

Old Patrician



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Dinner Dance Was a Huge Success

As the capstone for the 2009 - 2010 season the second annual Dinner Dance was outstanding. One of the main reasons this was so was the music of Martha Brown, keyboardist and singer. She played all evening from her vast repertoire of popular music. Everyone who attended said that she was terrific and that live music added so much to the flavor of the evening.

Our final count of attendees was reduced a bit at the last minute by illness, however we ended up with a goodly number that caused us to breakeven in the end. We will be sure to have Martha back again next year to give those of you who missed the performance a second chance.

When people arrived Benvenuto's gave each guest a complimentary glass of sparkling wine in the style of Champaign. After that the party goers were on their own for the purchase of adult beverages. I indulged in an old fashion, a drink that I had not tasted of in many many years. It was the favorite of my business partner back in the day.

Most of the tables bought bottles of wine

and ours was no exception. Dinner started out with a new formulation of crab cake which demonstrated that this spot is constantly upgrading its food offering. The main course was a choice of beef, chicken, or fish. While I had the beef those sitting around me said the fish was delicious.

The meal was served spaced out over two hours such that there was plenty of time to dance in between courses. While I will not say that I am a world class dancer, Pat will attest that I did not step on anyone's toes. Martha kept the mix just right balancing fast and slow, old and new. She even did one of my favorites: *Moon River*. That song always takes me back to an all too brief trip to Savannah, Georgia many years ago.

The service provided by head waiter Hector and his staff was first rate. This was appreciated since this was a prix fixe meal and there was no monetary incentive to provide the level of service that was achieved.

I was glad that we did not book the atrium for an outdoor affair because the weather was less than ideal. A cold front

was passing through the area so that it was pouring rain when we arrived. By the time the evening was over the temperature was starting to drop. However, the Fireplace Room was warm and friendly.

The three hours passed far too quickly. It was almost a Cinderella like experience with the clock striking 10:00 PM before we knew it. Pat and I danced one last dance before we had to bid our friends goodnight. There was no one in our group who had anything bad to say about the evening. And that I consider a very good sign indeed. Thank you all for turning out.



Martha Brown at the Keyboard

The Beat Goes On Here On South Ocean Boulevard

Now that the Dinner Dance is behind us the season is starting to wind down. That being said, there are still plenty of events ahead of us and for those of us who are in residence the year around, the spring and summer is just a continuation of the social whirl. As you can see from the box below we are having a SocComm meeting to plan for the rest of the season and on out through the summer.

SocComm planning meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2010 in the social room at 10:00 AM.

**We are on the Internet:
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Still on the calendar are two events for March. We are adding something to the barbeque coming up on March 17th. We are going to have a themed party as it is St. Patrick's Day. Beer, Irish Soda Bread, and corned beef will be the order of the day. Wear your green attire and practice up on your step dancing because we are going to do it up like we were visiting the Emerald Isle.

Next up will be our trip to the see *Jersey Boys*. Sad to say the tickets are all gone. I promise next year to take a poll before we order tickets such that everyone who wants one will get one.

Although we have not yet set the spring and summer schedule some things are

sure to be on the docket. Without a doubt we will be having a dinner party and we will try a new restaurant this year. We will do "value" meals.

Life long learning was so successful that I will try to twist someone's arm who has a story to tell. Of course there will be barbeques and wine 'n cheese on the beach. A few of us are going to baseball spring training. Pat and I love minor league ball so perhaps a few people will join us to cheer on the Palm Beach Cardinals.

In order to get your favorite party on the calendar, be sure to come to the planning meeting on March 5th. Party on dude!