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SocComm Has Met and We Are Laying Plans for this Fall

On Wednesday evening the Social Committee (SocComm) met in the Social Room to set our fall plans. There were a wide spectrum of ideas and suggestions presented to the group. Here is what we have planned so far.

Marti Weiss got things rolling with her idea of an instructor led water aerobics class. This is a project Marti has been working on for some time now and it all came together Wednesday evening.

She has arranged with Mary Ippolito, a certified water aerobics trainer, to teach 10, one hour sessions at 10:00 AM. These would start on Friday, October 15th. There would be some gaps in the schedule to accommodate holidays. It would cost you \$50.00, payable on or before October 6th. Marti already has a number of people signed up and the space is limited, so if you want to take part in this activity now would be the time to make your move.

Barbeques have been planned now for the early part of the season. For the dates of these popular parties please watch channel 3 or turn to our calendar page on our website.

The SocComm is going to run the always popular *Wine 'n Cheese on the Beach* on

Friday, October 29th. The time will be 5:30 PM. Note that you are not constrained to just bringing cheese. Any appetizer will be extremely welcome.

On December 5th we will be doing one of our best attended parties, the annual *Meet 'n Greet*. As you know the purpose of this event is to meet the new residents and greet the returning snowbirds. Like the *Wine 'n Cheese on the Beach* this function is BYOB with your own hors d'oeuvres. Last year we had over 80 of us meeting and greeting.

Carol Bakunus will not be in residence this season, but her New Year's Day reception will go on as usual. Donna Gustafson and I will be delivering the meats to the "groaning table" and others should bring side dishes. While not part of this event, the SocComm has reserved the Social Room for New Year's Eve, so let the good times roll.

Under development are a whole slate of events to make the season memorable. As the next story below indicates we are looking for your help and suggestions with the annual dinner dance. Rae Gross will once again be organizing a bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino. Roseann Greene will be looking into a

Big Band party. (Roseann, if you are reading this for the first time in your e.mail you will be contacted by Donna shortly)

We are looking into holding theater parties at the local small theater groups in the area like the Lake Worth and Florida Stage. While we are not planning any up-scale dinner parties, we are looking into "value meals." Since so many folks go to the Rum Shack on their own we are investigating alternative venues.



Meeting and Greeting in 2008

We Are Looking for Ideas for the 2011 Dinner Dance

While we are a long way from February, it is not too soon to start to discuss the annual *Dinner Dance*. There was a lot of debate about this function at the meeting so it was decided to elicit ideas from the residents. The last few years we have filled the room at Benvenuto's, but our attendees are getting older.

We were worried that the current format might not work for us this year. Everything is open from whether we should have the event at all, to the location and cost of the party.

Last year we had live music and raised the per person price to \$60.00. Every year the current SocComm has run this function we have gone back to Benvenuto because they have given us the best price for the party as planned.

I would like to hear suggestions and maybe stir up some new thoughts. Send your ideas by e.mail, "under the door

mail," or just talk amongst yourselves around the pool. What should this event cost? Is live music worth the extra ten bucks? Is there a better venue? If we ran the event, would you come? Would you help organize the dance? Should we "campaign" for people who have not come to turn out for a night in February or March.

The Dinner Dance has been a staple since the Patrician opened its doors forty years ago. I, for one, would hate to see it lapse as it had once before the current SocComm took charge. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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