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"Winter's grip's broken, the sun swings north!"

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53RD ANNUAL MEMBER-GUEST TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations Winners!

Ladies' A: Jackie Janke & Traci Davis
Ladies' B: Sheila Menn & Heather Sine
Men's A: Lee Johnson & Vitek Wild
Men's B: Angel Veliz & Michael Lindsay
Mixed Doubles: BJ Enright & Vitek Wild

See photos on page 47.



Good sportsmanship prevailed on the courts!



The 53rd annual Member-Guest Tennis Tournament brought together Members and their Guests for a weekend of friendly competition on the courts.



Sarah Jbara bundles up for the frigid temperatures!



Gary and Emily Coleman with Joelle and Lee Lockett at the Friday night Cocktail Party.



Melissa Morino (right) and Maggie Wilson won first in their flight.

The Courts (and the Cold!) are Center Stage at Ocean Reef

by Hannah Fleckenstein, Director of Racquet Sports

It's been a big stretch for racquet sports at Ocean Reef Club and even the coldest temperatures since 2010 couldn't put a chill on the high-level competition and memorable experiences. And there's a full slate still ahead! From a Grand Slam-inspired tennis weekend to world-class pickleball instruction, the momentum around the courts hasn't slowed for a second.

Member-Guest Tennis: Roland Garros Comes to The Reef

January 31 – February 1

The clay-court spirit of Paris made its way to Ocean Reef Club as this year's Member-Guest Tennis embraced a Roland Garros theme, bringing a touch of French flair to an already electric weekend. From the competitive match play to the social moments off the court, the event captured everything that makes Member-Guest Tennis so special — great

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See this week's safety tip on page 5.

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OR "See"



Linnette Storms captured this unbelievable moon rise from Sunrise Cay.

What have you discovered on your walk, biking or on a daily golf cart ride that you never noticed before?
Email orp@oceanreef.com and share your discoveries.

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NEWS & HAPPENINGS

REEF EATS SUPER BOWL MENU

Reef Eats has a Super Bowl Sunday menu with various delicious selections available for you to pre-order for game day! Call 305-367-5898 to pre-order today and visit oceanreef.com/reefeatssuperbowlmenu for the full menu.

MONTHLY POKER TOURNAMENT DATE CHANGE

February's Monthly Poker Tournament will now be hosted on **Monday, February 9** at 6:30 p.m. in the Card & Game Room. Starting in March, Monthly Poker Tournaments will return to the third Monday of every month.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA GATHERING

Calling all Kappas! On **Wednesday, February 18** at 5 p.m., Kappa Kappa Gamma will gather at the Tapas Bar. If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Dillman** at 502-260-0880.

TRI-DELT FEBRUARY GATHERING

Catch up with fellow Ocean Reef Tri-delts at CH Lounge on **Wednesday, February 18** at 5 p.m. If you would like to RSVP or be added to the email list, please contact **Jane Battles** at janebattles@yahoo.com or 610-420-4969.

Gotta Question?

You have questions about the Tapas Bar, we have answers!

The new Tapas Bar adjacent to Port O'Call and the Spirits Bar has been enjoyed by many and we wanted to bring you answers on some of the questions you have been asking.

Listed below is a Q&A with Port O'Call & Spirits Bar Manager, Wyatt Hosmer.

- **Members can order a cocktail from the Spirits Bar while eating at the Tapas Bar, but does it work the other way as well?**
Yes! All three outlets talk to each other - Port O' Call, Spirits Bar, and Tapas Bar. Anything from any of the three outlets can be ordered all at once, inside or outside on the Port O'Call Patio.
- **If Members want to enjoy their food and drink out on the Port O'Call Patio do they have to get everything from each individual location or will a server meet them outside?**
Our service team from Port



O' Call covers all three outlets and are happy to greet you outside and get you any of your food or libations from each location.

- **What are some additional details/info that Members may not know about Tapas Bar?**

Tapas are meant to be ordered in waves! Get a couple things for the table, enjoy (and imbibe!), and then order again! The nature of the small, sharable plates only enhances the ability to order another round. Also, our desserts are made in house and are DELICIOUS.

See page 35 for hours of operation.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you would like to submit a question, email the Ocean Reef Press at orp@oceanreef.com.

The Deep Freeze of 2026



by
Felicia M.
Koretsky

It will go down in Reef history as The Deep Freeze of 2026.

For weeks, we Reefers smugly watched news reports of frigid temperatures gripping the rest of the nation. Insane snowstorms. Icicles forming on theme-park rides. Punxsutawney Phil begging to reschedule Groundhog Day because even *he* didn't want to go outside. We nodded sympathetically while clicking *Yes* on the patio-seating option for dining reservations.

Until, that is, the Arctic air blasted our way.

Concerned friends and family began calling to ask if we "had heat." We laughed back at the ridiculousness of the question. Then, suddenly, it occurred to us: we didn't actually know. We've never turned it on.

Temperatures dove into the 30s. Factor in the wind using Reef math, and that's 40 below.

The standard cold-weather response-a sweater and flip-flops- no longer did the trick. The Reef fashion runway was all about puffers. Puffer jackets, puffer vests, long puffers, short puffers, and matching puffer hoodies. Some Reefers were so cold they put politics aside and dug out their ushankas (Russian fur hats).

For the sporty, en-vogue ReefGirl, wool scarves and wraps paired with tennis skirts became a thing. Even the Recreation Team had to put



on pants. What was once a routine activity-retrieving our catalog subscription to the *Wine-of-The-Day Club* from the mailbox- located a mere 10 feet from our front door- became a heroic act of courage.

Naturally, many Members turned to the one thing you can always rely on during a winter thunderdome: Food. Soup sales soared at Wynn's. Block-long gratis coffee lines were moved indoors because standing outside hurt. Indoor lunch at Palm Court and the Grill Room were so popular that even die-hard Raw Bar patrons quietly defected.

Despite a stock of warm mittens and space heaters, the outdoor Pat Benatar concert was canceled. Was anyone aware that she had a No. 17 Billboard hit called *Fire and Ice* in 1981? Even she wasn't amused when she heard that it was going to be the top-requested song of the evening.

Associates went into full *It's-Hella-Cold-Out-There* emergency mode to protect Reef animals. Melissa Mirocha

reported that the Nature Center's turtles were personally tucked into their enclosures with bales of hay they picked up from a feed store in Homestead. Over at Palm Court, Kelly Rainey engineered an outdoor fort to protect their colony of kittens that would meet all Monroe County building standards, permits pending. (Fun fact: Rainey, her real, perfectly warm-and-wet-weather surname, was temporarily changed to Chilly, because at The Reef, we like our names to reflect current weather conditions.)

Meanwhile, the Recreation team, long-admired for its ability to pivot, created a once-in-a-century Reef activity called "winter cleaning," passing the time alphabetizing sunscreen lotions and re-organizing pool noodles by length and color. With the surplus of unused towels (because literally no one was in the pool), they launched a repurposed new couture line on TikTok called *Maison Absorbée*, a bold collection of faded blue-and-white-striped

fashion crafted entirely from low-grade terrycloth. Even **Joan Birsh** is considering the pieces for her okay-to-wear-if-it's-ever-35-degrees-again guide; *The ORC Mid-Freeze Dress Code: Icy Winter Fashion*.

Transportation, too, quickly became an issue during The Freeze. How was any Reefer in their right mind supposed to battle golf-cart winds? For some, it was a genuine dilemma, *until* about two hours later, it occurred to them that they also owned cars.

Heat became the most coveted resource on The Reef. At least three innovative households reportedly cracked open their dishwashers mid-cycle, hovering over the steam like it was a geothermal spa. Members, in midst of home renovations, shelled out pricey contractor change fees for last-minute fireplace additions. "Potential gas leak be damned!" one was overheard saying while his teeth violently chattered (and they weren't even in his mouth).

Rumors swirled that the Lagoon had frozen over, and a real Reef ice-skating rink was forming. A few Board members were spotted cheering, having previously considered a rink for the 2027 capital budget. With Mother Nature doing the heavy lifting, it could save the Club \$25 million and the trouble of conducting three more surveys.

As temperatures chugged back into the 60s toward the end of the week, The Deep Freeze of 2026 will be remembered not just as a weather event, but also fondly by the follically-blessed as some of The Best Hair Days of the season.

Have a comment, tip, or general feedback for Felicia? Reach her at FeliciaKoretsky@gmail.com.

SUNRISE & SUNSET TIMES

Friday, February 6 - Thursday, February 12

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:01 a.m.	7:01 a.m.	7 a.m.	6:59 a.m.	6:59 a.m.	6:58 a.m.	6:57 a.m.
6:09 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:11 p.m.	6:12 p.m.	6:12 p.m.	6:13 p.m.

CENSUS SAYS...

67% of EQUITY MEMBERS HAVE NOT SERVED
ON A COMMITTEE OR BOARD AT OCEAN REEF

53% WOULD CONSIDER IT

**SO, CONSIDER THIS YOUR SIGN AND RAISE YOUR HAND FOR
ONE OF YOUR CLUB COMMITTEES!**

Like the census, Committee Service is a way to be heard and engage with your fellow Members & Board. Ocean Reef Club is member-owned and member-driven, fueled by those with a passion for enjoying & evolving this Unique Way of Life.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Represents the various neighborhoods of Ocean Reef and brings issues, policies, concerns, accomplishments and recommendations to the table, as voiced to them by their peers. They also are brought up-to-date on the Club's and ORCA's affairs. Selection is based on area of residence.

Meetings per season: 2

AIRPORT

Reports on the use of the ORC Airport, programs to enhance the member experience and the condition of the related equipment and facilities.

Meetings per season: 3

AUDIT

Audit Committee should be an informed, vigilant and effective overseer of the financial reporting process and the Club's internal controls.

Meetings per season: 2

CARD & GAMES

Consults and advises on matters concerning Club operations involving bridge, mah jongg, canasta, and other game activities.

Meetings per season: 3

CROQUET

Advises the Board on matters concerning croquet activity at Ocean Reef Club.

Meetings per season: 3

FINANCE

Assists management in preparing a five-year operating pro-forma and is responsible for maintaining capital budgeting process, establishing monitoring/control and reporting criteria to the Board.

Meetings per season: 5

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Advises the Board on matters of style and taste concerning decorations, landscaping and alterations, and new project designs.

Meetings per season: 2

MARINE ADVISORY

Advises Board on matters concerning marine activities, operational rules for Members and guests and environmental issues at Ocean Reef Club and surrounding areas.

Meetings per season: 2

MARKETING

Ensures the Unique Way of Life and vision for the Club is applied across all strategic

marketing platforms, integrating learnings from the Census and supporting brand initiatives.

Meetings per season: 3

MEMBERSHIP

Reviews and recommends action to the Board with respect to Club membership and member conduct.

Meetings per season: 5

PICKLEBALL

Advises on matters of rules, programming and events related to Pickleball activity at Ocean Reef Club.

Meetings per season: 3

SOCIAL

Advises and consults with Ocean Reef Member Events on existing and potential new events where no other committee is in place.

Meetings per season: 5

TENNIS

Advises on matters of rules for Members and guests related to the operations of the Tennis Center.

Meetings per season: 3



Roadway Etiquette

Be Golf Cart Courteous!

Golf carts are a major part of everyday life at Ocean Reef. For the safety and comfort of your friends, family and fellow Members, it's important to treat carts with the same responsibility as full-sized vehicles.

In honor of February's Golf Cart Safety Awareness Month at Ocean Reef, please review the following tips and remember that being a safe driver also means being a courteous driver.

Making Turns & Heading Straight:

- **Signal using your blinker or hand gestures** (see below) to indicate your turns.
 - **For a left-hand turn**, put your left arm straight out the left side of the golf cart.
 - **For a right-hand turn**, put your left arm out the left side of the golf cart, but pointed upwards at the elbow.
 - **When stopping**, put your left arm out the left side of the golf cart, but pointed downwards at the elbow.
- **When making a left-hand turn** or traveling straight at

any intersection, all carts must merge into the car lane, including slow carts.

- **When approaching the four-way stop**, signal to merge from the cart path into the car lane at the back of the line of traffic as soon as it's safe to do so.
- Only use the cart lane **when making a right-hand turn**.

Driving in the Correct Lane:

- **Blue decal carts (operating at speeds of 17 MPH or less)** should stick to golf cart paths, only using roads when no path is available.
- **Red decal carts (with speeds of 18 MPH and above)** can use either roadways or designated cart lanes at the reduced cart path speed limit.
- **When traveling on the mixed-use path**, meaning carts and pedestrians share the path, please follow the painted cart or pedestrian symbols.
- **Paver brick pathways are for pedestrians only** and can be walked on in either direction. No carts are allowed.

More Cart Etiquette:

- **Obey all traffic signs**, which includes observing

February is Golf Cart Safety Awareness Month at ORC and your Cart Sales & Repair Team has a special offer to help Members celebrate!

50% OFF SEATBELTS AND INSTALLATION TOTALING \$200+ PER 4-SEATER CART

Please schedule an appointment by calling 305-367-6591.

a one-way street and no texting, and painted directional symbols.

- **No driving in parks**, on beach or on golf courses.
- Ensure that you **take your golf cart key** with you upon leaving the cart to prevent others from mistakenly assuming the cart belongs to them.
- All carts should **follow typical car rules of the road** and should not assume right of way.
- **Obey speed limits:** The maximum speed limit throughout Ocean Reef is

25 mph with slower speeds clearly marked with signage.

- **Parking:** Golf carts should be parked only in designated cart parking spots.

The most important reminder of all: Being a responsible driver isn't just about knowing the rules but being courteous enough to follow them.

