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## Easter Weekend at The Reef



It was a truly glorious Easter Sunday service as the sun rose above the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean Reef Club.



Anxious egg hunters ready to collect the 25,000 eggs on the beach.



Andy and Carol Andrews at the Sunrise Service.



The Maynard family with baskets full.

## ORCF Off-Reef Community Grants Top \$2 Million for Second Year

By Yurianna Mikolay, Executive Director Ocean Reef Community Foundation

Thanks to the Ocean Reef community's generosity, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation annual grants program will provide more than \$2 million to charities outside the gate for the second year,

surpassing last year's total. A new high of 91 grants will go to a record 81 non-profit organizations in surrounding communities.

According to Grants Committee Chair **Janie Sims**, "This best ever year for both All Charities proceeds and donations from individual members demonstrates the outstanding philanthropic spirit of the Ocean Reef community and the desire we all share to improve quality of life in the neighboring areas where Ocean Reef employees live and raise their families."

The Community Grants program funds scores of worthy charities in the interest

areas of Education, Youth, Health & Family Services, and Community in the Upper Keys, Homestead, and Florida City each spring. Including 2024 grants, the program will have awarded more than \$18.3 million since the Foundation's All Charities effort to consolidate fundraising in the Ocean Reef community began in 2008.

Noting that the number of applications managed by the Grants Committee was up by about 30 percent for 2024, Sims and Vice Chair **Steve Woodsum** thanked and recognized the members for their dedication: **Cindy Brammer, Alan Goldstein,**

**Diane Hill, Marie Jacobs, Ken Karl, Ed Kramer, Cynthia Lee, Kathie Markel, Linda Owens, Amy Upjohn, Kathy Weiland and Brad Young.**

After months of careful vetting by the Grants Committee, the Foundation's total share of 2024 All Charities

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# OR "See"



You can never get enough of this moment! The Easter Sunrise Service was so beautiful, we had to share both pictures sent in by Jeannie Schiavone (left) and Gail Yoh.

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



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## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

### CARS & COFFEE - LAST OF THE SEASON!

#### Saturday, April 6

It's the final one of the season! Join the fun on **Saturday, April 6** from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Business Center Parking Lot. Members are invited to bring vintage automobiles, sports cars or any cool conveyance, or just stop by for a morning of "car talk" over complimentary coffee and lite breakfast bites. For our last Cars & Coffee of the season, we will have an Espresso and Cappuccino Bar in front of the Sotheby's office

### BAG ROOM OPEN FINALS & SEMIFINALS

#### Semifinals: Today! Friday, April 5

#### Finals: Saturday, April 6

Come support your favorite Golf Professionals and their Member Caddies at 1 p.m. on the Dolphin Course today, **Friday, April 5** and **Saturday, April 6** in this treasured ORC tradition that goes back to 1977!

### REGISTERED TO VOTE IN FLORIDA?

#### Mark these Dates!

**August 8, 2024**, Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballots for August 2024\*

**August 20, 2024**, Primary Election

**October 24, 2024**, Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballots for November 2024\*

**November 5, 2024**, General Election

\*Florida's voting laws now require voters to request a vote-by-mail ballot after every election cycle. To request your Vote by Mail Ballot, visit: <https://www.keys-elections.org/Voters/Vote-by-Mail-Request>

## You're Invited: Annual Meeting, Thurs., April 11

One of the best ways for Equity Members to meaningfully engage with Ocean Reef Club is to participate in Advisory Councils, Committees or the Town Hall and Annual Meeting. All offer wonderful opportunities to learn about what's happening at your Club directly from the Board and management.

This year's **Annual Meeting is Thursday, April 11 at 9am in Town Hall.** For new Equity Members as well as longtime Members, this is the perfect time to discover just how beneficial attendance can be.

At the Annual Meeting, the nominated Club board members are voted on, a State of the Club report is presented, highlighted by a Membership update and financial overview. There's also a look ahead to upcoming spring events as well as summer capital projects. A complimentary brunch follows the Annual Meeting.

If you cannot attend in person, the Annual Meeting is also streamed live and available online afterward for those Members who aren't on the Reef. [oceanreef.com/AnnualMeeting](http://oceanreef.com/AnnualMeeting)

## Food & Wine Tickets Still Available

### Enjoy for the Weekend, Just One Day or Even a Night

Space is limited for the 10th Anniversary celebration of Food & Wine at Ocean Reef so we have a variety of ways in which you can be a part of the Weekend.

#### 3-Day All Inclusive Event Pass

Beginning with the Welcome Lunch all the way through Sunday's fabulous Brunch, your palate will be satisfied every step along the way. \$800+ per person.

#### Friday Only

Purchase Friday only and you'll savor the Welcome Lunch, Food & Wine Experience at Waterside and Cincoro & Stars Under the Stars. \$450+ per person.

#### Saturday Only

If you want to learn, laugh and trip the light fantastic, purchase Saturday's ticket and you'll



Chef Norman Van Aken will offer a cooking demonstration on Saturday, along with headlining the Grand Dinner on Saturday evening.

delight by day in the cooking, wine and spirits demos, interactive presentations and then indulge in a four-course dinner followed by dancing to cap the evening. \$450+ per person.

#### Can Only Make it to One Event?

If you can't make it a full day but you'd like to attend individual events, reach out to Member Events at [memberevents@oceanreef.com](mailto:memberevents@oceanreef.com) or 305-367-5874 for information on a la carte pricing. Tickets are available for individual day and evening

events ranging from \$175 to \$200.

#### New! Burger Bash on Buccaneer Island

You be the judge ... Which Ocean Reef chef can make the best burger on The Reef? Champagne and DJ Music will help you make your decision! \$150++ per person. *Discounted price of \$100++ is available when buying a 3-day weekend pass.*

Visit [oceanreef.com/foodandwine](http://oceanreef.com/foodandwine) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## ORCA NEWS

## Bufo Toads & Your Pets

By Dr. Lora Cummings, Veterinary Medical Director at the Grayvik Animal Care Center

As we head into South Florida's hot and rainy season, when the Bufo Toads' (aka Cane Toad) mating season is at its peak, we are seeing an increase in Bufo Toad sightings.

The Bufo Toad is an invasive species that is most active during the evening hours and can be found around buildings, in yards, near canals or other bodies of water. To protect itself, the Bufo has toxins in its skin that can cause significant to life-



Dr. Lora Cummings

threatening neurological and cardiovascular symptoms in an animal that licks or picks up a toad in its mouth.

Exposure can also occur if a pet drinks from a water source where

a Bufo has rested. We recommend keeping your pet on a short leash and paying close attention to surroundings to reduce the risk of contact. Most exposures occur when pets are not being supervised. If you are not quite sure what a Bufo looks like and see a toad, it is best to assume it may be a Bufo and avoid any contact.

If there is a chance your pet has had contact with a Bufo, quickly wipe their mouth, including gums, teeth, and corners of mouth to decrease contact time. You can gently rinse your pet's mouth being careful to keep their head lowered to minimize aspirating water or unintentionally rinsing toxin further into the system.

Remember, it only takes one lick of the toad's skin to cause toxicosis.

Symptoms can include, but are not limited to:

- Excessive drooling
- Reddened gums
- Loss of coordination
- Seizures
- Possible death

Veterinary care should be sought immediately as your veterinarian will assess your pet and provide supportive care based on symptoms.

The Grayvik Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For after-hours emergency service, please call Miami Veterinary Specialists at 305-665-2820.

# food & wine 2024

Ocean Reef Club

Food & Wine Weekend is THE April highlight, fusing the best of Ocean Reef's culinary, wine and spirit experiences into one unparalleled, four-day flavor extravaganza.

**THURSDAY - SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 11-14**

## PRESENTING GUEST CHEFS

Chef Norman Van Aken  
Chef Martin Rios

**GRAND DINNER TO FEATURE**  
Groth Estate Vineyards

### *Weekend Events Include*

**NEW!** Burger Bash

Welcome Luncheon

Food & Wine Experience

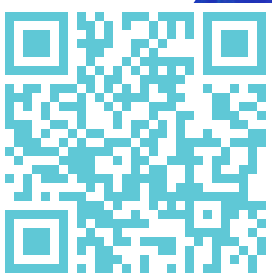
**NEW!** Cincoro & Cigars Under the Stars

Classes, Tastings & Demonstrations

**NEW!** Farm to Table Expo

Grand Dinner Dance

Farewell Brunch



**SPACE IS LIMITED.**  
Scan for tickets, schedule & details,  
including more on our featured  
Chefs, wines & purveyors.

# BURGER BASH — ON — BUCCANEER ISLAND

*Join us for this new event!*



**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**  
— 6-9PM —

Chefs from our different Ocean Reef restaurants will create their best slider & Members get to be the judge!

Thursday tickets sold separately.

### **PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS INCLUDE:**

Clubhouse

Ocean Room

Gianni

Grill Room

Burgee Bar

Town Hall

Islander

Waterside

Raw Bar

**VEUVE CLICQUOT, A FULL BAR & DJ  
ENTERTAINMENT ARE ALL INCLUDED.**

*Tickets \$150++ per person*



OceanReef.com/FoodandWine  
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# Finding Love Again at The Reef



by Felicia M. Koretsky

## Diana Frazier & Rudy Schupp

**Diana Frazier** was getting ready for bed in her home in Ketchum, Idaho when the phone rang from a 305 number.

"I was shocked," she said when realizing the caller was widower **Rudy Schupp**, another Ocean Reef Member, who explained he was just returning from a neighborhood party in North Palm Beach. His friends had been trying to fix him up with some of the town's most eligible women. Rudy said that the party made him realize he had a different type of woman on his mind: one closer in age, someone who would understand his music references and jokes.

"He said he wanted to get away from the Palm Beach crowd and was thinking of heading to his place in Steamboat, Colorado, but had a better idea - to meet me in Sun Valley," said Diana, who had met Rudy at a mutual friend's housewarming party at 121 Marina and knew his late wife, Susan, through her photography and Bonefish Bonnies. "The airport was closed because there was heavy smoke from forest fires so I told him we could do it another time."

The next morning when Diana looked out her window, she saw clear blue skies, and took it as a good sign. Plus, not much was going to stop Rudy who had already booked a flight. A few days filled with long talks and great meals set the stage for a two-year courtship that culminated



Diana Frazier and Rudy Schupp

in an 18-person family wedding on March 23rd at the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Center, officiated by Chaplain Bob Henley. Diana had known Bob as her chaplain in Sun Valley before he moved to The Reef. The couple said they just had to have the wedding before Bob retired.

Rudy said his initial attraction to Diana went beyond her good looks and outgoing personality, but a shared background in finance. She had a career in venture capital and he was the CEO of three banks. They also both love golf, travel, and fly fishing. He played musical instruments and she grew up dancing to the same music.

