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Foundation Awards Record 2026 Community Grants

Distributions to Surrounding Communities

Thanks to the Ocean Reef community's generosity, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation annual grants program distributed nearly \$2.7 million to charities outside the gate this year, surpassing last year's record by \$130,000. Hundreds of representatives from 93 non-profit organizations gathered at the Cultural Center last week to joyfully accept 102 grants and celebrate the good that will come of the funding in neighboring areas where Ocean Reef employees live and raise their families.

The Community Grants program supports scores of worthy non-profit organizations in the interest areas of education, youth, health and family services, and community in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City each spring. The program has now awarded close to \$23.5 million since the Foundation's All Charities effort to consolidate fundraising in the Ocean Reef community began in 2008.

Foundation leadership gratefully acknowledges the support of the Membership, All Charities donors and volunteers, and partners whose collective efforts continue to make this growing impact possible year after year. Community Foundation leaders added special recognition for the dedication and outstanding

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The Scarbrough family enjoys last year's 4th of July sandcastle on Buccaneer Island.



2025 Sailing Campers.



The Huston family at last year's Lobstermania.



The Amato-Heape family during the 2025 Independence Day Cart Parade.

"Summertime..."

By Jody Steele

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy," is the opening lyric of a famous jazz lullaby written by George Gershwin in 1934. It evokes the months ahead when no matter where you live, you are ready to welcome a simpler

time with family and friends.

After spending almost 50 years living in South Florida, I cherish all the memories of these quieter days and look forward to creating more of these special moments where the ocean breezes waft over The Reef all summer.

One way to see the whole picture is to take a quick glance back at the Ocean Reef Club

and Community Calendar of 2025-2026. When this beautiful calendar arrived last October, you probably started to check out the months ahead and all those boxes were just full of wonderful activities. Now, beginning in May, there are empty spaces for you to fill in. What an opportunity to create your own schedule that can be as

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OR "See"



A rainy-day rainbow over the Chapel, by Keith Bozeman.

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



INDEPENDENCE DAY DINING

The early booking window for the Red, White & Bingo Buffet and the All American BBQ opens on **Monday, June 1** for Equity Members and **Monday, June 8** for Social and Legacy Members. For a full list of holiday activities, please visit oceanreef.com/July4.



T-10 DAYS UNTIL SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camps kick off **Monday, June 1**. Have you signed up yet? Kids, tweens, teens and adults - there are camp options for everyone. Online booking is available at oceanreef.com/SummerCamps. For details, please contact the Camp Concierge at 305-367-6516 or summercamps@oceanreef.com.



STEAKHOUSE NIGHTS ARE BACK

The Member-favorite Steakhouse Nights have returned to the Grill Room on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 9 p.m. And this weekend only, Steakhouse Nights will also be open on Sunday. Reservations are recommended by calling 305-367-5931.



SUMMER IS HAPPENING

The 2026 Summer Happenings brochure is here. It's time to plan your summer at The Reef. Physical copies are available for pick-up at the Membership Office or check it out online by visiting oceanreef.com/summerhappenings.

Gotta Question?

My family and I are coming to Ocean Reef for Independence Day Weekend. Does the Club have a way to help us find a babysitter so we can enjoy a parents' night out on The Reef?

Absolutely! Our Ocean Reef Concierge Team distributes a comprehensive roster of babysitters, house sitters and even dog sitters to help Members find active Club Associates that offer those services. Just reach out to Concierge at concierge@oceanreef.com to complete an Acknowledgment Form and you will receive the list to start arranging your night.

Our Concierge Team has a plethora of hidden talents. Did you know they can also



book your kids into ORC Summer Camps (kicking off **Monday, June 1!**), book dining reservations, plan small milestone events, arrange birthday cakes and flowers, coordinate off-property outings and even more!

If you want to stop by for a visit, Concierge has a desk in the Inn Lobby with an Associate available from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Or you can give the team a call at 305-367-6516.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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

Capital Projects Update

Each summer, while the pace slows just a bit and the days stretch longer, Ocean Reef takes the opportunity to reinvest in the spaces and services that shape daily life on The Reef. From refreshed amenities to future-focused renovations, Club management is hard at work ensuring the Club continues to offer the exceptional experience Members have come to know and expect.

As Club President Alex Tonarelli recently shared at the Annual Meeting, the Club's ongoing focus remains centered on, "Enhancing the Member experience," with this summer's projects representing meaningful investments in doing just that.

Here is a look at a few of the exciting capital projects currently underway:

Academy of Golf & Temporary Range

Construction is moving steadily forward on the new Academy of Golf following the demolition of the previous facility earlier this April. Designed to elevate the golf experience for Members of all skill levels, the new Academy will feature expanded instructional bays, a simulator and social area, additional shaded practice space and improved traffic flow



Spa renovation and expansion, May 18, 2026.

with additional parking and easier entry and exit access. The project will also include an enhanced heart-of-house area for the Golf Course Maintenance Team.

With foundation work complete, vertical construction of the new Academy facility will begin in the coming weeks. It is expected to reopen ahead of next season.

In the meantime, to minimize disruption during construction, a temporary Driving Range opened on May 12 and will remain operational throughout the duration of the project. The range includes a 110-foot shaded cover and is equipped with ceiling fans for added comfort, it now plays to 220 yards. Read more on page 49.

Spa Expansion & Renovation

Work on The Spa renovation and expansion continues to make significant progress. As the exterior progress can be clearly seen, much of the focus will be on the interior areas. This includes completing the drywall install, building out the new wet amenities areas and more. Storefronts and windows are fully installed and the buildings are being primed in preparation for paint to match the existing Spa/Member Fitness Center building.

The project is on schedule for an October 2026 completion. Once completed, the new Spa will boast a 21,000-square-foot, two-story facility. A significant upgrade from the original 9,000-square-foot space. This expansion will not only modernize the facility

but also significantly increase appointment availability, both for standing and on-demand bookings.

Dispatch Creek Remediation Project

Work has officially begun on the Dispatch Creek Remediation Project, a collaborative initiative between the Club and ORCA focused on improving water quality and circulation throughout Dispatch Creek and the Marina.

Following extensive water quality testing and flow analysis conducted alongside environmental consultant WSP, the project calls for the installation of five gravity-fed injection wells designed to improve circulation. The wells require no electricity, will operate silently within the surrounding environment, and will not pose any navigational hazards.

A barge is in place at the far end of Dispatch Creek with drilling of the first well now underway.

Once complete, the project is expected to improve water quality, circulation and long-term environmental health throughout the far reaches of Dispatch Creek and the surrounding waterways by drawing more water from the ocean into the back of the canal during the incoming tide. The project is forecasted for completion in the fall.

Keep an eye on future editions of the Ocean Reef Press for updates on these projects and more.

HAPPENING Today FRIDAY, MAY 22

MEMORIAL DAY POPPY AT MEMBERSHIP

May 22, 23 & 25 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 24 • 9 a.m. to noon
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FRIDAY NIGHT HOOPS

8 p.m. • Basketball Courts
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SUNRISE & SUNSET TIMES

Friday, May 22 – Thursday, May 28

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:33 a.m.	6:33 a.m.	6:33 a.m.	6:32 a.m.	6:32 a.m.	6:32 a.m.	6:32 a.m.
8:02 p.m.	8:03 p.m.	8:03 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	8:05 p.m.

ORCA Leadership Updates & Department Resources

Honoring a Legacy: Jeff Oeltjen Retires

After 24 years of distinguished service, Ocean Reef Community Association Vice President of Utilities and Public Works Jeff Oeltjen retired on May 1. Jeff's leadership left a lasting impact on the organization and the community we serve. Please join us in thanking him for his exceptional contributions and wishing him well in this well-earned next chapter.

New Leadership Appointments

In connection with Jeff's



Jeff Oeltjen, former ORCA Vice President of Utilities and Public Works, in the field just one day before his retirement.

retirement, the following organizational changes became effective this month:

- **Ariel Artime** has transferred from Public Safety to Public Works, taking on the role of Vice President of Utilities, Operations and Public Works.

- **Chief Gil Hernandez** now leads the entire Public Safety Department as the Chief of Public Safety.

- **Scott Qually** has been promoted to Director of Public Works.

"These promotions reflect our commitment to operational excellence and thoughtful succession planning," said ORCA President Juan Perez.

As ORCA's leadership team steps into their new roles, members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with each department's responsibilities by visiting ORCAreef.com for a full overview of our departments and services.

Who to Call: Public Safety or Public Works

Our Public Safety and Public Works departments work together to address all your concerns regarding construction in the community. To that end, the following guide will help you reach the right department quickly if construction activity in your area impacts your experience at Ocean Reef.

- **Contractor Parking** → Public Safety – for unauthorized or obstructive parking.
- **Noise Restrictions** → Public Works for construction noise (jackhammering, demolition) outside allowed hours. Contact Public Safety for general noise such as music or non-construction disturbances.
- **Construction Hours** → Public Works or Public Safety – for work beginning too early

or running too late.

- **Vendor Vetting** → Welcome Center (305-367-4418) for access approval; Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce (305-340-8905) for chamber-vetted vendors.

- **Dust or Debris** → Public Works or Public Safety – to report improperly cleaned construction sites.

- **Property Damage** → Public Works – for damage to surrounding property or infrastructure.

- **Pedestrian Disruptions** → Public Safety – for blocked or unsafe walkways.

- **Permits** → Public Works – for questions about construction permits.

You can reach Public Safety at 305-367-2222 (non-emergencies) and Public Works at 305-367-2655. In case of an emergency, call 911 and state you are calling from Ocean Reef.

For any other questions, call the ORCA Administrative Office at 305-367-3067. All ORCA departments work collaboratively to address member concerns efficiently. Regardless of your initial point of contact, the appropriate team will be engaged to assist you.

We encourage all members to visit ORCAreef.com and explore everything the site has to offer. It has been designed with you in mind, and your feedback helps make it better. If you have suggestions or encounter any issues, please don't hesitate to reach out.



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Preparing Your Golf Cart for Summer Vacation

For those who spend time away from The Reef over the summer, closing your home brings a long list of seasonal tasks. One that is easy to overlook is preparing your golf cart for a well-earned break. Now is a good time to consult your owner's manual (and/or your Club's Cart Repair Team) for both the cart and its battery.

To help you with the process, we compiled some helpful tips from ORC Cart Repair & Cart Sales Manager Ernest Howell and ORCA Public Safety.

With many carts running on lithium-ion batteries these days, special care is needed. Most lithium-ion battery manufacturers recommend charging before placing a battery in long-term storage.

Charging a lithium-ion battery should be done with at least a 12-gauge extension cord of 15 feet or less. Higher-gauge, longer extension cords are not designed to handle the heat generated by lithium-ion

batteries and can increase the risk of fires.

In recent years, Ocean Reef has had a few fire incidents that began while batteries were being charged, resulting in property damage, so the Club's Cart Repair Team and ORCA Public Safety urge all Members to take extra care when handling rechargeable batteries.

Battery Safety Tips

- Purchase brand-name replacements from reputable sources (like ORC's Cart Repair). Lithium-ion batteries should include a metal blast cage. Cheaper options are often constructed with plastic.
- Charge batteries on hard, dry surfaces using cords and adaptors approved for your specific battery.
- Always charge batteries fully before departing for long periods of time.
- Charge at room temperature away from direct sunlight or heat sources. When possible, charge batteries at least 10 feet from structures.
- Ensure your charger has an automatic shut-off feature.
- Check water levels in the batteries regularly and fill with distilled water if needed

(especially if preparing to leave for the summer).

Additional Reminders

- Always charge golf carts in a well-ventilated area, preferably outside. If you must charge your cart in a cart room or garage, open a door or window to allow additional air flow.
- Limit charging to no more than eight hours.
- When stored for extended periods of time, golf carts should be unplugged and switched out of "run" mode. If able, have someone check on the golf cart periodically until your return. Cart Repair offers a summer storage and/or maintenance plan that includes monthly preventative service, exercising the golf cart and even washing.

It is best to clean the cart to remove dirt and grime before storage, which Cart Repair can do for you. This helps prevent corrosion. The cleaning process



will only be more difficult if left until the fall.

Covering or storing the cart in your cart room will minimize exposure to the elements. If you plan to cover your golf cart, invest in a breathable cover to prevent moisture build-up underneath.

Any additional electronic components on the cart should be turned off, as well.

As you prepare your cart for summer vacation, please contact Cart Repair at 305-367-6591 with any questions or for additional information.

It's Almost Here, Hurricane Season

With the arrival of hurricane season comes the preparedness reminders that all those enjoying the luxury of coastal living have come to expect.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30. To keep yourself up-to-date on storms during this time, the Weather Channel and your favorite news channel are good resources. If you do find yourself in the possible path of a hurricane, you can track any active storm and its projected route by visiting NOAA's

National Hurricane Center (nhc.noaa.gov).

In the event that Ocean Reef is under a Hurricane Watch or Hurricane Warning, you can expect regular communications from your Club with updates, evacuation notices, and any other necessary information. There are also recorded daily updates available on the Hurricane Hotline by calling 866-964-6509.

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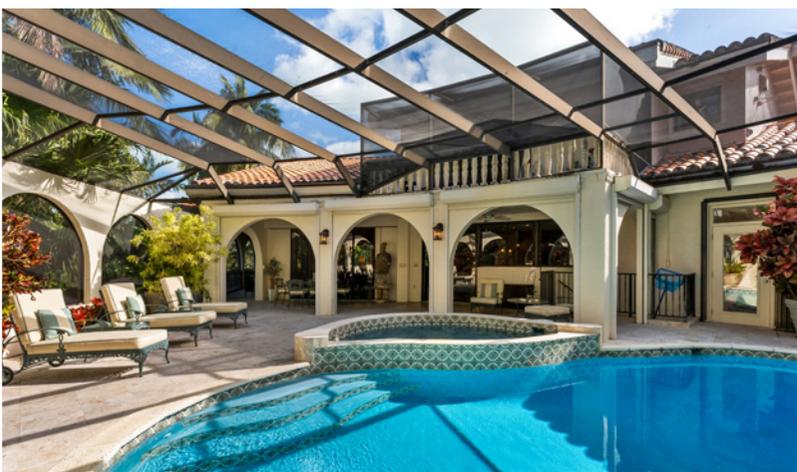
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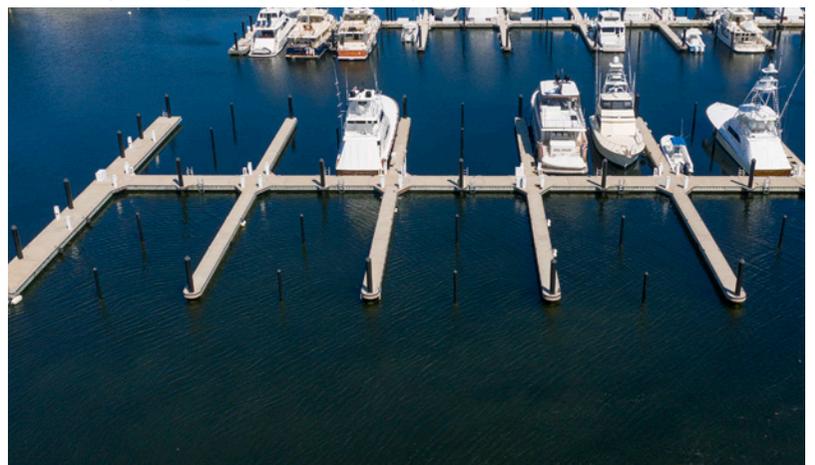
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Some of the little Dog Park friends got together at the Islander to celebrate the end of a fun season. Although their canine companions had already eaten dinner at home, their humans enjoyed an evening out with tasty treats and many laughs. Pictured here are Sarah Jbara, Joe Svete, Musette Winton, Don Steinbrugge, Randy and Pat Holbrook, Wilson Langworthy, Pia Steinbrugge, Barbara Parfet, Rosalie Svete, Claudia Langworthy, Sally Kroll, Ray Jansen, Nancy Vamvakas, Cathy Jansen and Kelsey Barlow.



