

Old Patrician



Volume 1, Number 2 – February 2008

Progress on This Season's Calendar and Plans for Next

Because of a late start, and the fact that we want to be organized before we really become engaged, the SocComm is starting slowly this season. We will be planning a modest schedule of events for the winter and spring of 2008. Additionally, there will be a small, but interesting, calendar for the summer. Next fall we will have a full season of Patrician sponsored activities.

Heading up this year's events will be the semi-formal described below. We will continue the ever popular Bingo, Belly Dancing, and card games. Wednesday night cookouts on the deck will be scheduled at roughly every other Wednesday night. If they prove popular, we will run them more often. There will be a signup sheet posted for each barbeque. The fires will be ready for use at 5:00 PM. These cookouts are free and everyone will bring his/her own food and drinks.

At the meeting this Wednesday we will set up other activities and appoint subcommittees to carry out their planning and execution. You don't have to be on the SocComm to head up one of these subcommittees. The questionnaire vote tally will guide which events will get priority. Next fall we will begin the season with the Snowbird Welcome Back Gala.

You will note that this issue of *Old Patrician* was not distributed under your door. We wanted to be mindful of the workload of the staff, so we will only post the "less important" issues on the SocComm bulletin board. If you have indicated that you want to receive information by e-mail we will send you these low priority postings by that medium. The message is clear, if you want a personal copy of every issue of the newsletter sign up for e-mail distribution or check the bulletin board often... or both!

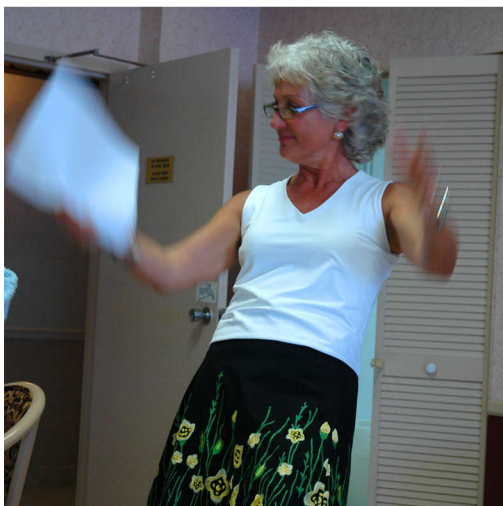


We live at the beach.

Meeting Wednesday

Keep Wednesday night, February 20, 2008 open at 7:00 PM for a key organizational meeting of the SocComm. It will be the most important meeting of the year.

Semi-Formal and Snowbird Party Lead in Vote Tally



Carol greets the new year.

The results are in and the leaders are parties! The SocComm will start the wheels turning even though it is late in the season. At our organizational meeting this Wednesday night we will plan the semi-formal dinner dance to be held before this season is over. This will be the

only large event of the 2007-2008 season. The SocComm is still learning how to organize and run activities so we do not want to undertake more than we can handle. Our objective is to have fewer events, but carry them out in an excellent manner. While the semi-formal will be on only big event we will have numerous small events. In the near future there will be a signup sheet for this grand outing with instructions on how to pay for it.

Unlike past years, we will hold activities during the summer for those of us who will remain in South Florida the year round. These will not be grand events like the semi-formal, but smaller parties to give the SocComm the vital experience of organizing and executing these activities.

In picking out our summer "test parties" we will be once again guided by the questionnaire voting. We had 58 responses to this important document. I consider this a very good response rate.

I will be keeping track on the number of people who attend each event so as to match interest, as reflected by the questionnaire, against actual attendance. It is more important to see how people "vote with their feet."

Space on the SocComm bulletin board is limited. I will keep two months of calendars up all of the time. March will be posted after our meeting this week. April will appear on March 1, 2008.

In the fall we will kickoff the 2008-2009 season with a large Snowbird Welcome Back Gala. This will constitute our second major party incorporating all of the lessons learned from the semi-formal. I trust you all will be patient with us as we "learn the ropes." As with all big parties we will appoint a subcommittee to share the work load. The model for our organization will be the Amish barn-raising. Our motto will be: "Many hands make light work."