Soon they realized their similarities went even further. They were both born and raised in upstate New York, Diana in Buffalo and Rudy in Syracuse. They each came from modest means, whose families could not afford to send them to a real summer camp. In talking about their childhoods, they shared that as members of Methodist church youth groups, they were each gifted a camp week on Silver Lake - equidistant from their hometowns. Diana happened to have an old photo of the 80 campers in her group, taken 1961. Or so she thought. Rudy spotted a familiar face in the crowd - his own as an 11-year-old boy.

Until that moment, they didn't know they were at the same place at the same time and destined to meet again decades later. Rudy, who was married for 39 years to Susan until she lost her battle with cancer in 2021, said he is a big believer in marriage. Diana, who had been divorced since 2001, never expected to remarry.

"To me the institution of marriage is just wonderful," said Rudy. "I love taking care of each other, making each other happy all the time, and being part of a family again. Being alone is not an option."

The two each sold their Ocean Reef condos and are living in a home they bought and renovated together on Bay Ridge Road.

## Deborah Brady & Frank Gudicello, M.D.

Somewhere along the line, cupid's arrow struck both **Deborah Brady** and **Frank Gudicello, M.D.** Neither are sure precisely when they were struck, but each says once they were hit, there was no turning back.

The two had known each other for years. Debbie attends a weekly Wednesday morning prayer group that Frank leads at the Chapel. Debbie, a widow, and Frank, a divorcee, said they had gone out with groups of friends to events together, often sitting next to each other, talking and laughing. Frank



Deborah Brady and Frank Gudicello

proceeded cautiously, he said, but there came a point where he started feeling giddy around her, like a 16-year-old boy. He realized he was looking at Debbie through a romantic lens. He saw a girlfriend and a future wife.

Frank says their first real date alone was to see *The Met* in HD at the Cultural Center last year, featuring the opera, *La Traviata*. Mango sorbets at Reef Treats followed.

The two were married in an intimate wedding last month at the Chapel. The couple says married life is bliss, but also a bit complicated. They are living out of three places at Ocean Reef; his, hers, and theirs, until they settle their arrangements.

The two say they are enjoying a never-ending honeymoon at Ocean Reef.

Speaking of moons, the couple is planning an April 8th trip to Buffalo, NY, to see the total eclipse of the sun - when the moon will completely cover the sun. Frank, an amateur radio operator, will join hundreds of other ham radio enthusiasts participating in a NASA-funded experiment logging the results of the sudden loss of sunlight to radio signals.

As for changing her last name, Debbie is thinking about it.

*Did you find love on The Reef? We'd love to hear from you, [orp@oceanreef.com](mailto:orp@oceanreef.com).*

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proceeds not reserved for larger Impact Fund projects will be distributed, combined with donations made directly to the Community Grants Fund, as follows:

**Grants to Benefit the Upper Keys, Homestead & Florida City A Chance for Therapy** (ACT4Me)-Therapy programs for Homestead and Florida City children with neurological and genetic disorders-\$35,000

**Adrienne Arshat Center for the Performing Arts-STEAM** curriculum and live Busy Bees Great Adventure performance field trip for 7th graders in Homestead/Florida City Title I schools-\$15,000

**Advocate Program-** Financial assistance program for veterans-\$10,000

**ArtSouth-**“Arts Beyond the Classroom” arts education program for children at the Chapman Partnership Family Resource Center and Miami Dade College Homestead Campus-\$10,000

**Autism Society of Florida-** Water safety drowning prevention program-\$10,000

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

**Be Strong International-** “Raising the BAR” parenting education program-\$12,500 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters-** Continued expansion of youth mentoring program in the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City-\$20,000

**Branches Florida City** (\$60,000)

- “Grow & Climb” teen leadership development and employment mentoring program-\$35,000

- “It’s a Money Thing” Financial Education program for students and families-\$25,000

**Bridge to Hope-** Homestead Healthy Food Distribution

Hub services including food, nutrition education, access to health services, and career-focused technology training-\$33,000

**Burton Memorial United Methodist Church** (\$29,800 Total)

- Food Pantry: Refrigerated truck usage to enable pick up of perishable donations from local grocery stores and funds to purchase needed food items when not available by donation-\$19,800

- Child Development Center: Summer enrichment program-\$10,000

**Camillus House-CHEER** educational initiative to assist formerly homeless children in attending school and catching up with peers-\$15,000

**Caring for Miami-**Project Smile Mobile Dental Unit visits for the Upper Keys, Homestead, and Florida City-\$40,000

**Catholic Charities South Dade Child Development Center-**Teacher training in behavior management strategies and interventions-\$6,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**Centro Campesino-** Technology support, field trip transportation and entrepreneurship curriculum for after-school and summer youth programs-\$18,200

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

**Children’s Bereavement Center-**Expansion of comprehensive grief support to Homestead and Florida City in partnership with existing youth programs-\$25,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**City Year-**Academic and social-emotional development coaching at West Homestead K-8 Center-\$30,000

**Coral Shores High School** (\$37,974 Total/see also MCSD for additional CSHS grants)

- Athletic Department Hardship Assistance Fund-\$15,000

- AVID college readiness

program training for teachers-\$17,974

- Positive behavior interventions and support-\$5,000

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

**DMF Employment Opportunities-**Employment initiative for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities-\$19,900

**EnFAMILIA-**40 Chromebook computers for four Homestead and Florida City out-of-school-time centers for children-\$12,000

**Family Central-** Benefits Enrollment Program to support vulnerable families in Homestead and Florida City-\$25,000

**Florida Goldcoast Ninety-Nines-**Female aviation education and training for Upper Keys, Homestead, Florida City women and girls-\$10,000

**Feeding South Florida-** Food delivery and distribution to three partner pantries in Homestead, Florida City and the Upper Keys-\$60,000

**Florida Keys Area Health Education Centers** (Keys AHEC)-In-school primary medical and dental services program in Upper Keys schools-\$50,000

**Florida Keys Children’s Shelter-**Residential & Counseling Programs for at-risk youth-\$50,000

**Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition-**Upper Keys Child Safety Equipment and Early Childhood Education programs-\$38,000

**Florida Keys Outreach Coalition-**Upper Keys “Quick Assist” financial assistance program to prevent homelessness-\$30,000

**Florida Keys Soccer Club-**Youth soccer league programs and equipment-\$10,000

**Florida Keys Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center-**Youth education and outreach program-\$5,000 (MATCH

REQUIRED)

**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 to Homestead and Florida City-\$12,500

**Gift of Adoption-**Financial assistance to complete the adoption process for at-risk children into Upper Keys, Homestead, and Florida City families-\$5,000

**Genesis Hopeful Haven-**Independent Living Housing and support programs for young people aging out of foster care-\$50,000

**Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida-**Community Troops program for underserved girls in low-income and historically excluded Homestead and Florida City neighborhoods-\$15,000

**Good Health Clinic-** Providing \$2 million in donated medication and healthcare access to 600+ low-income Upper Keys residents-\$28,000

**Greater Miami Youth for Christ-** “Teen Indigenous Leaders” development and employment mentoring program at West Homestead KIX-\$50,000

**Guidance/Care Center-**The Keys’ only Assisted Living Facility for residents with chronic mental illness-\$19,987

**Guitars Over Guns Organization-**Music instruction programs and mentors for at-risk Homestead and Florida City youth-\$25,000

**Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys-**Towards building the Poinsettia Affordable Housing Project in Key Largo-\$50,000

**Health Information Project-**Peer-to-peer, comprehensive health education program at four Homestead and Monroe County high schools-\$25,000

**Homestead Christian Academy-**Replacement of 20-year-old flooring in Kindergarten-Grade 3 classroom-\$3,800

**ICU Baby-**Comprehensive support for Upper Keys,



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Homestead and Florida City families with babies in the nearest NICUs at Miami hospitals-\$25,000

**Jacob's Shoes**—"Sole Necessities" program to provide shoes to disadvantaged Homestead and Florida City children-\$10,000

**Just Older Youth (JOY)**-To expand programs for Upper Keys Seniors form one to two days a week-\$10,146 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**Key Largo School** (\$83,335 Total)

- New Drama Club Productions-\$10,000
- Equipment and educational materials to establish new Softball & Baseball programs-\$10,835

- AVID college readiness program, college trips and teacher training-\$22,500
- Summer Recreation program for up to 300 pre-K through 5th grade students-\$40,000

**Kristi House**-Homestead and Florida City Therapy Expansion Initiative for child-victims of abuse and sex trafficking-\$45,000

**Mexican-American Council**-College & Career Prep programs and scholarships for students from families of farm workers at Homestead high schools-\$35,000

**Miami Diaper Bank**-Expansion of mobile diaper distributions to the Upper Keys and in Homestead and Florida City-\$25,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**Miami Lighthouse for the Blind**- Children's Vision Program for 800 in both service areas-\$10,000

**Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens** (MARC House)-Adult Day Training program for developmentally disabled adults-\$10,000

**Monroe County School**

**District Career & Technical Education** (\$36,500 Total)

- Yamaha Motors needed to offer Coral Shores High School Yamaha Marine Maintenance Certifications-\$30,000

- Small Appliances for Coral Shores High School Culinary Kitchen- \$6,500

**MUJER** - Workshops and therapy for 60+ abused children and non-offending parents-\$50,000

**National Alliance on Mental Illness Miami-Dade County** (NAMI)-Expansion of free signature mental health programming to the Upper Keys, Homestead and Florida City-\$10,000

**Ocean Studies Charter School**-STEM Experiential Learning Lab with zSpace laptops-\$29,179

**PATCHES PPEC**-Replacement of Pediatric Nursing Center's security camera and door system for safety of medically complex children-\$7,000

**Redlands Christian Migrant Association**-Security cameras for five classrooms and hearing and vision testing equipment for child development center-\$19,819

**Seacamp Association**-Marine science summer camp experience for 20 children residing at the Florida Keys Children's Shelter-\$7,600

**Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre**-35 partial scholarships for Homestead and Florida City children to participate in the annual "Junior" youth production-\$10,000

**South Dade Women's Veterans Alliance**-Half the cost of Trauma Focused Training and 20 percent of the cost of the Annual Women Veterans Conference-\$12,500

**South Florida Council of Boy Scouts**-Scouting programs for disadvantaged youth in the Homestead area-\$20,000

**Special Olympics Florida Monroe County**-Continued expansion of the Upper Keys Unified Championship Schools program for youth with and without intellectual

disabilities-\$25,000

**St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church Child Development Center**-Expansion of after-school and summer camp programs to serve an additional 25 children-\$28,525

**Star of the Sea Outreach Mission**-Upper Keys Hunger Relief Program-\$36,000

**Start Off Smart** (\$48,944 Total)

- Homestead Police Department Community Policing program to safely engage local youth and families-\$28,944
- Two Police Academy Scholarships for locals committed to serving in the Homestead Police Department-\$15,000

- No Child Left Hungry program to enable officers to provide food assistance when they encounter families in need in their work-\$5,000

**Take Stock in Children**-College scholarships (matched by the Florida Pre-Paid College Foundation) for Upper Keys youth mentoring program-\$75,000