Last month, Ella Martin and Lake Ferrarone enjoyed a day on Buccaneer Island.

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HOW WE GOT HERE

From Conflict to Calm:

A Dramatic Escape from Qatar



by Mike Smith

For most Ocean Reef families, summer plans revolve around travel, grandchildren, fishing tournaments or quiet afternoons by the water. For **Courtney Smith**, daughter of **Phil** and **Hillary Smith**, and young mother of two, this season became something entirely different: a real-life evacuation from a conflict zone in the Middle East.

Now safely at Ocean Reef to recover with her family, Courtney recently shared the extraordinary story of fleeing Qatar during a sudden regional conflict that transformed her peaceful life overnight.

Life in Doha

Just weeks earlier, life in Doha had felt remarkably normal.

Courtney and her husband had built a happy life in Qatar with their 6-month-old daughter, Sloan, and almost 2-year-old son, Hamilton. Her husband worked with Qatar's sovereign wealth fund in healthcare investments, while Courtney embraced motherhood in a country she described as unexpectedly family-friendly and safe.

"Our son loved school," she recalled. "He'd come home counting and singing songs. We had wonderful help, wonderful medical care and an incredible community."

Then everything changed.

Her husband happened to be away at a conference when emergency missile alerts suddenly sounded across every phone in the country. Within minutes, explosions and missile

interceptions thundered over Doha.

"The windows were rattling," she said. "The noise was constant—shrieking, booming, nonstop."

With the airspace closed and uncertainty growing, Courtney found herself alone with two infants, trying to decide whether to shelter in place or attempt an escape. Nights were spent sleeping on mattresses in a downstairs bathroom, considered the safest room in the house.

The family explored dangerous overland escape routes through Saudi Arabia or Oman, but the idea of driving eight to 16 hours with two babies through crowded border crossings felt too risky. Commercial airlines offered little help, and embassy guidance proved frustratingly vague.

Evacuation

Finally, after days of uncertainty, Courtney secured spots for herself and the children on a discreet evacuation flight.

What followed felt more like a scene from a political thriller than a family trip.

At the darkened airport, heavily guarded by security personnel, evacuees were quietly ushered underground while much of the airport remained shut down. Suddenly, a giant dark shadow appeared and stopped ominously outside their window. Their aircraft—a chartered Boeing 737 used for special operations and evacuations—carried federal agents, special forces personnel and intelligence officers.

Before takeoff, the crew gathered for a prayer.

Then came what Courtney described as a "combat takeoff"—a steep, rapid ascent into the night sky. Minutes later, explosions reportedly struck near the airport they had just departed and Courtney could see missile streaks and explosions from her window. Seconds later, fighter jets (friendly ones) appeared on both sides and escorted the

aircraft out of the region while its transponder remained switched off.

The ordeal did not end there.

Landing in Athens, Greece, at 3 a.m., exhausted and overwhelmed, Courtney still faced another grueling journey to London with two exhausted children, bags piled high, and little assistance. By the time she reached Heathrow, she described herself as "completely disheveled," with her son dirty, the baby improvised into a paper-towel diaper, and both children exhausted from the journey.

Only after arriving safely did the emotional impact truly begin to surface.

Life at Ocean Reef

Today, while recuperating at Ocean Reef, Courtney admits she still reacts strongly to loud noises and sudden sounds. Garbage trucks, thunder and even wind can trigger memories of missile interceptions over

Doha. She also struggles with the guilt of leaving beloved dogs and longtime support staff behind during the evacuation.

Yet amid the trauma, she says the experience has also reshaped her perspective.

"You realize very quickly what matters," she reflected. "Safety. Family. Being together."

For Courtney, Ocean Reef has become more than simply a place to visit, it has become a refuge for recovery, reflection and healing after an experience few can truly imagine. Her oldest son attended the Academy and was in a play. The Medical Center provided needed support. Friends offered understanding.

As neighbors pass her on the pathways or see her children playing peacefully once again, few might realize just how far this young family has traveled—not simply in miles, but emotionally—to arrive here and decompress.

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Census Says... Enjoying Summer at The Reef

Memorial Weekend has come to be known as the unofficial kick off to summer, and so in honor of that, we wanted to share what our Legacy and Social Members said in the Census about why they enjoy summer at The Reef!

The top three things that make summer appealing are that there are fewer people, it has a slower pace, and the endless boating and fishing.

Other enticements included:

- More family-oriented, kids are out of school for quality family time
- Summer events, 4th of July, Halloween, etc.
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Kids' camps
- Availability of dinner reservations and golf tee



times

- The Recreation Team

So whether you are looking for fun in the sun, or just some rest and relaxation, your Club has the best combination of both in the summertime. Be sure to check out the Summer Happenings guide at oceanreef.com/summerhappenings to plan everything or to just be inspired to plan nothing at all.

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LEGACY MEMBER NEWS



Earlier this season, future LGA members Sawyer and Georgia Archibald check out the Dolphin with Grammy Donna Archibald. They are the daughters of Legacy Members Paul and Lucy Archibald. Sawyer also enjoyed making an imaginary fairy house in the Residence butterfly garden. Sawyer to Grammy, "This was the best day ever!"

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Do You Have Children Turning 23 This Year?



by Raquel Moraga, Senior Membership Manager

If you have a child or children with a 23rd birthday between December 1, 2025, and November 30, 2026, they will age off of your Membership and no longer have Membership privileges as of December 1, 2026. If you have questions about

how your children will be able to continue enjoying the Club with you in the future, please reach out to your Membership Team at 305-367-5921 before November 2026.

Pick Up Your Poppy Pins

In honor of Memorial Day on **Monday, May 25** we invite all Members to stop by the Membership Office and pick up a poppy pin.

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

Members can pick up poppy pins today, **Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25**. The pins will be available between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. today, Saturday and Monday, and 9 a.m. and noon on Sunday.

Proposed for Membership Through May 28, 2026

The following individuals are being considered for Ocean Reef Club membership. Direct communication concerning these nominations to Vice President of Membership Islande Dillon at 305-367-5921 or idillon@oceanreef.com.

Equity Membership

Helen Scheidt is a new Member applying for Equity Membership. Ms. Scheidt is a resident of Memphis, Tennessee. Her Proposer is Elkan Scheidt and her Seconder is Tricia Woodman. Her letter writers are Robin and

Bill Orgel, Kathryn Vincent, Nikki and Dow McVean, JoAnn Adler, Audrey Tuckerman, and interviewed by Keith Bozeman of the Membership Committee. Ms. Scheidt is acquiring 15 Cinnamon Bark Lane and the Equity from William Sport.

Kim & Blair Brown are new Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. & Mrs. Brown are residents of Germantown, Tennessee. Their Proposer is Adam Baslow and their Seconder is Billy Orgel. Their letter writers are William Hinkebein, Amy and Mike Walden, Susan Hopkins, Brian Cook, Missy and Mike O'Daniel, and interviewed by Jim Davidson of the Membership Committee. Mr. & Mrs. Brown are acquiring 42 Harbour House and the Equity from Jay Townsend.

RULES REMINDER - PETS

Dogs and other pets, with exceptions for service animals as required by law, are not permitted on the Club's facilities without the approval of the Club. Boat owners are permitted to have pets provided they are kept on the vessel or on a leash in specially designated areas. Members are responsible for any damage caused by a pet owned by the Member or under the Member's control, and also for cleaning up pet droppings.

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



FATHER'S DAY Weekend

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

EVERGLADES ALLIGATOR FARM TOUR
9am • Meet at Nature Center Visit the oldest Alligator Farm in South Florida! Enjoy wildlife shows and take an airboat ride. Registration: 305-367-6516

COCKTAIL HOUR AT REEF LOUNGE
5-6pm • Reef Lounge Dads enjoy a complimentary signature cocktail.

DOLPHIN TOURNAMENT ANGLER'S MEETING
5:30pm • Burgee Bar Registration: 305-367-5874 or OceanReef.com/SummerFishing

FRIDAY NIGHT HOOPS
8pm • Basketball Courts Join the Recreation Team for a friendly basketball game between teens and adults! Details: 305-367-6516

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

DOLPHIN TOURNAMENT Lines In 8am • Lines Out 3pm Weigh-In 3:30-4:30pm • RCK Seawall Awards 5:30pm • Burgee Bar Registration: 305-367-5874

GUIDED ECO-KAYAK TOUR 10am • Meet at Pool Desk Drinking water provided. Water shoes recommended. Reservations: 305-367-6516

NATURE CENTER Friday - Sunday • 2-5pm Details: 305-367-2611 ext. 2473

REEF REC ROOM Friday - Sunday • 4pm-10pm Details: 305-367-2611 ext. 2003

FATHER'S DAY IN THE FISHING VILLAGE 11am-2pm • Fishing Village Come by the Fishing Village for in-store specials, shopping deals and more!

FAMILY NIGHT! GLOW LAWN GAMES ON THE BEACH 8pm • Buccaneer Island Join us on the beach for a Dad vs. Dad Cornhole tournament. Details: 305-367-6516

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

FATHER'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT 8am-12pm Tee Times **Hammock Course** Teams can be made up of father or grandfather and their sons, daughters or grandchildren. Team scramble in a 9-hole tournament. Details & Entry: 305-367-5912

BEGINNERS SAILING CLINIC 9:30am • Buccaneer Island No experience necessary. Reservations: 305-367-6516

GUIDED ECO-KAYAK TOUR 10am • Meet at Pool Desk Drinking water provided. Water shoes recommended. Reservations: 305-367-6516

KID'S FISHING TOURNAMENT 11am • Fishing Village Seawall

GUIDED STANDUP PADDLEBOARD TOUR 1pm • Meet at the Pool Desk Reservations: 305-367-6516

REEF CLUB KIDS For Ages 5-10
Day Program: Saturday & Sunday • 9am-1pm
Night Program: Friday & Saturday • 6pm-10pm Reservations: 305-367-6516

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- NATURE EXPLORATION

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- ADULT PICKLEBALL
- ADULT DOUBLES TENNIS CAMP
- MOMS ONLY! TENNIS CAMP

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- TWEEN PICKLEBALL
- ORC GOLF CAMP
- TOURNAMENT TOUGH TENNIS CAMP
- QUICKSTART TENNIS
- LITTLE LINKSTERS
- KIDS' TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CAMP

Registration: oceanreef.com/summercamps
 Camp Concierge: 305-367-6516
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Summertime

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busy or lazy as you want it to be!

For those folks that want to plan, the Ocean Reef Club 2026 Summer Happenings brochure is out and is a handy guide for all that is happening at The Reef. While you wait for it to hit your mailbox, it can be referenced online at oceanreef.com/SummerHappenings or picked up at Membership or Concierge. There are plenty of activities to add to those little boxes.

Some of our favorites that might not be on your list or that you have not had time to fit in during the more active months follow:

The Point – The view is spectacular any time of day. Danish & Coffee is available on Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cocktails are available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. All for Members only.

Library – Grab a book or two on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. While you are at the Cultural Center, take some time to tour the Museum.

Reef Lounge – Cool and comfortable all the time, this is a lovely spot to meet friends during the day, sit and catch up on emails, or on some evenings, enjoy a cocktail, small plates and entertainment.

Greenberg Park – On the shore or under the gazebo, the views are splendid and perfect for reflection or quiet conversation. A breeze and mosquito repellent might be necessary.

Buccaneer Island – During the week, the pools and those coveted chairs are usually available. A good swim, the view from the “adult” pool and a refreshing beverage will convince you that you are on vacation.

For Kids – If you have younger visitors, the playgrounds at Reef Club Kids and Buccaneer Island are available until dusk and are a great way to wrap up the day.

Golf Cart Adventures – A ride around The Reef before sunset is always recommended. Birdwatching, hunting for special mailboxes and exploring our tropical landscape are worthwhile excursions.

Nature Abounds – The Nature Center is for all ages to visit. Nature tours and field trips are also great entertainment and can be arranged by Concierge.

Dining – Reservations are much easier to get and sometimes even a last-minute plan could work.

The 2026 Summer Happenings brochure has information for fishing charters and tournaments, snorkeling trips, golf camps and tournaments, tennis and pickleball weekly events, Member Fitness Center classes and training, Spa services and much, much more.

All in all, the livin’ can be easy or active, but it is all up to finding your own summer rhythm at The Reef.

Scan here to view the Summer Happenings:



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Hijacked



by Winston Baxter

Winston is the (un)official canine reporter for the Ocean Reef Press. He gets his writing prowess from his Dad, Terry Baxter.

Oh no! I have just learned I am being dognapped to New Hampshire next week. Not that New Hampshire is a bad place... cool weather, mountain views, friendly people. But it is NOT Ocean Reef.

No golf carts. No swimming pools. No Associates to say hi to me every morning. No Town Hall coffee and dog treats from Sid and Donald or Georgette. Not even my doggy friends Moose, Benji and Spot. Ocean Reef is where I've grown up, it's home. New Hampshire is *that other place*.

Oh sure, New Hampshire is quiet. We decompress. From our little mountain we can see 50

miles into Vermont. No houses are nearby in any direction. But the serenity is just an illusion. I cannot romp in the yard because there are predators lurking in the woods: foxes, coyotes and an occasional bald eagle patrolling the skies. Dad and Mom take me out on a leash in spite of the tempting acres. I'll make the best of it, but give me Ocean Reef.

