

Old Patrician



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Life-long Learning, Value Meal, and Water Aerobics Continue

Note the volume number above and to the right. We have had three years under our belt and the modern SocComm is going strong. With New Year's behind us we are in the center of the season. Three functions continue as the headline suggests.

Jack Cook, son of long time resident Ida Cook, will be doing the first Life-long Learning program. His program will be: *Computer Basics*. This will be of great value to folks who are trying to become "computer literate." Jack's topics on January 17th will include:

- Sending and receiving e.mail
- Free computer telephone calls
- Pictures and live "picture-phone"
- Buying your first computer

He has also asked anyone interested in other topics to fill out his questionnaire.

On January 19th we are doing our ever popular Value Meal. This time we are going to the Anchor Inn. It is under new management and the early returns on quality are quite positive. There are a lot of signup sheets posted on the SocComm bulletin board, so be careful to list your name on the correct sheet.

Marti Weiss is starting up Water Aerobics part 2 on January 7th for ten Fridays. Please contact Marti for the details.

January was so packed that the barbeque scheduled for January 11th has been deferred to February 14th. It will be, appropriately enough, a Valentine's Day themed party. Let's all get creative with your attire, "love potions," and food. The big event in February is of course the annual Dinner Dance. It is described in the article below. We will have a meeting of the SocComm shortly to fill out the rest of this season.

Dinner Dance Gets an Upgrade

Because Atlantis Country Club gave us more for less we are shifting the venue for the 2011 Dinner Dance. While I still like Benvenuto's, they wanted a price increase, so I made a series of phone calls and visits and found that Atlantis gave us more for slightly less money.

So we are able to hold the price at \$60.00 and still get a great dinner and dance to the live music of Martha Brown. You will get a crab cake (or soup) appetizer, an upgraded salad (mescaline greens rather than a plain green salad), and the beef is prime ribs (as apposed to just roast beef). Chicken and fish still serve as an entre choice and of course dessert and coffee will still round out the meal.

I have signed the contract with Atlantis and Martha Brown, so we are committed to 30 people. The signup sheet is posted below, so the SocComm encourages everyone to get on board early. The room at Atlantis is bigger so we could handle more than 40 if the mood

moves more of us to join the fun and support the Social Committee at the same time.

Some of the single women in the building have expressed a reluctance to join in. Note the picture on the right. First of all a number of single men have already signed up. Second, a number of married men, myself included, have promised to dance with other partners. And finally, it is a great night out with an excellent dinner. No one should stay home!

Let me remind you that Martha Brown's "play list" of tunes she knows by heart is huge. These include the favorites from the 1930's to the present day. Her song book has well over 1,000. So if there is a request please let her know. I am sure she will not disappoint. Pat likes *Devil with the Blue Dress On*, and I like *Moon River*. They are both on the schedule.

The Dinner Dance represents the type of upscale function we can extend into the plan for the future if there is interest. Before the modern SocComm was formed in January of 2008, people around the pool deck reflected that the social life at the Patrician was just not like it once was. In the days that my parents were living here there was a full social program.

New Thought

Let me offer up an idea for you to think about. By the time this season comes to a close I will have run the SocComm for four seasons. It is time to pass the torch on to some one else. It would be good if the Chairperson were a year round resident. I would work with the new Chair such as to get them off and running and would stay on the committee for at least one more season.

If anyone would like to take a crack at this post please see me in person or drop me some e.mail at bob@s-i-inc.com.

There are other functions, parties, and events in the planning stages. If you have an idea for a new one, we are always open for suggestions and willing to try something new. Fresh ideas are the mother's milk that is the source of growth of the social program.



Dinner Dance 2009

There were themed parties, day trips, overnight trips, and something going on every month throughout the year. In retrospect, the past burned brightly. Maybe that is just the way it is, however, we can continue to bring back the past with a modern flavor. If you want more of these activities make suggestions to the SocComm. Come to SocComm meetings and help plan parties, functions, and events.

You are the secret ingredient. If there is interest the Committee can make it happen. Because of our extended age spectrum, we will have more events rather than expecting larger numbers at each event. That is the prime directive of the SocComm.

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