**The ARC of South Florida**-Half the cost of a new passenger van to transport children with disabilities-\$30,000 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**The Children's Voice Chorus**-To expand choral programs at Branches Florida City to additional children-\$10,000

**The College of the Florida Keys**-Furniture to outfit the Career Center at the Upper Keys Center, high-fidelity Pediatric Simulation Mannequin for the Upper Keys Nursing Lab, and new Upper Keys Center Community Day to engage the community-\$39,000

**The Motivational Edge**-Art-based Youth Engagement & Empowerment Program for at-risk youth-\$20,000

**The Salvation Army**-"Pathway to Hope" social services and financial assistance program for Upper Keys residents-\$15,000

**TIPS**-Florida Keys Youth Basketball League-\$7,000

**Three Virtues**

**Organization**-Freezer unit for Homestead food pantry operation-\$5,224

**United Way of Collier and the Keys**-Upper Keys "Success by Six" School Readiness program-\$15,900

**University of Miami**-Pediatric Mobile Healthcare expansion in Homestead and Florida City-\$26,253 (MATCH REQUIRED)

**Upper Keys Baseball Development Foundation**-"Steady Bats" baseball program serving 75 youth-\$8,500

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

**Voices for Florida Keys Children**-Children's Welfare Program to assist families through the 16th Judicial Court Guardian Ad Litem-\$15,000

**Wellspring Counseling**-Upper Keys & Homestead Counseling Financial Aid Program-\$26,000

**Wesley House Family Services**-New Key Largo Office & Family Visitation Center renovation for agency managing local foster care and support and prevention services for at-risk families-\$30,000

**YMCA of South Florida**-Homestead after-school program scholarships-\$20,000

**Additional Internal Grant to Benefit Ocean Reef Employees**

**ORCF Ocean Reef Employee Emergency Fund (OREEF)**-To be matched by \$3,300 from Ocean Reef Club and \$3,300 from Ocean Reef Community Association-\$3,300

**Total 2024 Community Grants: \$2,007,386**

To learn more about the Community Grants program and/or 2024 Co-Investment Opportunities to complement partial and match grants, please email [foundation@oceanreef.com](mailto:foundation@oceanreef.com), call (305) 367-4707 or visit our office in the Ocean Reef Business Center.

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## Spotlight on All Charities Preferred Partners – NetJets

By Richard Weinstein, President & COO, Ocean Reef Community Foundation

It wasn't long after the final agreements were signed with the non-profit organizations at Ocean Reef that the first Preferred Partner agreement followed. That was in 2008 and the partnership with NetJets began. As a pioneering force in the world of private aviation, NetJets revolutionized the industry with the concept of fractional aircraft ownership and their partnership with All Charities provided the same transformation for the Gala. They showed how this relationship could work, leading to a higher level of giving and a special opportunity to build relationships. That was the beginning of what we see today with 14 preferred partners, each exclusive to their business market.

But for NetJets to be successful here it required just the right person to spend time at Ocean Reef to understand the Club and get to know the membership. NetJets had the perfect solution in Cory Valentine, their Senior Vice President. He was already with NetJets for six years when he first started visiting Ocean Reef. Fifteen years later he notes how welcoming it is to arrive at Ocean Reef and spend time talking with Members that are already NetJets Owners, or soon to become one. He is just

a short hop away from his home in Jupiter, Florida where he lives with his wife, Diana and their two children. The family focus of Ocean Reef is the perfect get away.

In addition to fractional ownership, NetJets offers a variety of programs tailored to meet the diverse needs of Ocean Reef Members, including jet cards and a 25-hour lease. These options provide flexibility for individuals and businesses who may not require the ongoing commitment of fractional ownership but still desire the luxury and convenience of private jet travel.

NetJets boasts an extensive fleet of meticulously maintained aircraft, ranging from light jets to large-cabin, ultra-long-range jets, ensuring that you can select the perfect aircraft to suit your travel needs, whether it be a short hop for a board meeting, a family visit or an intercontinental journey.

Over the decades, NetJets has solidified its position as a global leader in private aviation, setting the standard for excellence and innovation in the industry. In that same time we have seen All Charities grow to distribute more funds both within Ocean Reef and beyond in the surrounding communities. And it all began with the idea of All Charities "One ask; One Give" initiative and the very first Preferred Partner: NetJets.

Contact Cory Valentine at cvalentine@netjets.com or (561) 324-7313 if you would like to learn more about NetJets exclusive ORC offer of \$10,000 discount per year on their 25-hour lease program, and remember that for every new NetJets customer, an additional flight hour is donated to the Gala auction!

### AMNESTY OFFERED FOR RETURNED BEACH TOWELS!

**Towel Amnesty Day is Friday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nature Center.** On this day, the Recreation team will respectfully avert their eyes to anyone who returns borrowed blue and white striped Buccaneer Island towels to the Nature Center. You'll even be rewarded with complimentary popsicles for doing so!



**Chefs Head to the Masters Tournament**

With guidance from Chef Eric Andreu (right) of the Islander, Rob Sypniewski (center), oyster chef in Boca Raton, and Charles Unger, Islander sushi chef, met on The Reef last week before heading off to the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta from April 3rd to April 13th. All three are Masters veterans and feel blessed to be part of this annual event, where hospitality is king.

Rob is the nephew of Cynthia Weglarz and has been an avid golfer since childhood. He's thrilled to be going to the Masters, not as a golfer but as an oyster chef.  
-Submitted by Cynthia Weglarz, Member since 1987

**Menu Update  
CH Prime**



by Terry Baxter

Executive Chef Ian Fleischmann has updated the presentation of his seared *Foie Gras* appetizer at CH Prime, and it is a winner. It is an artfully constructed layer cake beginning with a slice of sweet Vidalia onion almost completely melted in butter, then a bit of crunchy texture, topped with seared Hudson Valley *Foie Gras*, covered with Saffron Onion Jam and White Truffle. The plate is garnished with thirty-year-old Balsamic Vinegar. Fabulous. The dish is a small treasure worthy of any fine restaurant anywhere.

So far, Chef Ian has ignored



Foie gras

my plea to restore last year's Foie Gras Torchon to the Bar Menu. It was perfect (my estimation) – a generous slice of Foie Gras Terrine, rolled in chopped pistachios, with toasted Brioche and Quince Jam. I would come twice a week just to relieve my craving. Maybe this nudge will persuade Chef Ian. Fingers crossed. The good news is that you can order the Seared Foie Gras from the CH Prime menu at the bar.



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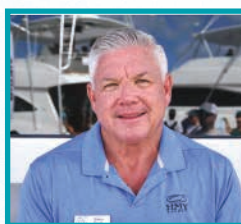
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# A Well-Deserved Accolade



by Sarah A. Cart

Sometimes you come across delightful "old news" that should be shared, regardless of its age. Here's an example:

The summer before the advent of COVID-19, the Federal Aviation Administration honored **Capt. Thomas Lindsay Cooper** with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award "in recognition of your contributions to building and maintaining the safest aviation system in the world, through practicing and promoting safe aircraft flight operations for 50 years."



Tom Cooper with FAA Award

In North Key Largo, he's known affectionately as "Tom" and honored as an ace not only on the flight deck of a plane, but also on the tennis, croquet, and bocce courts. When he's not in Wellington, FL, he and his wife, **Jerrie**, live aboard their boat, the T.L. Sea, in the Key Largo Anglers Club Marina, where he has been a member since 1995.

Tom's storied aviation career (about which he has written a book, *The Man in the Arena: An Aviator's Turbulent Roller*

*Coaster Ride to the Clouds... and Back*), had its roots in a North Carolina childhood he likens to Mayberry RFD. He learned to fly at a small neighborhood airport aboard a Taylorcraft BC-12D and got his pilot's license just after turning 16. Then, while attending the University of North Carolina (where he happened to end up a walk-on letterman in baseball), he earned his commercial license and flight instructor rating, and with those credentials in hand, moved to Miami in 1957.

After instructing at a flight school for a year, Tom was hired to ferry Piper Cubs to points throughout South and Central America for use by local crop dusters, flying for hours over the Caribbean with no navigation or communications systems (some deliveries required flying from Miami over Cuba direct to Panama, a 12-hour stretch). In his book, he terms crossing the Andes between Santiago and Buenos Aires in a Super Cub, at 14,500 feet with no supplemental oxygen, "a learning experience."

Tom is full of extraordinary stories, including running out of fuel yet somehow miraculously managing a safe landing on a beach in Ecuador, and how, in

the early 1960s, he served as a crewmember on cargo flights from Miami to Nicaragua in support of the infamous Bay of Pigs invasion.

His commercial career saw him pilot for Regina, Northeast, National, Continental (where, according to that airline, he was the youngest commercial B-707 pilot in the U.S. at the time), and Riddle, until he finally landed his ideal job at Eastern Airlines in 1962 and earned his captain's wings in 1973. In 1991, upon the demise of Eastern, he formed a small commuter airline with a fleet of one: a Cessna 402B; the enterprise eventually expanded into Miami-based Gulfstream International Airlines with operations throughout Florida and flights to Haiti, the Bahamas, and Havana, a place that tugs at his heartstrings. In recent years, Tom and Jerrie have often invited friends to join them on small "person to person" mission trips to Cuba to deliver supplies and gifts and to share their love for its culture and people.

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ALL CHARITIES

Ocean Reef Members competed last week in an epic battle for the title of 2024 All Charities "Iron Chefs." Hosted by Chef Philippe Reynaud and organized by **Stephanie Karl**, four teams "whisked" it all, sautéing the day away at the Cooking School. Thank you to judges Rupert Rodriguez and **Bill Henneberry** and to Preferred Partner Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty for sponsoring this fun 2024 All Charities First Dibs auction item!



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# Dry Eye Syndrome

The Medical Center's Visiting Specialist Program offers ophthalmology and optometry services with several excellent providers such as Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Retinal Specialist Zachery Segal, M.D. of MedEye Associates, and optometry services with Lauren Nicholas, O.D. of South Florida Eye Care Center.

Dry eyes affect millions of people nationwide, worsening with age and often causing vision fluctuations, particularly during activities like reading or using a computer. Symptoms include tearing, burning, itching, and occasional or chronic eye redness, sometimes accompanied by crustiness upon waking. Though rarely sight-threatening, it can be a



persistent nuisance. Fortunately, with a deeper understanding of dry eye syndrome (DES), new treatments have emerged.