For a full list of cart safety rules, registration forms and golf cart license information, visit orcareef.com and click on Member Forms. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Public Safety at 305-367-2222.

CENSUS SAYS...

The 2025 Census results are out! Much valuable information was learned that will help the Board, Management, and our team of Associates further enhance the Member experience. We also want YOU to know more about your Club and fellow Members and will share findings weekly in the ORP.

Census Says... We are not a retirement community

Last week we shared that our membership is not aging. We are maintaining the same median age and therefore don't have to be concerned about the long-term sustainability of the



Club. Right in line with that is the data that shows 39% of our Equity members are still working full-time or part-time. Just 44% are retired. For Social and Legacy, the number is significantly higher with 77% and 60% employed full- or part-time.

To view the booklet, visit oceanreef.com/census.

TACOS & TEQUILA

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2026 All Charities Weekend

ONLINE BIDDING STARTS

Friday, February 13, at bidORC.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Opening Night Wine Tasting & Bourbon Tasting Silent Auction Showcase

OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
4 - 7 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Silent Auction Showcase

OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

NetJets Aircraft Display

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Ocean Reef Airport

Barton & Gray Boat Tours

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Fuel Dock

Requires prior sign up at Bartonandgray.com/orc

Burgers, Beers & Bidding

Noon - 2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

All Charities Gala

*Where Black Tie Meets The
1960's Glamour of Palm Beach*

Cocktails & Silent Auction Showcase

OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
5:30 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

Dinner, Live Auction & Dancing

7 p.m. | Town Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Silent Auction Item Pick Up

OpuLLence by Lester Lampert Jewellers
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Carysfort Hall

For more information contact
allcharities@oceanreef.com • 305-367-5996

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Affiliate Club of the Week

Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club

The Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club is located in Oyster Bay, New York. Founded in 1871 by a group of sailors who were committed to the ideals of Corinthian yachting, the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club was formed. Since its early start, the club had made an impact in American sailing, like with the 1895 Seawanhaka Cup that was presented for competition in small boats, as an international match

race series and now remains the oldest, active yachting trophy that originated in America. Today it is a year-round yacht club that honors its traditions and supports competitive sailing and cruising among generations of sailors. It offers a variety of amenities both on and off the water and the opportunity to connect with fellow members.

Ocean Reef Members who visit the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club through the Affiliate Club Program may enjoy dining and limited amenities at their club. For more information on the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, visit oceanreef.com/seawanhaka-corinthian-yacht-club.

Why We Are a Non-tipping Club

When thinking of Ocean Reef Club traditions, events like Festival on the Green, Triple Golf Classic and Vintage Weekend come to mind. However, beyond the special occasions and activities, there are also elements of the Club's service standards, rules and regulations that are also considered long-standing Club traditions. One such element is the no tipping

policy. Common practice at most Clubs, non-tipping policies are designed to ensure favor is not given to one member over another. Most Clubs, as does Ocean Reef, look to include gratuity in the services and activities they provide; this is to off-set the individual tips one might receive in a non-Club environment. Further to that, as a non-tipping Club, Associates are held to a promise to provide all Members equal service. There is no expectation of tipping by Associates nor should members feel any obligation.

RULES REMINDER - TWO-VISIT RULE

No person, other than a house guest, or child of a Club member, as set forth herein in the sections entitled "Guests" and "Children," shall be permitted to visit the Club more than two times in any five year period, with each visit to be limited to a maximum of 14 days, without becoming a member of the Club. This shall be known as the "two visit rule."

To access the entire "ORC Rules, Regulations and Policies" document, please scan the QR code or visit oceanreef.com/rules.



VALENTINE'S DAY ARTS & CRAFTS

Friday & Saturday, February 13 & 14
9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Membership Office

Stop by the Membership Office to create your own Valentine's Day bookmark!
For more details call 305-367-5921.

Get Ready to Rock the Block

by Stephanie Chavez, Ocean Reef Press

It's time to Rock the Block... again! Rock the Block, first introduced at the 1993 Member buyout returned as a tradition in 2023 to honor Ocean Reef Club's 75/30 Anniversary and is now in its fourth year.

The Rock the Block official date is always the day before the Thank You Beach Party and this year it lands on **Tuesday, April 14!**

While the April 14 date is encouraged, neighborhoods have the freedom to select a different date that works best for their neighborhood.

The Club has developed three options to support the Members in their Rock the Block Party planning and you may see the different options listed:

Please keep in mind that



A beautiful turnout for Cinnamon Bark and Bayberry, which celebrated at the Golf Pergola for their Rock the Block Party last year.

regardless of which option you decide on, you will be asked to **provide the Member Events Team with your designated zone leader, location where you will gather, number in attendance, as well as the start and end time.**

Option 1:

- The Club will provide tables and chairs for your neighborhood at no cost.
- Your neighborhood will be

responsible for providing its own food and beverage.

Option 2:

- The Club will provide tables and chairs for your neighborhood at no cost.
- Your neighborhood may order food and/or beverages to be delivered by Catering (service not included).

Option 3:

- The Club will provide

tables and chairs for your neighborhood at no cost.

- Your neighborhood may order catered food and/or beverages with bartenders and/or banquet servers included.

Once you have decided on which option is best to rock your block, you may contact the Member Events Team at memberevents@oceanreef.com or 305-367-5874.

Let's Rock the Block!



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February 11-13, 2026

12-5 pm each day

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Strategize!



by Sarah A.
Cart

With only two weeks to go until the **Reef Royale All Charities Weekend** (ACW, **Feb. 20 - 22**) – a celebration of the glamour of giving and the FUN that comes with it – it's time for YOU to start *developing strategies for placing winning ACW bids*.

To assist you, here's a primer of ACW terminology (in alphabetical order) to help you maximize the outrageously fun opportunities ahead:

Bid number: Members registered for the **Feb. 21** Gala will receive an email early **Feb. 13** with their bid number enclosed. Those not planning to attend but still wishing to browse auction items and bid online can also receive a bid number by taking three simple steps: (1) go to bidORC.org on (or after) Feb. 13; (2) click 'Create Account' at bottom left; and (3) enter your name and email and click 'Register'; within moments, you'll be an All Charities Bidder!

Bidding: (also see "Online Bidding," below). You can use your own device, but too, touch screens will be available at Carysfort Hall throughout the

Silent Auction; Live Auction bidding will be at the Gala; if you will not be attending that event, but would like to bid, see "Proxy Bids," below. **The Silent Auction will** remain open throughout dinner and Live Auction and **close at 10:30 p.m. Saturday**.

Catalog: Hard copy of the All Charities 2026 Auction Catalog will be the insert in the Feb. 13 *Ocean Reef Press*. PLEASE keep in mind, some items listed may have been updated in the days since the catalog went to press; therefore, please check the lot listing at bidORC.org or in person BEFORE placing any bids.

First Dibs: You will find these **first come, first serve** opportunities listed as their own category when bidORC.org goes live at 9 a.m. Feb. 13. You'll find world-famous musicians, birds, shirts, a blanket, fun competition, and mouthwatering meals (many paired with spectacular wines). These sell fast, so don't delay.

Gala: The evening of Feb. 21 ... dinner, dancing, and the Live Auction. *Those attending are encouraged to embrace where black tie meets the 1960's glamour of Palm Beach*.

Item Pick-up: The time/place for winning bidders to pick up their Silent Auction items is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 22**, in Carysfort Ballroom. Your timely cooperation will be gratefully appreciated (you don't want someone else to

make off with your newest treasure, do you?).

Maximum Bid: (also see "Bidding, above) When you see an item you want, place your opening bid and set your maximum; the system will respond to competing bids on your behalf up to your established limit (which can *always* be updated, BTW).

Online Bidding: Once you've got your bid number (see "Bid Number," above), use your preferred device to go online to www.bidORC.org; you'll find bidding is as easily accessible as your favorite app. If you're interested in an item you've seen in the hard-copy catalog, be sure to re-read the actual lot listing online to verify the latest details.

Proxy Bids: If there's a live auction item you have your eye on but won't be attending the All Charities Live Auction & Gala, you can still participate! Simply call the All Charities Office (305-367-5996) to submit a proxy bid with your maximum amount, and we'll have a representative bid on your behalf. Don't miss your chance to support our mission and win an incredible auction item!

Syndicate: This is up to you, but many ACW participants pair up with friends ahead of time to set up plans on what group packages to pursue. Start networking now so you can strategize as soon as the catalog comes out!

Winning Bidders: See "Item Pick-up," above.

The Reef Royale celebration of the glamour of giving will be **a ton of fun that enables a lot of good** – lay your plans now to play an active role. Questions? Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or allcharities@oceanreef.com.

THE SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHARITIES WEEKEND

(so that you can plan accordingly):

With OpuLLence (bedazzling jewelry) on display throughout, the All Charities Weekend schedule is as follows:

Friday, Feb. 20

- 4 – 7 p.m., Carysfort Hall, Silent Auction Showcase with wine tasting and bourbon sipping

Saturday, Feb. 21,

- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Carysfort Hall, **Silent Auction**
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fuel Dock, **Barton & Gray Boat Tours** (sign up in advance at bartonandgray.com/orc)
- Noon – 2 p.m. Carysfort Hall, **Burgers, Beers & Bidding**
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Ocean Reef Airport, **NetJets display**
- 5:30 p.m. Carysfort & Town Hall, Black tie cocktail reception, Gala, Live Auction, dinner, and dancing

A REMINDER OF WHAT ALL CHARITIES IS ALL ABOUT

All Charities, conceived in 2008 to minimize the number of fundraising events held each season, enables the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) to provide financial grants with an emphasis on youth, education, community, and health and family services to assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City, as well as to support and strengthen the non-profit entities here on The Reef that are vital to our "unique way of life": the Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT, Conservation Association, and Chapel and Fellowship Center.

In 2009, ORCF awarded 17 grants totaling \$365,000; by this past spring, nearly \$25 million had been passed through to our neighbors with almost \$80 million raised. As the Foundation's annual fundraising event, ACW has been the primary driver enabling that success, and ORCF is grateful for The Reef's steadfast generosity.

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A Seat of Honor



by Terry
Baxter

Barclay Morley has been a Member of Ocean Reef for forty years. He enjoys it as much as ever, even though at 97 he has begun to take it slower. Of one fact he is certain -- he loves Gianni. Mr. Morley (as he is greeted by all the Associates) eats at Gianni every night. He likes to sit at the bar, about halfway down, where he can catch the eye of Gianni's lovely bartender Sladjana. He usually



Mr. Morley and Gianni Manager Ariel Vega in G the Bar.

has a glass of wine along with his twinkle.

Gianni Manager Ariel Vega said, "Mr. Morley comes every

night to eat at the bar. A few nights, the holiday crowd occupied every bar seat. We found Mr. Morley staring forlornly at the crowded room. The whole team scrambled to find another seat for Mr. Morley. We decided to never disappoint him again." General Manager Luca Papini said, "We all agreed to create a reserved spot at the bar before opening the doors each night. We put out his placemat and silverware, and we had a brass place card engraved for him saying "Mr. Morley, Gianni MVP."

All dinner long Gianni Associates come by to say hello and pat him on the back. He is a bit hard of hearing, so reluctant to get into conversation, but he appreciates the attention and offers each Associate a shy smile. Sladjana says, "We all love him. He is part of the Gianni family. Though he is quiet and keeps



Honored seat.

to himself, he is a good eater and tries a variety of dishes. He always seems happy." Luca added, "Mr. Morley ends every dinner with a single scoop of chocolate ice cream. Then he goes home to have a cigar and a night cap. We look forward to seeing him the next night."

Once more the staff gathers to say goodbye. Mr. Morley, MVP, ambles away, humming to himself, walking much better than I do.

Just quietly observing from the end of the bar, I feel proud. Proud of the Club, proud of Gianni Associates and the culture of inclusion. Connection, caring, personal service, just another hallmark of Ocean Reef.

We all love him. He is part of the Gianni family.

FEATURED BOTTLE of the Week

The Dalmore King Alexander III

This week's featured bottle comes from The Dalmore Distillery in Scotland. While this producer is known for its unique flavor profile and exceptional age statement scotches, the King Alexander strays off the traditional path. This is a non-age statement blend of six individual cask finishes between 18 and 21 years. Small batch bourbon casks, Oloroso Sherry casks, Madeira casks, Marsala casks, port pipes and Cabernet Sauvignon wine barriques make up the finishing composition of this one of a kind single malt. Fresh berries on the nose leads to a nutty, citrus



driven palate with a long winter spice finish. The Dalmore was founded in 1839 by Alexander Matheson, and was later taken over by decedents of the Clan Mackenzie, whose first change was to make the 12-point stag a staple of every bottle. This is an extremely smooth and unique product that will appeal to both the introductory level scotch drinker and the seasoned scotch veteran.

Try it at the Spirits Bar for \$80 or take home a bottle from Port O' Call for \$310.

See page 35 for hours of operation.

Port of Manhattan

- 2 oz. The Dalmore King Alexander III
- 0.5 oz. Tawny Port
- 2 dashes orange bitters

Stir all ingredients together and pour over a large ice cube in a rocks glass. Garnish with orange wedge or peel and enjoy.

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26 Angelfish Cay Drive

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Fisherman's Cove 23B

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Cay Harbor 8E

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Fairway Lakes 47

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Residence Club B-209

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Bill Dickinson | 305.304.8311



Creek House 302

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Residence Club A-105

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ORCA Member Survey Results Help Shape 2026 Priorities

During the third quarter of 2025, ORCA members were invited to participate in a comprehensive Member Survey to help the Leadership Team and Board of Directors better understand the community's needs and set priorities for the year ahead. With an excellent response from 701 homeowners, the survey provided valuable insight into member satisfaction, concerns, and expectations.