On the upside, I have made friends with the ferocious cat, Jo Jo, at the Country Store. We stop every morning to get our papers. Jo Jo likes to hide on the candy shelf and swat at me as we go by. After five years, I have learned he is all swat and no claws. Now we just touch noses and go back to listening to gossip at the cash register. In fact, my attitude about cats has mellowed with my recent maturity. I used to growl at cats when I saw them from the golf cart. Dad always said, "No Winston, we don't growl at kitties." "Kitties" sounded so much sweeter than cats, I started to squeak and whimper at them, and they would come to rub against the golf cart. Pretty cute.

Then I saw the Cat Visitation

Room at the Grayvik Animal Center. I found out the Keys had thousands of feral cats, some even descended from Hemmingway's pet, Snowball, in Key West. Dad likes Hemmingway because people sometimes say he looks like him (except for being bald). The feral cats have a rough time, fighting for territory and food, dodging predators, exposed to all kinds of weather. They are a tough bunch. ORCAT has joined other charitable organizations throughout the Keys to help manage and care for feral cats through a trap, neuter (nuded?), release (TNR) program. While not all feral cats are nuded, TNR efforts help to slow down the number of new cats. I think I've been nuded, but I don't want to talk about it.

ORCAT provides feeding stations for cats returned to free roaming, and some suitable candidates are available to be dopted. I remember my days at the kennel when all we thought about was being dopted. When the pretty lady came to talk to me, I wagged my tail so hard my entire rear end wiggled back and forth. I memorized her face and

her smell. I licked her hand, but she went away. She didn't want me. I was so sad. One of the girl puppies told me I was not old enough to be dopted yet and predicted, "She will be back."

And it came true! The pretty lady came back a couple weeks later and dopted me. My whole life changed when I got to Ocean Reef. So, I know how the kitties of the Cat Visitation Room feel, searching for a human. I watched a little girl sit on the chair with a kitten in her lap. Then the most amazing thing I have ever witnessed occurred. The kitten made a soft rasping sound, soothing and contented. It was so endearing I wanted to dopt her myself. How do they do it? I tried a gentle growl, but it just sounded threatening. I decided cats are considerably craftier than I assumed.

So, here we are. I will be captive in New Hampshire, and the kitties will be waiting for the right human to visit the Cat Visitation Room. We both long to join the wonders of Ocean Reef. All the rest of you are the lucky ones. I can't wait to see you in the fall.

★ MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 22-25 ★

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Everglades Alligator Farm Tour
9am • Meet at Nature Center
Registration: 305-367-6516

Holiday Happenings
3-5pm • Inn Lobby
Come learn about the event happenings during Memorial Day Weekend, enjoy complimentary refreshments and treats!

Equity Get Together: Summer Spritzer
5-7pm • Everglades South & Patio
Registration: 305-367-5874

Raw Bar Lobster Bake
5-9pm • Raw Bar
Reservations: 305-367-5818

Dolphin Fishing Tournament Anglers' Meeting
5:30pm • Burgee Bar
Learn the tournament rules and mingle with fellow anglers over cocktails and appetizers.
Details & Entry: 305-367-5874

Friday Night Hoops
8pm • Basketball Courts
Join the Recreation Team on the courts for a friendly basketball game between teens and adults!
Details: 305-367-6516

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Dolphin Fishing Tournament
8am Lines In • 3pm Lines Out
3:30-4:30pm Weigh-in • RCK Seawall
5:30pm Awards at the Burgee Bar
Details & Entry: 305-367-5874

Guided Eco-Kayak Tour
10am • Meet at Pool Desk
Drinking water provided. Water shoes recommended.
Reservations: 305-367-6516

Memorial Day Sale in the Fishing Village
10am-5pm • Fishing Village
Bring the whole family to the Fishing Village to enjoy outdoor music, arts and crafts, specialty booths and more.

Maui Jim Trunk Show
11am-4pm • Buccaneer Island
Details: 305-367-6583

Family Fun Night
5-8pm • Town Hall Parking Lot
Enjoy complimentary rides and activities for the whole family! The Food Truck and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Teens Only! After Hours
10pm-12am • Reef Rec Room

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Beginners Sailing Clinic
9:30am • Buccaneer Island

Guided Eco-Kayak Tour
10am • Meet at Pool Desk
Drinking water provided. Water shoes recommended.
Reservations: 305-367-6516

Kid's Fishing Tournament
11am • Burgee Bar Seawall

Maui Jim Trunk Show
11am-4pm • Buccaneer Island
Details: 305-367-6583

Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour
1pm • Meet at Pool Desk
Reservations: 305-367-6516

Memorial Day Luau Dinner
6-7pm seatings • Palm Court
Savor the sights, sounds and flavors of the Pacific Islands right here on The Reef! Reservations: 305-367-5931

Kick Off to Summer Beach Bash
7-9pm • Buccaneer Island
Complimentary DJ entertainment and activities. Details: 305-367-6516

Live Music
9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day Golf Tournament
8am Tee Times • Hammock Course
All players will receive an American flag and a "target score." Once the participating player hits their target score, they must plant their flag on their fairway. The flag planted the farthest on the course, or if any individuals shoot under their target score, they will be declared the winner! Details & Entry: 305-367-5912

GOLF SHOP SALE
May 23 - May 25
25% off red, white and blue apparel

MEMBER FITNESS CENTER SALE
May 22 - 24
40% off ON Running shoes

GIFT SHOP SALE
May 22 - 24
25% off swim trunks and sandals

BURGEE SHOP SALE
May 23
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TENNIS PRO SHOP SALE
May 23 - 24
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Cay Harbor 8E

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,300,000 | 3967

Russell Post | 305.451.8199 | Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



Fairway Lakes 47

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$2,900,000 | 2719

Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



Residence Club B-211

1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,850,000 | 4984

Amy Fernandez | 305.979.9646



Marina Slip ES-21

80' x 22'7" Floating | \$2,840,000 | 5018

Mary Lee | 917.603.3252



Fairway Lakes 28A

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,750,000 | 2870

Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332

Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



Creek House 302

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,350,000 | 2944

Karyn Thiele | 305.394.4185



Residence Club A-105

1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,150,000 | 2793

James Morrison | 305.393.3407



46 South Bridge Lane

5 BD, 6 BA | \$8,495,000 | 5012
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600 Coral Lane

6 BD, 6.5 BA | \$6,500,000 | 2896
Mary Brady | Agent/Owner | 201.303.2052



19 Halfway Road

Golf Course Homesite | \$6,495,000 | 3964
Russell Post | 305.451.8199
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28 Bay Ridge Road

3 BD, 3 BA | \$5,350,000 | 5019
Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



308 Carysfort Road

2 BD, 2 BA | \$5,250,000 | 3971
Parris Everhart | 305.522.2738



15 Thatch Palm Way

4 BD, 4 BA | \$5,150,000 | 2914
Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105
Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



13 North Bridge Lane

4 BD, 3.5 BA | \$4,995,000 | 5016
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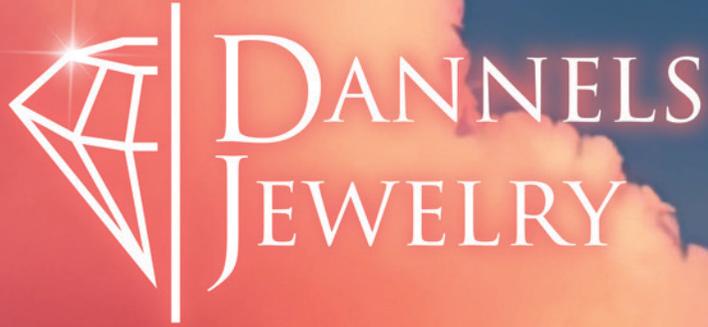
3 Spray Road

3 BD, 2 BA | \$4,550,000 | 2946
Listed and Contingent by:
Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



2 Harbor Island Drive

Vacant Homesite | \$2,850,000 | 2904
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Community Foundation

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work of the Grants Committee, which includes Co-Chairs **Janie Sims** and **Steve Woodsum**, and **Cindy Brammer**, **Chris Covington**, **Alan Goldstein**, **Diane Hill**, **Marie Jacobs**, **Amy Joseph**, **Ed Kramer**, **Cynthia Lee**, **Kathie Markel**, **Linda Owens**, **Amy Upjohn**, **Kathy Weiland** and **Brad Young**.

The Foundation's share of 2026 All Charities proceeds not reserved for larger Impact Fund projects was distributed, with additional donations made directly to the Community Grants Fund, as follows:

305 Pink Pack –

Transportation to and from, and childcare during, cancer treatment for 40 Homestead and Florida City women – \$12,500.

A Chance for Therapy (Act4Me) – Therapy programs for Homestead/Florida City children with neurological and genetic disorders – \$42,000.

Adrienne Arshat Center for the Performing Arts – STEAM curriculum and live Busy Bees Great Adventure performance field trip transportation for 1,500 seventh graders in Homestead/Florida City Title I schools – \$15,000.

Advocate Program – Financial assistance program for veterans in need – \$12,000.

Archangel Foundation – After-school and summer STEM tutoring and enrichment program for girls at Homestead Middle School in coordination with Girl Power Rocks – \$15,000.

Autism Society of the Keys – Technology and therapy for autistic youth – \$10,000.

Baptist Health South Florida Foundation – Homestead Hospital Infant and Mother Safe Discharge safety equipment program – \$24,650.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Continued expansion of youth mentoring program for 250 kids in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City – \$25,000.

Bleeding Blue – Mental health support for law enforcement and

first responders – \$20,000.

Branches Florida City (\$60,000) – Climb and Climb Higher teen leadership development and employment mentoring program – \$35,000. It's a Money Thing financial education program for 290+ students and families – \$25,000.

Breakthrough Miami – Academic enrichment and leadership development program for 140 Homestead/Florida City fifth through 13th graders – \$15,000.

Bridge to Hope – Homestead Food Pantry Hub and Home Food Delivery – \$50,000

Burton Memorial United Methodist Church (\$44,800 Total) – Refrigerated truck usage to enable pickup of perishable donations from local grocery stores and funds to purchase needed food items when not available by donation for Keys food pantry serving 11,500 – \$19,800. Child Development Center summer school enrichment program – \$25,000.

Camillus House – CHEER educational initiative to assist 140 formerly homeless children in attending school and catching up with peers – \$20,000.

Caring for Miami – Project Smile Mobile Dental Clinic visits for 1,500 Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City residents – \$40,000.

Centro Campesino – After-school and summer programs for 160 kids in two locations – \$35,000.

Chapman Partnership – Mentoring program at the Family Resource Center for 150 children of families recovering from homelessness – \$15,000.

Children's Bereavement Center – Expansion of comprehensive grief support for 250 youth in Homestead/Florida City in partnership with existing youth programs – \$20,000.

City Year – Academic and social-emotional development coaching for 665 youth at Florida City Elementary School – \$30,000.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Association – To assist the Ocean Reef Flotilla in serving the broader community in

surrounding waters – \$9,630.

College of the Florida Keys – Entrepreneurship Incubator Lab eight-week hybrid program providing workshops, mentorships and industry input to increase entrepreneurship and diversify the Upper Keys economy – \$25,220.

Coral Shores High School (\$60,690 Total) – Athletic Department Hardship Assistance Fund – \$20,000. AVID college readiness program training for teachers – \$34,690. Positive behavior interventions and support – \$6,000.

Cox Science Center & Aquarium – Bringing the Science Passport educational program to 10,000 children in Title 1 elementary schools in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City – \$25,000.

DMF Employment Opportunities – Employment initiative for 190 Homestead/Florida City individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities – \$26,000.

EmployU – Training and support program to transition adults with disabilities into employment in the Upper Keys – \$20,000.

enFamilia – Classroom technology for after-school literacy and STEAM enrichment program for 130 Homestead/Florida City children at six centers – \$15,000.

Family Central – Benefits Enrollment Program to support 200 vulnerable families in Homestead and Florida City – \$25,000.

Feeding South Florida – Food delivery and distribution to food pantries throughout the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City – \$88,800.

Florida Keys Area Health Education Centers – In-school primary medical and dental services program serving 3,400+ in Upper Keys schools – \$75,000.

Florida Keys Bull Sharks – Sports equipment and training for residents of the Florida Keys Children's Shelter – \$2,000.

Florida Keys Children's Shelter – Residential and counseling programs for at-risk youth – \$70,000.

Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition – Upper Keys child safety equipment and early childhood development programs for 250+ – \$50,000.

Florida Keys Outreach Coalition – Quick assist financial assistance program to prevent homelessness for about 95 Upper Keys residents – \$50,000.

Florida Keys Soccer Club – Youth soccer league programs and equipment for club serving 300 – \$10,000.

Florida Keys Wild Bird Center – Youth education and outreach program for 100 – \$5,000.

Foster Care Review – Expansion of Permanency Roundtable effort to secure lifelong families or supportive adult connections for youth in and aging out of foster care in Homestead and Florida City – \$20,000.

Friends of South Florida Music – Expansion of Music FUNdamentals music education program to three Homestead/Florida City childcare centers and 700+ children – \$7,500.

Friends of the Upper Keys Parks and Beaches – Secures a match to build a new playground at Rowell's Waterfront Park – \$25,000.

Genesis Hopeful Haven – Independent living housing and support programs for Homestead and Florida City young people aging out of foster care – \$50,000.

Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida – Community troops program for 300 underserved girls in low-income and historically excluded Homestead and Florida City neighborhoods – \$20,000.

Good Health Clinic – Providing \$4 million in donated medication and healthcare access to 600 low-income Upper Keys residents – \$39,000.

Greater Miami Youth for Christ – Teen leadership development and employment mentoring program for 250 at West Homestead KIX – \$60,000.

Guidance/Care Center – Mental health housing at Monroe County's only assisted living facility for residents with chronic



Representatives from Baptist Health South Florida Foundation (center) with ORCF Executive Vice President & Grants Committee Co-Chair Steve Woodsum, Executive Director Yuri Mikolay and Grants Committee member Kathie Markel.



First-time grantee 305 Pink Pack representative (third from right) with ORCF Grants Committee member Cindy Brammer, President Richard Weinstein, Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, Executive Vice President & Grants Committee Co-Chair Janie Sims and Vice Chairman & All Charities Chair Michael Berman.



Community Grant recipients enjoying lunch and networking at this year's Grant Presentation Celebration.



ORCF Grants Committee member Chris Covington with representatives from Camillus House and Breakthrough Miami.

Community Foundation

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mental illness – \$25,000.

Guitars Over Guns Organization – Music instruction programs and mentors for at-risk Homestead and Florida City youth – \$35,000.

Health Information Project – Peer-to-peer, comprehensive health education program for 2,000+ students at five Homestead and Monroe County high schools – \$25,000.

