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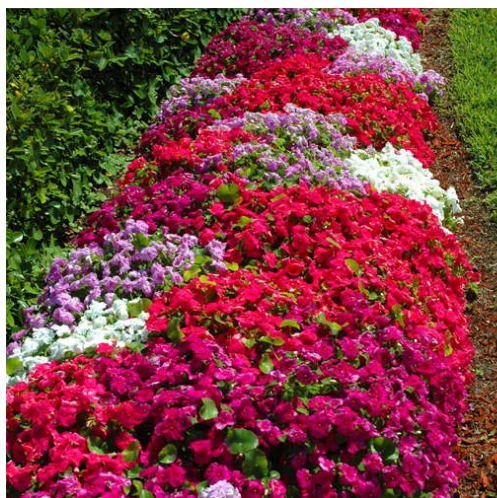
It's Fall and a New Season Begins

The summer this year was very quiet and, except for barbeques, we did almost no SocComm activities. But, it is September now and snowbirds will be heading south once again. In anticipation of the new season we held an organizational meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

The SocComm was founded late in 2007. This season marks the 5th anniversary of organized social events for our group. I suggest at this year's Dinner Dance, scheduled for February 1, 2012, we recognize this milestone.

The first order of business was to nail down dates for the ever popular barbeques. We have barbeques now on tap for each month from now until January. At the meeting it was suggested that we look into lighting on the deck as it starts to get dark this time of year. We will first ask the building if they could provide lights for each table. Failing that we will spend SocComm money to provide this improvement.

Wendy Horowitz brought up the idea that upscale restaurants are still running summer specials. We decided to see if we could go to the Café Boulud on Thursday, September 22nd. This is short notice, so a signup sheet is already posted on the SocComm bulletin board. Like some of the restaurant outings last season, this will be an informal gathering. Arrive in small groups and seat yourselves. Each table will pay for themselves.



Local Color in the Fall

Wine 'n Cheese on the Beach continues to be a most enjoyable late afternoon event. With that in mind we have scheduled one for Friday afternoon October 28, 2011. "Wine 'n Cheese" has become merely a name as people bring any and all varieties of food and drink. Many of the snowbirds will be back in late October so this provides for an early welcome back. We have some new owners and renters so this is an excellent vehicle to make new friends.

Our formal welcome party, the Meet 'n Greet, is always held in early December. By that time almost every seasonal resident is back down here in Palm Beach. This year is no exception. We are holding this party on Sunday, December 4th. This is a late afternoon event as we usually get started around 5:00 PM. The SocComm will provide all of the "goodies;" just come and be friendly.

New Year's Eve and Day traditionally has been an important time for the Patrician. We will be holding a barbeque on the pool deck all afternoon and evening. The Social Room will be reserved for New Year's Eve to use as you see fit. This is in addition to numerous private parties in the building. Don't forget that the lot across the street is an excellent place to view fireworks.

New Years Day is our traditional buffet. The SocComm will provide the entrees and everyone supplies sides, drinks, and deserts. This party pre-dates the formation of the SocComm. It was begun by Carol Bakunas years ago. Starting last year, Carol rented out her unit and spends the winter in Jamaica. However, the SocComm picked up the slack on January 1, 2011 and we expect to do the same thing this year. Everything gets rolling at 1:00 PM.

January will find us going to theater at the Dramaworks. They intend to open the 2011 - 2012 season in the building that was once called the Cuillo Center for the Arts. They intend to call their theater simply *Dramaworks*. The show we are scheduled to see is Paul Zindel's *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*. I have seen this play twice and can state that this one is a sure winner.

Later on in the year Rae Gross will once again organize a bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino.



Looking Good for the Season

We are planning a March time frame for this ever popular day trip. Keep watching the bulletin board and the website for updates on this event.

As noted earlier, our annual Dinner Dance will be held on the first of February. It will be back at Atlantis as we had so much success there last year. As in past years we will have live music. This year we will celebrate our 5th anniversary with decoration and a review of the social program at the Patrician.

The above explains the parties, events, and activities that have been planned. We are investigating other things like a book club. Bingo will more than likely pick up again on Monday nights when Tommy gets back. Life Long Learning will be up and running as we get back into the swing of things. I am sure the value meal will return even if the last two venues for this event have failed. Marti Weiss will once again be holding water aerobics once a week in the pool.

If you want us to consider other ideas, please send me e.mail at my address below, slip a note under my door at #616, or just attend one of our meetings. The social program is your program. The committee is just the facilitator of the events.

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