In a recent interview with Dr. Zachery Segal, Medical Director of MedEye Associates, he stated, "There are new cutting-edge technologies for the

treatment of DES. Tempsure, a nonsurgical solution, employs radiofrequency waves to address Evaporative Dry Eye (EDE), the most common form resulting from meibomian gland dysfunction. These glands, responsible for producing a vital oil component of tears, decline in function with age. Tempsure

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April 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15

**Daisy Elwick**

April 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

### Cardiology

**Julio Barcena**

April 12, May 10

**Howard Bush**

April 18, May 16

### Colorectal Surgery

**Dan Ruiz**

April 15, May 20, June 17

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April 19, May 17

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April 5, 19, May 3, 17

**Jill Waibel**

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April 15, May 20

**Varee Poochareon**

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April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 29, 30

### Endocrinology

**Heberto Valdes**

April 5, May 3

### ENT

**Pablo Arango**

May 1, June 3

### Gastroenterology

**Sandra Rodriguez**

April 11, May 14

### Gynecology

**Jason James**

April 11, May 9

**Jila Senemar**

April 17, May 7, June 11

### Holistic Medicine

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April 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

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April 8, 15, 22, 29

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April 22, May 29, June 17

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### Orthopedic Surgery

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April 19

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April 26, May 17

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April 5, May 17

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# Easter Weekend 2024





# Through the Years



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

There is a happy coincidence between what I am writing and the date this edition of the Ocean Reef Press comes out. What might that be? Thanks for asking!

This Friday, April 5th, 2024, marks Jane's and my 55th wedding anniversary. The title of my article comes from one of Kenny Roger's great hits - one of the greatest loves songs ever written. The lyrics, written by Steve Dorff and Marty Panzer, reflect the grace and grit it takes to build a lasting relationship.

### Clueless

If you've ever been in the audience at a wedding I've conducted, you've perhaps



Bob and Jane Henley

heard me tell the bridal couple what the pastor who married us should have asked during our marriage ceremony. He should have looked both of us in the eye, asking, "Do you, clueless man, take this clueless woman, to be your wife?" We didn't know how much we don't know!

### Cross Cultural Relationship

We each bring 'artifacts' from the culture that formed us into the relationship – both geographical and family.

Jane grew up in Allentown,

Pennsylvania, home of Billy Joel, Mack Trucks, Alpo Dog Food, and Hess Brother's Department store. I grew up in a small town in Texas, not known for anything, other than the sign that hung across main street. That's for another time.

We met in the summer of 1968. I was smitten immediately – she not so much! We were drawn together by two shared passions – our faith and our love of music. We spent the first seven years of life together on the road, traveling in a small music group, representing a faith-based organization headquartered in Chicago. We jokingly say, "We paid rent at O'Hare!"

The cultural artifacts were the first to show up. In Texas, if you couldn't fry it, you couldn't eat it! Crisco 'shortening' was never found on the kitchen shelves of Jane's home – the white pasty version. The first time she cooked chicken, she baked it in the oven! My unexpressed thought was, "What have you done to this bird?" She had no idea what a jalapeño was either!

Family artifacts eventually show up in a relationship. Jane's parents were first-generation citizens. Her grandparents on both sides emigrated from Holland. Mine were fourth and fifth generation Texans, from the same small town. Our homes were good ones. But as we know, all families are dysfunctional in some way – it's just a matter of degree!

Beneath the surface of mine, there was conflict in my parent's relationship- lots of it. Jane's family, on the other hand, never had conflict – they buried it. You can easily imagine the dynamics we went through in those early years.

Another line from the song says, "through all the good and bad." Maybe that's why the wedding vows say, "For better for worse."

### Life Turned Around

When conflict shows up, relationships often break up. Three children and seven grandchildren later, we are both grateful we hung in there. We found growing health and

strength from two sources – our faith and determination to work it out.

Like every relationship, we started off thinking how much we are alike! But over time, you realize how different you really are.

The wisdom Book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Scriptures speaks about a "three-fold cord not being easily broken." We will both tell you that the strength of our relationship comes from the silver cord that the cotton strands of our lives are wrapped around. That silver cord is our relationship with God through Christ. That's where the grace comes from.

We also discovered that grace can't go where light doesn't shine. Thankfully, we had wonderful mentors who modeled a healthy marriage and gave us good advice. Then there's the value of working with skilled therapists. Therapy can't heal anyone. But the process allows light to shine on those areas of your life where change, transformation needs to take place. That's where grit is needed and the advice is worked out.

### Looking Back

Like every couple, we have those places where the pain of old hurts will always be tender. But what we celebrate on this anniversary is gratitude for the goodness and joys of a life shared together over a lifetime. Another favorite singer-songwriter is Dan Fogelberg. A metaphor, a line from his song 'Longer' describes us today. It goes, "though the binding cracks, and the pages start to yellow, I am in love with you – I'll be in love with you."

The quality of the love we share today is very different from the love we knew when we first met. It has matured, like a fine wine, to be savored in sips. Maybe that's why you have anniversaries. It's a moment to look back and reflect on all that your life together has been, 'through the years.' Another line says, 'I'm so glad you've stayed.' That says it all!

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# We Mourn the Loss

Matthew J. Botica

Matthew J. Botica, 73, of Key Largo (formerly Winnetka, IL), died on March 26, 2024. Matt battled cancer for more than eight years.

Born on January 11, 1951 to Florian and Rose, Matt was an only child. He grew up in the tight-knit Bridgeport neighborhood on Chicago's South Side and shared a fraternal bond with his many first cousins. Matt excelled academically throughout his life, earning merit-based scholarships to St. Ignatius College Prep and Boston College. He remained devoted to BC and served on the Board of Trustees for many years.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Matt had a more than 40-year-long career practicing bankruptcy law before retiring as a Partner



in Winston & Strawn's corporate practice.

He is survived by his loyal and opinionated wife, Christine (Crowley) Botica, and his five children and sons- and daughter-in-law, Kathryn (Timothy) Martin, Leigh (Russell) Dyer, Anne (Jaxon) Reilly, Faith (David) Atkins, and Matthew John Botica, Jr. (Stephanie Crabtree).

"Bo", as his 18 grandchildren call him, never missed a soccer game, shared handwritten notes, and indoctrinated his

grandkids into White Sox fandom. Matt was an introvert by nature who truly valued his many friendships. He enjoyed playing golf with his buddies at far too many (according to Christine) clubs. Matt spent his summers in Megansett on Cape Cod surrounded by a sea of redheads. Despite his best efforts over 50 years, he failed to teach his beloved brothers-in-law how to golf.

Matt saw the power of a Jesuit education in helping him overcome modest economic means.

Other than raising his kids with Christine, Matt considered his work in helping establish and advance the Chicago Jesuit Academy (CJA) to be his greatest accomplishment. CJA is a tuition-free catholic elementary school for children and families impacted by historical disinvestment.

Matt's legacy will live on through CJAs impact in Chicago and beyond.

Services will be held at Saints

Faith, Hope and Charity, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka IL., on Thursday, April 11th. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Chicago Jesuit Academy by visiting [chicagojesuitacademy.org](http://chicagojesuitacademy.org).

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## WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY EPISCOPAL SERVICE

All are invited for this community service each Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary. This **Wednesday, April 10**, Reverend Bernard Griffith will lead the service.

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# We Mourn the Loss

Corinne P. Greenberg

Corinne Phyllis died in Miami on March 17, 2024 from natural causes. She was 95 years old. Passionate about the power of the arts, medicine, and education to enrich the lives of so many, she was a dedicated philanthropist and volunteer who felt a profound obligation to improve the world around her. But perhaps most importantly, Corinne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose love and empathy defined the larger Greenberg family for decades.

Known to her family and friends as "Corky", Corinne believed deeply in the importance of philanthropy as a way to enhance the lives of the underprivileged. As long-time directors of The Starr Foundation, she and her husband Maurice R. Greenberg sought to support countless medical, social, and cultural institutions around the world, but particularly in New York City where she and her husband proudly resided.

The breadth and depth of her philanthropic activities were a sign of her true focus on having a tangible impact above anything else. In fact, to those who knew her closely, she was regularly self-effacing, eschewing the publicity that such charitable efforts often draw. However, there were some causes and organizations that were especially close to her heart. Corinne was Chair



of the National Board of Young Audiences/Arts-for-Learning, having started serving on their board in 1984. As a strong proponent of public education, she cherished this work because she believed in the transformative power that the performing arts can have on children from all walks of life—she wanted students to have as much exposure as possible to the arts because of the joy it brings and the impact it can have on the ability to learn and grow. Her contributions to culture in NYC also included her service on the boards of the 92nd Street Y and the Orchestra of St. Luke's.

Drawing on her background in and knowledge of science, Corinne recognized the paramount importance of medicine as a way of serving her city and those who sought treatment there. She was a member of several volunteer committees at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center, including as a charter member of the Executive Committee of the Lying-In-Hospital in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and as a member

of the New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center Council. She also served on the Executive Committee of the Iris Cantor Women's Health Center and was a founding member of the Women & Science Committee at Rockefeller University.

Corinne Greenberg, nee Zuckerman, was born in New York City on December 26, 1928, and raised in the Bronx with her brother Donald Zuckerman. Corinne possessed a special blend of vivaciousness, talent, and kindness. Her love of music was lifelong, playing both the piano and flute as a child; she graduated from the High School of Music and Art with a major in voice and later studied piano at the Manhattan School of Music. Her zest for life was also evident in her love of the outdoors. She was an avid skier and tennis player throughout her life—both family and friends fondly remember spending hours with her on the slopes and court.

Corinne was ahead of her time in several ways, particularly in her professional pursuits. She was an outstanding student and perpetually curious, embracing computers before many others did. Having graduated with a B.B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Miami, Corinne studied systems design and computer programming at IBM, and she worked as a programmer and

systems designer at Fiduciary Trust Company and The New York Hospital.

She met her husband Maurice when they were students at the University of Miami, and they married in 1950. They spent many years together in New York City, in Brewster, NY, at their home in Florida, and traveling the world. Even amid her many pursuits, her family was always her top priority. Corinne had an uncanny ability to make everyone feel special; she made sure to commemorate every family milestone—birthdays, school performances, sporting events, graduations, and more.

Corinne and her husband were the first buyers at Ocean Reef's Sanctuary Condo and her input greatly enhanced the project. Her philanthropic support of the Cultural Center, Medical Center, Academy and the donation of Greenberg Park will leave a lasting legacy at Ocean Reef.

Corinne is survived by her husband Maurice; her brother Donald; her children Jeffrey, Evan, Scott, and Cathleen; her grandchildren Caroline, Elizabeth, Matthew, Jacob, Ben, Annabel, Noah, Julia, Alleta, and Ana; and six great-grandchildren.

Corinne's family wishes to share the following thoughts regarding her passing: "We are deeply saddened by the passing of our mother. She was a remarkable woman who leaves a proud legacy for all of us—one of charity, family, and a passionate commitment to improving the world around her. We miss her dearly but are heartened by the fact that we shared so many wonderful moments together over the years."

A private funeral service will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that charitable donations be made to Young Audiences/Arts-for-Learning.

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# Welcome Visiting Priest Fr. Tom Fanta

John Karlovec and Marilyn Clark Karlovec are delighted to again host Father Tom Fanta for the weekend of April 6 & 7 to celebrate the weekend's masses. On a special note, Father Tom married Marilyn and John on August 30, 2023.