His Hands & Feet – Haven of Hope Pantry offerings of food, hygiene items and school supplies at Homestead Senior High School – \$5,000.

Homestead Senior High School – New uniforms to support growth and pride of expanding band – \$20,000.

ICU Baby – Comprehensive

support for Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City families with babies in the nearest neonatal intensive care units at Miami hospitals – \$25,000.

In Jacob's Shoes – Sole Necessities program to provide shoes to 500 disadvantaged Homestead and Florida City children – \$10,000.

Island Dolphin Care – Half of the amount needed to achieve a \$42,500 match from the Tourist Development Council to replace the fencing at this facility, which provides therapy opportunities for multiple grantees – \$21,250 (MATCH REQUIRED).

Just Older Youth (JOY) – Toward adding a third day of classes and activities for ages 50+ to the current two-day weekly schedule in the Upper Keys – \$20,000.

Key Largo School K-8 (\$71,000 Total) – Summer recreation program for up to 250 pre-K through fifth-grade

students – \$50,000. AVID college readiness program, college visits and teacher training – \$15,000. Toward coaching development and equipment for the new weightlifting program for both middle and high school athletes – \$6,000.

Kristi House – Homestead and Florida City expansion of services for child-victims of abuse and sex trafficking – \$56,000.

Ladies Empowerment & Action Program (LEAP) – Incarcerated Women's Chance for Change Initiative – \$20,000.

Le Jardin Community [Childcare] Centers – Interactive educational technology for two childcare centers (Centers 2 & 5) serving hundreds of Homestead/Florida City kids – \$50,316.

Lucy Fernandez Foundation – Toward boating safety education and outreach program expansion – \$10,000.

Mexican American Council – College and career prep programs

and scholarships for 250 students from families of farmworkers at Homestead high schools – \$40,000.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Foundation – Project UP-START graduation milestone initiative to help homeless Homestead/Florida City high school seniors (currently 94+) participate in graduation events and provide essentials kits for college – \$15,000.

Miami Diaper Bank – Expansion of mobile diaper distributions serving 2,100 babies in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City – \$50,000.

Miami Lighthouse for the Blind – Children's vision program for 700+ in both service areas – \$10,000.

Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens (MARC) – Transportation program for Upper Keys Adult Day Program for developmentally

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disabled adults – \$30,000.

MUJER – Workshops and therapy for 130 abused children and non-offending parents – \$50,000.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Miami-Dade County (NAMI) – Continued expansion of free signature mental health programming to serve 2,500 in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City – \$20,000.

Ocean First Institute – Expansion of marine science education in collaboration with Upper Keys schools – \$10,000 (MATCH REQUIRED).

Ocean Studies [Public] Charter School (\$25,150 Total) – Continuation of new Healthy Minds, Strong Lives mental health support initiative for 250 students – \$17,750 (MATCH REQUIRED). Summer Enrichment Program – \$7,400.

PATCHES PPEC – Specially-equipped van to transport 45+ medically fragile children – \$50,000.

Pawsitive Beginnings – Animal-assisted therapy program for Florida Keys Children's Shelter residents – \$5,000.

Raza Mentors – Activities for mentorship program pairing 150 children of farmworkers with community leaders from the same background – \$15,000.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Sacred Heart Homestead – Financial hardship assistance to prevent homelessness in Homestead/Florida City – \$5,000.

Salvation Army – Pathway to Hope social services and financial assistance program for about 56 Upper Keys families – \$26,000.

Seacamp Association – Marine science educational experiences for Florida Keys Children's Shelter residents – \$7,820.

Somerset Preparatory Academy Homestead (Public K-12) – Toward Athletics Access Initiative to support and grow middle and high school level sports programs – \$15,000.

South Florida Council of Boy

Scouts – Scouting programs for 250 disadvantaged youth in the Homestead area – \$20,000.

Special Olympics Florida Monroe County – Continued expansion of the Upper Keys Unified Championship Schools program for 315 youth with and without intellectual disabilities, including new outreach to schools in Homestead and Florida City – \$41,000.

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church Child Development Center – Summer camp scholarships for underprivileged youth in the Upper Keys – \$20,000.

Star of the Sea Outreach Mission – Upper Keys hunger relief project serving 2,200 – \$50,000.

Start Off Smart (\$45,000 Total) – Family empowerment program supporting victims of domestic violence in achieving financial independence from abusers – \$25,000. To add Pathways to the Future career and college readiness workshop series to the Youth Academic Success Program for Homestead/Florida City middle and high school students – \$20,000.

Take Stock in Children – College scholarships (matched by the Florida Pre-Paid College Foundation) for Upper Keys youth mentoring program – \$100,000.

The ARC of South Florida – New passenger van to transport children with disabilities – \$51,000.

The Children's Voice Chorus – Choral programs for Homestead/Florida City youth – \$10,000.

Tinkerbell's Kids – Expansion of Florida International University-developed Leadership SMARTS program to include Homestead/Florida City youth coping with having incarcerated parents – \$19,800.

T.I.P.S. – Florida Keys Youth Basketball League essentials and enhancements for 250 first through eighth graders – \$10,000.

Touching Miami with Love Homestead Site (\$70,000 Total) – Adult literacy empowerment program – \$35,000. Youth development job

training internship program – \$35,000.

Treasure Village Montessori – Water and swim safety program – \$3,900.

United Way of Collier and the Keys – Upper Keys Success by 6 school readiness program – \$25,000.

University of Miami – Pediatric mobile healthcare expansion serving 9,600 in Homestead and Florida City – \$25,000 (match required).

Upper Keys Baseball Development Foundation – Steady Bats baseball program serving 125 youth – \$9,500.

Upper Keys Youth Lacrosse League – Safety equipment to remove financial barriers to participating in lacrosse – \$10,000.

Veteran Sailing Association – Basic Keel Boat Sailing to Coastal Cruising certification for active-duty military and honorably discharged veterans – \$5,000.

Voices for Florida Keys Children – Children's welfare program to assist about 200 families through the 16th Judicial

Court Guardian Ad Litem – \$17,500.

Wellspring Counseling – Financial aid for counseling for 140 Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City residents – \$29,640.

Wesley House Family Services – To cover items foster youth need to participate fully in formative life experiences that state funding does not cover – \$20,000.

Young Musicians Unite – Toward continued expansion of music education program for grades five through 12 to 5,500+ students across 20 Homestead/Florida City schools every week – \$40,000.

TOTAL 2026 COMMUNITY GRANTS: \$2,674,666

To learn more about the Community Grants program and/or 2026 co-investment opportunities to complement partial and match grants, please email ymikolay@oceanreef.com, call 305-367-4707 or visit our office in the Ocean Reef Business Center.

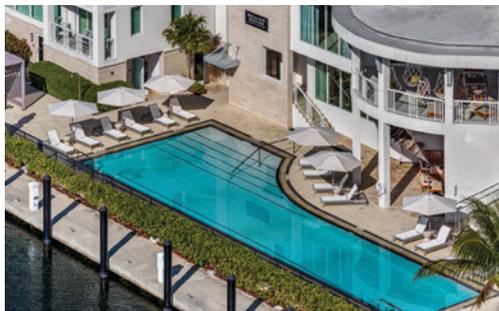
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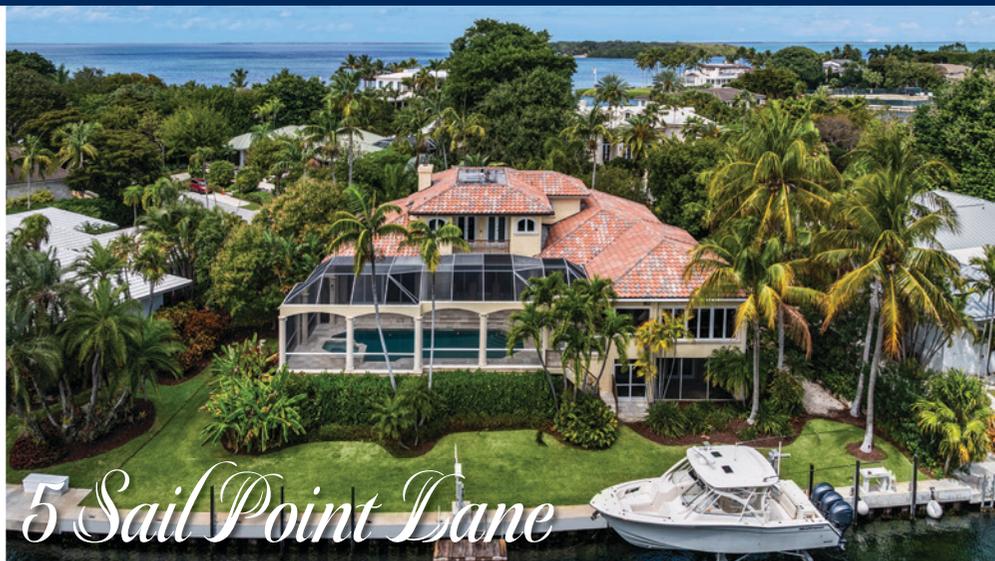


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Inspiring Young Performers



by Jody Steele

Ocean Reef Club has been fortunate to attract multi-talented people to join our staff. Some of these individuals have taken on different roles throughout the years and enhanced the value of our "unique way of life." Two of these long-term employees are Kyle Landers and Caitlin Bennett, brother and sister, who have become a valuable part of the Ocean Reef community.

Growing up in Upstate New York, the siblings participated in musicals and plays, experiencing all parts of performance while developing lifelong skills of production and event management.

Arriving at Ocean Reef Club,

Caitlin first worked in the Recreation Department, where she became an integral part of establishing Reef Club Kids and the Club's Summer Camp programs. Kyle became the Director of Member Events, and now serves as President of the Ocean Reef Cultural Center. Both have built careers centered around creating memorable experiences while approaching each event and production with the same creativity, storytelling and attention to detail as a stage performance.

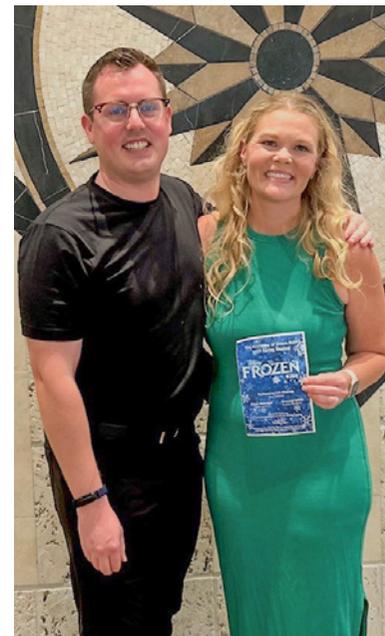
Not forgetting their roots, Kyle and Caitlin now share their theater expertise with the younger members of Ocean Reef Club. For the last five years, they have worked with The Academy at Ocean Reef to produce the yearly school musical, including "101 Dalmatians," "Willy Wonka," "The Lion King," "Frozen," and most recently, "Aladdin." Children from 18 months through eighth grade participate in this enormous event. Kyle serves as the Artistic Director and Caitlin as the Production Designer

and Choreographer alongside Performing Arts Director Joseph Celmer.

Jerome Murphy, Head of School, said, "This team is the glue that holds these extraordinary performances together."

The Rising Star Theater Camp is another project for this creative duo. In its 10th year, this camp is for children 5-12 years old and most of the attendees come year after year. The aspiring drama students learn about set design, costuming, staging and lighting with a huge concentration on having fun. This camp includes lessons in dancing, acting and stage presence while encouraging campers to sing along and build confidence performing on stage. At the end of the week, a "Talent Showcase" is held at the Cultural Center, where all campers perform in the spotlight for family and friends.

Our admiration and appreciation to Kyle and Caitlin for sharing their magical experience, enthusiasm and talent with the younger set and creating



Brother and sister duo Kyle Landers and Caitlin Bennett bring a wealth of theater experience to Ocean Reef.

lasting memories.

The Rising Star Theater Camp is scheduled for **Monday, June 22** through **Friday, June 26** and **Monday, July 6** through **Friday, July 10**.

Reservations for Summer Camps are available at: oceanreef.com/summercamps or Camp Concierge at 305-367-6516.

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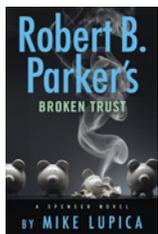
by Susan Bohan

Whether you attend the Book Club at the Art League, one of the others at The Reef or in your hometown, book clubs are a great way to widen your reading list.

The following are recent novels donated by some of the various clubs, so take a look. You might just enjoy a genre out of your usual list. Consider these "oldies but goodies."



"The Glassmaker" by Tracy Chevalier – Through six generations of Venetian glassmakers' triumphs and loss, the city evolves from a trade center to a tourist destination.



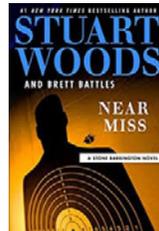
"Robert B. Parker's Broken Trust" by Mike Lupica – Detective Spenser investigates a billionaire's complex web of secrets and moral dilemmas.



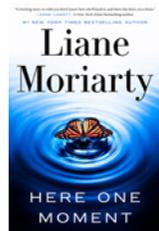
"Blue Sisters" by Coco Mellors – Three estranged sisters return to their New York home after their favorite sister's untimely death and must face their inner demons.



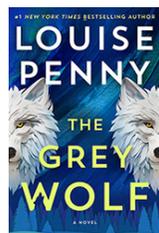
"Stone Yard Devotional" by Charlotte Wood – A wrenching novel about leaving your life behind to discover how the past shaped deep despair, and how to survive it.



"Near Miss" by Stuart Woods and Brett Battles – Stone Barrington novel – a thrilling adventure with a deadly foe, a charming new companion and revenge.



"Here One Moment" by Liane Moriarty – This riveting story begins with a woman on a flight predicting how various passengers will die. Gradually, they do while grappling with fate and mortality.



"The Grey Wolf" by Louise Penny – Chief Inspector Gamache in the 19th novel, considered his most thrilling yet, as he grapples with trust and betrayal in the hunt for unspeakable danger.

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The Met's "El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego" Plays at the Cultural Center

Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m.

Experience the Metropolitan Opera's live transmission of Gabriela Lena Frank's vibrant new opera "El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego," broadcast live on **Saturday, May 30** at 1 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

Running approximately 3 hours and 10 minutes with one intermission, this colorful and imaginative production brings the legendary love story of Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera to life through music inspired by the rich sounds and traditions of Mexico.

Set on the Day of the Dead, the opera follows Frida, who has crossed into the underworld, as she is granted one final chance to reunite with Diego for 24 hours. As memories, passion and heartbreak intertwine, the story unfolds as a moving celebration of art, love and identity.

