

# Old Patrician



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## The Meet 'n Greet Is One of Our Signature Parties

Guess what gang; it is already November. And you all know what that means. Our snowbirds are on the wing and are returning in flocks every day. There have been a number of sales in the building, so there are new patricians in our midst. So to all of you, welcome.

As we have done for the last few years now we are getting ready to hold our Meet 'n Greet party. It is always held on the first Sunday in December. This year is no exception. This year's affair will be held on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM in the Social Room.

For those of you who are new, here is how we do it. In about a week we will post a signup sheet on the SocComm bulletin board. Please sign up so we can have a count of how many to plan for at the event.

Everyone brings food and drinks. Wine is the typical drink, but beer and spirits are not unheard of at this affair. Food runs the spectrum from cheese, to appetizers, to a covered dish entree. Do not feel like you need to go "overboard" as the whole point of this party is to make everyone welcome.

If you are cast adrift as to what to bring there is no problem of going to Costco or

Publix and picking up some supplies. Shrimp plates and cheese platters are always popular. For those of us who cook more out of fun than out of obligation, the Meet 'n Greet provides an opportunity to try something new.

This party always fills the room. With the exception of our New Year's Day feast, this event is the best attended. Last year we had over 80 when I stopped counting. It would be great if we went over that number this year.

Unlike every other function we hold, the Meet 'n Greet participants all wear name tags. We do this mainly so our new comers do not have to keep asking for everyone's name. However, if you are like me, it is highly embarrassing to forget the name of someone who has been here for years. By having the name tag you can avoid that situation entirely while having fun at the same time. If there was ever a win-win solution, this has got to be it.

And this event is not the only one of December's parties that will feature food and drink. There will be a barbeque on December 20<sup>th</sup>. This is always a good time to socialize with your friends and neighbors within the vehicle of food and drink.

And looking ahead to New Year's Day, we will once again be having Carol's feast. Sadly, Carol will not be coming down this season, but Donna Gustafson and I will be doing the meats that Carol has always provided. Everyone else will bring sides, desserts, and drink. I am sure I will be able to talk Pat into making many loaves of her famous artisan breads.

As you can see many of our functions revolve around breaking bread together. This is the Patrician way.



Meeting and greeting in 2008

## The SocComm Needs More Feedback

The SocComm needs your help. The committee is dedicated to doing the heavy lifting, but if our neighbors want a great social schedule this season more people are going to have to pitch in.

In particular, we need a real sub-committee for the dinner dance if we are going to realize that Patrician classic.

Wendy has taken the lead, but it takes a team to pull this off. That being said, we are going to hold a meeting of the social committee on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Social Room.

Usually eight to ten people show up at these meetings. And I know that many of us work so morning meetings are hard. But there are enough people around the building at that time such that we should get at least 20 to 25 people who can lend a hand to make this year's social program a hit.

Marti Weiss has made water aerobics happen mostly by dint of will. My hat is off to Marti for sticking with it when it looked like we were not going to have enough people on Friday mornings to run the program.

We can do lots of things with our social program, but YOU are the key to our success. If we have many hands working on our functions no one person need get stuck with one huge task. I am running or helping out with programs for three other organizations so this cannot be a full-time job for me either.

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