

# Old Patrician



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## Popular Activities are Filling Up Fast

The poster and signup sheet had not been on the SocComm bulletin board very long when we filled our allotment of tickets to Dramaworks. There is a sign up on their theater that the grand opening is on November 11, 2011 so they are going to finish their renovations on time.

November is a quiet month for us with only a barbeque scheduled on the 16<sup>th</sup>. However, the Meet 'n Greet will be held early in December on the 4<sup>th</sup>. It is not too soon to put this event on your calendar. In past years we have had close to 100 attending this gathering. It is a time to greet returning snowbirds and renew friendships with year round residents.

Over the years there has developed a new segment of our population, the "visitor." These are people who do not live full time in the building and do not rent their unit. Most of these folks treat the *Patrician* as a vacation home.

A final group of people who do live here are the renters. Each year I need to remind them and the owners that the social program includes the renters on an equal basis. All SocComm events are open to all and our meetings are open such that anyone can speak their mind. If you want to be the "point person"

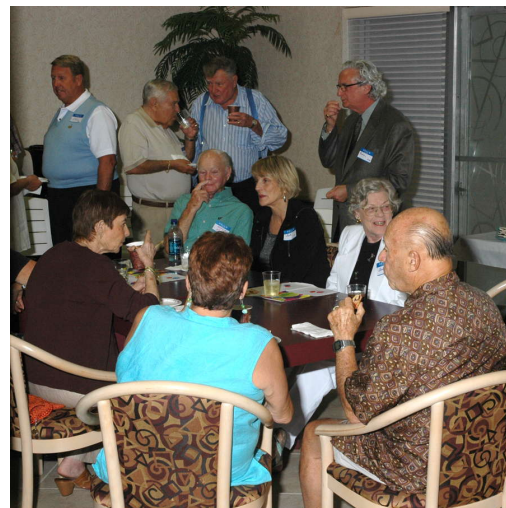
for an event you do not need to be an owner to lead.

For many years now we have done New Year Eve as an informal event. There will be a barbeque with the fires kept hot until at least 8:00 PM; maybe later. The Social Room will be reserved for an informal party. Anyone can come and use the facilities.

Around midnight people drift off to apartments with a west facing view to watch the fireworks. Another popular spot is the land we own across the street along the Intercoastal. There you can see the displays from a dozen local communities.

The next day there will be, as there has always been, the Carol Bakunas New Years Day brunch. Carol, for the second year in a row, will not be in residence, but the beat goes on. About four of us fill in for Carol and provide the meats. Everyone else brings the sides, the desserts, and the beverages. It is the best "pot luck" meal we enjoy as a group.

Plans are beginning to take shape for the annual Patrician Dinner Dance. Circle your calendars for Wednesday evening, February 1, 2012. We will be returning to the Atlantis Country Club. The people who run Atlantis treat us so well the SocComm has decided to continue the



Meet 'n Greet 2008

tradition there. We hope to retain the services of Martha Brown to provide live music for the party.

I am trying to collect more e.mail addresses so that we can do a better job of publicizing our SocComm events. If you are reading this on the bulletin board and you have an e.mail address, please send it to me at:

[bob@s-i-inc.com](mailto:bob@s-i-inc.com)

## Weather an Issue with Early Season Events

From mid-summer into the fall we have been having some "issues" with Mother Nature. Cold, rain, and high wind have played havoc

with our barbeques and Wine 'n Cheese on the Beach events. Some of the time we had to flat out cancel, but other times we have just moved an outdoors event into the Social Room.

Such was the case with the recently held Wine 'n Cheese. High wind and the threat of rain caused us to beat a retreat to a sheltered venue. That did not stop the party. All who came had a great time.

It is important to note that all of our outdoors functions always have a backup plan. With the possible exception of spring training baseball, we can always move a beach or pool deck setting inside.

There have been barbeques in downpours that remind you of the flood in the time of Noah! We pull the grills to the edge of the awning

such that we can grill in shelter. Then we make a mad dash to the Social Room. Only those of us who are relegated to the position of chef get wet. I can remember one such barbeque where I had to wear my full sailing foul weather gear in order to prepare my steaks.

However, all is never lost and the south Florida weather changes so fast that before you know it the sun comes out and we are once again living in paradise.



New Year's Day 2009

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