Acclaimed mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard stars as Frida alongside baritone Carlos



The Met's "El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego" live at the Cultural Center May 30.

Álvarez as Diego Rivera in a visually stunning production directed by Deborah Colker. Featuring a libretto by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz, the opera blends magical realism with striking imagery and a deeply emotional score.

"El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego" offers audiences a powerful and unforgettable operatic experience honoring two of the most iconic artists of the 20th century.

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Helping Without Hurting



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

How to Care in Crises

Sooner or later, all of us find ourselves in the presence of someone who is deeply hurting. They've been diagnosed with a terminal illness. They've lost a loved one to suicide, murder or a tragic accident. Perhaps a baby has miscarried, or a child or sibling is disfigured or dead. Maybe someone's discovered that their spouse has been having an affair or has decided to leave them. What do you do or say in moments like these?

Rendering appropriate care in times of crisis is a complicated business. As a young pastor, I used to go into hospitals to see sick people and come out feeling sick myself. I'd get close to grieving or dying people and found it kicked up very uncomfortable feelings of sadness and fears about my own mortality. I hear of people in marital or parental crisis and feel pangs of concern for my own family.

Safety Strategies

Maybe that's why a lot of people resort to an approach to caregiving that is aimed at preserving their emotional safety. While understandable, the chief

problem with these strategies is that they sometimes hurt the people we intend to help. People in crisis repeatedly describe three particularly unhelpful behaviors they meet in ostensible "caregivers." They are: *separation*, *superficiality* and *spiritualizing*.

"What hurts me most," one man with terminal cancer said, "is the separation from others. People avoid me now. It's like I'm already dead." A man who'd been given notice he was to be laid off from his company confided, "People I worked alongside for years avoid eye contact with me now. I'm a leper to them." A woman going through a divorce shared, "The friends we had as a couple no longer call me. You'd think that I'd divorced them." It's awful enough to have something or someone in your life die. But it's agony to be alive and yet separated from the living.

Even when people aren't so consumed with their own safety that they stop coming around or calling, the conversations people often have with those in crisis are marked by a kind of superficiality that can be wearying or wounding. A terminally ill man told me, "What exhausts me are the many repetitive surface conversations I have. I'm tired of answering people's questions about my condition and the treatments. It's like they weren't listening the first 10 times I explained it to them. Or then they just breeze on about sports or the weather. I'd like to talk about how I feel about dying, how unsure I am about what comes next and about all the things I'm going to miss."

Then there are people who preserve their sense of safety by spiritualizing suffering and loss. "I guess God must have needed Joe more in heaven than here." Or, "God must really have a lot of confidence in your faith to have you go through something like this." Or, "You know, God never closes a door without opening a window someplace."

Have you ever heard people say this sort of thing?



Three Helpful Questions

If we want to offer meaningful help to those in crisis, we must be open to feeling the hurt, doubt and vulnerability of suffering in ourselves. We need to push past the temptation to separate ourselves, remain on the superficial level or spiritualize everything. Over many years of spending time with suffering people, I've stumbled across three questions that seem to be particularly helpful.

First, consider asking: "What feels especially wrong or evil about your situation?" People in pain need permission to talk openly about their experience of darkness, even if it doesn't feel safe. A little boy was late in coming home from school one day. "What in the world were you doing all this time?!" his worried mom demanded. "I met a kid whose books got dumped on the ground by some bullies," he explained. "It took you *THAT* long to help him pick them up?" she asked. "No, but it took a while to cry with him." We can't always pick up all the pieces that sin and death shatter in this life. But we can always assure people that they are not alone in the ruins.

A second question to ask someone in crisis is: "Where are you seeing any *good*?" A dear friend of mine passed away after a three-year battle with a rare blood disease. One of the

things he most enjoyed talking about was what he called the "ironic grace" he'd experienced through his illness. He choked up as he spoke of the deeper bond he'd found with his wife, the greater pleasure he took in simple things he'd always taken for granted, the hope he found in the promises of God – even though he frankly struggled to trust them at times.

Time and again, I've heard from people whose life has come unraveled how much small acts of practical hospitality have meant to them. They talk about the person who left a casserole by their door or sent a restaurant gift certificate. They marvel over the kindness of the person who offered to babysit so they could get away for an evening or a weekend and think through their circumstances. They rejoice over the person who invited them out for coffee and just listened without giving advice or helped them think through their options and next steps.

The Gift We Can Make

It must be said, however, that sometimes people in crisis need just the opposite. They may need margin and quiet more than anything else.

That's especially true at the very end of life. When someone feels so ugly, out of control and miserable, they don't need us stopping by. Their family doesn't need us to be calling or interrupting their last precious days, even if it makes us feel like we've done something.

Instead, write a note. Leave a casserole at the door, without ringing the bell. Call them a month or two after the funeral when they'll really need a friend. The *number one* mistake we often make when it comes to caring for people in crisis is that we do what makes US feel better instead of honoring what makes THEM feel better.

Sometimes the only way to know someone's need is to simply ask: "What would feel to YOU like help right now," and then honor that even if our impulse would be to do something else.

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CHAPEL CORNER

Life at the Chapel Continues Year-Round



by Giulia Covella, Chapel Foundation Executive Director

While the season at Ocean Reef may slow during the summer months, the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center remains an

active and busy place year-round. During season, the Chapel campus is open seven days a week, welcoming worship services, weddings, memorials, Bible studies, meetings, fellowship gatherings, concerts, educational programs and community events across all four congregations. This past season alone, the Chapel hosted almost 1,000 services, programs, meetings and events, with more than 22,000 people walking through the Chapel's doors throughout the season. Behind the scenes, summer becomes an important time for planning, organizing, maintenance projects, communications and preparation for the upcoming season.

A dedicated team works year-round to support the congregations and help coordinate the many services, events and activities that take place across the Chapel campus.

Jessica Poitevin, Chapel & Fellowship Center Director, coordinates Chapel operations, congregational activities and special events while working closely with congregation leaders, members and vendors.

Annalis Gonzalez, Communications Coordinator, oversees newsletters, publications, social media, congregational communications and digital outreach efforts that help keep the community informed and connected.

Kim Salyers, Administrative Assistant, supports donor relations, accounting processes, office administration and many of the day-to-day details that help the Chapel operate smoothly.

Behind the scenes, Peter Perez oversees facilities, housekeeping,

grounds, maintenance and event setups, helping care for the Chapel campus and prepare spaces for worship and fellowship activities throughout the year.

Leading the organization is Giulia Covella, Executive Director, who oversees the Chapel and Foundation's operations, strategic initiatives, communications, finances and community relations.

Whether during season or summer, the Chapel team remains committed to serving the congregations and the Ocean Reef community with care, hospitality and professionalism.

We invite you to visit us this summer. To learn more about the Chapel's mission, team and more, visit our website orcchapel.org or scan the QR code.

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FRIDAY, MAY 22

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Vigil Catholic Mass with Fr. Hilley
Chapel Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Community Worship Service
Chapel Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 25

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Intercessory Prayer
Chapel Living Room, 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Community Worship Service
Chapel Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Intercessory Prayer
Chapel Board Room, 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

In-Person Summer Worship, Led by Dr. Frank Gudicello
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m.
Online Summer Worship Service
Visit pcator.org, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Intercessory Prayer
Chapel Board Room, 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

In-Person Summer Worship, Led by Dr. Frank Gudicello
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m.
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MONDAY, JUNE 15

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Intercessory Prayer
Chapel Board Room, 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

AA Meeting
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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MONDAY, JUNE 22

AA Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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EVERGLADES ALLIGATOR FARM TOUR

9:00am • Meet at Nature Center
Reservations: 305-367-6516

INDEPENDENCE DAY 5K FUN RUN

PRE-REGISTRATION
12:00 – 4:00pm • Pool Desk

RAW BAR LOBSTER BAKE

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. • Raw Bar
Reservations: 305-367-5818

DOLPHIN FISHING TOURNAMENT ANGLERS' MEETING

5:30pm • Burgee Bar
Learn the tournament rules over complimentary appetizers and a cocktail.
Details & Entry: 305-367-5874

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6:00 – 6:30pm Seatings
7:00pm Sharp! Bingo Starts
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Adults: \$80++pp; Ages 5 – 11: \$40++pp; Children ages 4 and under: complimentary.
Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

FRIDAY NIGHT HOOPS

8:00pm • Basketball Courts
Join the Recreation Team on the courts for a friendly basketball game between teens and adults. Details: 305-367-6516

SATURDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY 5K FUN RUN

7:30am • Registration
8:00am Sharp! • Race Starts
Business Center Parking Lot
\$35 per person. Details: 305-367-5962

BIG CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

8:00am – 12:00pm • Dolphin Course
Standard golf holes are replaced with 8-inch cups. Details & Entry: 305-367-5912

DOLPHIN FISHING TOURNAMENT

8:00am Lines In • 3:00pm Lines Out
3:30 – 4:30pm Weigh-in • RCK Seawall 5:30pm
Awards Presentation • Burgee Bar
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GUIDED ECO-KAYAK TOUR

10:00am • Meet at Pool Desk
Reservations: 305-367-6516

FREEDOM SALE IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

10:00am – 5:00pm • Fishing Village

INDEPENDENCE DAY CART PARADE

12:30pm Line-Up • 1:00pm Departure
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RED, WHITE & BLUES BEACH BASH

7:00 – 10:00pm • Buccaneer Island
Complimentary live entertainment, face painting, playcenter and inflatables. Food Truck available.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

RED, WHITE & BLUE BREAKFAST

7:00am – 12:00pm • Ocean Room

GUIDED ECO-KAYAK TOUR

10:00am • Meet at Pool Desk
Reservations: 305-367-6516

KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

11:00am • Reef Treats Seawall

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1:00pm • Meet at Pool Desk
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6:00 – 10:00pm
Saturday, July 4 & Sunday, July 5
9:00am – 1:00pm

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We Mourn the Loss

Constance "Connie" McAllister



Constance "Connie" McAllister passed away peacefully in her Ocean Reef home on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at the age of 79.

Connie was born and raised in the Villanova, Pennsylvania area with her eight brothers and sisters. She was a graduate of Pennsylvania's Radnor High School.

Connie is survived by her loving children Kerry (John) Shannon of Far Hills, New Jersey, Joseph Gambescia III of Big Sky, Montana, Elisabeth McAllister of Jupiter, Florida, Mark McAllister (Kate) of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, and Wendy McAllister (Jay Moran) of Berwyn, Pennsylvania. She was the loving "Nannie" to 10

grandchildren and two great granddaughters. She is survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Members Scott and Cynthia Schumacker. Connie was often seen around The Reef with her longtime companions, Nadia Sinclair and her white Coton de Couleur dog, Fifi.

Connie was predeceased by her beloved husband, D. Edward "Tex" McAllister (2015). They had been coming to Ocean Reef since 1971. They had an amazing life together traveling the world, including almost every continent! They enjoyed summers in Avalon and Stone Harbor, New Jersey, and were members of the yacht clubs there, as well as the Overbrook Golf Club and Anglers Club. They enjoyed winters in Ocean Reef, where they were members of the Yacht Club. They enjoyed many trips to Naples, Florida.

When her beloved Tex passed in 2015, Connie was comforted by her family. She remained an Ocean Reef resident. She spent spring and summer closer to her daughter in Far Hills, New Jersey, as she loved the country life there. She would also join them at the Jersey Shore.

Connie was a member of the Ocean Reef Chapel, St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church, and friend of the Baptist Hospital/ Medical Center at Ocean Reef. Connie was a generous donor to many local and national organizations. She enjoyed needlepoint, a golden margarita and a Melanie Roll. She would attend the weekly Farmer's

After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one
 I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done
 I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways
 Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days
 I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun
 Of happy memories that I leave when life is done

Market and was a regular and loved shopper at Ocean Reef's Lilly Pulitzer store. She spent many hours at the Member Fitness Center through the years. She had many friends around The Reef and we appreciate those friendships.

Connie was happiest with her friends and family. She was a daughter, a sister, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother and a friend to many. While she was small in stature, she was a large presence in all of our hearts and she will be missed terribly. We will see her in the birds that fly, the ocean animals that swim, and

the beautiful flowers that bloom in the gardens each spring.

Her family and friends had a beautiful memorial for Connie in Valley Forge Park Washington Memorial Chapel and a celebration of life at the Radnor Hotel on May 18.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania, 219 North Broad St., FL 2, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

She was not afraid and has the freedom to enjoy the glories of heaven. Amen!

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Medical Center Service Reminders

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If you are looking ahead for available specialists coming to the Medical Center over the summer months, the dates are posted in the *Ocean Reef Press* under the Medical Center's page or on the visiting physician tab



at mcor.org. A select number of specialists will continue to provide services throughout the summer months. You may either request an appointment on-line or call Pam Zimmerman at 305-367-6702 to schedule an appointment.

New to the Ocean Reef Community?

We encourage those who are new to Ocean Reef to stop in

and pre-register at the Medical Center. Once registered, a convenient Athena patient portal is available at mcor.org. On the home page, click on the "MyHealth Login" and follow the instructions to set up your personal health account. You can then make appointments, exchange messages, review billing statements and your personal health records.

