena

"Everblades", March 2nd, 3rd, 21st, 23rd, 24th and 28th

"Harlem Globetrotters", March 11th

"Elton John:", March 13th

"Disney on Ice – Pixar's Toy Story 3" March 17th & 18th

"First Annual Southwest Florida Golf Expo" March 29th

Call 948-PUCK for information or www.germainarena.com

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

"Me and My Girl" February 16th thru April 8th

Call 278-4422 for information or www.broadwaypalm.com

Barbara B. Mann

"Chris Botti" March 4th

"Community concerts – The Minnesota Orchestra" March 6th

"My Fair Lady", March 7th thru March 11th

"The Moody Blues", March 12th

"Ft. Myers Film Festival – Red Carpet Opening Night", March 21st

"Dwight Icenhower – Elvis Tribute Artist", March 22nd

"Richard Nader's Solid Gold Doo Wop & Rock N' Roll" March 23rd

"Southwest Florida Symphony – Masterworks V: March 24th

Call 481-4849 for information or www.bbmannpah.com

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Shell Factory & Nature Park

Call 239-995-2141 for information or www.theshellfactory.com

Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens

Call 239-262-5409 or www.caribbeangardens.com

North Collier Regional Water Park (SunNFun)

Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays

Open Collier County School's Spring Break 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Call 239-252-4000 or www.napleswaterpark.com

Naples Botanical Gardens

"Zimsculpt" Exhibition of 200 = Stone Sculptures; February 15th thru April 22nd

Call 239-643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org