

Old Patrician



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The Season Is Starting To Come Into Focus

At the most recent meeting of the SocComm on October 6th the gathered decided to make some changes to this year's schedule. We backed off the museum visit described below one week to aid in planning the event.

It was the sense of the floor that in season, one barbeque per month was quite sufficient. If there is demand during the summer we can return to the twice monthly schedule.

In conjunction with the barbeques for October and November, the SocComm will provide coffee and desert for everyone. We are doing this in an effort to entice new residents and returning snowbirds to socialize on the pool deck. These two barbeques will serve as a segue to the welcoming party now being called the "Meet 'n Greet" to be held on Sunday December 14, 2008 in the card room.

It was felt that the name "Snowbird Welcome Back" left out the new owners and renters, so the new moniker will serve our purpose of being more inclusive. This event will be totally financed by the SocComm. It will begin at 4:00 PM and run until 7:00 PM. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided by your committee.

A subcommittee was formed to plan for the Semi-Formal Dinner Dance. We are investigating two Saturday nights at the end of February for this gala event. The nature of this party will require advanced planning and early signup to insure we can follow through with our financial commitment to the venue.

The building has decided to do New Years in a big way. The card room will be reserved for New Years Eve and Day. While the SocComm will not be running the events, we will be coordinating them.

In the past individual owners have had parties at that time. We are now making them open to the building as a whole. Party goers will bring their own supplies. On New Years Day Carol Bakunus will be continuing her traditional brunch. She will provide the meats and attendees will bring sides. It is a wonderful way to welcome the new year. As more details are worked out information will appear on the SocComm bulletin board and on the website.

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In the coming weeks, as more snowbirds return, we will be introducing other activities to the calendar. We will be doing trips, dinners, and other social events. Keep watching and keep making suggestions and your committee will endeavor to work in your suggestions to make this season the best ever.

Norton Museum Visit Next Activity Sponsored by SocComm

One of our goals for this season is to try a number of activities out for the first time. In keeping with this mission we are going for the culture this time. Rhoda Epstein has organized an afternoon at the Norton Museum of Art.

This will be a combination lunch, docent tour, and unaccompanied time at one of South Florida's finest museums of fine art. Because many of our group are museum members, and some of us will choose to skip the café lunch, the Soc-

Comm has decided to make this activity "pay as you go." This means that we will meet together and tour together, but each person will be responsible for his own payment for lunch and/or admission. We will request that you sign up so we have some idea how many will show up and who will need rides.

As most of you know Rhoda is exceptionally well qualified to do this as she was an art gallery dealer. Beyond this her knowledge of art and the art busi-

ness is second to none. Thus, once the Norton's own docent has completed her tour, Rhoda will continue to share her insights with us.

The details about this afternoon are as follows: We will meet in the entrance lobby of the museum at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 1st. Lunch will be in the excellent café in the building. After sampling from their first rate cuisine, at about 1:30 PM, we will meet the Norton's docent for their tour of the day. After that you are free to enjoy the rest of the day taking in all that the Norton has to offer.

The museum is running two special exhibits at this time. The first is called *Eye Candy: Objects of Wonder and Delight*. This is mixed art from the 18th to the 20th century. The second is called *Let the Games Begin: The Art of Competition and Just Plain Fun*. This too is mixed art with a sports theme. For more detail see their website: www.norton.org.