If you are interested in

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May 27, 28, June 3, 17

Monica Taggart
May 26

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Julio Barcena
June 12, July 31, Aug 28

Benjamin Hurwitz
June 6

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Howard Furshman 305-668-9545
May 22, June 12, 22

Jesse Suess
May 27 June 3, 17, July 1

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July 20, Aug 17

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May 22

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May 26, June 9, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8

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July 9, Aug 13

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May 28

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May 26, July 6, Sept 8

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June 17, July 8, Sept 9, 23

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June 12, July 31

Psychiatry

Kamal Pathak
June 6, July 11

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June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 28

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22 FRIDAY

Member Fitness Center Sale
6am-6pm • Member Fitness Center

Everglades Alligator Farm Tour
9am • Meet at Nature Center

Memorial Day Poppy Activity

9am-5pm • Membership Office

Gift Shop Sale

9am-5pm • Gift Shop

TRX Fitness Class

12pm • Member Fitness Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

3-4pm • Driving Range

Holiday Happenings

3-5pm • Inn Lobby

Equity Get Together: Summer Spritzer

5-7pm • Everglades South & Patio

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Steakhouse Night at the Grill Room

5-9pm • Grill Room

Friday Night Hoops

8pm • Basketball Court

Live DJ at Burgee Bar

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

23 SATURDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Golf Shop Sale

7:30am-4pm • Golf Shop

Dolphin Fishing Tournament

8am Lines In • RCK Seawall

Pickleball Open Play

8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

Burgee Shop Sale

9am-5pm • Burgee Shop

Beach Bowling Activity

10am • Buccaneer Island

Memorial Day Sales in the Fishing Village

10am-5pm • Fishing Village

Maui Jim Trunk Show

11am-4pm • Buccaneer Island

Live Music at Buccaneer Island

1-5pm • Buccaneer Island

Vigil Catholic Mass with Fr. Hilley

4pm • Chapel Sanctuary

Family Fun Night

5-8pm • Town Hall Parking Lot

Cocktails

6-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Live Music at Reef Lounge

7-11pm • Reef Lounge

Teens Only! After Hours at RRR

10pm-12am • Reef Rec Room

24 SUNDAY

Danish & Coffee

7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

Golf Shop Sale

7:30am-4pm • Golf Shop

Tennis Pro Shop Sale

8am-5:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

Memorial Day Poppy Activity

9am-12pm • Membership Office

Guided Eco-Kayak Tour

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

Community Worship Service

10am • Chapel Sanctuary

Kids Fishing Tournament

11am • Burgee Bar Seawall

Maui Jim Trunk Show

11am-4pm • Buccaneer Island

Live Music at Buccaneer Island

1-5pm • Buccaneer Island

Cocktails

5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

Memorial Day Luau Dinner

6-7pm Seatings • Palm Court

Kick Off to Summer Beach Bash

7-9pm • Buccaneer Island

25 MONDAY

Sweat Fitness Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Memorial Day Golf Tournament

8am-1pm TT • Hammock Course

Silver Fit & Yin Yoga Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Canasta Open Play

12:30-5pm • Card & Game Room

Member Appreciation Night

6-9pm • Gianni Ristorante

Poker Night

6:45pm • Card & Game Room

26 TUESDAY

Sweat Fitness Class

8am • Member Fitness Center

Swim Club Class

8am • Member Fitness Pool

Cycle Strength Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Gameio Tennis Clinic

10am • Tennis & Games Center

Mah Jongg Open Play

12:30-5pm • Card & Game Room

Nature Scavenger Hunt Activity

3:30pm • Buccaneer Island

27 WEDNESDAY

Pickleball Open Play

8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

Intercessory Prayer

8:30am • Chapel Living Room

Gentle Yoga & Silver Fit Class

10am • Member Fitness Center

Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen

10-11am • Driving Range

Pickleball Clinic (Intermediate/Advanced)

11am • Tennis & Games Center

Aqua Cardio Class

11am • Member Fitness Pool

Duplicate Bridge

1pm • Card & Game Room

Beach Volleyball

3:30pm • Buccaneer Island

28 THURSDAY

Swim Club Class

8am • Member Fitness Pool

Pickleball Open Play

8:30am • Tennis & Games Center

Member Appreciation Night

6-9pm • Islander

Karaoke at Burgee Bar

9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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Saturday, May 30 • 1pm
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Cultural Center Museum

Daily • 9am-4pm

Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday* • 10am-12pm

*Librarian assistance available. Outside of these hours, please visit the Cultural Center Office for access.

For more information, please visit OceanReefCulturalCenter.com.

ORC STORE HOURS

Monday, May 25 - Sunday, May 31

Member Fitness Center

Mon.-Fri. 6am-6pm
Sat. & Sun. 7am-4pm
305-367-5820

Ocean Reef Gift Shop

Mon.- Sat. 9am-5pm
Sun. 8am-5pm
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Daily 7:30am-4pm
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Tennis Pro Shop

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SPOT ON SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

A Great Grandmother's Delight

On 4/24/26 the children's departments at the **Burgee Shop** and **Vineyard Vines** became new venues for **Joan the Shopper**.

On that memorable date, my granddaughter Stephanie gave birth to my first Great Grandchild!

Because I assumed that Nathaniel George Elgart (aka Nate) would grow up to be an avid golfer like his grandfather Andrew, my first baby gift to him was an adorable onesie from the **Burgee Shop**. Burgee has a big array of professional looking baby golf shirts in sizes that begin with 0. Nate's shirt is still a mite too big but I'll bet that by summer, it will be perfect. (GARB \$74).

Because I am expecting a Great Granddaughter in early November (thanks to my grandson Henry and his beautiful wife Trish), I had fun at the **Burgee Shop** browsing the adorable outfits for little girls and thinking about next season's future purchases. I made a note of my favorite: a tiny informal dress with a skirt, decorated with spin wheels, and an attached white top with a prominent little embroidered OR burgee (GARB \$72).

My new shopping addiction for children's clothes was further encouraged by photographs from two Ocean Reef Grandmothers – **Susan Bohan** and **Emilie Wierda**.

Susan's granddaughter Marley Hyland really is as "pretty as a picture." She wears the ageless and timeless favorite ORC cotton sweater. Available (though requiring constant restocking) at the **Burgee Shop**. (\$110-\$120, depending on size).

Emilie Wierda sent me a video of her 5-year old grandchild Esme Wierda, who in the video performed moves and postures that suggested she had seen a



Nate Elgart, great grandson of Joan Birsh



Marley Hyland, granddaughter of Susan Bohan



Esme Wierda, granddaughter of Emilie Wierda

fashion show somewhere along the line. The selected photo of Esme shows off her favorite white work-out tee (\$72) and shorts (\$68) from **Vineyard Vines**.

Though Esme hasn't bought it yet, I would strongly suggest she complete her outfit with Vineyard Vines' trendy little white denim jacket (\$88).

Last Word: Dress-Up is a game you can play for a lifetime.
by Joan Birsh

WINING & DINING

MONDAY, MAY 25 – SUNDAY, MAY 31

Palm Court (Serving Inside The Islander)

Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

Beach Bar & Grill

Cocktails Daily 11am-8pm

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Islander & Sushi Bar*

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 6-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 6-10pm

Member Appreciation Night Thursday

The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7-11am

Buffet Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm

Dinner Closed for Summer Season

Gianni Ristorante*

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 6-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 6-10pm

Member Appreciation Night Monday

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm

Dinner Closed

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Tues., Wed., & Sun. 11am-6pm • Thurs. - Sat. 11am-9pm

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Reef Treats

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Cocktails Fri. - Sun. 5-8pm

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Fri. - Sat. 5pm-1am

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Small Plates Tues.-Sat. 5-10pm

Cocktails Tues.-Thurs. 5pm-11pm

Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

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Physical Therapy at The Reef

Part of our Unique Way of Life

By Susan Bohan

There are many aspects of Ocean Reef that create our "unique way of life" and none more than our own Medical Center. Most recently for me, it was the Physical Therapy Department on the second floor.

Having put off a knee replacement for many years, it was finally time. I was referred to a great surgeon but dreaded the ordeal of post-operative therapy based on my northern friends and family stories. But then I realized the best solution was right here at The Reef.

Miguel Gonzalez,



The Medical Center's expert Physical Therapy team.

Supervisor, Department of Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, has built an expert team of four fellow therapists, each with a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT), which provides them with a broad-based knowledge of how the body works - not just the muscles: Thomas Barreiro, Adriana Gonzalez (no relation), Courtney Duque

and Anastassia Webb. Each is scheduled by Caroline Burke, Physical Therapy Coordinator, who receives the doctor's prescription and sets up the requested number of visits.

Most of the referrals are orthopedic in nature, especially those that are post-operative, but each therapist handles the full range of common ailments such as

dizziness and loss of balance, low back pain, joint issues or those arising from a stroke or brain injury, which are the most challenging.

The one-on-one 45-minute session, which is only a cart ride away, is vastly different from most Members' previous ordeals and is another example of why Ocean Reef is so special. And the caring does not stop when your sessions do, as noted by Adriana and Courtney, "We always love seeing our former patients come back to visit us during the season and tell us how great they are feeling post-PT graduation."

So, if you are even contemplating surgery or worry about injury, know you will be safe in their hands and avoid the travels and hassles off The Reef.

P.S. My surgery went well and I gave up the walker and strong pain medications after two weeks thanks to some tough love by my therapist!

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ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT



Terry Ferrarone submitted this photo of Pool Service Manager Mike Neves, saying, "Someone loves his job!"



Jim Engel (right) shared this photo from the Equity Kentucky Derby Hat Creations event, where Susie and Charles DeLuca joined him in a photo with Photographer and Communications Specialist Jenny Montes on an unusual side of the camera.



The Service Station's Carmelino Mazariegos, celebrating 8 years, and Luis Dana, celebrating 18 years, at the Associate Service Awards.

A Celebration of Associate Milestones

Honoring the commitment of longtime Associates through the Ocean Reef Service Awards every May remains one of the Club's most meaningful traditions. Held in Carysfort Hall, the annual luncheon brings together Associates from across the Club in celebration of the loyalty and service of those who have devoted years – and in many cases decades – to Ocean Reef's unique way of life.

On this day, all full-time Associates with five or more years of service are invited to attend the special Ocean Reef-catered event. Those reaching milestone anniversaries – 5, 10, 15 years and beyond – are individually recognized by their department heads and Club President Alex Tonarelli.

Opening the celebration, Tonarelli reflected on what makes the celebration so exceptional.

"Today's a special day," he shared. "When I look around this room, what makes it especially meaningful is being able to celebrate the commitment of so many Associates from nearly every department across the Club. It really speaks to how important longevity is to the culture of Ocean Reef and the care you provide to our Members through many different generations."

This year's celebration also included remarks from Chairman of the Board **Joe Urbinati**, who thanked Associates for the role they play in making Ocean Reef such a special place for Members.

"At the Annual Meetings and Town Halls, you've heard the Board refer to Associates as the 'secret sauce,'" Urbinati said. "You really are the secret sauce. You come to work every day dedicated, eager to help and ready to work hard. Seeing your smiles day in and day out is what makes Ocean Reef stand apart from the rest. On behalf of the



The Housekeeping Team has one of the largest combined totals of years served at 576.

Membership and the Board of Governors, thank you for all that you do."

The numbers once again highlighted the remarkable longevity among our teams. More than 400 Associates – nearly half of the Club's full-time workforce – have been with Ocean Reef for more than five years. Sixty Associates have dedicated more than 25 years to the Club, while 30 Associates have reached the impressive milestone of 30 years or more.

"I don't know another hospitality organization that can say this," Tonarelli added. "I look around this room and feel really proud. It's not surprising that our Member Satisfaction scores have been at an all-time high the last couple of years. That's because of all of you in this room and the culture you create every day."

As the luncheon continued, department leaders recognized Associates celebrating milestone anniversaries within their teams. Among those honored were some especially longstanding Associates. Director of Safety & Security Sonny Vasquez celebrated an incredible 56 years with the Club. Paul Jones of Golf Course Maintenance was recognized for 47 years of dedicated service ahead of his retirement, receiving a standing ovation from the room of his peers.

The annual Service Awards continue to serve as a reminder that at the heart of Ocean Reef Club are its Associates, whose commitment, care and passion help create the experience Members enjoy year after year.



Golf Course Maintenance's Paul Jones (second from right) celebrates 47 years at Ocean Reef. He's pictured with Chairman Joe Urbinati, Director of Agronomy Eric Bennett and President Alex Tonarelli.



Isida Cene, from the Salon, celebrates 10 years.



Tate Matheny, Engineering, celebrating 25 years.

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF YEARS COMBINED FOR 2026:

- Golf Course Maintenance** – 657 collective years
- Banquets** – 586 collective years
- Housekeeping** – 576 collective years
- Engineering** – 429 collective years
- Islander** – 320 collective years
- Common Area Maintenance** – 291 years combined
- Raw Bar** – 269 collective years

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22 Channel Cay Road | 112' Water Frontage
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Summer Orchids

By Jody Steele

Whether you leave The Reef in the summer or stay to enjoy those tropical breezes in the warmer months, your orchids need your TLC.

Michael Coronado, Vice President of R. F. Orchids, shared some tips on keeping orchids healthy and ready to bloom later in the year so you can marvel at their beauty once again.

Humidity & the Rains

As you know, the rainy months are approaching and so is higher humidity. Although orchids love humidity, the summer rains can be too much of a good thing. Michael recommends that orchids tied on trees should have their misters turned off as the regular rains should be enough to keep the orchids irrigated. Orchids under cover



Beautiful orchids photographed at 121 Marina by Ralph Antolino Jr.

or on porches should continue to be watered once or twice a week. Also, watering should be done (when possible) earlier in the morning. It is important to check your orchid plants for appropriate moisture and then stay on a watering schedule.

Fresh Air

Orchids need a bit of a breeze – so spending some time to

check out the placement of your plants with the prevailing winds is worthwhile. Michael remarked that we are lucky to be so close to the ocean breezes.

Sunburn Protection

Orchids get sunburned, too. It is time to layer on more Spanish Moss all over the orchid leaves to protect them and actually

serve as their special sunblock, per Michael.

Chemical Solutions

Fungicide, insect and mite control, and 20-20-20 all-purpose plant food can save your plants from fungus, snails that make your leaves look like "swiss cheese," and root rot. Michael recommends that all of these treatments should be chosen carefully and applied with care sparingly.

Energy Saved

As your plants have their last blooms, cut the blooms off to give your orchids a rest. All energy will then transfer to the plant and give you stronger plants with gorgeous blooms in the future.

As Michael Coronado shared, the orchids we all enjoy in our pots, on our trees or on our dining room table put us in our "happy place." We only need to give them a bit of extra care over the summer for them to return to their glory next season.

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THE DIVE SHOP AT THE REEF

Trash Derby

By Mackenzie Whittlesey, Dive Shop Conservation Liaison & Dive Guide

Millions of tons of marine debris enter the ocean each year, representing a significant portion of ocean pollution especially in coastal and reef environments.

Out of sight does not mean out of harm. While floating debris often gets the most attention, submerged debris can cause the greatest damage. Lost fishing gear like traps, rope and monofilament line continue to trap marine life and damage reefs long after they have been discarded.

During the first weekend of May, The Dive Shop at Ocean Reef Club participated in the Trash Derby hosted by I.CARE as part of the Goal: Clean Seas Florida Keys program. On Friday, staff collected lobster traps along with rope and wood debris.

By Saturday, the team had grown, with Ocean Reef residents joining the effort. A total of nine divers and four snorkelers worked together to remove marine debris from the water a few miles offshore at Turtle Rocks, collecting 239.45 pounds of debris, including 352 feet of rope and monofilament line.

This effort contributed to a much larger impact across the Keys, where dive operators removed a total of 9,929 pounds of debris. Fifteen teams on the land and shore division, including the Ocean Reef Recreation team, removed 10,939 pounds of trash from our coastline. Together with other private boats division, volunteer



Members Edward Walley, Dede Cadieux, Chris Kuebler, Steven Levin, Elisabeth Laux, Nick Davies and Jamie Benario participated in The Dive Shop at The Reef's Trash Derby the first weekend in May.

organizations, dive operators and land/shore teams along the Keys, a total of 34,969 pounds of trash and debris were removed from our reefs and coastline during the event's two days.

