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Norton Museum Visit a Success

Earlier this month the SocComm went for culture. On November first a group of about sixteen Patrician residents went on a field trip to the Norton Museum of Art. Leading the tour was Rhoda Epstein, our own resident art maven.

First stop was the museum's very fine café for a light, creative lunch. Curry chicken, omelets, and salads led the culinary offerings. Not only was the food great, the table discussion about museums and the art world proved stimulating.

After the meal we met up with our docent who explained to us that he was going to give a fast paced tour of the whole building. Starting in the room with a number of American impressionists, we had a great explanation of that art movement. In the gallery two rooms down we learned how to "read the code" in a 1930s modern view of New York City.

From that point on we picked up the pace with a very interesting Marc Chagall painting tucked into a small room that

could easily be missed if you did not know it was there. After leaving the world of painting we encountered a ceiling made up of glass sculpture.

The formal tour ended in the Chinese art section in the new wing of the building. Some of us stayed for further investigation of other exhibits. I, for one, wanted to see the special showing of photographs at the north end of the museum. Everyone said the event was a huge success and wanted to do more of these.

Lots of Events Coming Up as the Season Gets Underway

As you all know by now the SocComm has a very ambitious schedule of events planned for this season. For a complete listing of upcoming events please go to our website listed in the upper left hand corner of this newsletter. On Monday, November 17th we had a committee meeting to further flesh out activities both big and small.

We extended the barbeques into the new year with one set for New Year's Eve, another for January 21st and two on consecutive weeks in February. One of those February affairs will be over school vacation and the other will not.

For those who like our gambling outings we are doing another road trip to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. The SocComm has all but given up on the Palm

Beach Princess. Hard times has hit the ship in the form of higher prices, reduced events, and an over all grubby look to the boat. So it is off to Ft. Lauderdale instead of shipping out to sea.

We have all of the details down for the "Meet 'n Greet." Marilyn and Edna were afraid that wine would break the budget, but Donna suggested that there was a "box-wine" called Pacific Peak that was not half bad. Your editor was not going to take this at face value! How could \$9.95 for 3 liters in a box be any good? So he bought a box of the stuff and pronounced it "not bad at all." It was shared all around at the most recent barbeque to prove the point. Everyone who tasted it proclaimed that it was "good enough" and better than having no wine at all.

In addition to the wine we will have soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and coffee. It is expected that some of us who can play an instrument will do the impromptu. If all else fails there will be CD music. Since the idea is to meet and greet, the music will take a back seat to the talk. **It is very important to sign up** when the sheets go up so we know how much to buy.

After that, the focus turns to New Year's Eve and Day. The charcoal will burn all evening on December 31, 2008. Thus each one of us, or groups collectively, can enjoy a do-it-yourself barbeque.

There is no need to sign up for this one. Come any time and use the card room for your own party. And you can party till the cows come home (and party with the cows after that).

Carol is doing her New Year's Day brunch starting at 1:00 PM on January 1, 2009. She asks that folks joining in bring a side dish and she will provide the meats.

Last year the bus trip to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino was a huge success, so we are doing it again on January 13th. We will car-pool to the bus site and take advantages of the chips & meal vouchers that the casino supplies.

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 1st) the card room is reserved. There will be room for all who want to follow this annual event. Projecting out until March we will once again be scheduling the Sock Hop dance. There will be other spring time events, but they are just in the formulation stages.

However, the big February event is the long anticipated dinner dance. There will be a questionnaire sent out shortly to gauge interest. Our thinking now is to hold it at Benevento's, but we have a number of alternative venues and plans. This activity should top out as the best from the year long existence of the current Social Committee.



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