

# Old Patrician



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## Plans for the Spring and Summer in Palm Beach

On Monday, March 17, 2008 there was a SocComm meeting in the card room at 1:00 PM. The first order of business was the report that we could not really organize the semi formal dinner dance in time to hold the event this season. It has been put off until January of 2009.

In place of the dinner dance we will hold both inexpensive and grand dining affairs. Phil Leff is looking into holding the first low budget dinner before the majority of the snowbirds fly north. I will be investigating an upscale dinner party at Maison Carlos for either Saturday, April 26th or Tuesday, April 29th. The dates may slip, but the party will come off.

Fran Crowley, who works at the Florida Stage, is looking into getting tickets there for the show *Dream a Little Dream*. We are aiming for the preview night of June 25, 2008. If this works for us we might go for a subscription next season.

Back on the food scene, we are searching out fun spots to “do lunch” this summer. These will be very informal gatherings at the noon hour.

Donna Gustafson is in charge of a 1950s Sock Hop. She is lining up DJ Ernie Swanson, who does the weekend gigs at the Grumpy Grouper. This party will be in the late spring or early summer. It will be held in the card room. Pizza along with beer and wine will be the featured edibles. So bone up on your jitterbug and be prepared to dance to the oldies.

Two other events are in the very early “concept” stages. Helen Sykes suggested that we hold a High Tea. She and Phil will probe that possibility. We may try to do an activity for Fourth of July like a boat ride. This would replace the traditional cookout if it proves feasible. Marjorie Ainsworth will make some phone calls and get back to us on this.

As we start to think about the season ahead everyone was enthusiastic about the snowbird welcome back party. The meeting discussed where this should be held and we all thought this would be best served if we kept this one in house.

This will be a free event with some of the SocComm “profit” going to buy wine and cheese. Because of the meet ‘n greet nature of such a gathering it was suggested that name tags be produced. As far as a date is concerned, it will be held after Thanksgiving so as to accommodate the snowbirds.

## SocComm Meeting

We will hold an evening SocComm meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM. We will update our plans that were described in the article above. There will be more information about summer activities now in process.

## Early Functions a Great Success



### Hoe Down party 1978

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 winner.

The Patrician has returned to frequent barbeques on the pool deck. The grills are ready about five o’clock and by six PM the party is in full swing. Most people bring extra food so there is a great deal of sharing around the tables. Speaking editorially, Joyce Silver’s lamb chops were out of this world!

As long as there is interest your friendly SocComm will continue this new/old tradition every other Wednesday, except when there is a board meeting. The BBQ is an excellent means of breaking bread with old friends and establishing new friendships. Nothing we can do will better reestablish the feeling of “Old Patrician,” at such a low cost. If you have not attended one of these cookouts, put

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 on your calendar. Signup sheets go up today.

Although the function does not happen until Thursday, March 27, 2008, we can already report that Marti Weiss’ road trip to the Hard Rock Casino is going to be a hit. At the time we had to cut off attendance we had 24 attendees. A number of people asked to be counted in after that date, but we had to pay American Coach so that was it.

For those of you who like this type of event we are planning cruises on the Palm Beach Princess and the Sea Escape. The latter boat sails from Port Everglades in Ft. Lauderdale. Look for these events to be held over the summer and to continue during the season next fall.

Carol Bakunas has arranged two informal “lifelong learning” sessions with Susan DeCristafaro. They were well attended and well received.