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4th of July a Hit, Palm Beach Princess a Miss

Although your humble (ok, maybe not so humble) editor was on vacation over the Independence Day celebration, the rest of the SocComm did a bang-up job getting the barbeque up and running. The weather was a tad iffy as the time for the cookout approached, so tables were set up in the Card Room. In fact the rains held off so some brave souls move back outside to enjoy the open air of the pool deck. They were blessed with Mother Nature holding off the rain until the meal could be completed.

There was a pretty fair turnout considering the weather was a crap-shoot. But that is the way it is in South Florida in the summer time. The land heats up, the sea breeze comes in, the clouds rise, and the rains come down.

As long as the “crowds” keep coming down we will continue these pool deck barbecues. The fact that they continue

to be popular just proves the concept that some of the people will come to most all of the events and almost all of the people will come to some of the events. (with apologies to P. T. Barnum) We have been running the new Social Committee for almost six months now and we have really high hopes for the next season.

Through no lack of interest from our end, the Palm Beach Princess let down their part of the bargain. It took a lot of nerve on their part to declare bankruptcy for the second time. That left our gambling voyage high and dry. Sadly we had to cancel with Walter Burke giving everyone their money back.

But, never fear, we will be scheduling another chance at taking a chance in the near future. First, the Princess may be purchased out of Chapter 7 and might sail again. If so, we will be right back to

the dock in line for another sail. If this does not come to pass, we would consider going to Ft. Lauderdale for a trip on the Sea Escape. And if that does not interest those who flirt with Lady Luck, we can always go back to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino.

Next Season

We will begin the season with some early welcome coffee hours probably beginning in September. This will lead up to our official Snowbird Welcome Back the first week in December. We will celebrate New Year's Eve with a bash in the Card Room. The semi-formal dinner dance will occur in late January. There will be at least one multi-night trip to somewhere in Florida. The wine tasting will make the cut this season. And, of course we will have dinners, barbecues, Bingo, and Poker. So, get ready to join in the fun as life at the beach continues.

Another Upscale Dinner Is Our Next Event

We are going to wine you and dine you with emphasis on the wine. If you enjoyed the dinner party we had at Maison Carlos in June you are going to love the next outing. Even if you missed it, get ready for a blast in August. On Tuesday, August 12, 2008 we are planning to ex-

perience Michael R. McCarty's “Summer of the Grape.” If you never have drunk your way through this meal, you are in for a treat.

This is an “all you can drink” wine dinner. Pat and I have been numerous times and I can say that the wine is superb, and the food is not bad either. For those of you who enjoyed the movie *Fried Green Tomatoes* one of the appetizers is just that, fried green tomatoes.

Here are the details: McCarty's is located at 50 Coconut Row in Palm Beach. We are gathering at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$42.00 and as usual that includes tax, tip, and a small profit for the SocComm kitty.

The restaurant can be described as British Colonial Club. Picture an officer's club during the height of the British Raj during Queen Victoria's reign. Lots of rattan chairs, fans, whitewashed walls and potted plants.

The bar does a lively after work business, but by the time we arrive it should have calmed down considerably. While we will sit inside, there is a small amount of al fresco seating outside on their patio. If you go there on your own, seating is at small tables with plants isolating most tables giving you an intimate setting.

Coming Up

Here is a heads up as to what is set for the next few weeks. Barbeques are on for July 23rd, August 6th, and 20th. They will follow the usual pattern of cook your meat and share your sides and drinks.

Although no date has been yet set, we will have one low cost dinner before the summer is over.

One last idea was suggested recently by Marilyn Kweller. Let's do cocktails one evening on the beach. It will be presented to the committee and more than likely scheduled.



At Maison Carlos in June