The survey generated 26 pages of written comments and suggestions, ranging from requests for improved street lighting in specific neighborhoods to broader concerns about cost management and service levels. ORCA's Leadership has thoroughly

reviewed all comments and both Board Chair **Harry Totonis** and President Juan Perez shared a summary during the joint Town Hall Meeting in January.

As the representative organization of Ocean Reef homeowners, ORCA remains committed to operating with fiscal responsibility while working closely with members, Club partners, and State and County

government agencies to deliver the highest standards of service and infrastructure. For this reason, survey results related to funding priorities, infrastructure maintenance, construction oversight, and communications are directly influencing ORCA's planning this year.

Overall satisfaction across ORCA services remains high, particularly in Public Safety. Survey results reported strong confidence in our community's dependable and professional emergency response, including emergency medical services, firefighting, and 911 dispatch. One key opportunity for improvement emerged in front gate access and the gate clearance app, highlighting the need for an enhanced experience.

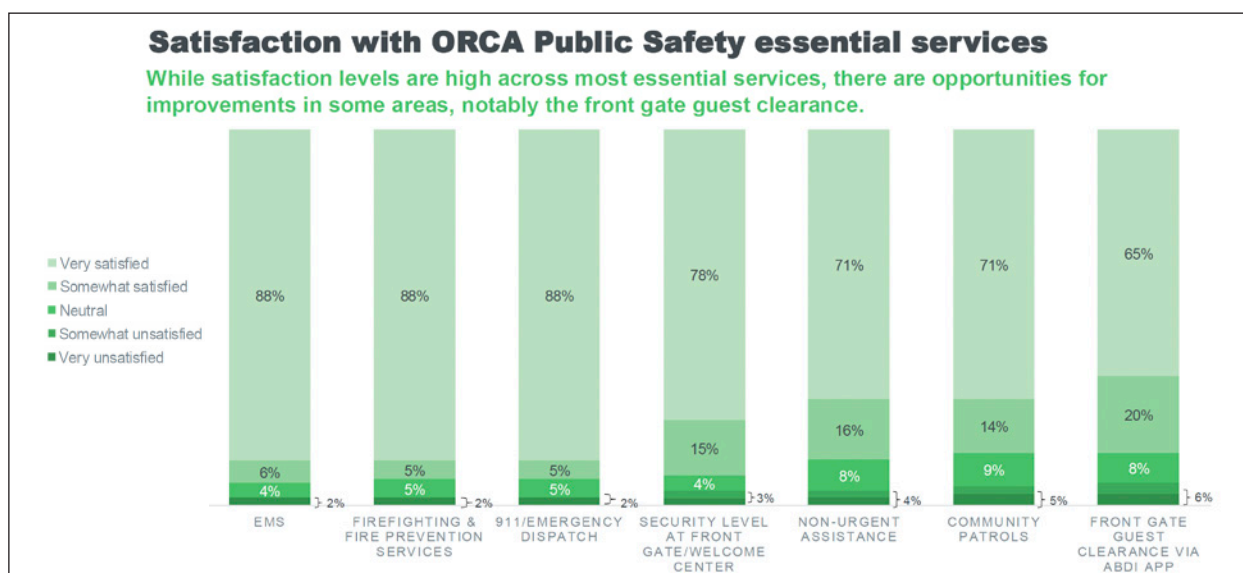
ORCA communications continue to perform well. Nearly three-quarters of respondents reported reading ORCA News weekly, and almost all found it informative. At the same time, digital engagement shows room for growth, as many members have not visited our website. ORCAreef.com is a reliable and up-to-date community resource, and members are encouraged to use it for timely information.

Construction oversight is a significant concern for many homeowners, particularly regarding truck traffic, parking congestion, and extended project timelines. Despite increased enforcement efforts and the work of the Ad Hoc Construction Committee, more

than half of respondents reported concern about construction activity. About half supported limits on construction either by neighborhood or by contractor. In response, **ORCA will meet next week with the Advisory Council** representing Ocean Reef neighborhoods to discuss possible options and next steps. "We want the community to make that decision with us, so we are going to engage the Advisory Council that represents all our members," said Perez.

Landscaping and parks were highly rated, reinforcing their value to the community experience. Residents identified street lighting as an important priority, offering constructive input to guide future planning, particularly around safety concerns. "One of the things we're going to address is street lighting in some neighborhoods," said Chairman Totonis at Town Hall. Any enhancements must be in alignment with environmental considerations. The Hammock neighborhood has restrictions imposed by the county. ORCA will continue to keep members informed as new measures are implemented.

While the Member Survey is shaping our priorities this year, ORCA's commitment to our community is year-round. Members are encouraged to continue sharing their input by contacting the administrative office at communications@orcareef.com.



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20 Questions: Love Edition

by Felicia M. Koretsky

Nothing says Valentine's Day quite like getting cozy with a 20 Questions column a week before V-Day. Pair it with a box of chocolate truffles and a bottle of Veuve, and your sweetie will know exactly how serious you are about trivia.

At ORC, real romance starts with knowing the rules, the history, and just enough surprising details to spark conversation, ideally without triggering a debate or a breakup.

The following questions were crafted to stir memories, encourage banter, and, for some of you trivia nerds, dare we say, *foreplay*.

Questions

1. What is the most popular floral arrangement ordered by Members from Kitanim Flowers for Valentine's Day?
2. Most people on The Reef know R.F. Orchids, but what do the R and F stand for?
 - a. Reef Flowers
 - b. Reef Florist
 - c. Robert Fuchs
 - d. Ralph and Felicia
3. True or False. If your

sweetie has the palate of an adolescent, you can head to Wynn's for chocolate-covered gummy bears and chocolate-covered sunflower seeds for Valentine's.

4. What percentage of all Ocean Reef Members are married?
5. What Club team is nicknamed "The Casanovas"?
6. These two Associates are the latest engaged couple getting married as a result of meeting on The Reef.
7. Two-parter. The day after Valentine's, February 15, has become the unofficial holiday celebrating independence and friendship. What are some alternative names for the day, and why do some people with spouses quietly prefer to wait until February 15 to observe it?
8. How many stained-glass windows are in the Chapel?
9. Can you name the images on each stained-glass window?
10. What Ocean Reef wedding venue is most suitable for small weddings of no more than 120 people?
11. Name at least six Ocean Reef venues where Members can plausibly celebrate Valentine's Day dinner without a formal reservation.

12. If you were lost in Bermuda with your sweetie, is there an affiliate club with reciprocal benefits you could go to?
13. Both former tennis directors, Bob Ecuyer and Jim Morton, each met their wives where?
14. True or False. Greenberg Park has surpassed The Point as the number one spot to say "I do" on The Reef.
15. True or False. You have to be a Member to host a wedding at The Reef.
16. True or False. While much of the beach can be cleared for your Reef wedding, the lounge chairs, umbrellas, and cocktail tables must remain on the Beach.
17. How many guests can you have at your Reef wedding before being required to hire a wedding planner?
18. What year boasted the most weddings ever on The Reef, how many were there, and why the increase?
19. You and your sweetie are sharing a chickpea and vegetable fritter on The Reef. Where are you?
20. The year 1964 is a historic year for Reef love birds, why?

Have a comment, tip, or general feedback for Felicia? Reach her at FeliciaKoretsky@gmail.com.

Answers

1. Two dozen red roses (we are a traditional group).
2. c. Robert Fuchs, the owner.
3. True (while supplies last).
4. 83%.
5. Bellstand.
6. Housekeeping's beautiful manager Tamara Macias and Bellstand's handsome Ozgur Yilmaz. They're planning a May 2026 wedding in her native Mexico City.
7. Terms tossed around include Singles Awareness Day (S.A.D.), Galentine's Day (just the girls), and Galentine's or Bromance Day (when it's just the guys). Because it also happens to be 50-percent-off candy day, retailers refer to it as Valen-Deals.
8. Two.
9. A Dove of Peace and a Florida sunset.
10. The Tarpon Room.
11. Buryee Bar, Raw Bar, CH Lounge, Reef Lounge, Grill Room, Tapas Bar, Town Hall Waterside, and Reef Hut.
12. Yes. The Coral Beach and Tennis Club in Paget, Hawaii.
13. The love-lucky Reef, of course. Bob met Denise when she came to the Club to play tennis. The Ecuyers will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on April 1. Jim came to The Reef to visit a tennis-pro friend and, on that first day, met Helena. The Mortons have been married 35 years.
14. False. It's still The Point.
15. True.
16. False. The entire beach and dining areas can be cleared (additional fee required).
17. 49.
18. 2023 saw a record of 45 weddings, largely due to couples catching up after COVID postponements. As of now, 25 weddings are slated for 2026.
19. Bombay Bites at Waterside. The menu item is called vegetable pakora and is gluten-free friendly.
20. It was the year that The Reef's first wedding took place.



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Settle into the Theater & Compass Room and experience the Seattle Seahawks vs. New England Patriots the way it was meant to be seen—larger than life, surrounded by fellow fans who love the game as much as you do. This event is complimentary, with no reservations required, so you can keep things easy: show up, grab a seat, and enjoy.

Of course, no Super Bowl is complete without great food. Game-day favorites will be available for purchase, including hot dogs, sliders, chicken fingers, vegan burgers, and drinks, keeping the energy high from kickoff to the final whistle. Bring your crew, wear your team colors, and make a day of it—this is Super Bowl Sunday done right at the Cultural Center.

CULTURAL CENTER CURTAIN CALL

January at the Cultural Center



by Kyle
Landers,
Cultural
Center
President

January was a remarkable month at the Cultural Center, filled with extraordinary performances, meaningful conversations, and unforgettable shared experiences. We are deeply grateful to our Members, artists, and supporters who made each moment possible.

We proudly celebrated the 19th season of the Chamber Music Festival, held January 19 through January 24, which began at the Anglers Club and carried music throughout The Reef. The week included the always special Youth Concert, a world premiere by composer Chris Rogerson at the Chapel, a soirée at the Residence

Club, and concluded with a grand finale at home in the Cultural Center. Featuring exceptional artists from around the world, Chamber Music remains a signature experience, especially for our Friends of Music, who enjoy the rare opportunity to experience performances across several of our unique venues.

Laughter filled the theater on Thursday, January 22, as Members enjoyed an evening with comedian Bill Engvall, whose gift for storytelling and deeply relatable humor resonated with audiences of all generations.

The stage then turned thoughtful and compelling on Tuesday, January 27, as Members experienced Zoetic Stage's production of *Proof*. Zoetic Stage has been coming to The Reef since 2017 and continues, year after year, to deliver productions that are uniquely crafted for our Members, distinctive, powerful, and deeply special.

Dining with the Presidents with Dr. Lindsay Chervinsky on Thursday,

January 29, offered Members a memorable evening centered on John Adams, complete with an engaging lecture, a themed three-course dinner, and an interactive Q&A.

Although we were unable to conclude the month with the Benatar & Giraldo Concert on January 31 due to unsafe weather conditions, we are grateful for our Members' patience, understanding, and continued support.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our producers. With sincere appreciation, we thank the following individuals and organizations for their commitment to the arts at Ocean Reef.

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- Kathi Whitaker
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- Gayle & Michael Yoh

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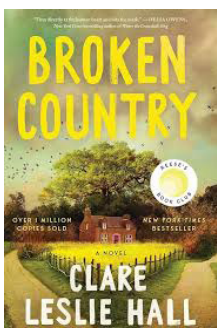
Library Corner

by Susan Bohan

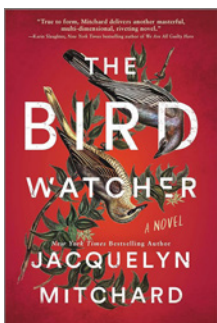
The following are a few of the new reads some Book Clubs are exploring and might introduce you to a few authors worth discovering:



"The Heir Apparent" by Rebecca Armitage – a modern fairy tale of a young doctor in Australia who suddenly becomes next in line for the British throne. Hallmark movie soon?



"Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall – a woman is forced to face deadly secrets as she must choose between her past or present and keeps you guessing until the very end



"The Birdwatcher" by Jacquelyn Mitchard – a journalist tries to defend her best friend from a murder conviction by unraveling the past and the secrets it holds.

The Library at the Cultural Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Gales of November: An Evening with Author John U. Bacon

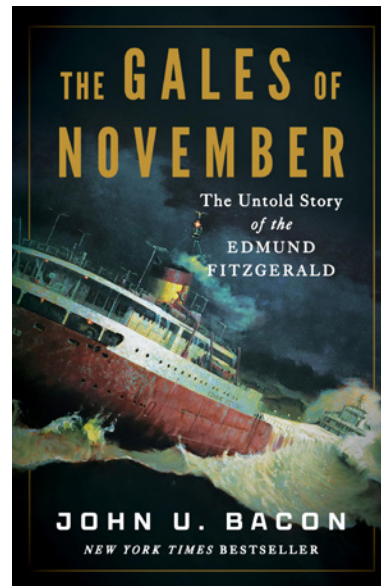
A Special Presentation from the Cultural Center's Campus Series

The Campus Speaker Series is proud to welcome bestselling author and award-winning journalist John U. Bacon on **Thursday, February 12** at 5 p.m. at the **Cultural Center** for a compelling talk based on his book *The Gales of November*. This **complimentary** event offers a rare opportunity to hear the definitive story of one of America's most haunting maritime tragedies, followed by a Q&A with the author.

