

Old Patrician



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The Renaissance of the Social Committee

Let me bid you welcome to inaugural issue of *Old Patrician*, the newsletter of the Social Committee. What's in a name? While, sadly, there is no way to turn the clock back to the 1970s your new social committee will be trying to rekindle the community feelings of those days. With respect to that time I have chosen the name for our newsletter with "malice of forethought."

The board has appointed me, Robert Schuldenfrei, Chairman of the social committee and I have passed on to the board my suggestions for committee members. I will publish this newsletter every few weeks to keep all of you informed about parties, events, and everything social (and believe me I consider almost everything social). Maybe it is a frustration as I never had a chance for a career in journalism, but this is the third newsletter I am writing for this and two other organizations.

We plan to have meetings of the committee often. Everyone is invited to attend; renters, owners, guests, and strangers off of the street! Our goal is to have something for everyone. One of the principal differences between our condo of the 1970s and the Patrician today is age distribution. In 1972, when I first visited Palm Beach everyone was newly retired and roughly age 65. They had common interests. This is no longer true. We

have a wide age distribution. In order to have a successful social offering we must address each age cohort individually. It would be impossible to have parties and events that would please everyone so we won't even try. However, we will have so many events that it will feel like we are doing something just for you.

Now don't expect us to have something ready for next Saturday night. It takes time to get organized and if there is one thing I do well is to plan an ordered life. The ancient Egyptians were really into order and they had a god, Maat, who was in charge of order. It was the principal role of the pharaoh to perform those rituals that kept "Maat in the Universe." So... We will have meetings in January and early February. We will get our calendar "straight." And then we will party till the cows come home (and after that we will party with the cows).

The first thing that is going to happen after our initial meeting is that we will circulate a questionnaire. See the feature article below about your role in setting the social calendar. Some events will just be free gatherings, like barbecues on the pool deck. Others will be grand affairs for which the attendees will pay for the party. There will be a checking account called the Patrician Social Fund, and you will make your checks out to the fund.

That's all there is to it. Lets party-on. Welcome to the new, old Patrician!



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Patrician Memories

Every time I publish an issue of *Old Patrician* there will be a reminiscence of the way we once were. I will write the first one about my memory of the Patrician in the 1970s. Of course, since I did not live here in those days, I will quickly run out of stories. To make this column interesting we will need a continuous flow of ideas from the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

Please send me your stories by e.mail at:

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Or just scratch them on paper and slip them under the door at #616.

The Questionnaire - Your Chance to Create the Social Calendar



New Year's Day 2008

Before we do any planning we want to understand what everyone does and does not want to do. This is not my social schedule or even the plans of the committee. It is **your** plan! We intend to act as facilitators.

To that end a questionnaire will be slipped under your door shortly. On it will be a list of suggestions as to what we could do. There will be plenty of space left for you to write in things that we should have asked but did not. As explained above, we are mindful of the fact

that we have a great range of ages in the building now. Just tick off the things you are interested in and don't worry that someone else could not care less about that activity.

Once you have filled out the form, please drop it off with Joyce in the office. In the next issue of *Old Patrician* we will post the results and call a meeting of the Social Committee. As are all committee meetings, this one is open to all; renters and owners alike.