

# Old Patrician



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## Getting Ready for the Annual Dinner Dance

As this is being written very late in December we need to start looking forward to the SocComm's signature event, the annual Dinner Dance. Since this will occur on February 1, 2012 this issue of *Old Patrician* will be the last one in which we can stoke up the fire of interest. We could still use a few more attendees, so... Watch out! Here comes the sales pitch.

First, the evening is so much more than a dinner with dancing. It is a great time to enjoy friendships. As I went around the room last time so many people said to me that they did not expect much from the party, but were pleasantly surprised how much fun they were having. What caused this, you might ask? It was the interaction of the others who were in attendance.

Next, the food at Atlantis Country Club is very good. We have added the crab cake appetizer each year to the basic dinner. Atlantis does this feature so much better than Benvenuto's ever did. I make a habit of ordering the prime rib because I know I am getting a great piece of beef.

Now we come to the music. For the third straight year we are retaining the services of Martha Brown and her keyboard to provide great live music. It adds to the cost, but a

dance with recorded music is just not the same. Martha's "play-list" is awesome. She knows tunes from each of the decades from the 1930s on out. Notice the picture on the right. Not all of the dancing is with partners. Once again this year I will guarantee that even if you did not come with a partner you will get a chance to dance with one if you want to. The music will play the entire three hours from seven until ten.

The bottom line is that it is not too late to sign up. We need your help as a few people who are on the list have medical issues and may not make it to the dance.

### Planning Meeting 01/10/12

We need to finalize the SocComm activities for the rest of 2012. In order to maximize the number of people who can attend we will hold this one in the late afternoon. So, on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we will have the next meeting of the SocComm at 4:00 PM.

Among the activities we need to discuss are barbeques. We have suffered from lack of attendance recently so we need to gauge interest in this event. Rae Gross has been gathering information about our trip to the Hard



**Last Year's Dinner Dance**

Rock Casino. Value meals and upscale dinners have been popular in the past and we could schedule more of these. Our theater night is right around the corner and we could do more of that type of evenings out. Last year we had good attendance at *Life Long Learning*. We will be looking for topics and people for this year.

At the meeting will be a listing of the events we have run in the past plus an enumeration of functions we could hold. We also have the polls we took two and four years ago.

It should go without saying that the "chair" will entertain suggestions from the "floor." It should go without saying, but it just was said. I hope to see many faces, some old and some new at this planning meeting.

## Meet 'n Greet Was a Success

While it is true that our numbers were off a bit from 2010, the Meet 'n Greet was a big success. Snowbirds filter in slowly from about the first of September. There is a large influx after the Jewish High Holy Days and another big return after Thanksgiving.



**Meet 'n Greet 2011**

By the first week in December most of our seasonal residents are, well, in residence. This is why we choose to have this event at the time of year that we do.

As I have explained in the past the make-up of people in the building has changed since the Patrician was built in 1969. Back then owners and renters were all about the same age. They were the young retired. They were about 65 years of age.

Now we have a wide distribution of ages. In addition to "year rounders" and snowbirds we have the "visitors." These are owners who use their units as vacation homes or even local Floridians who treat 3450 as a beach-house. This means that our cast of characters is changing more rapidly than ever.

It is interesting to note that the foods that are brought to events like the Meet 'n Greet are more varied than in years gone by. This is probably due to the diversity of our group. Foodie that I am, this fact alone makes these functions a hit.

I certainly met a number of new people and renewed some old friendships that afternoon. The New Year's Day Brunch will give us an opportunity to do it all over again. It is an excellent example of our coming together.

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