On the fiftieth anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, Bacon revisits the rise and fall of the legendary 729-foot freighter known as the "Mighty Fitz." For decades after World War II, the Great Lakes were the beating heart of the global economy, rivaling the influence and power Silicon Valley holds today. No ship symbolized that era of American strength and ambition more than the Edmund Fitzgerald, the biggest, best, and most profitable vessel on the Lakes.

That legacy came to a devastating end on November 10, 1975, when hurricane-force winds and towering 50-foot waves battered Lake Superior during the infamous "storm of the century." Caught in the worst possible conditions, the Fitzgerald sank with all 29 men aboard, leaving behind unanswered questions and families forever changed.

In *The Gales of November*, Bacon draws on more than 100 interviews with crewmates,



friends, and family members to uncover the most complete account of the disaster to date. He explores the vital role Great Lakes shipping played in America's economic boom, the demanding lives of the sailors, the most likely causes of the sinking, and the profound

Both a powerful tribute and a gripping narrative history, The Gales of November brings new clarity and deep humanity to America's most-mourned maritime disaster.

aftermath for those left behind, "the wives, the sons, and the daughters," immortalized in Gordon Lightfoot's unforgettable song.

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Why the New Terminal is Bringing Families Back to the Airport Porch



by Mary Brady

For generations, the Airport porch was more than a place to catch a flight—it was a gathering spot, a front-row seat to arrivals and departures, and a backdrop for hellos, goodbyes, and everything in between. Over time, as airports became more utilitarian, that sense of connection quietly faded. The



Two-year-old Graham Kinney, grandson of Sarina Kinney.

new terminal is changing that—and families are coming back because of it.

I recently decided to take a few out-of-town guests to see it for themselves. What unfolded during that visit perfectly captured why this space feels so special again.

While there, I encountered a young man of two named Graham Kinney, the grandson



of **Sarina Kinney**—his beloved “Grandy.” Young Graham was absolutely enthralled by the planes coming and going, many of them practicing for Vintage Weekend. With a toy plane in hand and headphones perched just right, he raced back and forth across the expansive porch, disappearing into his imagination as we sat and watched. Every so often, he would pause, look up, and exclaim, “Wow!” or “Plane take off!”

At one point, Graham grabbed my guest’s hand and eagerly pulled her toward the railing to show her the fire coming from behind the plane as it lifted into the sky. He was pure joy—an enchanting throwback to a time when simply watching a takeoff or landing was entertainment enough. As the breeze moved gently through the porch, we realized nearly two hours had passed, unnoticed, spent doing

nothing more than enjoying the view and this little fellow’s wonder at planes arriving and departing.

At its heart, the new terminal was designed with people—not just planes—in mind. Open sightlines, shaded seating, and a welcoming porch-style layout invite families to linger rather than rush. Parents and grandparents watch aircraft taxi in while children press close to the railings, wide-eyed and curious, much like earlier generations once did.

Comfort plays a meaningful role as well. Cooling breezes, comfortable seating, and easy access to refreshments and restrooms turn the porch into a place where multiple generations can relax together. It’s no longer merely a drop-off zone—it’s a destination.

Perhaps most importantly, the porch restores something emotional. It reconnects travel with storytelling—grandparents recalling first flights, parents sharing memories, and children imagining adventures yet to come. It transforms travel from a transaction into a shared moment.

In bringing back the Airport porch, the new terminal has revived something deeply familiar and warmly human. It slows us down just enough to reconnect—with each other, with our surroundings, and with the simple beauty of a plane taking flight. And that’s why families are finding their way back—one arrival, one departure, and one heartfelt “Wow” at a time.

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Kathie shared our joy and made many lasting friendships at Ocean Reef...**The Rev. John Guest will lead the Episcopal congregation on Wednesday, February 11 at 9 a.m.**

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Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham was born in Arima, Trinidad, in 1972. As a child growing up, God was absent from his home and his life. At the age of 19, he had a conversion experience listening to Auntie Babsie preach. This experience led him back to the Catholic Church. He became a member of the Word of Life Prayer Community and began serving the homeless and the poor.

In his desire to give back to God the years the locust ate, Fr. Anthony successfully completed his studies at St. John Vianney Seminary and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in theology at the University of the West Indies. He has no greater joy than to see a soul capitulate to the living God.



At present, he serves in the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He is the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church on St. John. He also serves as Vicar for Clergy and Diocesan Liaison for Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of St. Thomas. He is also a Chaplain in the U.S. Army.

Fr. Anthony is well known in the Caribbean church for his preaching and life stirring testimony. He has preached at Catholic conferences and has conducted youth workshops. He has also been invited to

preach at the Moravian and Methodist churches. He understands the importance of Ecumenism.

Fr. Anthony's motto for life is "When God calls you, he enables you."

Father Anthony will celebrate Mass at the ORC Chapel on **Saturday, February 14** at 4 p.m. and **Sunday, February 15** at 12 p.m. He will be available

to hear confessions from 3:15 -3:45 p.m. on Saturday. Fr. Anthony will also celebrate daily Masses at 7:30 a.m. on **Monday, February 9-Friday, February 13**. After the Monday daily Mass he will give a talk titled "What is Valentine's Love in the Parish of Paradise?: A Military Priest's reflection on Survival, Service and Christian Love."

CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

FEBRUARY 6 – FEBRUARY 12

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

AA Meeting

Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Chapel Cornerstone Room, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Catholic Mass with Archbishop

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Chapel Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

Traditional Worship Service

Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

PCOR Kids Sunday School

Chapel Children's Room, 9 a.m.

The Light from Ocean Reef Class

Chapel Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass

Chapel Sanctuary, 12 p.m.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

Daily Mass with Fr. Anthony

Abraham

Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

Rosary Prayer Group

Chapel Sanctuary, 4:30 p.m.

AA Meeting

Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Daily Mass with Fr. Anthony

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Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Chapel Fellowship Hall, 8 a.m.

Catholic Women's Bible Study:

Walking with Purpose Study

Chapel Fellowship Hall, 3 p.m.

Potluck Dinner

Chapel Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Daily Mass with Fr. Anthony

Abraham

Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

Intercessory Prayer

Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

Episcopal-Anglican Service with

Rev. John Guest

Chapel Sanctuary, 9 a.m.

Chapel Women Connect Bible Study

Chapel Fellowship Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Chapel Women Connect Bible Study

Chapel Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Daily Mass with Fr. Anthony

Abraham

Chapel Sanctuary, 7:30 a.m.

Ocean Reef Men's Fellowship

Chapel Fellowship Hall, 8 a.m.

SHABBAT SERVICES



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CORNERSTONE ROOM – 6:00 PM

Join us as we welcome Shabbat together as a community with a brief service.

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The Catholic community of Ocean Reef welcomes Archbishop Thomas Wenski of the Archdiocese of Miami on February 7.

Please join us in welcoming him to our community.

If Character Was Our Strategy



by Rev. Dr. Dan Meyer, Chaplain-In-Residence

In my article last week, I reflected upon the strange phenomenon that some people deemed to be "GREAT" in their *public* performance turn out to be far less than great in their *private* life. I don't say this to throw stones. There are too many inconsistencies or contradictions in my own life that should keep anyone from idealizing me.

The "hero-icizing" of very flawed people would be less rampant, I think, were American culture and popular psychology not so adept at compartmentalizing human life. What we do in private and what we do in public are often

conceived as separate realities – almost like the apparently distinct compartments in a great ship. By this reasoning, issues of personal character and professional performance are always distinct.

The difficulty is that the various compartments of our psyche or external life are not *really* so neatly sealed off from one another, any more than the various holds of the Titanic turned out to be. A tendency towards dishonesty, disloyalty or any other moral weakness may be contained for a brief period in one compartment. Left unaddressed, however, it will eventually rise over the tops of our convenient walls and flood the adjoining compartments of our lives. The ultimate consequences for an individual or society, as for a ship, can be catastrophic.

Psychologists Henry Cloud and John Townsend urge us to recognize that we are already living in a flooding culture: "In a world that has begun to explain away people's behavior with a variety of excuses, people are left wondering why their lives do not work. [But] *most of our problems result from our own character weakness...*

EPISCOPAL-ANGLICAN SERVICE

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"Where we do not possess inner strength, we either get stuck or fail. If a relationship requires understanding and forgiveness and we do not have that character ability, the relationship will not make it. If a difficult time period in work requires patience and delay of gratification and we do not possess those traits, we will fail... Character is almost everything."

"Character refers to a person's ability and inability, his moral makeup, her functioning in relationships, and how he does tasks... Can he love? Can she be responsible? Can he have empathy for others? Can she develop her talents? Can he solve problems? Can she deal with failure? How does he reflect the image of God?"

Imagine how much better life

in our home, communities and nation might be were a revolution of character to take place among our public figures and private players alike. Reflecting on and trying to grow our personal character is a big part of what healthy spiritual communities are for. If you haven't lately explored any of the ones that meet at the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center, I invite you to make that investment and see what happens.

The late (and I will say "great") Army General, Norman Schwarzkopf, once remarked: "Leadership is a potent combination of two things: character and strategy. If you have to be without one, relinquish strategy." What if we made the development and exhibition of great character our personal and national strategy?

CHAPEL CORNER

Voices of the Chapel



by Giulia Covella, Chapel Foundation Executive Director

At a recent Chapel gathering, we invited members of our community to share—in their own words—what the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center has meant to them. What emerged was a heartfelt reflection of how deeply this place has shaped lives, strengthened faith, and built a true sense of belonging. The story of the Chapel, it became clear, is best told through the voices of those who experience it.

Michael Berman captured the spirit of the moment when he remarked, "We need to package it and send it to the rest of the world." His words echoed a shared feeling: that something truly special is happening here.

For **Joyce Guyton**, the impact is felt the moment you walk through the doors. "There is a feeling of calmness and comfort," she shared, "and a sense that I belong as soon as you walk in." That sense of welcome—across traditions and backgrounds—is at the heart of the Chapel's interfaith mission.

Several voices reflected on the remarkable journey from the original Chapel to today's rebuilt space. **Bobbie Watson**, who was part of the old Chapel, described the transformation as "over and above, outstanding, and beyond anyone's dreams of what could come from that 50-year-old Chapel." **Gail Guyton** added,

"It was a life mission for me. I've never participated in anything like this. It all started with an idea—and look at it now. It's unbelievable."

For **Nelson Sims**, the greatest reward is visible each week: "Seeing the Chapel full, with all four congregations growing." And beyond worship and learning, the Chapel is a place of deep care.

Nancy Vamvakas shared how, after the loss of her husband, the outpouring of love and support from the community was "incredible."

Together, these voices remind us that the Chapel is more than a shared space—it is a living community, rooted in faith, fellowship, and unity.

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Tobacco Use: Don't smoke, use vaping devices or any other type of tobacco products and avoid second-hand smoke. Cigarette smoke lowers oxygen in the blood, raises blood pressure and heart rate. No matter how long you have smoked, you can reap immediate rewards once quitting.

Being Overweight: Maintain a healthy weight, especially in the abdomen. Excess weight can lead to diabetes type 2, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.



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Quality Sleep: Maintain a regular sleep schedule and aim for seven hours nightly. If you are consistently tired during the day, even after feeling like you've had a good night's sleep, ask to be evaluated for sleep apnea. Overweight individuals can be at a higher risk.

Stress: Everyone experiences stress, but ongoing stress plays a role in high blood pressure and other heart disease risk factors. Use healthy coping tactics such as meditation, relaxation exercise, yoga or other mindfulness activities. If you cannot manage ongoing stress, this could also be a sign of depression or anxiety and

you should see your healthcare provider.

Exercise: Aim for 30-60 minutes a day. The recommended weekly amounts are 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise and 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity. If you can't meet these guidelines, any exercise will be of benefit. Start out with a brisk walk for 10 minutes a day and work up to more. Gardening, housework or team sports can be greatly beneficial.

Diet: The Mediterranean and DASH (low sodium) diet are examples of heart healthy plans. Whatever diet you ascribe to, just remember to include vegetables, fruits, lean meats, whole grains (unless gluten intolerant), low-fat dairy and healthy fats like olive oil and avocados. Avoid as many processed foods as possible and limit sugar and alcohol intake.

Health Screenings: Regular blood pressure monitoring, cholesterol (lipid) testing,

diabetes screening, dental exams and a yearly physical exam should be part of your routine health monitoring.

Infection Prevention: Staying up to date on your recommended yearly vaccines and follow your physician's guidance on additional vaccines, such as pneumococcal, RSV and COVID-19 and shingles.

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Drew Wierda is back with his wife Lindsey and their four children.

Drew is Back!

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We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many members of the Ocean Reef Community for their concern, love and especially their prayers during our son Drew's critical medical crisis and miraculous recovery.

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A Thank You to the hundreds of you who let us know you were praying. The Lord heard and it meant all the difference to us and our family.

Special Thanks to the staff at Anglers and Ocean Reef, who are like family; the Ocean Reef Gals; the Ocean Reef Yacht Club; the Wednesday morning Chapel prayer group; and Willie and Mara Cakans, who were "with us" in our crisis. To all of you who checked in on the Caring Bridge page – we saw you and read each encouragement and prayer.

To our Creator God, who sees us and has abundant life to share, we give special thanks and praise. May you also be heaped with blessing from Our Heavenly Father.

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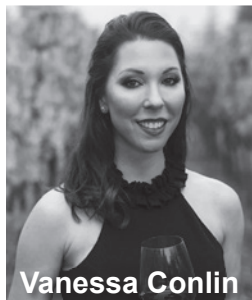
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Weather or Not Chilly Outside? Try Some Indoor Reef Fun!

by Jody
Steele

While freezing temperatures, snowstorms, and icy roads have been an enormous threat across much of our country the last few weeks, even South Florida has had its share of some unusual weather. Ocean Reef Members are used to a comfortable ride by golf cart on the way to their favorite outdoor activity, but recently that has included layers of clothing and even a knit hat or scarf. At times, boating, tennis, golf, and a multitude of other pastimes have been limited to the brave and hearty Reefer.