All efforts were permitted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Betsy, a snorkeler on our boat shared a memorable moment from the day.

"A turtle surfaced near me and looked me in the eyes like it was trying to tell me something," she said. "It led me straight to a large piece of floating plastic. I really believe the ocean needs our help. If we listen to what nature is telling us, we can do more than we know."

The Dive Shop may be a small team, but its impact is growing. If this effort inspires you, The Dive Shop and Reef Renewal USA will host its next monthly coral restoration event on June 24. Divers and snorkelers are invited to visit Ocean Reef Club's coral nursery at South Carysfort Reef and be part of the solution.



The Dive Shop at The Reef collected 239.45 pounds of debris during the Trash Derby.



Miranda Williams takes part in The Dive Shop's Trash Derby.



Scott Thompson collects rope during the Trash Derby.



The Trash Derby included an entire day devoted to collecting lobster traps.



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MV Group USA Expands Design Center at Ocean Reef®

MV Group USA Announces Appointment of Jennifer Flebotte as Director of Operation and Construction at ORC

Under the ownership and visionary leadership of Manny Angelo Varas, MV Group USA continues to evolve its presence at Ocean Reef through the growth of its Design Center and client experience platform. MV Group USA has announced the appointment of **Jennifer Flebotte as Director of Operation and Construction** at MV Group USA, located within the Ocean Reef community in Key Largo. The appointment reflects the firm's continued investment in integrated leadership as it expands its residential construction presence within one of South Florida's most established and distinctive private communities.

Flebotte brings more than 19 years of experience across luxury residential design, construction management, development, and revenue strategy. Her background has been shaped through close collaboration with luxury residential builders, design-build firms, and international manufacturers, where she has consistently aligned design vision with construction execution, operational discipline, and measurable business performance.

In her new role, Flebotte will oversee the full lifecycle of residential projects at Ocean Reef, guiding each project with clarity, continuity, and a high level of detail throughout every phase of execution.

Throughout her career, Flebotte has contributed to strategies generating more than \$40 million annually in incremental revenue, driven through thoughtful product positioning and strong builder and client alignment.

Flebotte also brings a longstanding personal connection to Ocean Reef. Her grandparents were Equity Members for more than 50 years, and many of her family members remain part of the community today. Having spent much of her childhood at Ocean Reef—including holidays and extended stays with her grandparents—she developed a deep familiarity with the property, its culture, and its history, even learning to drive within the Reef. Today, her connection continues with her own children, who have been coming since birth, with her family proudly running in the annual Bunny Hop each year. At Ocean Reef, MV Group USA has secured over \$40 million in residential construction activity to date, reflecting continued growth and demand within the community.

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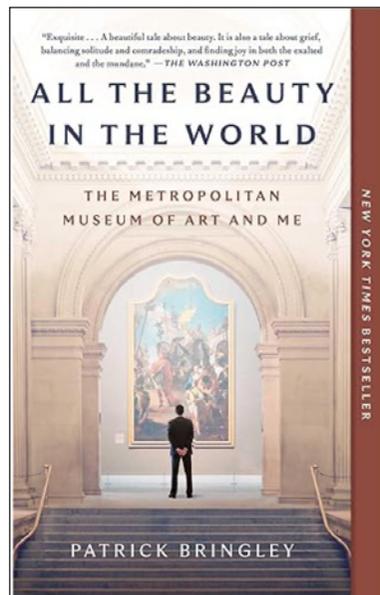
Art League Names Book Club Selections



by Deborah Goodwin Geller

As summer settles in, activity at the Ocean Reef Art League continues quietly but steadily behind the scenes. While there is not a great deal of news to report at this time, important preparations are well underway for what promises to be another inspiring and creative season.

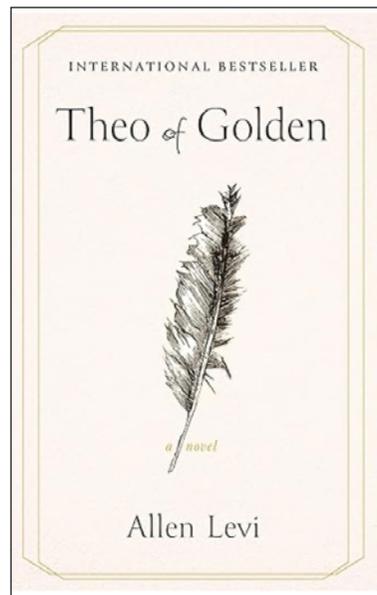
Throughout the summer months, plans are being finalized for next year's exhibitions, workshops, classes



The first two Book Club selections for the upcoming season.

and special events. This is also an essential time for studio and building maintenance, ensuring that our spaces are refreshed, organized and ready to welcome Members back in the fall.

One exciting way to stay connected over the summer



is through our Book Club. Members are encouraged to begin reading our first two selections for the upcoming season. We will start with "All the Beauty in the World," a thoughtful memoir by Patrick Bringley that explores art, healing and the profound

impact of beauty. Our second selection will be "Theo of Golden," a heartwarming novel by Allen Levi about art, friendship and discovering purpose.

We look forward to gathering again for meaningful discussions, creative exploration and another wonderful season at the Ocean Reef Art League.

If you have any questions or need assistance during the summer months, please contact the Art League at 305-367-2359 or by email at nicole.artleague@outlook.com.

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We are incredibly thankful for each of you and look forward to building on this momentum in the 2026-2027 season.

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Monroe County Mayor Michelle Lincoln Set for June Chamber Luncheon



by Nicole Navarro, Executive Director Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce

The Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite Members to its upcoming June Luncheon, featuring Monroe County Mayor Michelle Lincoln as our guest speaker.

The luncheon is **Wednesday, June 3**, at 11:45 a.m. in the Cultural Center.

Lincoln will present an informative and timely overview of the health of Monroe County's economy, environment

and overall community wellbeing. For Ocean Reef Club Members, this is a unique opportunity to gain valuable insight into the key issues, opportunities and priorities shaping not only our region, but the broader landscape in which we live, work and invest.

From infrastructure and environmental stewardship to economic growth and quality of life, Lincoln's presentation will provide a comprehensive look at where Monroe County stands today, and where it is headed.

Elected to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners (District 2) in 2018, Lincoln brings extensive leadership experience at both the state and national levels. She currently serves as president of the Florida Association of Counties and chairs the South Florida Regional Council. Her involvement also includes service on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Community, Economic



Monroe County Mayor Michelle Lincoln

and Workforce Development Steering Committee, and she is a Certified, Advanced and Advanced II County Commissioner graduate.

Prior to her role at the county level, Lincoln served three years on the Marathon City Council, including one year as mayor. A Monroe County resident since 1999, she has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to public service,

including her work as a Child Advocate Coordinator for the Guardian ad Litem Program and her continued volunteer efforts throughout the community. She was honored with the 2018 Kay Gradick Woman of the Year Award and remains actively involved as a mentor with Take Stock in Children.

Lincoln is also a member of Rotary, participates in several chambers of commerce and is an alumna of Leadership Monroe County. She holds a bachelor of science in psychology from Northern Kentucky University and is the proud mother of two daughters and a son-in-law.

This luncheon promises to be both informative and engaging, offering attendees a direct connection to one of the region's most influential leaders.

We encourage Club Members to register early, as luncheons often reach capacity.

Learn more at oceanreefchamber.org/events.

Chamber Hosts Community Blood Drive on June 3

The Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce will proudly partner with OneBlood to host a community blood drive on **Wednesday, June 3**, offering Ocean Reef Club Members and employees a meaningful opportunity to give back in a simple, yet life-saving way.

The OneBlood Big Red Bus will be stationed in the Cultural Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., making it convenient for Members to stop by before or after the Chamber's June Luncheon.

While Ocean Reef is known for its strong sense of community, events like this serve as a powerful reminder

that even small acts can have a far-reaching impact. Blood donations are essential to hospitals across Florida, supporting everything from emergency care to ongoing medical treatments. Yet, only a small percentage of eligible donors actually give blood, making every donation that much more important.

In addition to the opportunity to help save lives, all donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a sun shade and a complimentary wellness checkup. The checkup includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

The Chamber is also extending a special thank you to its members: any Chamber member who donates will receive a complimentary seat (or guest seat) to a 2026-2027 season luncheon, along with recognition on Chamber social media.

"Giving back is at the core

of what makes Ocean Reef such a special place," said Chamber Executive Director Nicole Navarro. "This is an easy and impactful way for our members to support the broader community while coming together for a great cause."

Appointments are encouraged to help ensure a smooth experience. To reserve a time, visit oneblood.org/donate-now

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Chef Betania's Kitchen

Lamb Chops With Herb Salad (Serves 1)



by Betania Salles, Carysfort Kitchen Executive Chef



Still in the spring mode, I bring you this super easy lamb recipe that not only is delicious but also fun to cook. Simple ingredients, full of flavors, good for your health with a bistro vibe to the presentation. I know you all will have a great time cooking this dish. Enjoy!

Ingredients for the Lamb Chops:

- 3 bone-in Lamb chops
- Salt and black peppercorn for seasoning
- 2 Garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tsp Sumac

- 1 tsp Aleppo pepper
- 2 tsps. Fennel seeds
- 2 tsps. Coriander seeds
- 2 tbsps. Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Method:

1. Crush the garlic, Aleppo pepper, sumac, fennel and coriander seeds in a mortar and pestle until well combined.
2. Add olive oil and grind to create a paste.
3. Season the lamb chops with salt, then rub the spice paste

4. Let them sit out for an hour until they're at room temperature. When ready, place them on a high heat grill and cook for 2-3 minutes on each side for medium-rare.

Ingredients for Herb Salad:

- 2 small Shallots, finely chopped
- 2-3 Radishes, sliced into thin discs
- 1 tbsp Red wine vinegar
- Sea Salt and Black Peppercorn to season
- 1/4 cup Italian parsley, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp Mint, roughly chopped
- Drizzle of Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Method:

1. Add sliced radishes and shallots to a bowl.
2. Pour in vinegar and stir, allowing the ingredients to

pickle.

3. Season with sea salt and cracked pepper.
4. Fold in the chopped Italian parsley and mint.
5. Drizzle with olive oil and continue to stir until well combined.

Ingredients for Seasoned Yogurt:

- 2 tbsps. Greek Yogurt
- Half a Lime, squeezed (save the other half)
- Pinch of Sumac
- Drizzle of Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- Sea Salt for seasoning

Method:

1. In a small mixing bowl, combine Greek yogurt, lime juice, sumac and olive oil.
2. Stir and season with salt.

Assemble:

Place the lamb chops on a platter, top them with the herb salad and any extra juices. Squeeze the remaining half lime all over. Serve with yogurt on the side.



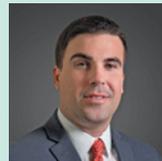
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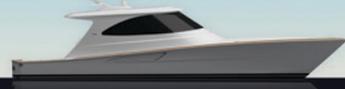


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Driving Range is Now Open



“From the Gold Tees” by Ben Claus, Director of Golf

The Professional Staff is pleased to announce the Driving Range has reopened for member and guest use. During the recent construction period, several modifications were necessary within the practice facility to ensure golfers still had an opportunity to warm up prior to play.

At this time, all golfers are kindly asked to keep shots under 220 yards due to the temporary limited distance available on the range.

To access the practice facility, golfers should park their carts or vehicles at the Clubhouse and walk across the street with only the clubs needed for practice. For the safety of all members and guests, parking on Anchor Drive is prohibited while we utilize this temporary space.

Members and guests are also reminded that proper golf attire is required at all practice facilities and golf courses.

Men’s & Boy’s Attire:

- Collared shirt that is tucked in.
- Golf shorts or pants are permitted (must have belt loops).
- Golf shoes (with or without spikes) are acceptable.

Women’s & Girl’s Attire:

- Sleeveless shirts are acceptable with a collar, but do not need to be tucked in.
- Skirts, shorts or dresses must be fingertip length or longer.
- Same shoe requirement as men.

Non-Permitted Styles are as Follows:

- Athletic shorts and pants.
- Cargo-style shorts or pants with baggy side pockets.
- Denim of any kind.
- Swim trunks.
- Hoodies with front stitched pouch or draw string.
- Open-toed sandals.

Memorial Day Weekend Sale

The Golf Shop will once again celebrate Memorial Day Weekend with its annual holiday sale.

Members and guests are invited to brose a wide selection of merchandise from premier brands including Holderness & Bourne, Peter Millar, Greyson, Johnnie-O, IBKUL, Straight Down, RLX and many others.

All red, white, and/or blue apparel will be 25% throughout

the holiday weekend.

The sale will run from **Friday, May 22** through **Monday, May 25**, with discounts applied on all in-stock apparel.

Memorial Day Tournament

The Professional Staff is excited to introduce a new tournament format in celebration of Memorial Day. On **Monday, May 25**, the Hammock Course will host a Memorial Day Flag Tournament. All tee times between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. will be eligible to participate.

Each participant will receive an American flag and an individualized target score determined by adding the course par to the player’s course handicap. Once a player reaches their target score, they must place their flag at the location of their final shot.

They player whose flag is

positioned farthest along the golf course, or if any individuals shoot under their target score, will be declared the winner.

Participants must maintain an established United States Golf Association Handicap Index to receive handicap strokes. Players without an established handicap are welcome to participate, however their target score will remain at course par.

The Golf Shop is on Instagram

Feel free to follow us [@ORC_Golf](#). From there, you will find updates on tournament results, golf shop news and much more.

Follow us to keep up-to-date with all things Ocean Reef golf.

Golf Shop Summer Hours

Now that the summer season is underway, the Golf Shop will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day.

Sudoku answers from page 47.

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Skinny Water Safety



by Randy Woods,
Flotilla
Commander
USCG
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Florida's geography – with its broad, low-lying limestone base – offers vast expanses of shallow water. Although Louisiana, North Carolina and Texas have shoal bragging rights, only Florida has such a lavish variety of flats, banks, bars, estuaries, bays, mangrove creeks and shallow reefs.

Florida is the undisputed Queen of shoals.

Managing draft is key to safe shallow water boating. Draft is the vertical measurement from a boat's waterline to the lowest part of the vessel, its hull, keel or running gear (propellers and skegs). Planing boats have four types of draft:

1. Static Draft: This is the boat's draft while at rest. This information is usually printed in the manufacturer's documentation.

2. Running or Planing Draft: The operating depth of a boat while on the plane. In modern powerboats, running draft can be several inches less than a vessel's static draft because hydrodynamic lift raises the hull higher in the water.