Fr. Tom earned his Master's from St. Mary Seminary and a Doctorate in Preaching from The Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, Mo, and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1988. He has been pastor at St. Dominic Church in Shaker Heights, Ohio, since 2001.

When Father Tom first arrived at St. Dominic's, the church had 900 households. It has grown to more than 1,700 households. In a typical year, Father Tom conducts 20 weddings, 100 baptisms, 30 funerals and celebrates three Masses each weekend. He doesn't own a TV and prefers



John Karlovec, Marilyn Clark Karlovec, and Fr. Tom Fanta

to read. He spends a lot of time with his family and he loves to cook.

Father Tom created "Project Serve" to encompass the parish's outreach efforts. St. Dominic has more than 1000 volunteers in their Project Serve initiative, which offers opportunities to serve the poor and forgotten in the local community as well as at St. Dominic's partner parish, Santo Domingo, in El Salvador.

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 7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room  
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**Shabbat Service**  
 6 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, with Rabbi Anne Feibelman & Cantor Adina Sharfstein

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**Catholic Mass**  
 4 p.m., Fr. Fanta, Chapel Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

**Traditional Worship Service**  
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Steve Brown

**Kids Matter (4yrs-8yrs)**  
 9 a.m., Chapel Children's Room

**Journey Together with Bob Henley**  
 10:30 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary

**Kids Matter (9yrs & Up)**  
 10:30 a.m., Chapel Children's Room

**Catholic Mass**  
 12 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Fr. Hilley

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

**Al-Anon Meeting**  
 9 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

**Rosary Prayer Group**  
 4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

**AA Meeting**  
 7:30 p.m., Chapel Board Room  
*For additional AA Meetings: 305-390-4983*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

**Intercessory Prayer**  
 8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

**Episcopal Service**  
 9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Bernard Griffin

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

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# A Eye-Opening Visit to Israel

By Mark Zausmer, Member since 2011

I recently returned from a 3-day trip to Israel, which began at the Tel Aviv airport. The typically vibrant terminal was eerily quiet. Pictures of hostages lined the corridors.

Our first stop was hostage square, where we met family members of Israelis held hostage by Hamas. The families provided emotional stories about their loved ones being kidnapped and not knowing whether they were alive. The hostage families had one agenda -- the return of their family members. The war strategy was secondary to the goals of the families. This visit highlighted the impossible position Israeli leaders are in. The goals of destruction of the tunnels in Gaza and saving the hostages who are likely being held in these tunnels are plainly at odds with one another.

Our next day started with a visit to a makeshift kindergarten class in an old storage facility. The students were displaced from the Gaza border to the south and the Lebanese border to the north. These families (200,000 Israel citizens) were forced to leave their homes with no plan of return. Communities throughout Israel are making sacrifices to care for others who have been displaced.

We arrived at the Sheeba hospital. The director of the rehabilitation facility described the daily onslaught of patients injured in the war. We met with soldiers whose lives were permanently impacted by the war. We saw soldiers with missing limbs. One young man had large casts on both arms and his hands were mangled from holding a door for hours as he fought with terrorists attempting to harm his family. An area of the hospital was reserved for returned



women hostages who were impregnated by their captors in Gaza.

That night we had dinner with an Israeli family on a kibbutz in the middle of the country. The family I had dinner with had many children and grandchildren living in this kibbutz that their parents had settled decades before. The residents of this kibbutz had taken in families from the north and south who had been affected by the events of October 7. It was uplifting to see Israelis helping one another.

The next day we met with the spokesman for the Israeli government. He regularly appears on CNN, FOX, BBC and other news outlets. He told us about being introduced to the daughter of a friend. His friend explained to the daughter that their guest was an important man. The daughter, a woman in her early 20s, told the guest he was "irrelevant." Her father was mortified at this insult, but she explained by saying people under 30 do not get their news from CNN or similar outlets but from TikTok.

The last day began with a bus ride to the Gaza border. We arrived at Kibbutz Be'Eri., a community that had hundreds of families. Gaza was easily visible in the distance. This is where the massacre started. Despite wearing bulletproof vests, we were told not to worry about hearing bombing because the bombs we would



Israeli homes destroyed by gunfire, grenades and fire.

hear were going from Israel into Gaza. The bomb sounds continued as we toured the kibbutz. At one point an air raid siren sounded and we were told to run to a shelter. That was a moment I longed for the comfort of the Dolphin Course and Fitness Center.

Our guide at the kibbutz was a resident who was there with his family the morning of the invasion. He described in detail the events of October 7, explaining the terrorists looked for homes where there were tricycles and basketball hoops so they could kill as many children as possible. He took us to his in-law's home where his children played every day and described how the terrorists shot his in-laws in the head and killed them. We went to the dentist's office on the kibbutz and saw the bullet holes and pictures of

patients killed there. Over 100 people were killed and many were taken hostage from this kibbutz.

Seeing pictures of a war zone and being in one are two very different things. These families will never return to what was once their peaceful world. The communal areas where the kids did ballet, theatre and played no longer exist. We were told the massacre started at 6:30 a.m. and the Israeli military did not arrive until around 9:30 a.m. - 3 hours of sheer terror for hundreds of families. We saw homes destroyed by gunfire and grenades and others where fire was set in order to burn the residents inside alive.

We then traveled to the site of the Nova music festival. The festival began Friday night October 6 and was

# A Eye-Opening Visit to Israel

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still going on at 6:30 a.m. October 7 when the terrorists arrived. Approximately 400 concertgoers were killed and 40 or so taken hostage. The concert site is now a memorial with their pictures.

We then went to another nearby area where many people were killed. We met one woman who described her husband answering a knock on the door. He was dragged by terrorists into their small courtyard and shot in the head. While he lay bleeding, the woman took her three children into a safe room where they remained for 19 hours. During this time, they heard terrorists walking on the roof of their home. She was too frightened and focused on saving her children to try and rescue her husband.



The Nova concert site memorial.

At last we headed back toward Tel Aviv. The people living in Israel were profoundly appreciative of our visit. The Israelis we met felt isolated, betrayed and confused at how the world could not side with them in light of the horrors of October 7.

In the end the simple answer to why we came is that just showing up matters. It mattered for Israeli citizens to feel they weren't completely

alone. That people come from other parts of the world to bear witness to what really happened October 7.

I learned of a Palestinian who lives in Gaza with his family. Before October 7, he would come to Israel daily to work in a hotel. This man explained he can no longer enter Israel. He has lost his job. His ability to earn money and provide for his family is destroyed. He despises Hamas because

he says they have ruined his life. While I am sure not every resident of Gaza feels the way this man does, some do, and they cannot and do not speak out.

I have lots of takeaways from this trip – one being there is no compromise with Hamas. They have no desire to live side by side in peace with Israel. There is a fundamental question whether Israel has the right to exist as a country pursuant to the United Nations vote in 1948. Israel says yes. Hamas (and its benefactor Iran) says no. There is no grey area on that issue. Hamas chose to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in aid money to build tunnels for war. Israel knows it is creating a generation of potential terrorists by its actions but is willing to trade that for destroying a group committed to its destruction. Whether Israel will succeed is unknown, but it was transformational to witness this firsthand.

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# Summer Camp for All



by Jody Steele

The Ocean Reef Club Summer Camp schedule runs for eleven weeks beginning **June 3rd** and finishes on **August 16th**. There are a huge variety of camps for ages 5-17 and three camps offered for adults—really something for all interests. Camps do fill up, so it might be a good time to check your calendar to see what camps would work for your family.

### Outdoor Sports

Many of the outdoor offerings concentrate on sports such as tennis, pickleball, golf, and basketball for all skill levels and abilities. The experienced coaches guide beginners through



Kids pickleball camp

the process of developing basic techniques and teach the more advanced players to compete in a friendly environment at Ocean Reef Club's outstanding facilities. Sportsmanship, teamwork, and fun are common goals for each camp. Christopher Nelson, Director of Recreation, recently shared that the Field & Fitness Camp is another great way to train for any sport with challenging workouts and games offered.

### Creative Indoor Camps

Maybe there is a budding artist, chef, or actor in the family? If so,

the Rising Star Theater Camp is all set for aspiring performers who are talented in acting, singing, and dancing. This camp always concludes with a Talent Showcase and is scheduled for two different weeks this summer. For the culinary crowd, Chef for a Week and Advanced Chef is available for future chefs who have the opportunity to train with talented Ocean Reef chefs in the Carysfort Kitchen. Another possibility is a camp at the Art League, where young artists have a chance to work with a variety of mediums and techniques with professional artists. All of these

creative indoor camps are half-day experiences that allow the camper to enjoy other activities the rest of the day.

### More Choices

With over 20 different camps scheduled including Reef Club Kids weekly, there are additional specialty camps such as Dive X, Safe Boating, Sailing, Equestrian, Nature Exploration, Reef Discovery, MarineLab, and Eco-Reef also available throughout the summer.

### After Camp Fun

The Reef Rec Room is a perfect option for indoor entertainment after the camp day is over. This summer it is open daily from 4-10 p.m. and is available for ages 7-17. After a busy day, it is a great gathering spot to "chill-out".

Registration for Summer Camp is now open. Brochures are available. Guaranteed availability for Equity Members is through **April 18th**.

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The Oceanaires flash mob the Raw Bar on April Fool's Day.

## Oceanaires April Fool's Flash Mob

No April Fool'n around for the Oceanaires, they've done it again, flash mobbing our restaurants on April Fool's night. This year's song by **Sherley Newell** was to Billy Joel's "The Longest Time".

Here's a few of the lyrics sung to joyful laughing diners at Wynn's grocery store, The Raw Bar, Burgee Bar and Gianni:

Oceanaires are with you all tonight  
 April Foolin' and we know it's right  
 What else could we do,  
 we're so inspired by you,  
 we haven't been here for the longest time.

Dining drinking you can have it all,  
 not too much 'cause you don't want to fall,  
 but hurry up guys,  
 because we realize,  
 we haven't sat down for the longest time.

oh oh oh oh for the longest time oh oh oh for the longest

We're one voice you're hearing here tonight  
 We're great friends and sing with all our might  
 What else could we do,  
 we're so inspired by you,  
 we haven't been here for the longest time.

Raw Bar crab cakes we love them so,  
 Anglers yellowtail we wish we could go  
 Then the greatest treat  
 We love to go to Reef Treats  
 we go getting fatter, so what!

Who knows how much further we'll go on,  
 Maybe you'll be sorry when we're gone.  
 We'll take our chances  
 'cause we don't have romances  
 We haven't had them for the longest time.

Islander, Gianni, and CH Prime,  
 They cost more than a dime,  
 but its' fine for our members  
 Ocean Reef we're lucky to be here,  
 we send you all our cheer,  
 'Cause you're more than we hoped for...

We don't care what consequence it brings,  
 yet you know how much we love to sing  
 We may be real bad,  
 but we aren't really sad,  
 we're gonna stay here for the longest time!