However, Members have discovered other pursuits less dependent on the weather for entertainment and have actually found some new interests to explore.

So the next time it is a bit too chilly for you or your guests, you might want to check out the following:

Reef Lounge: Gather in the AM for a special coffee at the brand-new Barista Bar (read about it in the January 30th edition of the Ocean Reef Press) and you will no doubt see a friend or more. The chairs are comfy and the view is great

at any temperature. Of course, the evenings are a perfect spot for a cocktail or dinner and reservations are not needed.

Cultural Center: Stop in the **Museum** and learn something new about Ocean Reef history and then you might want to visit the **Library** for some quiet time or check out the latest mystery to take home.

Airport: If you have not had the opportunity to visit the new terminal, this is a must and staying for a while to watch the planes is most entertaining. The welcome from staff is worth the stop.

Member Fitness Center: No excuses anymore if it is raining. Time to start your work out or take a class.

Art League: A stroll through the gallery is always a pleasure and the shopping is quite "artsy". Check out the classes and find your creative side that has not been unearthed yet.

Card & Game Room: Day and night there are plenty of choices here. Some need to be scheduled and other times there is a space to join a group. I hear that Poker Nights for men and for ladies are really popular.

Finish it all up wearing your raincoat or hoodie and splurge on a shake or sundae at **Reef Treats!** If you are really chilled, try the hot chocolate with marshmallows.

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Last year's Mid-Season Canasta Tournament at the Card & Game Room. See page 61 for details on this year's tournament!

From Associate of the Quarter to Associate of the Year

Jean Claude Adonis



by Susan Bohan

Being a member of the Bellstand Team for 25 years, Jean Claude Adonis has seen a lot. Just a few examples include: seeing 100 people arriving or departing the Inn at the exact same time; driving a Member to Homestead Hospital after work because she thought she had broken her hand and did not want to take an ambulance (then driving her back after midnight!); and over the years, supporting every department at The Reef, especially during



Jean Claude Adonis, Associate of the Year, pictured with Vice President of Human Resources & Training Laura Ciampa and Club President Alex Tonarelli.

Covid restrictions.

Nominated last year by Transportation Manager Alex Ponce, it is easy to understand why Jean won Associate of the 1st Quarter last year, making him a contender for 2025 Associate of the Year – a title in which he earned this past December.

"His attitude is consistent and he is willing to take on any challenge to improve the Member experience 100 percent of the time," according to Alex.

Jean responded to these kind thoughts. "I love helping people and remain here because of the Members. They treat me like

family. It is a blessing and when I have a chance to do something, I do not hesitate. I will retire here," he said with his big open smile.

Watching Jean at the Bellstand says it all about his attitude as he comments, "We are the first person someone sees as they approach the Lobby. It's important to make them happy."

So, whether you are stopping by for morning coffee or dog treats, meeting friends at the Reef Lounge or having dinner in the Ocean Room, Jean will always make you feel welcome. We look forward to his next 25 years!

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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06 FRIDAY

Backgammon Lessons

By Appointment • Card & Game Room

XXIO Demo Day

7:30am-5pm • Golf Shop

Sweat & Reformer Pilates Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Uniq. Jewelry Trunk Show

9am-2pm • Burgee Shop Breezeway

MLO Jewelry Trunk Show

9am-3pm • Member Fitness Center

Come Sail Away: Bullseye Sailing

2pm • Card Sound Sailing Club

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3-4pm • Driving Range

Caribbean Night at Everton's

4-7pm • Everton's Rum Bar

Equity Get-Together: Brewtini Social

5-7pm • Sailfish Room & Patio

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

07 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Ladies' & Men's Pickleball Doubles Club Championships

8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

Cardio Tennis Clinic

9-10am • Tennis & Games Center

Cars & Coffee

9-11am • Business Center Parking Lot

Guided Eco-Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at the Pool Desk

Mid-Season Canasta Tournament

10am • Card & Game Room

Catholic Mass with Archbishop**Wenski ABCD Campaign**
4pm • Chapel Sanctuary**Cocktails**

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

08 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Swim Club Class

8am • Member Fitness Pool

Ladies' & Men's Pickleball Doubles Club Championships

8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

Traditional Worship Service

9am • Chapel Sanctuary

Beginners Sailing Clinic

9:30am • Buccaneer Island

Croquet Mixer Open Play

2pm • Croquet Lawn

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

09 MONDAY

Isabella Adams Trunk Show

9am-4pm • Member Fitness Center

Cooking School Class: Commitment to Excellence

9:30am • Carysfort Cooking School

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Ask A Trainer Open Gym Tour

3pm • Member Fitness Center

Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting

4-5pm • Cultural Center

Equity Member Only Night

5:30-9pm • Gianni Ristorante

Texas Holdem Poker Tournament

6:30pm • Card & Game Room

10 TUESDAY

Daily Mass with Fr. Anthony Abraham

7:30am • Chapel Sanctuary

18-Hole Heart Tournament

8:30am SG • Hammock Course

Isabella Adams Trunk Show

9am-4pm • Member Fitness Center

Supervised Bridge Play

10am • Card & Game Room

Rope Flow Class

3pm • Member Fitness Center

Equity Member Only Night

5:30-9pm • Ocean Room

Vine to Table Dinner: Crafted Excellence

6:30pm • Carysfort Cooking School

11 WEDNESDAY

Episcopal-Anglican Service

with Rev. John Guest

9am • Chapel Sanctuary

Club Fitness Challenge: SkiErg

9am-12pm • Member Fitness Center

Caryna Nina Trunk Show

9am-4pm • Member Fitness Center

Vinyasa All About Love Flow

10am • Member Fitness Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10-11am • Driving Range

Ping Demo Day

10am-4pm • Driving Range

Baubles, Bubbles & Jewels Event

12-5pm • Cultural Center

Equity Get-Together: Wine & Design

3-5pm • Sailfish Patio

Equity Member Only Night

5:30-9pm • CH Prime

12 THURSDAY

Caryna Nina Trunk Show

9am-4pm • Member Fitness Center

Farmer's Market Open

11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

Reef Experience: Perfume & Cologne Bar

2-4pm • Cooking School

Boating in the Keys:**What's New, What Matters**

2-3pm & 3:30-4:30pm • Key Largo Building

Shop Your Hearts Out: Cocktails & Bites (Open to All Members)

4-6pm • Racquet Club

POP Tennis Clinic & Round Robin

5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center

Raw Bar Lobster Bake

5-9pm • Raw Bar

Equity Member Only Night

5:30-9pm • Islander

Karaoke at Burgee Bar

9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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(PG-13)

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Monday, February 9 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 11 • 7:30pm

**"Marty Supreme"**
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Friday, February 13 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Saturday, February 14 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 18 • 7:30pm

Live Performances:**Choir of Man**

Friday, February 6 • 8pm

\$200 Donor - \$250 Non-Donor

Super Bowl LX on the BIG Screen:
Seattle Seahawks vs New England Patriots

Sunday, February 8

5pm Pre-Game • 6:30pm Kick Off

Speakers Series:**The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald by John U. Bacon**

Thursday, February 12 • 5pm

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Library Hours

Monday-Friday • 10am-2pm

Cultural Center Museum

Daily • 9am-4pm

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ORC STORE HOURS

Monday, February 9 - Sunday, February 15

Member Fitness CenterMon.-Fri. 5:30am-7pm
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305-367-5912**Port O'Call Wine & Spirits**In the Fishing Village.
Mon.- Thurs. & Sun. 11am-8pm
Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm
305-367-5999**The Spa Boutique**In the Fishing Village.
Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm
305-367-2336**Tennis Pro Shop**Daily 8am-5:30pm
305-367-6583

SPOT ON SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

National Sweater Day on Monday 2/2/26

Last Monday, I personally celebrated National Sweater Day by buying a new sweater ...or two.

(Note: Don't be too quick to dismiss this "momentous" holiday. It might catch on like Ugly Christmas Sweater Day.)

I confined my "no sweat" sweater search to just 5 of the many wonderful Ocean Reef stores, which offer a selection of beautiful, interesting or just plain "goofy" sweaters.

I started in the Fishing Village. First stop was **Leggiadro**, which has delicious short-sleeved cashmere sweaters that come in many colors. I love the pale violet (\$595).

Just down the road at **J. McLaughlin**, there is a lovely, draped shawl, not exactly a sweater but it serves a similar purpose – it's fashionable, warm and comfortable (\$348.)

There is a kinky sweatshirt (\$79.95) on the porch of **Dockside Living**. Check out the slogan that appears prominently on the front of the shirt. (Pictured).

At the **Burgee Shop** there are any number of sweaters that I would like to buy and one I couldn't resist. It is a red Spanx quarter zip (\$148). Like the soft, featherweight beauties pictured here (\$125), that all say *Ocean Reef* in one way or another, my new shirt has a small OR burgee.

I completed my day of sweater shopping on Barracuda Lane, which I think of as Ocean Reef's Mini Mall.

Located there are two big women's clothing stores – **The Dress Code** and **Sandpiper**. Both are the source of a treasure trove of interesting sweaters.

Pictured is the sweater I bought at **The Dress Code**. It's black wool with white trim and a huge red lobster on the back. (\$169)

Sandpiper carries wonderful casual toppers, as well as more formal sweaters. Look for the black wool zippered sweater with



exotic tropical flowers and even a snake or two. (\$199).

Incidentally the word *sweater* comes from sweaty fishermen in the 1800s, who wore knitted wool garments to keep them warm.

After 25 years of living at Ocean Reef, I discovered that sweaters are essential, not because we engage in strenuous physical labor in cold weather, but because we are likely to freeze in air-conditioned buildings.

by Joan Birsh

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, FEB. 9 – SUNDAY, FEB. 15

Palm Court

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Beach Bar & Grill

Cocktails Daily 11am-8pm

Food Daily 11:30am-5pm

Everton's Rum Bar

Thurs.-Sun. 2-8pm

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Equity Only Night Thursday

The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7-11am

Buffet Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm

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Buffet Sat. 5:30-10pm

Equity Only Night Tuesday

Gianni Ristorante*

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm

Equity Only Night Monday

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm

Dinner Daily 4-9pm

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

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Spirits Bar

Wed., Thurs. & Sun. 4-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-10pm

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Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm • Sat. & Sun. 7am-3pm

Food Truck at Four Corners

Mon. 11am-2pm

Reef Eats

Breakfast Mon.-Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm

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Coffee Sat. & Sun. 7-10am • Cocktails Fri.-Sun. 5-8pm

Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm

Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5pm-12am • Fri. & Sat. 5pm-1am

Reef Lounge

Small Plates Daily 5-10pm

Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm • Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

CH Prime (Members Only)*

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Equity Only Night Wednesday

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Grill Room

Lunch Mon.-Fri. 11am-3:30pm

Brunch Sat. & Sun. 10am-3:30pm

Bar Snacks Daily 3:30-5pm • Dinner Daily 5-9pm

Town Hall Waterside

Fri. & Sat. 5-10pm • Sun. 5-9pm

Reef Hut

Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11am-4pm

Dinner Mon.-Fri. 5-8pm

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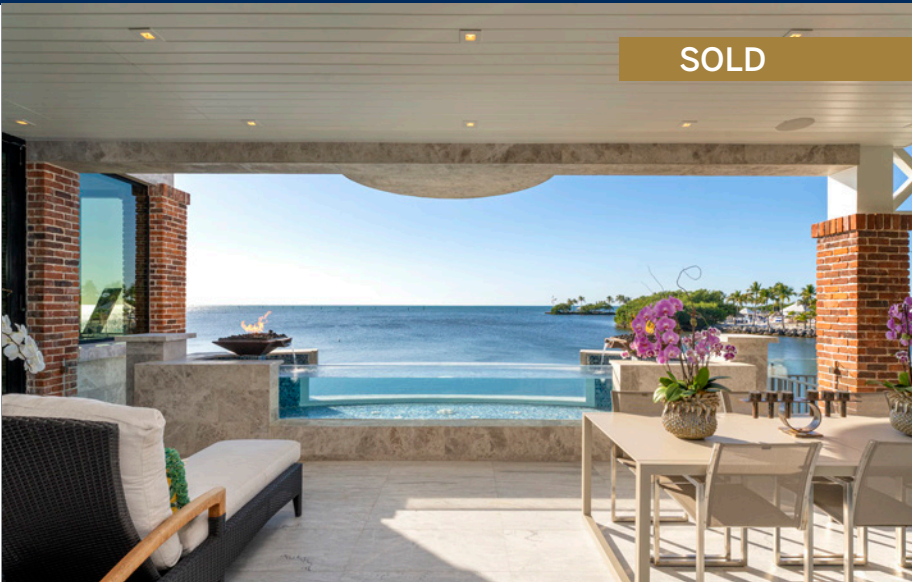
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ART LEAGUE

A Remarkable Plein Air Experience at the Art League



by Deborah
Goodwin
Geller

The Art League's recent Plein Air event was an outstanding success, marked by creativity, resilience, and an enthusiastic community response. Despite unusually cold and wet weather, participating artists painted throughout The Reef with positive spirits and remarkable dedication, capturing the landscape with energy and inspiration under challenging conditions.

