

# Old Patrician



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## Get Ready for Summer at the Beach

The Snowbirds have already started to migrate north. Warm days with cool sea breezes are returning to South Florida. As the image on the right implies, the beach is a little less crowded. For the “year-rounders” the fun never stops. Your Social Committee has a full slate set up for your enjoyment in Palm Beach.

Here is what came out of the SocComm meeting of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Barbeques will continue all summer. Here are the dates: May 25, June 17, July 4, July 22, and Aug 12. There will be one party in each month starting with the Pot Luck supper on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet for the Pot Luck is already posted so people can coordinate the food.

The June activity will be the Wine Bar on the beach in the late afternoon of Tues-

day, June 9<sup>th</sup>. By holding this event on the beach we can get around the issue surrounding the serving of alcohol. Everyone will bring their own wine and the SocComm will provide tubs of ice to make sure the white wine stays cold. You are on your own with food.

Watching minor league baseball at Roger Dean Stadium is always a blast in the summer. We have done it often. On Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Palm Beach Cardinals play the St. Lucie Mets. These are the upper division AA teams that are the farm teams for the Cardinals and the Mets. Tickets are cheap and it is a great night out.

In August we will reprise the *Summer of the Grape* dinner we enjoyed last year. Michael R. McCarty runs this, all you can

drink, wine dinner during the summer. Circle Monday, August 1, 2009 for this event. The food at McCarty’s is consistently excellent. We don’t go there in season because of the crowding, out of season they are looking for business. That works well for year-rounders and those who visit during the summer.



Beach Morning

## Delray Yacht Cruise Capped the 2008 - 2009 Season

The season has ended and the season has begun. While the snowbirds may consider the season over, as the above article suggests, we year-rounders consider the 2009 - 2010 season just getting started. And what a way to end the old and begin the new!

We shipped aboard Lady Atlantic as guests of the Delray Yacht Cruises last Sunday. The voyage of two hours provided the jewel in the crown of the SocComm’s first full year of operation.

As soon as we arrived we were offered coffee, juice, and fresh fruit salad. There was “adult” beverages for sale for those who wished to buy them. Once underway, the buffet line opened for eggs, bacon, pancakes, plus luncheon options.



On Lady Atlantic

It was a sparkling day just made for taking photographs. A narrator kept up a constant description of the sights we past on our way north from Delray until we got to Lantana. In spite of the tour guide, the volume was low enough such that anyone wanting to make pleasant conversation could do so without shouting.

This event, like the dinner/dance was very well attended. Forty five of us were in attendance. There could have been more, but the cruise people had sold out the ship by the prior Monday.

It would do us well to reflect over this year because there were some people who said, this time last year, that the social whirl could never come to pass. The Patrician is just so different, it was said. Yet the spirit of Old Patrician is alive and well and living in Palm Beach!

Think back to April of 2008. The dinner at Maison Carlos had 24 guests. It was in the same position in 2008 as this brunch cruise was this season. We kept up the barbeques all summer as we plan to do this year.

August found us at McCarty’s so there was a gap in 2008 that we are not going to repeat. We next went “down-scale” for a value meal at the Rum Shack in September. Early in November we toured the Norton starting with a gourmet lunch in their excellent café.

The Meet ‘n Greet found us with 70 people in attendance. This took place in mid December when most of the snowbirds had returned. We hit a peak attendance with the New Year’s Day party with a record breaking 80 of us crammed into the Social Room.

And, of course, the aforementioned Dinner/Dance recreated the Patrician dances in days of yore. In spite of the forecasts that “nobody goes to those things any more,” we turned out thirty nine who did. Like the cruise this past weekend, there was no one who attended who did not have a great time. And... We could not have done it without you, our friends and neighbors who really are the Old Patrician. Thank you all for coming.