Lisa Bondy

## A Hopping Easter



by Terry Baxter

Easter is a multi-faceted holiday: Parades, Easter egg hunts, and family fun; Easter Dinners with friends and relatives; religious observations and celebrations – and, of course, the raucous Saturday night performance by the Hal Roland Trio in the Reef Lounge, where anything can happen. This week, the audience got into the act. Member, **Ralph Antolino**, was invited to join Hal and the boys for a delightful Jazz Harmonica solo (Billy Joel's *Piano Man*). Ralph (aw shucks) managed to act like he just brought the harmonica with him by chance. Lucky us. It was sensational.

That was just the impetuous for Lead Bartender Lisa Bondy to shed her inhibitions long enough to perform her cover of Lady Gaga's *Shallow*. You have to see this to believe it, the crowd was electrified. The atmosphere in the room shifted to full party. What a nice way to finish a Saturday night.



Ralph Antolino

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### 5 FRIDAY

**Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw**  
9am • Driving Range

**Cooking Class: Stir Fry Guru**  
9:30am-12:30pm • Carysfort  
Kitchen

**105 Tennis Tournament**  
11am-12pm • Tennis & Games  
Center

**LGA Golf Clinic with Brad Pinho**  
1pm • Driving Range

**Bag Room Open Semi-Finals**  
1pm Tee Times • Dolphin Course

**Golf Clinic with Brad Pinho**  
1pm • Driving Range

**Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen**  
3-4pm • Driving Range

**9-Hole LGA Golf Clinic with Stef Shaw**  
4pm • Driving Range

**Kappa Kappa Gamma Gathering**  
5pm • The Point

**World of Dance: Dinner and a Show**  
6-9pm • Carysfort Hall

**Teens Only! Beach Bonfire**  
8pm • Buccaneer Island

### 6 SATURDAY

**ORC Half Marathon**  
7am • Member Fitness Center

**Cars and Coffee**  
9-11am • Business Center Parking  
Lot

**Aviation Day**  
9am-2pm • Ocean Reef Airport

**Runway "Top Gun" Bootcamp**  
9am • Ocean Reef Airport

**Pickleball Mixed Doubles Club Championship**  
9am • Tennis and Games Center

**Spring Fling in the Fishing Village**  
10am-5pm • Fishing Village

**Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays**

10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

**Aviation Day Presentations: A Living Biography of The Wright Brothers**

10am • Ocean Reef Airport

**Aviation Day Presentation: Mind of a Pilot**

12pm • Ocean Reef Airport

**Aviation Day Presentation: Ralph Wetterhahn**

1pm • Ocean Reef Airport

**Bag Room Open Finals**  
1pm Tee Times • Dolphin Course

**Teens Only! After Hours at the Reef Rec Room**  
10-12pm • Reef Rec Room

### 7 SUNDAY

**Danish & Coffee**  
7-10am • The Point (Members  
Only)

**Pickleball Mixed Doubles Club Championship**  
9am • Tennis and Games Center

**Croquet Open Play End of Season Pizza Party & Awards**  
3-6pm • Croquet Lawn

**Cocktails**  
5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

### 8 MONDAY

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
9am • Tennis and Games Center

**Card & Games Room Open**  
9am-5pm • Card & Games Center

**Ballet Barre & Silver Fit Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Deepwater H2O Class**  
10am • Member Fitness Pool

**Farmer's Market Open**  
11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

**Learn & Play Croquet Beginners Clinic**  
2:30-3:30pm • Croquet Lawn

### 9 TUESDAY

**ORC Swim Club**  
7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

**Aqua Cardio Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Pool

**Rod & Gun Club Sporting Clays**  
10am-3pm • Card Sound Range

**FIT Camp**  
12pm • Member Fitness Center

**Casual Canasta**  
12pm • Card & Games Room

**Carbs Are Not Bad Class**  
4pm • Member Fitness Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

### 10 WEDNESDAY

**ORC Walking Club**  
7am • Member Fitness Center

**Sweat Class & Reformer Pilates**  
8am • Member Fitness Center

**Silver Fit Class & Funky Flow Yoga**  
10am • Member Fitness Center

**Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen**  
10-11am • Driving Range

**Duplicate Bridge Game**  
1pm • Card & Games Room

**Intermediate Croquet Clinic**  
2:30pm • Croquet Lawn

**Pickleball Organized Play**  
4pm • Tennis & Games Center

**Fitness Awards Ceremony**  
4:30pm • Member Fitness Center

### 11 THURSDAY

**ORC Swim Club**  
7-8am • Member Fitness Pool

**Men's Pickleball League**  
8am • Tennis & Games Center

**Reformer Pilates Class**  
9am • Member Fitness Center

**Rod & Gun Club Handgun Range**  
10am-2pm • Card Sound Range

**Dancing Through the Decades Class**  
11am • Member Fitness Center

**Farmer's Market Open**  
11am-4pm • Field at Four Corners

**Mah Jongg Open Play**  
1pm • Card & Games Center

**Golf 360 Class**  
2pm • Member Fitness Center

**Bridge Lessons**  
3pm • Card & Games Room

**Raw Bar Lobster Bake**  
5-9pm • Raw Bar

**Burger Bash on Buccaneer Island**  
6-9pm • Buccaneer Island

**Burgee Bar Karaoke**  
9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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### NOW SHOWING



**"Anatomy of a Fall" (R)**

Friday, April 5 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, April 7 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 10 • 7:30pm

Genre: Crime, Drama, Thriller

Runtime: 2hr. 31min.

Premise: A woman is suspected of murder after her husband's death; their half-blind son faces a moral dilemma as the main witness.



**"Bob Marley: One Love" (PG13)**

Friday, April 12 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, April 14 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 17 • 7:30pm

Genre: Biography, Drama, Music

Runtime: 1hr. 47min.

Premise: The story of how reggae icon Bob Marley overcame adversity, and the journey behind his revolutionary music.



**"Dune: Part Two" (PG13)**

Friday, April 19 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Sunday, April 21 • 4:30 & 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 24 • 7:30pm

Genre: Action, Adventure, Drama

Runtime: 2hr. 46min.

Premise: Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson

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5:30pm. Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm.  
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**Golf Shop**

Daily 7:30am-5:30pm.  
305-367-5912.

For full list of events pick up a copy of This Week at the Reef!

## CLUB SHOPPING

### Joan the Shopper

#### The Mature Woman



**Who are these Mature Women?** Unofficially every woman over 50 is considered "mature." (I guess that's a big improvement on my financial advisor's use of "matured" as a more upbeat way of saying "deceased.")

At Ocean Reef there's a large number of "mature" women members, who are alive and well and, in many cases, considerably older than age 50. I bet they will be pleased to know that at last the Fashion Industry has recognized them. In recent fashion shows 60 and 70+ -year-olds were no longer a novelty on the runway. Older women are also appearing in advertisements and fashion editorials: Diana Ross, 79, is the new face of Saint Laurent and Miuccia Prada, 74, recently graced the cover of Vogue.

**OK. I'm a Mature Woman – What Should I Wear? ....** That's a good question. Lucky for you, I found that there are many age-appropriate items at the OR stores in The Fishing Village and elsewhere on the Reef. (Some are illustrated with the above sketches). Here are a few tips on what to look for.... 1. **Loose fitting dresses** – They sail right over that mid-section bulge. Shown here, the attractive blue patterned, unbelted dress (Cabana Life \$114) is from the **Burgee Shop**, which has a big selection of "right for you" dresses. Just leave the tight fits to the

Legacy crowd.... 2. **Jackets** are comfortable and slenderizing. They also solve "the inside (AC)/outside (hot air)" problem that exists in Florida. **J. McLaughlin** has nice light-weight blue blazers (\$200++). And J. McLaughlin also has the best pants.... Pants, as I guess you have noticed, have undergone a revolution. They are no longer embracing your ankles. They now have wide to wider legs. 3. Most mature women pick up a few wrinkles on face and neck. For the neck a scarf is advised. **Leggiadro** has some beauties.... The best solution for facial wrinkles is a distraction. The sequined jacket (shown) from **The Dress Code** store on Barracuda Lane is dazzling, guaranteed to blind everyone to any facial imperfections. (Vilagallo \$439) .... 4. A black dress solves every problem. The one sketched is from **Lilly Pulitzer** (\$575). It's perfect for a Mature Woman of any age.... 5. Don't miss **Spring Fling in Fishing Village**. It's tomorrow (Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM), For all of us ageless Ocean Reef shoppers this event presents some really special opportunities. There will be 15 booths street side (and remember, you heard it here), some of them from the Club shops (e.g. Golf, Tennis, Spa) will be offering end-of-the-season bargains!

by Joan Birsh

## WINING & DINING

MONDAY, APRIL 8 – SUNDAY, APRIL 14

### Palm Court

Lunch Daily 11:30am-3:30pm

### Beach Bar & Grill

Beverages Daily 11am-8pm  
Food Mon.-Thurs. 11:30am-4pm • Fri.-Sun 11:30am-5pm

### Everton's Rum Bar

Beverages Thurs.-Sun. 2-6pm

### Islander & Sushi Bar\*

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm  
Equity Member Only Night Thursday

### The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7-11am  
Buffet Sat. 7-11am, Sun. 7am-12pm  
Dinner Tues.-Thurs. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm  
Equity Member Only Night Tuesday

### Gianni Ristorante\*

Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5:30-9pm  
Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm  
Equity Member Only Night Monday

### Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm  
Dinner Daily 4-9pm (Lobster Bake on Thursday)

### Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 11am-8pm • Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm

### Reef Treats

Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 7am-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 7am-10pm

### Reef Hut

Lunch Mon.-Sat. 11am-4pm • Dinner Mon.-Fri. 5-8pm

### Reef Eats

Breakfast Mon-Sat 7am-11am, Sun 7am-12pm  
Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 4-10pm • Fri. & Sat. 4-11pm  
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### Fitness Café

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

### The Point (Members Only)

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

### Burgee Bar

Dinner Daily 5-10pm  
Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm  
Fri. & Sat. 5pm-1am

### Reef Lounge

Small Plates Daily 5-10pm  
Cocktails Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-11pm  
Fri. & Sat. 5pm-12am

### CH Prime (Members Only)\*

Dinner Wed. & Thurs. 5:30-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5:30-10pm  
Equity Member Only Night Wednesday

### CH Lounge (Members Only)

Open Wed. & Thurs. 5-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 5-10pm

### Toski's

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305-367-5835

### Town Hall Waterside

Open Thurs. & Sun. 5-9pm

### Grill Room (Members Only)

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Dinner Daily 4-9pm

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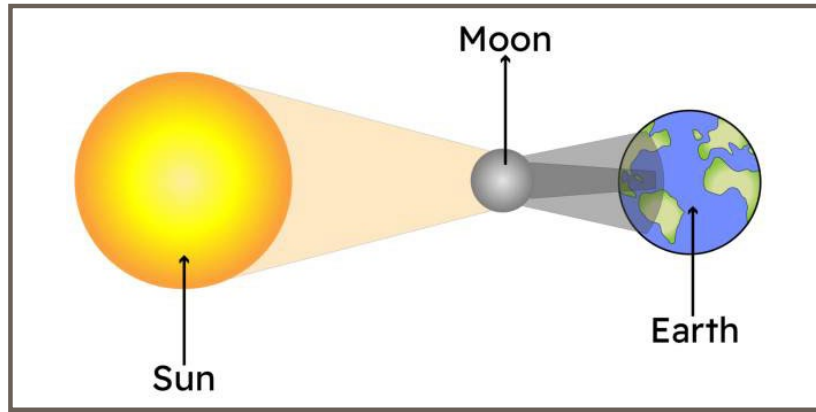
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# Who Turned Off the Light?