The event concluded with a record-breaking reception,



Denise Bermant and this year's Plein Air featured artist Steve Puttrich.

drawing an exceptional turnout to view the artists' finished works. We were thrilled to see record art sales, a true testament to both the quality of the work produced and the strong support of our art-loving community. The exhibition offered a rare opportunity to experience Ocean Reef through the eyes of multiple artists, each bringing a unique perspective to familiar surroundings.

A special highlight of this year's Plein Air was featured

artist Steve Puttrich, who led a three-day workshop in advance of the event. The workshop received rave reviews from attendees. Accomplished artist **Denise Bermant** summed it up beautifully, sharing that she felt she accomplished in half a day what would normally take several days, thanks to Steve's insightful guidance and practical tips.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the host members who generously opened their homes to

visiting artists, playing a vital role in the success of this cherished event. Heartfelt thanks also go to Ocean Reef Sotheby's, whose generous sponsorship helped make this exceptional experience possible.

The Plein Air event once again reminded us of the power of art to bring people together. Be sure to check out our catalogue for a full lineup of wonderful February events, classes, and excursions still to come.



Artists set up in different areas around The Reef and captured beautiful scenery all around.

Ocean Reef Art League

Members New Works Show

OPENING RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY

Tuesday, February 10
5-7 PM

Receiving Artwork

Thursday, February 5 & Friday, February 6
10 AM - 5 PM

All Ocean Reef® Members are invited to cast
their vote on Monday, February 9
10 AM - 5 PM



For more information, please call the Art League at 305-367-2359
or email Nicole.ArtLeague@outlook.com

Farmer's Market Favorites

by Susan Bohan

Harvey's BBQ is Superbowl ready and can deliver by Noon on Sunday to accommodate the many Members who were not able to be at the Farmers' Market this chilly week.

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Contact Natalie by 2 p.m. on **Saturday, February 7.** Text: 305 439-4732 or Email: catering@harveysbbqkitchen.com. Delivery 11 a.m. to noon, **Sunday, February 8.**

The Farmer's Market is held every Monday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Field at Four Corners.



Harvey's BBQ Kitchen.

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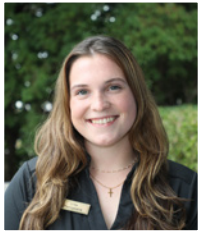
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"Spa Notes" by Lindy Nelson, Spa Coordinator

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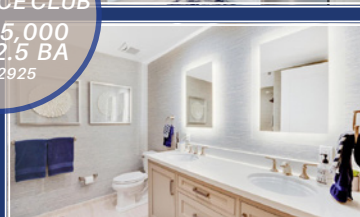
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Chef Betania's Kitchen

Yucca (Cassava) Soup (Serves Four)



by Betania Salles,
Carysfort Kitchen
Executive Chef

This soup is perfect for the surprising Florida winter we are going through.

Yucca is not a very common ingredient but give it a try, you will be surprised at how flavorful it is in stews and soups. Just remember, yucca has way more starch than potatoes so feel free to add more water or broth if you want your soup a little runnier. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 500 gr. frozen yucca (cassava)

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 300 gr. ground beef or shredded cooked meat
- 1 tsp. garlic, minced
- 1 cup Vidalia onion, chopped
- 1 cube beef bouillon
- 1/2 tsp. cumin powder
- 1/2 tsp. coriander powder
- 1 tsp. sweet paprika
- 1/2 cup tomato puree
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. peppercorn, freshly ground
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- slices of red onions for garnish

Directions:

1. Place yucca in a pot and cover with water. Let it cook until very soft.
2. Remove yucca from the pot and save the water.
3. Using two forks, remove the hard fiber from the center of the yucca pieces. It is easy to spot.
4. Place clean yucca in a blender, add some of the cooking water and blend



for a couple seconds, does not need to be completely smooth. Reserve.

5. In a medium pot, add olive oil and heat up for a couple seconds. Add ground beef and cook until the meat is no longer pink. Add garlic and onion, continue cooking for about three minutes.
6. Add beef bouillon and dry spices. Sauté for two minutes. Add tomato puree and two cups of water. Bring it to boil, reduce the heat, add salt and peppercorn, and

cook for five minutes.

7. Now, add the blended yucca and stir constantly, being careful not to scorch the bottom as yucca is a very dense starch. Let it simmer for another five minutes, always stirring.
8. Add more of the yucca cooking liquid if the soup is too thick. Adjust seasoning is necessary.
9. Turn off the heat. Add cilantro and serve it hot, garnish with red onions and more cilantro.



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FEBRUARY

Happenings

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Friday, February 6
5-7pm • Sailfish Room & Patio
Details & Registration: 305-367-5874

LADIES' & MEN'S PICKLEBALL DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

February 7 & 8
8:30am • Tennis & Games Center
Details & Registration: 305-367-6583

CARS & COFFEE

Saturday, February 7
9-11am • Business Center Parking Lot

MID-SEASON CANASTA TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 7 • 10am
Card & Game Room
\$35++ per person. Registration: 305-367-6609 or email mlechelt@oceanreef.com

SUPER BOWL ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sunday, February 8
5pm Pre-Game, 6:30pm Kick-off
Cultural Center
Details: ORCulturalCenter.org

EQUITY MEMBER GET-TOGETHER: WINE & DESIGN

Wednesday, February 11
3-5pm • Sailfish Patio
Wine raffle begins at 4pm.
Details & Registration: 305-367-5874

REEF EXPERIENCE: PERFUME & COLOGNE BAR

Thursday, February 12
2-5pm • Cooking School
Details & Registration: 305-367-5874

MIXED DOUBLES SENIOR PICKLEBALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, February 13
8:30am • Tennis & Games Center
Details & Registration: 305-367-6583

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, February 13
5-9pm • Town Hall Waterside

TACOS & TEQUILA

Friday, February 13
6-9pm • Buccaneer Island
\$150++ per person. Details & Registration:
oceanreef.com/tacosandtequila or
call Member Events at 305-367-5874

JUNIOR JETSETTERS

Saturday, February 14
10am • Airport Terminal

ART & FASHION WALK

Saturday, February 14
11am-2pm • Fishing Village

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Saturday, February 14
5-8pm • Town Hall Waterside

ORC TENNIS PRO-AM

Sunday, February 15
11am-5pm • Tennis & Games Center
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FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION

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YAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, February 25
3-5pm • Dog Park

MEMBER GET TOGETHER: MIX & MINGLE COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS

Wednesday, February 25
5:30-6:30pm • Cultural Center
Museum
Details & Registration: 305-367-5921

TRIPLE GOLF CLASSIC

February 25-28
Details: 305-367-5912

ORCC CROQUET SINGLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, February 27
8:30am • Croquet Lawn
Details & Registration: 305-367-6583

MID-SEASON MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 28
10am • Card & Game Room
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DINING Special Events

COOKING SCHOOL CLASSES

9:30am-12:30pm
Carysfort Cooking School

- **Modern Traditions**
with Chef Scott Drewno
Monday, February 2
- **Commitment To Excellence**
with Chef Stephen Strickland
Monday, February 9
- **Flavors of France**
with Chef Philippe Reynaud
Monday, February 23
- **VINE TO TABLE DINNERS**
Begin at 6:30pm
Carysfort Cooking School
- **Simply the Best**
with Kosta Browne Winery, CA
Joined by Chef Scott Drewno
Tuesday, February 3
- **Crafted Excellence**
with Clos Du Val Estate, CA
Joined by Chef Stephen Strickland
Tuesday, February 10
- **A Night in Paris**
with Joseph Drouhin, France
Joined by Chef Philippe Reynaud
Tuesday, February 24

SPECIALTY DINNERS

Begin at 6:30pm
Carysfort Cooking School

- **Lifetime Tradition**
Featuring Angel's Envy Bourbon
Thursday, February 26
- **Grand Seafood Buffets**
5:30-9:45pm • Ocean Room
Saturday, February 14
Saturday, February 28
- **Caribbean Night at Everton's**
4-7pm • Everton's Rum Bar
Friday, February 6
Friday, February 27

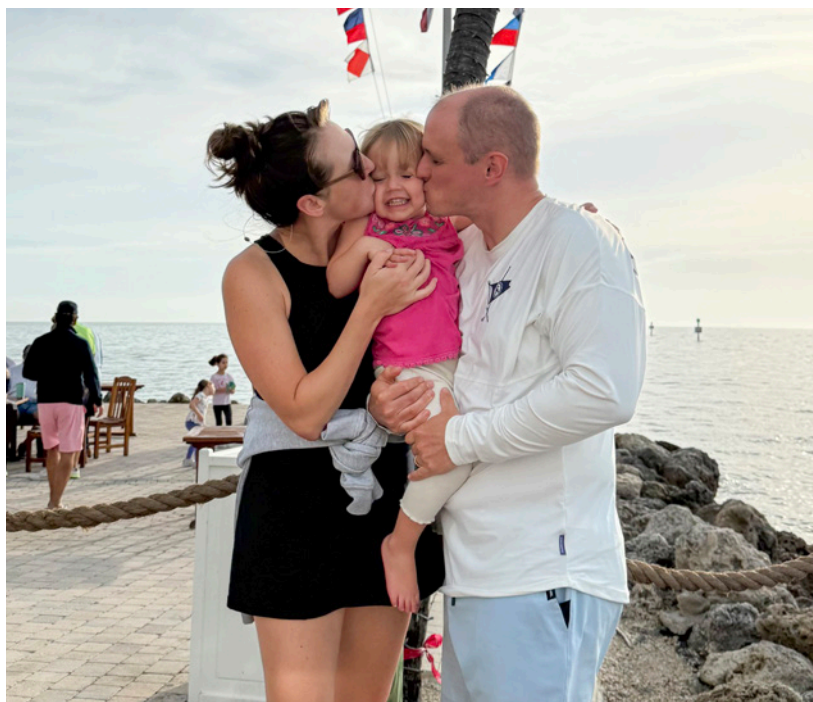
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OUT & ABOUT



The Gliddens, Ethingtons, Van Ness, Johnstons and friends at the Vina Cobos Vine to Table dinner on January 20.



The family of Equity Members Rick and Karen Glorvigen recently enjoyed a wonderful stay at The Reef. A sweet and memorable moment between their granddaughter and her parents was captured at The Point!

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Breaking News!

By Susan Reichardt and Cynthia Weglarz, Silver Café

The Silver Café is buzzing! Our growing community of members and caregivers is coming together for lively luncheons and the always-popular Silver Karaoke sessions at the Burgee Bar. With welcoming hospitality, fun programs and plenty of laughter, the Silver Café gives the silver generation a great reason to gather and celebrate. A big thank you to our generous sponsor, Post/Taylor Group at Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty, for helping make the fun happen.

Monthly Luncheon

January's monthly luncheon served up Italian favorites along with a spirited round of Bingo, led by Ocean Reef's Recreation staff. Next up—Mardi Gras Celebration! Join us **Thursday**,

February 19, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Fellowship Room to enjoy a New Orleans style luncheon prepared by Chef Glen Bonheur, generously sponsored by **John Lee**. Guests will then craft sparkly masques with help from the Recreation department.

Please RSVP to **Cynthia Weglarz** at 708-476-6350 or orcsilvercafe@gmail.com, and let us know if you'd like to receive friendly text reminders about upcoming events.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!



Vicky Diaz, Denise Bermant, Carrie Rodriguez, Martina Hamilton, Frank Gudicello and Ron Sekura (in back) singing together.



Denise Bermant (center), flanked by Frank and Debbie Gudicello enjoy tasty refreshments during January's Silver Karaoke.



Tom Kipp singing a favorite of his, "Margaritaville".

ART & FASHION WALK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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With Judy Chester, Art On A Whim

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1pm • Outdoor Fashion Show

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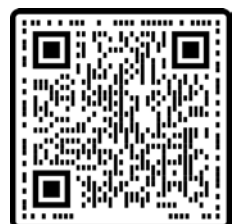


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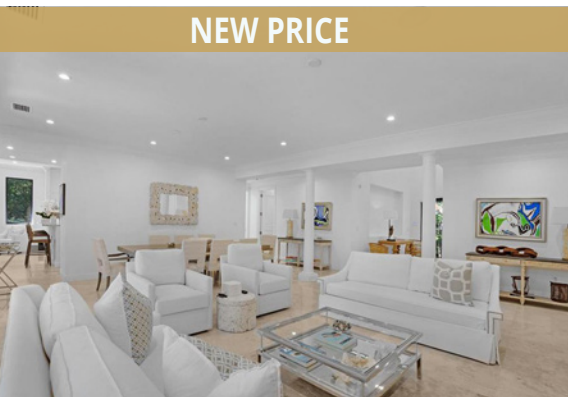
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SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE



Lee Johnson and Vitek Wild, Men's A Flight winners.



Ladies' A Flight Champs Jackie Janke (right) and Traci Davis, daughters of Rosalie and Joe Svete.



BJ Enright (right) and Vitek Wild, Mixed Doubles Champions.



Ladies' B Flight Champions Sheila Menn (right) and Heather Sine.

Center Stage

Continued from | 1

tennis, great partners, and even better camaraderie.

The level of play across all divisions was outstanding, with tight matches and long rallies keeping spectators engaged all weekend.

• Division Champions:

- **Ladies' A:** Jackie Janke & Traci Davis
- **Ladies' B:** Sheila Menn & Heather Sine
- **Men's A:** Lee Johnson & Vitek Wild
- **Men's B:** Angel Veliz & Michael Lindsay
- **Mixed Doubles:** BJ Enright & Vitek Wild

Congratulations to all of our champions and participants for bringing competitive fire and fantastic sportsmanship to the courts.

