

Old Patrician



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The SocComm Meets to Plan the Remainder of the Summer

On August 13, 2008 the Social Committee met in open session to map out our plans for the rest of the summer. It was a very productive session. Bob had an agenda of seven items... They all were addressed plus a few extra items from the floor.

First we mapped out the barbeque schedule for the up coming months. There is one more in August on the 20th. In September we will do one on Labor Day and another on the 17th.

Donna then reported on a "value meal" slated for the Rum Shack on September 24th. It was agreed that we would take advantage of the "two fer." This means we would all pair off and get two meals and drinks for \$21.00. There is a limit of 20 people as seating is an issue. So, when the signup sheet goes up, quickly sign so you wont be disappointed.

Next, two missed opportunities are going to be revisited. Walter Burke will revitalize the Palm Beach Princess cruise. Donna will breathe new life into the Sock Hop. No date has been set for the Princess, but we are holding Saturday night November 15th for all you to "trip the light fantastic." So dust off the white bucks and put on the poodle skirt and get ready to rock.

When we polled our membership museums and openings were very high on the list. We are investigating going en mass to a local museum on Saturday, October 25th. Rhoda will be getting all of the details, so stand by for further information.

We are going to try an experiment. Since we can't really hold the Snowbird Welcome Back Party before the first week in December, we are going to offer weekly coffee hours on Monday afternoons. For eight Mondays at 4:00 PM

the SocComm will provide drinks, snacks, and good cheer for roughly an hour each week. This gathering is to hail the returning snowbirds and to continue the larger mission of the committee which is to encourage fellowship in our building across the board.

Finally, on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 we will hold our Snowbird Welcome Back Party. While we have not worked out all of the details yet, this affair will be held on premises. In keeping with the spirit of welcome, this event will be financed by your committee.

You may remember that this activity scored the highest rating on our survey of events the building wanted to provide. We therefore expect a large turnout. Edna and Marilyn will be heading the planning, so if you have a suggestion they are the folks to contact.

Dinner at Michael R. McCarty's a Hit

Without a doubt the evening of August 12, 2008 was one of the best events the new Social Committee has put on since its inception back in January. Twelve of us gathered at Michael R. McCarty's in Palm Beach for an evening filled with wine, food, and excellent company.

Donna and Eric Gustafson, Harold and Irene Schwartz, Bob and Pat Schuldenfrei, Gabriele and Carina Schenck, Kelly Bretas, Roberta Howard, Marjorie Ains-

worth, and Marti Weiss all headed for Coconut Row bent on having a great time. The evening did not disappoint.

Speaking for myself, the popcorn shrimp and the duck were delicious! They were supported by more than one glass of the white chardonnay. From the comments around the table, other dishes were quite good.

Eric Gustafson took a few pictures like the one on the left. I have four of them. If you ask am sure Eric will share the rest of the pictures with you.

Eric has become the *Old Patrician's* staff photographer by dint of always showing up at our functions with his digital camera in his pocket. If anyone else wants to join the "staff" they are more than welcome to submit articles and pictures to your humble (well maybe not so humble) editor. I have no problem sharing print space on these pages.

Meeting Raises Ideas

At our meeting on Wednesday, August 13th we had a few completely new ideas come to the floor. Two of them are worth mentioning here.

Wendy Horowitz suggested that we have a fund raiser for the social committee. While the social fund is not in dire need of cash, the idea had great merit. She reminded us that the Patrician had "white elephant" sales in the past. Not only do the raise funds for social events, but they are great fun. In addition, they contribute to the raison d'être of the committee. That is to do things together. We will continue to study this idea.

There is a boat trip that leaves from Ft. Lauderdale for a daytrip on the Inter Coastal waterway. Marti and Edna will get more information and report back to the committee at our next meeting. Be sure to attend to see where these idea go and submit your own.



Enjoying the "grape"