"Nature Notes" by Nancy Zakon



Eclipses – what happens in a total solar eclipse? The moon crosses right in front of the sun casting a shadow on the Earth - darker than anything humans can create.

Florida residents should start to see our partial eclipse on Monday, April 8, beginning around 1:35 p.m. with the midpoint at 2:55 p.m. We at Ocean Reef will see the light dimming 40-50%, meaning it won't be totally dark where we are. Even so ... **WARNING** - wear your solar glasses! Wearing regular sunglasses or makeshift filters can cause

retinal damage. The retina has no sensitivity to pain. Since the effects of retinal damage may not appear for hours, there is no warning that an injury to your eye has occurred. Protect those precious eyes of yours. **IMPORTANT:** anticipating taking photos on your phone? First, go to "Solar Snap Eclipse App." YouTube videos are also useful.

Back to the science.... Why doesn't an eclipse happen every year? Because the moon and Earth orbits are rotating at different angles – they're wonky. It's comparable to

getting the family together for Easter... each family member has their own activity orbit and timing of that orbit, and trying to get family members aligned happens only occasionally!

Other than degrees of darkness, what happens on Earth during a solar eclipse? From folks like us, lots of ooh's and aah's are heard! For scientists, it gives a rare opportunity to observe the sun's corona in exquisite detail. The corona is the sun's outer most ring, which (lucky for us) is now in the active part of its eleven-year cycle. (I know, you knew

that!) On the Sun's surface giant blobs of magnetized plasma erupt from sunspots shooting this plasma into the corona. Corona flares cause larger than normal amounts of energy to zap our ionosphere (30-60 miles up) says NASA, causing electronic signal fading, affecting shortwave and satellite communication systems. That includes radio (might fade in and out)– not internet and not GPS. The Aurora Borealis will be fantastic.




Bugs and animals are also affected by a total eclipse - total darkness. AudioMoths (tiny microphones widely distributed to individuals) will listen for the changing noises of animals and insects. Crickets think it's night and begin chirping in search of a mate. Birds quiet for twilight, nocturnal owls and bats begin to awake. Critters will think it's a short night! Just 2-4 minutes of total darkness!


The next total eclipse in the US is in 2044. Enjoy this one!


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# Women, Woodworking & More!



“Art League” by Deborah Goodwin Geller

Recently I stopped into the Art League to see what was going on and along with the usual needlepoint class, I was directed into the Woodworking room to check out the women (and one gentleman) who were participating in the Cutting Boards and Cheese Boards Pop Up!

To my delight I saw a group of women who enthusiastically shared with me their experience. Every one of them was new to the idea of woodworking but decided somewhat nervously to sign up



Instructor Ned Ferrarone, Sharon Halpryn, Tania McCann, Christine Botica, Peter Liashek and Janet Williams in the Pop-Up Cutting Boards and Cheese Boards class.

and they were glad they did.

I have to say I personally love the smell of a woodworking shop and listening to them talk about their delight in actually making something of beauty and value was inspiring. They implored me to come back towards the end of the next day to check out a more finished product but even part way through the progress was impressive.

**Ned Ferrarone** was praised as a wonderful teacher and

guide. Imagine one of the first things he was asked was, “Will we be using power tools?” Yes of course! **Sharon Halpryn**’s husband **David** told her “if there are power tools walk out!” She didn’t walk out and had a beautiful board to show off at the final Easter Art Show last week.

**Coming up in the first half of this month is:**

• Sea Glass Mosaics with Susi Trottnow on **Tuesday, April**

**9th** 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

• Season Ending Painting Happy Hour **Wednesday,**

**April 10th** 4:30 - 6:30p.m.

• Memories of The Season Photobook with Cheryl

Conklin **Thursday, April 11th,** 1 - 3p.m.

• Alcohol Ink with Diane Smith **Friday, April 12,** 10a.m. - 3p.m.

## Spring Fling in the Fishing Village

**Tomorrow!**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

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OUT & ABOUT



Fourth generation Ocean Reefer Lucas William, son of Legacy Members Jennie and Nate Goldenberg, gets his first haircut at the ORC Salon just in time for his first Easter at ORC. He is the grandson of Annie and Mike Miles.

Steven Johnson's grandson having some "plane" fun on the steps of the Citation Excel at the Ocean Reef Airport!

For more fun like this, stop by for Aviation Day tomorrow, April 6. More details on page 36.



Bobbie Watson

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MEMBER NEWS



Sarah and James Kempson celebrated their anniversary with friends and family with an Ocean Room dinner Saturday night - exactly 20 years after they married at Ocean Reef. Sarah is the daughter of Bob and Eileen Glidden. Submitted by Terry Baxter.

# AVIATION DAY

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12:00PM

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# Farmer's Market Favorites



by Susan Bohan

The Farmer's Market has been a big success this Season with a field full of vendors, most here both Monday and Thursday 11am to 4pm.

Whether you are looking for great pasta from Pasta Amore, meats from Lomelo's, sweets or lunch from Le Petit Pain, cheeses from La Montague Des Saveurs, the best BBQ from Harvey's, skin care and savory treats from Mediterranean Delight, acai bowls from Kool Treats, baskets from John's Jungle,



Michelle Reeder with children Ryan and Tynan enjoying fruits from Jerry's Here.

arrangements from r.f. Orchids, cheeses and sandwiches from Gemita's Kitchen, breads and dips from Salsa y Savor, and for their first year, Refillery and SeaMoss which both help the environment, the quality and convenience does not

disappoint!

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Thankfully, we still have the full month of April to enjoy all of their delights! So stop by for lunch, dinner ingredients or a secret sweet this month while they are still here. And let's look forward to everyone returning in November for next Season's shopping fun.

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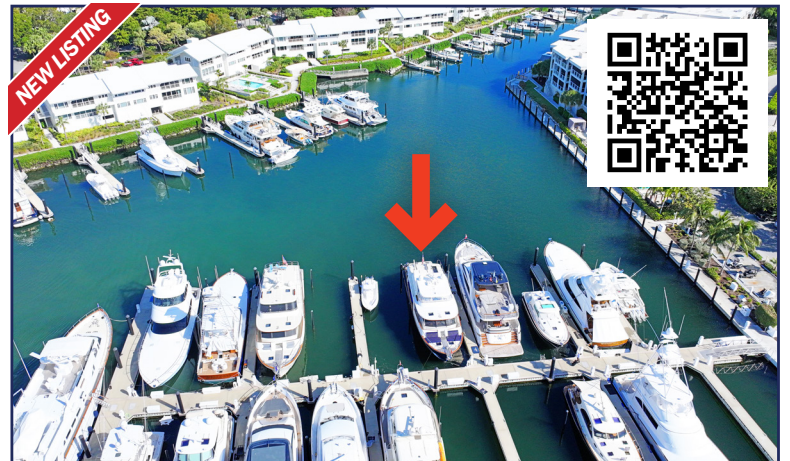
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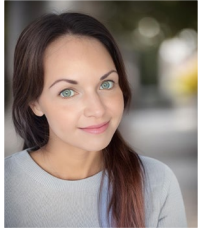


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# Dry Shampoo at The Spa



“Spa Notes”  
by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

This is the time of year we all start to feel the heat and humidity increase and no matter how clean you were before stepping out into that hot thick air, you can instantly feel the need to shower again once you are outside. For that very reason, Dry Shampoo becomes one of my best friends and go to products to get me through summer! Dry shampoo works great because it works to absorb oil and refresh the hair for a just washed look and feel. For those who have not yet tried

dry shampoo before, and are interested, I thought I would share some of our top selling options so you can learn more about them.

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### Moroccan Oil Dry Shampoo Dark and Light

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# SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

## Our Prized Marina

By Jody Steele

Ocean Reef Club has developed around its exquisite Marina, first a private fishing club at Dispatch Creek over 75 years ago and now a 175-slip Marina for yachtsmen and sports fishermen. Whether you enjoy gazing at the Marina from the porch at the Burgee Bar, admire the assortment of beautiful boats from your golf cart, or actually keep your boat at one of the docks, the Marina is a sight to behold.

Tony Rodrigues, recently appointed Dockmaster, leads the exceptionally qualified team that manage this world-class marina. Tony arrived at Ocean Reef Club 24 years ago to work at the Marina as a Dock



The Marina team going strong with Tony Rodrigues at the helm.

Attendant for Fito Castellanos and then moved up to Assistant Dockmaster and Dockmaster. Tony returned to his home in Brazil for a few years, but is thrilled to come back to his "home" at the Marina.

Tony credits his team of Supervisors, Danny and Gus,

along with Dock Attendants Sara, Anthony, Raymond, and Jeff for the seamless success of the Marina. He also has a long-standing relationship with Fito and Jeff, past Dockmasters. He is in weekly contact with both of these well-respected men that are part of his

"Marina" family. This congenial environment guarantees the perfect setting for docking your boat for the Season or a few days. Tony shared that he truly enjoys his connection with boat owners and in his seven-mile daily walk around all of the docks, he is fascinated with hearing boating stories from around the world. Being at the Marina since 2000, he is now familiar with generations of Ocean Reef families.

The Marina is a full service institution for Members, charter boats, and guests that provide a smooth check-in procedure, fuel, ice, electrical and pump-out service, a concierge, fitness center, and Ocean Reef Club at the end of the pier.

Welcome back to Tony Rodrigues and kudos to all of the Dock Team for managing a safe, secure Marina that is part of our "Unique Way of Life".

## Ocean Reef's CG Aux Takes Learning to Schools

Ocean Reef Flotilla's Public Education Officer, Pete Liashek, spearheaded the inaugural FL State Boating Course for members of the Lucy Fernandez Foundation's Executive Board and student-led school service clubs, bLU CREW's, at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami on March 23rd as part of their Learn for Lu Challenge. Lucy Fernandez, daughter and granddaughter of longtime Club Members, died tragically in a boating accident in 2022. This community outreach campaign, which ran from March 4th to March 23rd, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of obtaining a Boater Safety ID and encouraged students to enroll in an online or in-person course to effect meaningful change. The Ocean Reef Flotilla looks for opportunities to provide education to any organization in order to promote the USCG AUX mission of boating safety.