PPA Pickleball Fantasy Camp Brings the Pros to Town

February 2–3

February kicked off unforgettably with the PPA Pickleball Fantasy Camp, featuring professional pickleball standouts Jay Devilliers and Callie Smith. Over two days, participants had the rare opportunity to learn directly from the pros through on-court instruction, strategy sessions, and live play scenarios.

From shot selection and positioning to the mental side of



It's not often you see hoodies on the tennis courts at Ocean Reef Club!

the game, campers walked away with tools they could immediately apply in match play — not to mention a few stories they'll be telling for a long time. Events like this continue to elevate the level of pickleball at Ocean Reef while giving Members a true behind-the-scenes look at the pro game.

Still to Come: Championship Season Heats Up

The competitive calendar is just getting started, with several major events on the horizon:

- **Ladies' & Men's Pickleball Doubles Club Championships, February 7–8.** The Pickleball Ladies and Men's Doubles Club Championships on February 7–8 promise a weekend of high-energy match play as Ocean Reef's top teams battle for club titles. With strong partnerships, smart strategy, and plenty of competitive pride on the line, this event always delivers some of the most exciting rallies of

the season. Expect long points at the kitchen line, momentum swings, and great crowd support as players showcase how far the level of play within the club continues to grow.

- **Mixed Doubles Senior Pickleball Club Championship, February 13**
- **Ocean Reef Club Tennis Pro-Am, February 15.** The spotlight shifts to tennis on February 15 for the Tennis Pro-Am, one of the most fun and dynamic events of the year. Members will team up with club professionals for a format that blends high-level shot-making with a relaxed, social atmosphere. It's a rare chance to compete alongside the pros, pick up strategy between points, and enjoy a day that highlights both the competitive and community spirit of Ocean Reef tennis.
- **ORCC Croquet Singles Club Championships, February 27.** With championships



Men's B Champs Angel Veliz (right) and Michael Lindsay.

across multiple sports, February promises big matches, great crowds, and plenty of club pride on display.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

- Feb 15: Croquet Under the Lights
- March 6: Golf Croquet Doubles Club Championships
- March 20: Ladies' & Men's Doubles Pickleball Senior Club Championships
- March 21-22: Ladies' & Men's Doubles Tennis Club Championships
- March 28-29: Pickleball Mixed Doubles Club Championships
- March 30-31: Pickleball Lessons with Jay Devilliers
- April 3: Junior-Teen Tennis Round Robin & Pizza Party
- April 18: Tennis Singles Club Championships Finals
- April 19: Bring A Pro Tennis Tournament
- April 28: End of Season Round Robin

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL RESULTS

MIXED PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 27

1st Place: Bonny Calvo

2nd Place: Dan Attridge

MEN'S PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Thursday, January 29

1st Place: Chris Smith

2nd Place: Don Clark

MEMBER-GUEST TENNIS TOURNAMENT

January 31 & February 1

Ladies A: Jackie Janke & Traci Davis

Ladies B: Sheila Menn & Heather Sine

Men's A: Lee Johnson & Vitek Wild

Men's B: Angel Veliz & Michael Lindsay

Mixed Doubles: BJ Enright & Vitek Wild

MEN'S NIGHT TENNIS LEAGUE

Monday, February 2

1st Place: Lou Polisano

2nd Place: Don Steinbrugge

3rd Place: Chris Garlich

PADEL TIP

Play Your Best Padel

by Hannah Fleckenstein, Director of Racquet Sports

Padel is easiest to enjoy when you let go of the "tennis swing = power" mindset. The court is smaller, the ball rebounds off the glass, and points are built on placement, angles, and patience more than pace. Think compact swings, soft hands, and high-percentage shots. Use the walls to your advantage instead of rushing the ball — sometimes the best shot is the one you let come off the back glass so you can reset the point. Players coming from tennis tend to overhit early

on, but in padel, control and positioning win way more rallies than big winners.

Court positioning is just as important as shot selection. After you serve, work your way to the net with your partner and move as a pair — if one goes, you both go. The team that controls the net usually controls the point. Communication is huge in doubles padel, especially on balls off the glass where hesitation causes errors. Call everything, stay patient in transition, and remember that defense is part of the game — great padel points often include resets, lobs, and second chances before anyone goes for a put-away. Once players embrace the chess match aspect, they get hooked fast.



BLAIR BEASLEY



What is your favorite tennis game?

My favorite game is Giddy Up, Horsey!

What is your favorite ice cream?

My favorite ice cream is chocolate chip with Oreos.

What do you like to do at ORC when you are not playing tennis?

I like to tread water at Buccaneer Island.

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BONEFISH BONNIES



Nancy Zakon with longtime Bonnies members Jessica Olefson and Eileen Mullray.



Oceanaires Singers serenade Nancy Zakon with clever lyrics written by Sherley Newell.



Bonnies' president Kristina Ersek and past president Laura Wilson present Nancy Zakon (center) with flowers and gifts at Bonnies' Cast Off party.

Bonnies Host "Cast Off" Party for Founder



by Mary Bloom, Bonfish Bonnies

The Bonefish Bonnies gathered at Key Largo Angler's Club last week to honor, thank and wish Tight Lines to **Nancy Zakon**, their founder. Nancy and her husband, **Alan**, are leaving The Reef after 30 years for new adventures. Beloved by everyone who knows her, Nancy founded the Bonefish Bonnies in 1999 when she invited seven women to lunch to meet

Joan Wulff, renowned as the First Lady of Fly Fishing. That small luncheon became Bonefish Bonnies, Inc. with a roster of almost 200 members.

As a teacher, mentor and friend, she has shared her knowledge and passion for the sport of fly fishing. **Kristina Ersek** began the program by saying, "As president of the organization you founded it is my honor to thank you on behalf of all the Bonnies, not only for the community you built but also for the doors you've opened and the pathways you've made possible for so many women anglers." Ersek also announced that the Bonnies have made a donation to the American Museum of Fly Fishing (AMFF) in Nancy's honor.

The Oceanaires Singers delighted the group with a serenade for Nancy. Clever lyrics written by **Sherley Newell** and

sung to the tune of My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean brought smiles, laughter, a few tears and three hip-hip-hoorays for Nancy. During her comments, Nancy said "she was incredibly grateful for all of the Bonnies who have found the joy of being out on the water and appreciating nature". Speaking of their namesake, Bonefish Bonnie, who was a pioneering fishing guide in the Keys, she described Bonnie as adventurous and courageous and then closed by saying, "We are sisters; we are courageous; we are curious and we are the embodiment of the spirit of Bonefish Bonnie."

Nancy's dedication to the sport of fly fishing hasn't only impacted our community. While working at Orvis when she lived in New York City, she was part of the team that put together Orvis' first line of fishing clothes for women.

It was in midtown Manhattan that she founded Juliana's* Anglers in 1995; a women's fishing group now called Juliana's Anglers Sporting Club. After moving to Ocean Reef Club, she wanted to recreate a group here that would give women the opportunity to fish together and share their knowledge of the sport in a comfortable environment. She is a past president of the International Women's Fly Fishers, a trustee of the American Museum of Fly Fishing (AMFF) and a recipient of the Museum's Izaak Walton Award.

*Dame Juliana Berners, an English prioress who was born in 1388 and wrote the first known book about fly fishing, "The Treatyse of Fysshynge Wyth an Angle" published in 1496 and still in print.

OCEAN REEF YACHT CLUB

A Trip to Key West

By land and by sea, a hearty group of ORYC Members headed south to Key West last week for another nautical adventure. Exploring the southernmost point in the United States and an array of notable sites, the "yachters" enjoyed the uniqueness of Key West despite some cooler temperatures. Due

to inclement weather, more than 40 Members gathered on Commodore **Craig** and Comodurable **Emilie Wierda's** "Steadfast" for a cozy cocktail party. The relaxing schedule also included a delicious dinner on a pier over the ocean, a spirited Key West trivia competition, and a party on Stock Island with its historic seafaring ambiance. From Northern Michigan to Key West, the ORYC season continues the theme "From Sea to Shining Sea".



ORYC members Trish Wingate and Jane Nolan gathered for cocktails and dinner on Stock Island at a historic marina.

Introducing Captain Mike Perez on Mr. Nice



by Tori Fraga,
Charter Desk Manager

From a fishing family, Captain Mike Perez has spent over 20 years on these waters, guided by a deep passion for the

ocean. What started as a family tradition evolved into a lifelong calling. The thrill of the catch is only part of the adventure; the true reward is sharing the excitement of the deep sea with others, from first-time anglers to seasoned veterans. As a U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Captain since 2008, the goal is to provide a safe, professional, and exhilarating experience for every charter. Knowledge of the Florida Straits and its rich offshore fishing grounds—from the reefs, to the wrecks, to the deep blue—ensures trips go where the bite is hot. Skills have been honed through years of competitive tournament

fishing and charter fishing, but the greatest reward is seeing the smile on a Member's face as they reel in a trophy catch. The guiding style is laid-back and patient. Members are taught about everything from proper casting techniques to the importance of sustainable fishing. When stepping aboard "Mr. Nice," the goal is to create memories that last a lifetime, whether targeting specific fish species like sailfish, tuna, or mahi-mahi or simply enjoying a beautiful day on the water.

For availability and booking inquiries please contact the Ocean Reef Charter Desk at 305-367-2227.



Captain Mike Perez.

CARD SOUND SAILING CLUB

Yes, We Did Sail!

by Jennifer Forelli, Vice Commodore Card Sound Sailing Club

Before cold temperatures and gale-force winds hit Ocean Reef on Saturday, January 31, Card Sound Sailing Club managed to sneak in three races, successfully completing the January Connor's Series.

Early Saturday morning, Race Committee Officer **Al Mast**, aboard the committee boat *Truant*—owned and captained by **Henry Stout**—set out with Race Officers **Shirley Shumway**, **Mary Heffner**, **Lynne Mast**, and **Tom Snyder** to check wind conditions. After assessing the breeze and setting the course, the call went out over the radio to sailors waiting at Baker Harbor: "We are racing!"

Assisting the committee boat was Marks Boat Chairman **Chuck Cook** aboard *Little Geezer*, with **Ken Morse** and **Ray Jansen**. Also on the water was Chairman of Attendant Boats **Morgan Whiteley** aboard *Marlan*, joined by **Frank** and **Gordana Schneider**.

The race, set south of



Sailors headed to the leeward mark. Photo by Ken Morse.

Pumpkin Island, was a 1–3–F course (windward mark, leeward mark, then finish). The Race Committee aimed to have all boats safely off the course by 11:30 a.m.—a wise decision, as the wind did indeed build right on schedule. Given the stormy forecast, the committee made the precautionary call for no spinnakers in Races 2 and 3 and required all sailors to wear life jackets.

Gary Sayia and crew **Nancy Lampman** took first place overall for the combined three races. **Joe Robillard** and crew **Alzbetka Robillard** finished

second, followed by **Skip Shumway** and crew **Matt Pilon** in third. **Jim Wilson** and his crew earned a first-place finish in the final race and received the *Most Improved* award for the day.

Other dedicated sailors completing races included **Philip** and **Jill Jenkins**; **Bill** and **Sally Reynolds**; **Jennifer Forelli** and **Keith Davidson**; **Glenn** and **Anne Gormley**; **Tom Austin** and **Peter Askew**; and **Dan Harding** with **Clarke Moody**.

As with all racing, there's always a bit of excitement when it comes to the rules—

and Saturday was no exception (and the weather was not at fault). Jostling for the best position on the starting line can be dicey, and going over early is against the rules. In two of the races, the committee boat was forced to recall boats at the start. Boats over early must return to the starting line to restart the race, sometimes crossing back through the fleet, a tactically challenging—and sometimes risky—maneuver. Sure enough, in the 2nd race there was a minor boat collision when the writer of this article was attempting to restart, ultimately resulting in a tenth-place finish. Live and learn! Fortunately, there was a third race to improve standings (somewhat).

Upon return to Baker Harbor, **Liz Foster** and the Nooners were waiting with the drink cart open and ready—it was a Dark and Stormy mid-day, after all! Many thanks to our fearless PRO and Race Committee for running three excellent races and getting everyone off the water safely before the real storm arrived.

Next week marks the first Saturday of the month, featuring hot dogs and a slideshow after racing. May there be fair winds!

THE DIVE SHOP AT THE REEF

The Dive Shop Welcomes New Line – Frigate

“Founded by Women Who Love the Water & Everything In It”

By Jesus Gudino, The Dive Shop Co-owner

The Dive Shop at The Reef is happy to welcome “Frigate”, a new line of apparel founded by women, for women that love to fish and dive.

Annie Booth, a Key Largo resident, avid angler professional diver and a marine diesel mechanic has added a new hat as a designer and entrepreneur by creating “Frigate Apparel” designed for people who live life close to the water, physically and mentally. Her products are designed to move seamlessly from early mornings on the dock to long days under the sun and evenings that don’t call for changing who you are or what you wear.

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Annie’s design reflects a



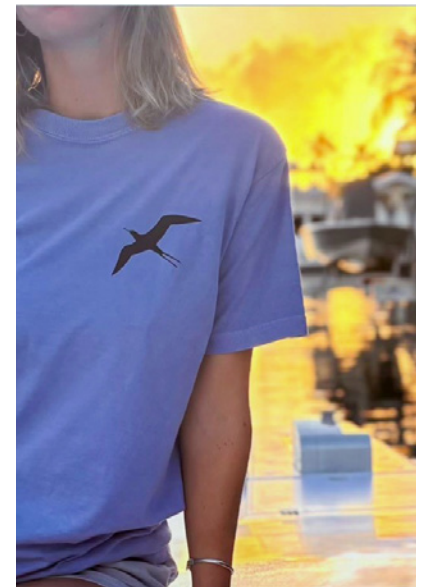
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coastal mindset rooted in function and respect for the places that inspire us. When asked where she gets her inspiration Annie answered, “From life on and around the water — the rhythm of tides, early starts, sun-faded days and late nights.”

