

## BOCA CIEGA POINT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER



The mornings and evenings are cooling off—a good time to take that stroll around the community and get acquainted with our new residents. The pool is still a refreshing way to spend an afternoon with friends. Activities around the area are gearing up, and our snowbirds have arrived.

**SPOTLIGHT:** Our spotlight focuses on a special couple who have both served our country proudly, our own president of the federation, Tom Montefinesse and his wife Pamela. An interesting couple, Pamela was an army brat, traveling all over the world with her parents. Her favorite spot was the Philippines for its beauty and people. Tom began his life in New York City but moved to Ft. Myers when he was six, imprinting the love of the ocean enough to bring him to Boca Ciega Point. He also traveled to many countries, Italy being his favorite. They met while serving their country—both in the dental field of the Air Force. Tom literally picked Pamela up as a courtesy of the base when she arrived. Not exactly love at first sight, but not too long after. Following the service, Tom morphed his skills in dentistry to become CEO of a dental company. Prior to moving to Boca Ciega Point, Tom and Pamela lived in Sand Key where he was president of his condo association, honing his skills to become president of our association. Tom is most proud of his beautification plan and making Boca solvent. We are happy to have Tom and Pamela in our community.

**PAST:** October kicked off the Fall season with many fun activities. **Coffee and donuts**, as always, saw a gathering of old friends and new in an informal setting. The **Book Club** had a lively discussion on the book of the month. **BINGO**, always a fun way to spend the evening. The highlight of the month was **Louise's Retirement luncheon**. It was well attended with a “sell out” crowd. Everyone enjoyed the food and dessert and we even had a few (non-bashful) talk about what Louise meant to them. We were sorry to see her go but wish her the very best in her retirement. **Happy Hour** brought a happy bunch of neighbors together followed by our own Halloween Party, (**witch**) was a blast! Great music from our DJ Carlo and Spooky decorations, both of which were one of the highlights of the party. Costume contest was hard to judge as there were many great ones to choose from. Most original was Pamela Montefinesse as the

centerpiece of a table which sat on her shoulders with a place setting for two. Scariest was Patti Carter and her husband Bob Shouse as really creepy skeletons. Funniest went to Bob & Jan Schmidt as the Devil and a very pregnant Angel. Talent abounds here in Boca. All in all, a great evening!

**PRESENT:** November is jam packed with invigorating activities for our residents. **Don't forget, all activities will take place at our Bayside Clubhouse.** Tickets for the **Chili Cookoff** will be \$15.00 and available on November 2<sup>nd</sup> Bayside from 10-11 and 6-7.

Also available that day will be the **Whitney Houston Music Concert** (date: January 21<sup>st</sup>) tickets \$40.00. Don't forget Daylight Savings the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Calling all chefs. The **Chili Cook-Off** takes place on Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. It starts at 5:30 with a judging at 5:45 followed by dinner at 6:00, Bayside. Bring your appetites! There will be some great varieties.

On the 16<sup>th</sup>, 10-11 and 6-7, tickets are available for the **Veterans Breakfast**, \$7.00 at ticket sales \$10.00 at the door, **All veterans Free.**

Don't forget **BINGO** on the 17<sup>th</sup> for a casual evening out. The following evening on the 18<sup>th</sup>, **Happy Hour** will be held from 5-7 Bayside. It is a good opportunity to meet new neighbors and say hello to old.

Save your appetite for our scrumptious **Breakfast** on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Bayside. **Book Club**, this month, will feature Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens on Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bayside. Hope you enjoy the events the Activities Committee planned for you.

**FUTURE:** What to look forward to. December 10<sup>th</sup>, **The Ugly Sweater/Attire Contest and Dinner. Coffee and Donuts** on the 11<sup>th</sup>. **Bingo** on the 15<sup>th</sup> and **Happy Hour** on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our big end of the year event—**New Year's Eve**—extravaganza will be held on Friday, the 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00-Midnight. You won't want to miss this event or anything else the committee has planned.

This newsletter is sponsored by the BCP Activities Committee in order to keep its residents up to date with everything social and in hopes that our new residents won't miss out on something they might have enjoyed. The activities are planned with you in mind, so hop on board and join the fun. If you have an idea for a new activity, please present it in full along with your plans to implement it with our help. Remember TV Channel 732 HD.

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