

# Old Patrician



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## Expansion and Plans

With the next issue of this newsletter I would like to take a small step at expansion. This would increase the size of the publication and make some changes in the mode of distribution. Taking a page out of the old newsletter we would love to see feature articles on the people who live and visit the building. In order to see what I mean I have attached a reproduction of one of the old newsletters to the SocComm bulletin board. Anyone who wants a 13 MB reproduction sent by e.mail just let me know.

Now I cannot do this alone; I need staff. So if anyone has any desire to be a

newspaper writer/editor please let me know. The ground rules are simple. You can write about anything concerning the social life of the building except politics, sex, and religion! There are great stories to be told. Let's get the word out.

Such that we have things to write about the SocComm had a meeting on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. We scheduled barbeques in March (on the 18<sup>th</sup>) and April (on the 22<sup>nd</sup>). The Patrician Sock Hop (a late 1950s themed affair) is on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Since the snowbirds will start to drift north from that point on, this will serve as an end of season party.

But many of us are year-rounders so the fun does not stop there. I am looking into holding a wine tasting at Total Wine at their Boynton Beach location. This will be during their standard public tastings such that it is totally free. Pencil in Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> for this to happen.

We are in the early planning stages for a Pot Luck supper on May 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition Tony Palermo is looking into a dinner cruise on the Intercoastal out of Delray Beach. Finally, Walter Burke is investigating outings to various gaming venues for the spring and summer. We are awash with ideas so watch the board.

## The First Annual New Series Dinner Dance Was a Hit

Pat yourselves on the back as we pulled off the First Annual Dinner/Dance last Tuesday night. This is the "New Series" as it harkens back to the old Patrician dinners of sainted memory. While I never went to one of these, I can remember my parents telling me about them with fond memories.

Picture, if you will, Benvenuto's at seven o'clock as the sun was setting on a perfect South Florida evening. Thirty nine of us gathered in the restaurant's foyer. In spite of the fact that the SocComm had bargained away the free wine in an effort to keep the price down, each and every one of us received a glass of champagne.

At 7:00 PM we were ushered into a mid-sized dining room set with tables for eight or nine. A cash bar was established by the wait-staff so that no one should suffer from thirst. Morris Cattareves set up his CD player such that there was dance music playing all night.

The first course was a lump crab cake that reminded the diners why we selected Benvenuto's in the first place. It was extraordinary. There was plenty of time for dancing between courses. In addition to dance, Donna had arranged seating to encourage conversation among and between old friends and new.

Given the wine, food, drink, and music the evening quickly spread its magic. Salad gave way to entrees of either salmon, chicken, or tournedos of beef. I did not hear of any complaints about the quality of the food or service, so I must conclude that Benvenuto worked its charm.

## Forward & Backward

It is easy to say after the wonderful evening that was had that we knew it was going to be great. But hark back to last season when the Social Committee was just getting started. Think of all of the comments about how it would be impos-

sible to pull off a dinner dance in the style of the Patrician of old. Now true it is that we did not, and could not, match the numbers of the dinner dances held in the 1970s and 1980s. We are not the homogenous crowd they were back then. When we formed the SocComm we all acknowledged that social life in the building would change as the mix of people changed.

Our guiding principle continues to be that your SocComm will hold smaller, but more numerous events the whole year around. For example, in the good old days barbeques were only held during the summer. We now hold them monthly and sometimes two a month. There are dinner parties held throughout the year. The summer in Palm Beach is no longer the "dead season."

The calendar on the SocComm website shows, not only the events that are coming up, but all of the activities we have held this year. It started back in September with the "value meal" at the Rum Shack and will continue on through the end of August 2009. It is good to review our history and what we have accomplished. Now let's move forward to more and better activities.



Dinner Dance at Benvenuto's