Whether you’re offshore, dockside, or landlocked but dreaming of salt air, Frigate is made to go with you. Frigate apparel will be showcased on the Art & Fashion Walk show in conjunction with The Dive Shop so stop by and say hi to Annie.

Mark Your Calendars!

“Renewing the Reef Together” will be showcased at the Cultural Center on **February 16** with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Ken Nedimyer of Reef Renewal USA will give



a keynote update on the progress of the South Carysfort nursery where Members have been actively participating in planting, growth and maintenance.

The complimentary event will open with a beautiful below water film from Frazier

Nivens, Emmy Award winning underwater cinematography. Special food and drink will be available following the presentation thank you to our sponsors. We hope to see you there!! Questions please call 305-367-3051 or info@thediveshoporc.com.

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ROD & GUN CLUB

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Quail hunters, from left - Lightsey Guide Rich H. (seated), Had Fuller, Doug Hynden, Jim Breuer, Dan Topp, Ned Brooks, Bill McGuire, Kristina and Barrett Ersek.



Dan Topp and Doug Hynden.



Barrett Ersek. Photos by Savannah Gossweiler, Soflosav Photography.

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COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Boating in the Keys: What's New & What Matters



by Randy Woods,
US Coast Guard
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Ocean Reef

The waters of the Florida Keys are in perpetual motion, shuttled by Moon and Sun in tide cycles and fetched into frothy fathoms by winds

winding around migrating pressure systems. Much of a mariner's concern at sea focuses on these natural forces fully outside of human control.

The waters of the Florida Keys are also in perpetual regulation by agencies Federal, State and local, relentlessly striving to protect our marine environment and fishery while protecting boaters' lives and livelihoods. This is an area of immense interest where mariners have agency, and choices to make.

Last year the Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary addressed the lawless weather of the Florida Keys with a presentation on Tropical Storms. This year we offer a

chance to understand dynamic laws and regulations impacting navigation within the Keys.

The Auxiliary invites our community of boaters, friends and family to our second annual Speaker Series on **February 12**. You will appreciate our engaging speakers and will have an opportunity to question the presenters.

Session One, 2 to 3 p.m., features Lindsay Crews and Alexandra Fine, scientists with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The presentation will describe the Marine Sanctuary and its purpose, then focus on anchoring and groundings and the protection and remediation of damaged marine environments.

Session Two, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., introduces Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Liam Rodriguez who will deliver compelling information on

NOTICE OF MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary will be held on **Monday, February 9** from 4-5 p.m. at the OR Cultural Center Boardroom. The public is welcome to attend.

boating safety, new regulations, and the enforcement environment along the Florida Keys.

Presentations will be held February 12 in the Key Largo Building, Frangipani Room. Attendance is complimentary and no reservation is required.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact **Fiona Woods**, Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs officer at: fwoods@teamrat.com.

We hope to see you soon!

BOATING IN THE KEYS – WHAT'S NEW, WHAT MATTERS Presented by the Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary

Thursday, February 12
Frangipani • Key Largo Building
Complimentary sessions. Attend one or both.

- **2–3 p.m.: Lindsey Crews & Alexandra Fine**
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
 - Sanctuary Management
 - Groundings + Damage Assessment
 - Seagrass Restoration
- **3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Liam Rodriguez**
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - Updates to Boating & Fishing Regulations
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Rowing Challenge Champion

Marilyn Clark-Karlovac



"Fitness Focus" by Luis Bracamonte, Director of Fitness & Wellness

Marilyn Clark-Karlovac is the winner and Club record holder of the 500-meter row challenge with an impressive time of 1 minute and 52 seconds. Marilyn is a lifelong athlete and is currently ranked in the top five in several C2 Row distances worldwide. Here is more about her:

1. Tell us about your background in fitness.

I have always enjoyed sports. I grew up with six brothers! In high school, I focused on lacrosse and field hockey and was awarded a full scholarship to play lacrosse at Rutgers University, where I also played field hockey.

2. What about as an adult? What type of events have you participated in?

As an adult, I found running a great form of exercise, a stress reliever, and something I could work into my routine as a working mom. I have run half marathons and the NYC Marathon, and I was a team Ironman. I started rucking (hiking with a weighted pack) about 15 years ago and have enjoyed participating in rucking events around the USA. **Joanie Rich** introduced me to the world of hiking with Everest 29029, and I did my first event last June in Sun Valley, Idaho, with some amazing women from Ocean Reef.

3. What is your current fitness and sports routine?

I am a regular at the 8 a.m. sweat class, and then I follow it with a cycle class or aerobic



Marilyn Clark-Karlovac - winner and Club record holder of the 500-meter row challenge. Marilyn is also an 29029 Everesting finisher.

exercise such as jump roping or rowing. My husband and I ruck most afternoons.

4. Why do you work out, play sports, and stay active? What benefits do you experience?

Starting my day with exercise helps clear my head and makes me more productive for the rest of the day. I enjoy feeling strong and healthy; my parents called it "living on offense." Exercising really allows me to be a very active grandparent, which I love. I have made amazing friends through fitness and sports at ORC.

5. Tell us about your C2 rowing world rankings.

In the current Concept2 World Rowing Rankings for my gender and age (60-64), I am ranked 4th in the 10,000 and 5,000 meters, 5th in the 2,000 meters, and 2nd in the 500 meters.

6. What advice do you have for fellow Members?

Find something you enjoy doing at the gym, on your own, with a trainer, or in a class, and build it into your daily routine. There is a supportive community at the ORC fitness center with strong positive energy. The opportunities to grow young and fit are endless.

ROW CHALLENGE RESULTS 2026

*Times include handicap

Men's Top Five

- 1st: Mike Guerriere 1:33 (Club Record)



- 2nd: Lou Metzman 1:35
- 3rd: David Rountree 1:36
- 4th: Bob Brainard 1:37
- 5th: Bob Schwartz 1:38

Ladies' Top Five

- 1st: Marilyn Clark-Karlovac 1:52 (Club Record) 1:40
- 2nd: Wendy Brainard 1:57
- 3rd: Kathleen Metzman 2:00
- 4th: Sherri Boston-Herman 2:07
- 5th: Jamie Benario 2:15

FITNESS CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER FOUR CHALLENGES:

Men's Top Five

- 1st: Ray Herman 50 points
- 2nd: Bob Brainard 42 points
- 3rd: Bob Schwartz 36 points
- 4th: Mike Guerriere 30 points
- 5th: Tom Halliday and Lou Metzman 28 points

Ladies' Top Five

- 1st: Wendy Brainard and Kathleen Metzman 64 points
- 2nd: Sherri Boston-Herman 33 points

- 3rd: Marilyn Clark-Karlovac and Riley Hayward 30 points
- 4th: Jamie Benario 18 points
- 5th: Sharon Wessinger and Mary Sullivan 14 points

EVENTS AT MFC:

MFC Gym Tour

Monday, February 9 at 3 p.m.

Take a tour of the different machines and fitness equipment of the Member Fitness Center.

SkiErg Challenge

Wednesday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The fifth challenge of the Fitness Championship is a 500-meter time trial on the SkiErg. This event is new this season, so the winners will also become the first club record holders for this event and get an extra 10 points towards the Fitness Championship.

Floating Sound Bath with Elisabet Thursday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m.

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MGA Old Buddy

The 2026 Old Buddy was an incredible showcase of competitive spirit and camaraderie! From the very first tee shot to the final putt, the tournament delivered edge-of-your-seat action. Many flights finished all five matches with razor-thin margins, and many flights were so evenly matched that we needed the head to head match up to determine flight winners. Ultimately, 13 flight champions and one wildcard advanced to the championship shootout.

For our grand finale, 14 teams squared off in the Sudden Death – Alternate Shot of Partners challenge on the 9th hole of the Dolphin course — a true test of precision, teamwork, and nerves of steel.

The first round of the shootout saw some great shots despite the challenging conditions. The team of **Guyette & Samios, Seale & Seale** and **Veliz & Aldridge** were all able to secure par to advance and head back to the tee.

In the second round of the

shootout, Alex Samios stepped up first and delivered a great shot right at the Flagstick leaving them 30 feet under the hole for birdie. The other two teams found trouble left and right of the hole which opened the door for Guyette & Samios to lag their putt up the hill and ultimately secure the 2026 Old Buddy Championship!

9 Hole LGA Weekly Event

This event had our field filled with 59 players who brought in their scorecards with lots of smiles and were relieved that they completed the task at hand.

Our leaderboard was packed with sub-30 scores, requiring a scorecard playoff for both first and second places, for both sides of the golf course! See full results on page 57.

MGA Weekly Event

We had 48 brave souls head out on the Hammock Course this week and the format being played was ABCD – 1 Best Ball of 4 (Shamble).



Elizabeth Conklin had a hole in one on the sixth hole of the Hammock Course. Celebrating with her was Linda Jaikins, Cyndi Heutel and Linda Pelts.



2026 Old Buddy Champions Alex Samios and Jon Guyette.

On the Gross side, coming in 1st Place was **Scott Heffner, Al Rex, Brian Read** and **David Jackson**, who came in with an impressive score of 64 (-7)! Coming in 2nd Place right behind with a score of 65 (-6) was the team of **Jim Davidson, Sean Durkin, Dean Teglia** and **Frank Schneider**!

In the Net Division, coming in 1st Place was **Charlie Zahringer, Dan Attridge, Cody Dearing** and **Greg Stemler** with a stellar score. of 57 (-14). Coming in

one shot behind and winning a scorecard playoff to secure 2nd Net at 58 (-13) was the team of **Tom Austin, Doug Totura, Brian Alden** and **Richard Lerner**. Losing the scorecard playoff and coming in 3rd Place, was the team of **Tim Prete, David Singer** and **Rob Gothier**!

Our Closest to the Hole contests were on Holes #6 & #17. Charlie Zahringer claimed #6 by knocking it stiff, to 7'4"! On the back nine, David Singer hit it tight to 5'11" on #17.



GOLF SCOREBOARD

9 HOLE LGA WEEKLY EVENT

Thursday, January 29

Front Nine Division

- 1st Place:** Liz Foster, Heather Dwight,
Debbie Tirico, Lina Bey
2nd Place: Susan Hopkins, Gayle Spears,
Cathy Totonis, Karen Uebele
Closest to the Hole: Liz Foster
Longest Drive: Debbie Tirico

Back Nine Division

- 1st Place:** Janine Mullady, Florie Perellis,
Dawn Voehl, Judi Laursen
2nd Place: Dora Rubin, Helen Burish,
Kathy Stocker, Ann Liashek
Closest to the Hole: Sabrina David
Longest Drive: Stacey Lahey

2026 MGA OLD BUDDY

Friday, January 30

Champions: Alex Samios & Jon Guyette

MGA WEEKLY EVENT

Monday, February 2

- 1st Place Gross:** Scott Heffner, Al Rex,
Brian Read, David Jackson
2nd Place Gross: Jim Davidson, Sean Durkin,
Dean Teglia, Frank Schneider
1st Place NET: Charlie Zahringer, Dan Attridge,
Cody Dearing, Greg Stemler
2nd Place NET: Tom Austin, Doug Totura,
Brian Alden, Richard Lerner
3rd Place NET: Tim Prete, David Singer, Rob Gothier
4th Place NET: Michael Conley, J Guarch,
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5th Place NET: Christopher Noyes,
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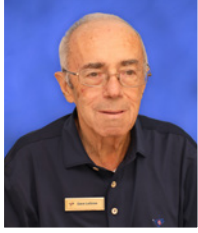


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Ladies' Card Night



by Dave LeGrow,
Card & Game
Director

Three tables of poker players participated in the Ladies' Card Night at the Card & Game Room last Wednesday, January 28. A fun time was had by all...

watch for another night later in the season!

Best Hand at Each Table:

- Mary Heffner
- Emily Halpern
- Laura Reed

Winners at Each Table:

- Barbara Ballen
- Beverly Platner
- Laura Reed

A big thanks for all of the Associates who made the night fun: bartenders, servers, and our outstanding dealers!



Ladies' Card Night at the Card & Game Room was a success! See more fun upcoming events like this one on page 61.

Sudoku answers
from page 38.

8	2	9	6	4	3	1	7	5
3	4	6	7	5	1	9	2	8
5	7	1	9	2	8	3	6	4
2	9	8	3	6	4	5	1	7
7	1	5	8	9	2	4	3	6
4	6	3	1	7	5	8	9	2
6	3	4	5	1	7	2	8	9
9	8	2	4	3	6	7	5	1
1	5	7	2	8	9	6	4	3

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BRIDGE RESULTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

North-South

1st Place: Monica Phillips - Dot Kemp

2nd Place: Jay Beatty - Bessie Connelly

East-West

1st Place: Kathie Markel - Pamela Harding

2nd Place: Sam Wardwell - Jeff Schumer

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

North-South

1st Place: Ted Fowler - Joyce Fowler

2nd Place: Barbara Besse - Margie Smith

East-West

1st Place: Gail Yoh - Dot Kemp

2nd Place: Joanne Wills - Pat Richwagen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

North-South

1st Place: Kathie Markel - Elizabeth Coleman

2nd Place: Joanne Wills - Pat Richwagen

East-West

1st Place: Bonnie Sorensen - Paula Pendergast

2nd Place: Cynthia Comenos - Pamela Harding

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Saturday, February 7

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