3. Adjustable Engine Draft: The variable draft created by trimming or tilting an outboard engine or sterndrive. At slow speeds, the lower unit (propeller and skeg) can often be raised significantly to help clear the bottom in shallow locations.

4. Squat Draft: The temporary increase in draft when a boat transitions from slow speed to planing speed. As the bow rises, the stern settles deeper into the water, often making this the deepest draft condition a boat experiences. In



Prop scarring in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is destructive and illegal.

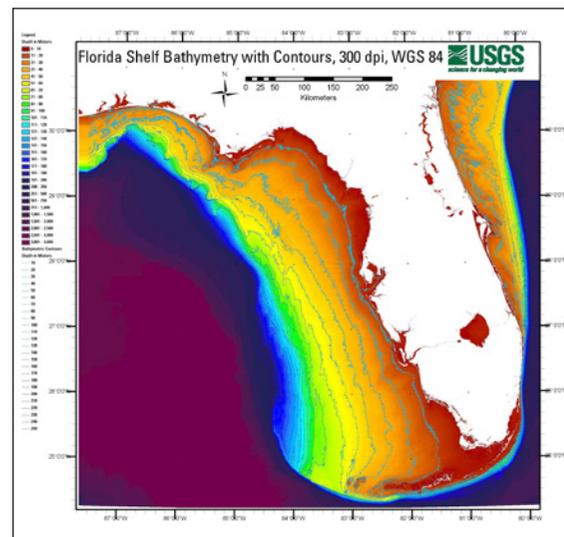
shallow water, squat can induce a grounding. In any water, squat generates increased wakes.

After understanding how draft impacts travel in shoal water, there are other considerations to keep in mind.

Navigating shallow waters requires situational awareness and a proper lookout. Electronic charts of the Keys show marked channels and shoal areas. In fast boats, plan your route carefully. Use chart plotters in head-up mode and establish a routine to scan both the plotter and the view from the helm. Distractions cause errors and accidents.

Vessel Management: Boat draft can be changed by shifting loads aboard to facilitate planing. Engines can be raised and lowered, and a safe speed should always be maintained. Although a planing vessel can often cross shoals that a slower boat cannot, consider what would happen if your high-speed passage encountered an unexpected low tide or obstacle causing the boat to suddenly stop.

Tides and Weather: Florida Bay carries only about 18 inches of tide, and a few inches can cause a grounding. Wind velocity and direction can push water in or out of bays and channels, raising or lowering levels. Weather pressure systems and water temperature can also affect sea levels.



Florida is the Queen of shallow water.

Reading Water: This is an art form mastered by experience. Distinctions between deep and shallow water are color-coded in general terms: water that appears brown is very shallow, green water calls for caution, blue water is deeper. There are many variations of color over different types of seabeds, like sand and grass. In quiet conditions, ripples appear first over shallow areas. Wave size increases and steepens on shoals.

In the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, it is illegal

to "operate a vessel in such a manner as to strike or otherwise injure coral, seagrass or other immobile organisms attached to the seabed, or cause prop scarring." This rule is being actively enforced, and the consequences can be expensive.

No one wants to experience a grounding as encounters with the bottom cause injury, damage and environmental harm. The Keys offer some fine "skinny water" boating, and good seamanship is rewarded with access to fishing flats and a seascape without parallel.

FLOTILLA NEWS



The Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla recently received an important grant in support of its boating safety programs from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF). Brad Millsap, Flotilla Secretary of Records, accepts the grant check from Michael Berman, ORCF Vice Chairman & All Charities Chair (left) and Yuri Mikolay, ORCF Executive Director at the May 7 Grants Presentation Celebration.

Permit Fishing at Ocean Reef



by Tori Fraga,
Charter Desk Manager

Ocean Reef Club's location at the northern edge of the Keys offers us some of the finest permit fishing opportunities in the state. Anglers from around the world visit Key Largo for the challenge of targeting permit, one of the most respected and difficult game fish found on the shallow flats of South Florida.

Permit are known for their speed, sharp eyesight and selective feeding habits, making them a true test for even experienced fishermen. Around Ocean Reef, these fish are commonly found cruising sandy flats, channels and wreck edges in clear turquoise water. Spring



Jordan Coffey, Thomas Coffey and Hudson Hamilton caught this nice permit off Ocean Reef last week. Hudson is pictured.

and early summer are considered prime seasons, although permit can be caught year-round when weather and tides align.

Most anglers pursue permit using live bait like crabs, shrimp or small jigs, while fly fishermen often sight-cast to tailing fish in shallow water. Success depends heavily on patience, accurate casting and stealth. Calm mornings with light winds provide ideal conditions for spotting fish before making a presentation.

Beyond the excitement of the catch, permit fishing at Ocean Reef represents the unique outdoor lifestyle of the Keys. It combines crystal clear water, technical angling and unforgettable coastal beauty into one world-class fishing experience.

For availability and booking inquiries or if you have any questions, please contact the Ocean Reef Charter Desk at 305-367-2227.

SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENTS

These summer dolphin tournaments include a Captain's Meeting and Reception on Friday followed with fishing on Saturday (lines in at 8 a.m.). An Awards Ceremony and Reception will wrap up each tournament on Saturday evening.

The schedule includes:
Memorial Day Weekend:

Friday, May 22 &
Saturday, May 23

Father's Day Weekend:

Friday, June 19 &
Saturday, June 20

Independence Day Weekend:

Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4

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Practical Strategies to Stay Accountable



“Fitness Focus” by Luis Bracamonte, Director of Fitness & Wellness

The most important factor to make progress in fitness is consistency. Here are practical strategies to hold ourselves accountable and stay consistent.

Signing up for Races, Events & Challenges

This might be the most effective tool available. When you register for a 5k, triathlon, Hyrox, swim race, endurance event, or any other fitness challenge, you immediately create a deadline. Suddenly, training becomes preparation rather than exercise. Missing workouts no longer means skipping a gym session; it means showing up unprepared on race day. Humans naturally respond to goals and deadlines. Goals with deadlines became commitments.

Design your Environment for Success

Behavior is heavily influenced by our surroundings. Design your environment so healthy choices become the easiest choices. This includes choosing healthy food options at home and at restaurants, wearing comfortable gym clothes and footwear, and removing any barriers that lead to excuses.

Schedule Training Sessions like Important Meetings

Your workouts should be scheduled like medical appointments and business meetings. Schedule workouts in advance, put them in your calendar, and protect that time. Strength and conditioning workouts are essential to optimal aging and performance.

Train with Others

Accountability increases dramatically when another person expects you to show up. Workout partners, group classes, run clubs, and personal training sessions create a psychological difference and a personal commitment to show up.

Hire a Coach

Coaches provide structure, progression, feedback, and accountability. Research consistently shows that supervision improves adherence and often leads to greater improvements in strength, fitness, and overall results. The benefits extend beyond motivation; coaches help optimize technique, progression, effort, and consistency.

Track Progress Metrics

This includes performance metrics such as strength improvements, running pace, swim times, power output, and endurance. Body and health metrics, including body composition, waist circumference, blood pressure, resting heart rate, HRV, and sleep quality. Lifestyle metrics such as weekly workouts completed, step counts, hydration, and nutrition.

Focus on Identity Rather than Outcomes

The strongest form of accountability comes from self-identity. Instead of saying "I want to get stronger" or "I want to lose weight," shift towards "I am someone who trains consistently and achieves results." We tend to protect our identity. Once behaviors such as workouts and nutritious meals become part of who we are, consistency gets easier.

Fitness is less about finding motivation and more about building systems. The question is not: "Am I motivated today?" The better question is: "What systems have I created that make success likely?" Systems create consistency, and consistency creates results.

The Member Fitness Center is open every day of the year. We

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TENNIS TIP

The Half Volley Your Net-Play Lifesaver



by Jan Koupil,
Assistant
Tennis
Professional

The half volley is tennis' emergency response shot. This is the one you hit when you're caught between a groundstroke and a volley and time is running out fast.

You'll usually use it while moving toward the net, especially when your opponent hits a low shot at your feet.

Instead of backing up or lunging wildly, the half volley lets you stay aggressive and hold your court position.

The key? Keep it simple.

- Stay low with bent knees.
- Keep the racket head slightly open.
- Use soft hands.
- Take a short, compact swing.

Think of it as a controlled block, not a full swing. Trying to hammer a half volley usually ends with the ball buried in the net.

Great players make the shot look easy because they stay calm and let the racket do the work. Or put another way: the half volley is basically tennis' version of making a graceful recovery after almost tripping in public.

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Calling all Campers



by Hannah Fleckenstein, Director of Racquet Sports

Summer at Ocean Reef Club means sunshine, packed courts, happy chaos and kids somehow finding energy for "just one more game" even after three straight hours in the heat. For families looking to keep children active, social and off their screens for at least part of the day, the Club's racquet sports camps are once again serving up plenty of fun-filled experiences.

Designed for players of all ages and skill levels, this summer's camp lineup combines tennis, pickleball and other racquet sports into energetic programs that focus on learning, movement and fun first. The atmosphere stays relaxed and welcoming, while the instruction



helps players steadily build confidence and improve their games along the way. Somewhere between the drills, games and snack breaks, campers usually forget they are actually practicing.

For younger players, the **Quickstart Tennis Camp** (ages 5 to 10) is the perfect introduction to tennis. Using age-appropriate equipment and games, campers work on coordination, rallying and fundamentals in a setting that keeps the energy upbeat and encouraging.

The **Kids' Tennis & Pickleball Camp** (ages 5 to 10) adds even more action to the mix, giving campers the chance to experience two of the Club's most popular

sports. Through fast-paced games, team competitions and match play, players stay constantly engaged while developing skills in both tennis and pickleball. It is basically organized cardio disguised as summer fun.

For tweens looking to mix things up, the **Racquet Explorers Camp** (ages 8 to 12) rotates through tennis, pickleball and pop tennis, giving players the opportunity to try different styles of play throughout the week. This gives campers the chance to discover a new favorite sport.

Players seeking a more competitive challenge can participate in the **Tournament Tough Tennis Camp** (ages 8 to 17), which focuses on strategy, match play and mental toughness. The program is designed to simulate real competition while maintaining a positive and supportive environment. Expect longer rallies, smarter point construction and at least one camper attempting a fist pump after a routine warm-up ball.

Pickleball players also have their

own dedicated offering with the **Tween Pickleball Camp** (ages 8 to 12), where campers sharpen their fundamentals, improve consistency and enjoy the nonstop pace that has made pickleball one of the fastest-growing sports at the Club. Warning: campers may return home asking for a pickleball court in the driveway.

Adults are not left out of the fun either. **Adult Pickleball Camp**, **Adult Doubles Tennis Camp** and **Moms Only Tennis Camp** provide a chance for grown-ups to improve their skills, stay active and enjoy time on court in a social and welcoming atmosphere. Competitive spirit levels might vary wildly by court assignment.

What makes our racquet sports camps special is not just the instruction, but the overall experience. Campers are encouraged to improve at their own pace, make new friends and develop love for racquet sports in an environment built around positivity and participation.

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- Tuesdays and Thursdays will offer Mah Jongg Open Play at 12:30 p.m.
- Poker Night is scheduled for every Monday at 6:45 p.m.
- The Card & Game Room is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For assistance setting up games, please contact Molly Lechelt at mlechelt@oceanreef.com or 305-367-6583.

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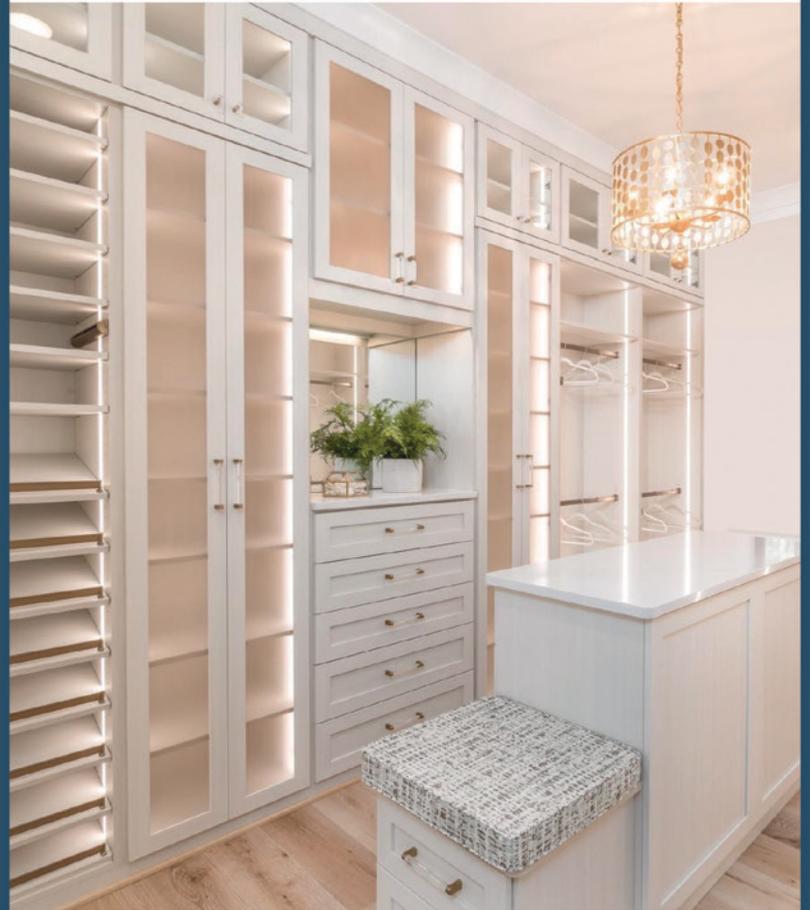
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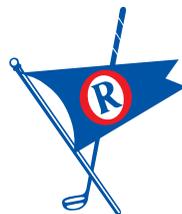
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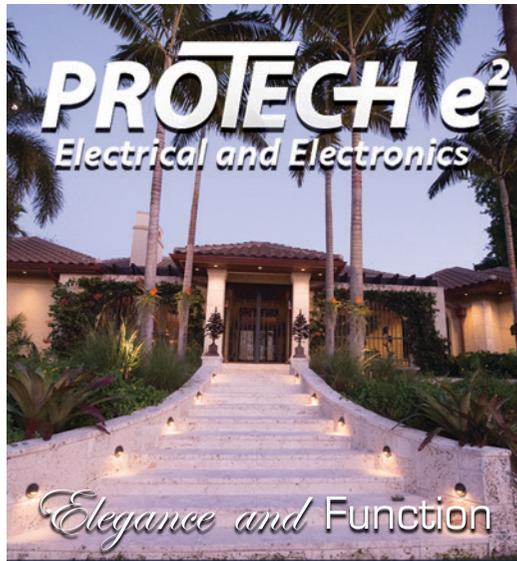
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