

# Old Patrician



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## Dinner Dance Sets Records

Once again the annual Dinner Dance was the hit of the season. We had 34 of us gathering at the Atlantis Country Club on the evening of February 2<sup>nd</sup>. That venue proved to be a much better choice than our old haunt. The food was better, the room was bigger as was the dance floor, and the people of Atlantis were both professional and gracious.

While we are on the topic of food (always near and dear to me), has anyone ever had a better crab cake? Atlantis did this while holding the line on price such that we could afford the live music once again.

Martha Brown once again provided the dance music. This year she seemed to focus on Disco such that all of our “dancing queens” (and kings, princes, etc.) could really strut their stuff. I was able to take quite a few pictures which I will post on the SocComm’s website ([www.s-i-inc.com/Patrician](http://www.s-i-inc.com/Patrician)). Judge for your-

self how this collection of Patrician residents “cut-the-rug.” I would say that some of our older neighbors showed us “youngsters” how it was done.

The party got underway at 7:00 PM. I had arrived an hour in advance to solve any last minute issues that might have come up; there weren’t any! Thank you Atlantis. Many people took full advantage of the full bar. I myself enjoyed Kendall-Jackson’s Merlot.

Unlike last year, the meal stretched out almost the entire three hours. Thus, there was dancing the entire evening in between courses. I cannot say I am much of a dancer, but I did a bit of showing off with the Jitterbug. Others of us demonstrated Latin dance steps, a line dance lead by Martha, and even a tarantella that morphed into the Hora.

The evening ended with many of us wondering



**Carl’s toast opens the evening**

why more of our friends and neighbor do not join in. The attendees all agreed that we would be back same time next year and that we would recruit others to this “best of” event.

## “The Rest of the Story”

We need to plan a new set of activities for the spring. Sadly, the election of the Board of Directors is dominating our time for planning and holding SocComm events. By mid-month that will all be behind us. If Bob is elected to the Board, he can no longer serve as SocComm Chairman. Even if he is not, he would like to step down as head and just revert to a SocComm member. So if any reader of this newsletter would like to give the chairmanship a try, please contact me.

On Monday, February 14, 2011 we will hold our Valentine’s Day themed barbeque. OK, just what do we mean by a themed party? The order of the day will be “hearts and flowers.” You should try to decorate your tables with place settings that carry out the theme. Flowers, balloons, and Valentine centerpieces all add to the festive atmosphere. Dress should contribute toward the love format. And then, of course, there is the food. The color red

should make salads move the theme along. Creative shapes, textures, and the look of the entrées should move the process forward. And then there is desert! That probably needs no further explanation from your humble editor.

It would be good if we could get a sound system going on the pool deck. The songs of love will add to the ambiance. Finally, this all will break up in time for Bingo. Tommy has found that by scheduling events for early Monday night means a larger turnout for our traditional Monday night game.

Marti Weiss would like me to remind you that water aerobics is open to all. Anyone can purchase a single session for the price of \$10.00. This popular activity takes place on Friday mornings at 10:30 AM, rain or shine. If the weather is not cooperating, the session becomes “land” aerobics in the exercise room.

This brings us to the rest of the season. Barbeques will continue on a monthly basis and will “float” through the week so that we disrupt on going events as little as possible. We will have our wine ‘n cheese beach parties now on a nice new wider beach.

We are still trying to arrange a day at the Hard Rock Casino. More on that subject later. There was little interest in a Kravis Center play. I am not sure why, but perhaps because this year the shows are mostly retread old shows rather than road companies of current Broadway productions.

Life-long learning is still an area of interest, but attendance varies with topic. Tony Palermo’s talk on the spy trial and Cooking with Donna were hits, but computers were not. We are trying to put one together about the history of Palm Beach in the late 1940s and 1950s. This would culminate in building of the Patrician and the first residents.

The value meal at the Anchor Inn during January was a hit. I am sure we will do that again. Doing this type of activity by having people arrive at random and not organizing and collecting money works well at low priced restaurants. Momma Mia’s on Woolbright fits the definition of value to a “T.”

Watch the SocComm bulletin board for a meeting announcement. Then come with your ideas and be prepared to volunteer your time towards making social life here “sing.”

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