

Old Patrician



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A Current Season Winds Down; New Plans Are Made

In the last issue of *Old Patrician* I put the call out for someone to take command of the SocComm. As of now, no one has stepped forward to place his hand on the helm. So, I guess, you are stuck with yours truly as the skipper still.

On Wednesday, March 16th we had our spring planning meeting of the SocComm. We briefly discussed the financial success of the committee. Some of the folks who went with Rae Gross to the Hard Rock Casino explained what a wonderful time they had. A “tip of the hat” to Rae for organizing this event and dealing with the bus company. Thank you.

Phil Leff said that once again he is organizing the Seder. While this is Phil’s party and is in no way under the aegis of the SocComm, we will give it publicity and the signup sheet is on the SocComm bulletin board. As in the past, the Seder Meal will be at Benvenuto’s on Monday April 18th at 6:00 PM. The cost has even gone down a little from last year (\$43.25) thanks to Phil’s bargaining power. Since Benvenuto’s lost the Patrician Dinner Dance they are not so high and mighty in dealing with the Patrician.

Before getting into the up coming schedule, I would like to inform you that the Anchor Inn has folded its tent and closed. This is sad since I have been a customer of that establishment since the early 1970s.

Barbeques have been scheduled for Wednesday, March 30th and Thursday April 28th. This has become a Patrician year round tradition. In the day’s of my parents, the barbeque was a summer fill-in for the year-round residents. Then, for a period of time, they were dropped altogether. The SocComm will try to schedule the barbeques at the rate of one a month.

As a closing bookend to the season we are again holding a Desert and Coffee. This will be held on Sunday, April 10th at 7:00 PM in the Social Room. While the SocComm will supply all of the food and drink, there is nothing stopping everyone and anyone from bringing their home-made deserts. I will see if I can talk Pat into making one of her Linzer Tortes. Now there is a diet-buster!

On Friday May 13th we will hold our Wine ‘n Cheese on the Beach. This ever-popular activity is a good way to renew old friendships and make new ones. Even if you are not that into wine, bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer that can, and often does, go way beyond cheese.

Those are events that are on the calendar and firmly fixed to dates. Now let me share with you some of the things we are looking into for the spring and summer in this paradise we call home. There will be an upscale dinner party like the ones we have run in the past.

The Florida Stage is running *Ella* as its summer musical. It will run from mid June until the end of August. We are investigating dates and prices. Stay tuned...

Here is what they say about this show: It’s a life lived out loud in this exhilarating musical about “The First Lady of Song,” Ella Fitzgerald. Created at Florida Stage, this astounding piece will return home for our 25th Anniversary. A theatrical event that weaves myth, memory and music as it tells the story of one of the greatest jazz vocalists of all time. Featuring more than a dozen of her most famous hits, including “A Tisket, A Tasket,” “How High the Moon,” “That Old Black Magic” and “They Can’t Take that Away from Me,” this swinging musical invites audiences to fall in love all over again with the magic and soul of Ella.

The Gourmet Deli House has come to Palm Beach. It’s a sister location to the long-running Gourmet Deli House in Lake Worth, the sort of place where folks have raved about house-made hot corned beef, brisket melts and smoked whitefish platters. It is located at the Ambassador Condominium/Hotel. (2730 S. Ocean Blvd.) We are planning a value meal.

I will be looking into an evening cruise aboard the Delray Yacht. They run their Sunset Cruises during the summer. It is the perfect end to a south Florida day.

We are going south for a day at the museum. Our thinking is Boca’s Mizner Park featuring a light lunch in the area followed by an afternoon at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. There is a show running all summer called: ART FOR THE PEOPLE: 20th Century Social Realism. It is not that we don’t like the Norton, it is just that we need to try new things.

The fun does not stop with the end of summer. Thinking on out until the fall we are looking into other stuff.

Get your dancing shoes ready for an early fall dance party. It will follow the successful pattern of the 1950s Sock Hop we ran in the past. This time we will stretch the music time horizon backwards to include 1940s Big Band music and forward a tad into the 1960s. So, “get your glad-rags on and join me hun.”

Marti Weiss is thinking about an overnight to Tampa-St. Pete. With the new Dali museum and all, the bay area is really inviting. I know a fabulous Bed ‘n Breakfast in downtown St. Petersburg. It is called the Maison House. Pat and I are real veterans of B & Bs and I can say without fear of contradiction that this one is the best ones I have ever had the pleasure of visiting.

As you can see, your social calendar will be full this year. And this is not all. The SocComm is always open to suggestions. Please send them in by e.mail or the under-the-door mail system. Speaking of e.mail; if you are not getting this fabulous publication by e.mail please send me your e.mail address today. I am at:

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