

# Old Patrician



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## Organizational Meeting Set Plans In Motion

A fair amount has transpired since the last issue of *Old Patrician*. Here is what's new. The SocComm organizational meeting accomplished a great deal. Events were planned for the remainder of this season. Subcommittees were established and ideas were recorded for this summer and next season.

As was explained, we want to roll into the sponsorship of events with care. We are still learning how this is done. With that in mind we have planned the following events for the remainder of this season: We plan to continue Bingo, Poker, and Belly Dancing as well established activities. Marti Weiss is looking into bus tours with American Coach. She will report back to us at our next meeting.

Carol Bakunas is heading up the effort at life-long learning. She actually had one such event on February 18th. At that event Susan DeCristafaro spoke about

her experience working at Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Marti Weiss will be responsible for the Wednesday night barbecues. More on that activity can be found in the article below.

Phil Leff is the subcommittee chairman for his own, ever popular, Passover Seder. As in the past, this event will be held at Benvenuto. It is scheduled for Saturday night, April 19, 2008. It is open to all regardless of faith. Because we have to guarantee at least 30 people it is important to signup early and a sheet to do so has been posted on the bulletin board.

Judie Bramnick is investigating starting a water aerobics group, as that activity was very popular on the questionnaire. She will report back to the committee at our next meeting.

Finally, last but hardly least, Walter Burke is chairing the semi-formal dinner subcommittee. He is hard at work evaluating various sites for this gala event. The SocComm hopes to have one grand party in the style of the old Patrician "blowouts" of the past. What better way to do this by having the famous dinner dances of a bygone era? The whole committee, plus Walter's team of Phil Leff and Donna Gustafson, will pull together to make this truly a night to remember, if we can do it in time. Should anyone have ideas about how to make this party really "sing" please pass you thoughts on to Walter.

## SocComm Meeting

On Monday, March 17, 2008 there will be a SocComm meeting in the card room at 1:00 PM. We will plan upcoming events in much more detail with reports from the subcommittees. Summer activities will be established.

## Events Get a Roaring Start With Valentine's Day Coffee



### Part of the Valentine's Day crowd.

Donna Gustafson and Carol Bakunas organized a very successful Valentine's Day coffee on Thursday, February 14, 2008. About 75 attendees came, and given the short notice and lack of marketing for this function that should be considered quite good. In addition, this

event was held in the mid-afternoon such that our working residents had little opportunity to join in this get-together. This party represents the first event of the new SocComm. It was deemed by one and all to be a success.

Most of the goodies were provided by those in attendance. Thanks to the efforts of Marjorie Ainsworth, Helene Tull, Annabel Lasoff, Ana Denton, Don Ridl, Marti Weiss, Len DiVolio, Donna Gustafson, and Carol Bakunas everyone had their sweet tooth satisfied. Entertainment was provided by Richard Ianello and John Quaranta.

As I pen these notes the grills and tables are being prepared for the first of the regular barbecues. These will be held roughly every other Wednesday night. The BBQs will run all year round as long as there is interest in doing so. As we have traditionally done, there is no cost for these informal parties. You bring the food and the SocComm will provide the

friendly atmosphere and the lit grills. Everyone is encouraged to stay around after eating to socialize with their neighbors. It is hoped that these events will help form the bonds of friendship which was the principal reason for the revival of the social committee.

It is very important to sign up for these events on the sheets which appear on the SocComm bulletin board. This gives your committee some idea of how many people will attend. Knowing that permits us to set up the appropriate number of tables and chairs. If ever we have to cancel an event notices will be posted on the bulletin boards and in the elevators.

If the early returns are any indication, we are starting out in the right direction. It is our goal to have smaller activities, but more of them than we have had in the past. This should solve the problem of the heterogeneity of our building and our population's diverse interests.