# Bunny Hop 5k Results

## MALE RUNNERS

### 8 & Under

1st Place: Andrew Sutter

### Age 9-12

1st Place: Liam Lacher

### Age 13-19

1st Place: Dylan Corckron

### Age 20-29

1st Place: Samuel Strymism (1st Overall)

### Age 30-39

1st Place: Lucas Vreeland

### Age 40-49

1st Place: Chris Sutter

### Age 50-59

1st Place: Jim Lim

### Age 60-69

1st Place: Charles Zahringer

### Age 70+

1st Place: Per Loof

## FEMALE RUNNERS

### 8 & Under

1st Place: Madison Wycoff

### Age 9-12

1st Place: Josie Lacher

### Age 13-19

1st Place: Dia Druland

### Age 20-29

1st Place: Kylie McGowan

### Age 30-39

1st Place: Caki Watkins (1st Overall)

### Age 40-49

1st Place: Jennifer Vosel

### Age 50-59

1st Place: Maria Smith

### Age 60-69

1st Place: Britta Garcia

### Age 70+

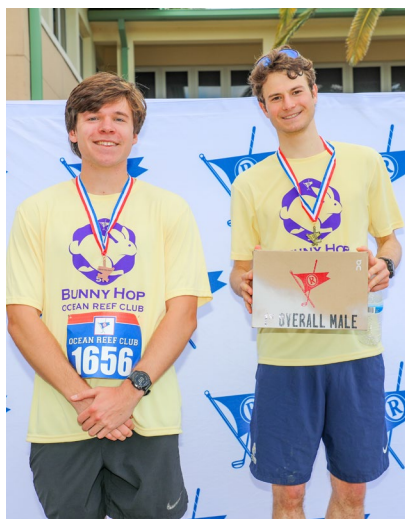
1st Place: Brenda Harter

## WHEELED

1st Place: Chris Page

## WALKERS:

1st Place: Kelly Wagner



Charlie Nattleford and 1st Place Overall Male Samuel Strymism.



Caki Watkins, 1st Place Overall Female



John Furneaux (2nd Place, Ages 70+) and Per Loof (1st Place, Ages 70+)



Natalie (2nd place, ages 20-29), Britta (1st Place, ages 60-69) and John Garcia



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USCG AUXILIARY

# Another Successful Safe Boating Weekend



by Matt Pilon, Flotilla Commander  
USCG Auxiliary Ocean Reef

The USCG Auxiliary Ocean Reef Flotilla recently held its annual Safe Boating Weekend. The weekend had three elements:

### Safe Boating & Eco-Fair Day at Buccaneer Island

On Thursday, the CG Auxiliary and the ORC Recreation Department jointly held a Safe Boating and Annual Eco-Fair at Buccaneer Island. The well-attended event offered learning opportunities for young and old. Organizations that set up table displays and attended the event included the Everglades Foundation, the National Park Service, Florida State Park Service, Crocodile Lake NWR/Florida Keys Wildlife Society, Reef Environment Education Foundation, Coral Restoration Foundation, Coastlove, The



Matt Pilon, Jim Leenhouts, Pete Liashek, Mary Brady and Susie Shimamoto, USCG Auxiliary Ocean Reef Flotilla members

Dive Shop, and others. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and ORCA Public Safety brought vessels and offered tours. Coast Guard Auxiliary members **Mary Brady, Jim Leenhouts, Pete Liashek, Matt Pilon** and Susie Shimamoto handed out safety information, explained equipment at the table, and offered opportunities to sign up for a vessel safety check. THANK YOU to the entire Recreation Department team, especially Molly Lechelt and Mic O’Keeffe, for making this such a successful event!

### Suddenly In Command Boating Safety Course

Pete Liashek, a 20-year veteran of the CG Auxiliary and retired Navy Captain, conducted his popular Suddenly in Command training on Friday morning to a large audience. The course focused on guidance for



Jim Leenhouts, who joined the Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1990, explains VHF radio procedures.



FWC and Public Safety officers explaining their jobs and offering vessel tours.

those boat occupants, such as guests, friends, spouses, etc., who may find themselves “suddenly in command.” Attendees also included experienced captains looking to share their experiences and learn from others. Following the presentation, Pete went through a “show and tell” of recommended safety equipment.

### Vessel Safety Checks

The Coast Guard Auxiliary performs vessel safety checks throughout the year

but makes a particular push during Safe Boating weekend. The Buccaneer Island and Suddenly in Command course offered great exposure for the Vessel Safety Check program.

Thank you to all those who participated in these events and helped make boating safer at Ocean Reef. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is always looking for new members. Please email Matt Pilon at [mpilon1@icloud.com](mailto:mpilon1@icloud.com) if you want to learn more about us.

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# How to Cook a Wahoo?



by Christine Patton, Rod & Gun Club

Unlike so many households in Ocean Reef who have anglers bring home dinner, the flats fisherman doesn't get much practice cooking fish. When we recently had a visitor, who was eager to catch anything with scales, it gave rise to lengthy discussions of not only how to lure and land the fish but also how to prepare and enjoy them. It occurred to me that there are as many ways to cook a fish as there are ways to catch it...

Fresh fish is so good all by itself that you don't need to do much to make it edible. With a sheet pan and a 400-degree oven, you can handle just about any fish. What varies is the flavoring that you use to primarily keep the fish moist while it's cooking, but also to give a little extra something to sop up with bread, rice, or potatoes.

One approach is to coat the fish in a creamy coating based on mayonnaise, mixed with a variety of flavorings. Add honey mustard, thyme and red wine vinegar for a Provencal touch. Or add chili sauce, lemon juice, and capers for a spicy taste. Look at those little bottles of condiment that collect in your refrigerator and experiment — barbecue sauce! pickled olives! peach jam? Mix up your concoction

and smear it on the skinless side after salt and peppering the fish. Or take an oil-based approach, where the fish is placed in a shallow pool of briny, gingery oil, layered with lemon slices, olives, capers, and grated ginger on top (or anchovies and garlic, or whatever inspires). Alternatively, go in the coconut milk, ginger, turmeric, soy and garlic direction, making a bright-tasting Asian-style marinade.

I know these instructions are vague, but believe me, you can't go wrong with any mix that has some fat, some acid, sweet, and hot spice flavorings. Throw in a handful of cherry tomatoes, pieces of scallions, or parboiled cauliflower-ettes, or anything that you like that will cook (or finish cooking) in the same time as the fish.

Bake until barely done —

10 to 20 minutes, depending on the thickness of the cut. Whole fish take longer than those cut into portions. The fish will continue to cook after you take it out of the oven, so err on the underdone side — you can always put it back in the oven for another two minutes! The signs of "doneness" are when the juices leaking out are opaque white, and a touch reveals a solidarity in the flesh.

Don't forget to garnish your fish after cooking — a sprinkling of fresh herbs, just some parsley or dill, or a mix with mint and chives or anything green — or a crunch of toasted bread crumbs or chopped walnuts will add texture and finish. Serve with the rice or bread that will help soak up those flavorful juices, maybe a green salad and a glass of Sancerre...

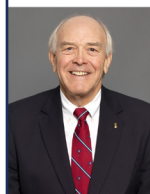


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# Busy Bag Room Weekend Narrows Field to Final Four Semi-Finals Today at 1 p.m.



by Annie Miles

The sweet sixteen of the Bag Room Open quickly narrowed as match play continued last weekend. In Friday's packed field, Clayton Gregory, Michael Rivera, Jordan Sanyshyn, Brad Pinho, Bentley Stover, Justin Seybuck, Zach Haynes and Evan Cartwright advanced. In Saturday's hard-fought matches, Bentley Stover advanced against Justin Seybuck in 19 holes, defending champion Zach Haynes defeated Evan Cartwright 3-2, Clayton Gregory advanced against Michael Rivera 5-4 and Jordan Sanyshyn defeated Brad Pinho 2-1.

Today's 1 p.m. Semi-Final will pit Clayton Gregory against Jordan Sanyshyn and Bentley Stover against Zach Haynes. Saturday the Finals will also begin at 1 p.m.

The weekend weather looks "Ocean Reef perfect" so join your fellow Members and enjoy an afternoon of great golf as we follow these talented players in the finishing rounds of another fabulous Bag Room Open. There will be awards and a super closing celebration at the golf pergola



Members Leslie and Mike Minsch were two of the many wonderful volunteer scorers for this year's Bag Room Open.



MGA President and Mentor Jeff Dorsey chats with Head Professional Ben Claus prior to teeing off in Saturday's match.



It's thumbs up and all smiles for Mentor Don Bermant and Bentley Stover as Bentley clinches his spot in the Semi-Finals.

following the completion of the Final Match on Saturday.



Justin Seybuck lines up this putt on the 18th green that took his close match to the 19th hole.

## GOLF SCOREBOARD

### LGA Club Championship

#### March 27th

1st Place: Nancy Vamvakas  
2nd Place: Tracy Pester  
3rd Place: Joan Delpapa

2nd Place: Jim Davidson & Joe Hertzman

Final 4: Paul Archibald & Trevor Ferger  
Final 4: Mark Zausmer & Gerald Blackie

### 2024 Net Club Champion

1st Place: Joan Flippin  
2nd Place: Susan Reichardt  
3rd Place: Amy Salisbury

### MGA Chairman's Cup Payouts

1st Place: Brad Williams  
2nd Place: Phil French  
Final 4: Scott Heffner  
Final 4: Richard Greco

### Flight 1

1st Place: Kathi Whitaker

### Flight 2

1st Place: Suzanne Grandis

### Flight 3

1st Place: Hope Fortis

### Flight 4

1st Place: Patti McGrath

### 9-Hole LGA Best Six

1st Place: Tania McCann  
2nd Place: Susan DiSanto  
3rd Place: Daisy Gonzalez  
Closest to the Hole #12: Denise Ecuyer  
Closest to the Hole #17: Lesley Cooper

### MGA Four-Ball

1st Place: Joey Rivera & Jeff Fassbinder



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# Weekly Golf Roundup



“From the Gold Tees” by Michael Leone, Director of Golf

## MGA Chairman’s Cup

The 2023-2024 MGA Chairman’s Cup has been decided! The final matchup for this season-long tournament, featured **Phil French** and **Brad Williams** on the Dolphin Course. After trading a few blows back and forth on the front 9, Phil French found himself 1-up as they made their way to the back. Halving #10 with pars, both players knocked it to 10 feet on #11 and Phil French sunk his putt to go 2-up. At this point, Brad Williams zoned in. After coming up one match short of a victory in last year’s competition, he wasn’t letting this one slip away. Our two competitors halved #12 with pars, then Williams turned on the jets. Brad Williams birdied the 13th hole to get the match back to within one as they approached the 14th tee. From there on out, Williams didn’t miss a single shot. He made a net birdie on #14 to win the hole, hit a hybrid to 3 feet on #15 which was conceded, drained a 20-foot birdie putt on #16, and held off French on #17 to win 5 holes in a row. What a stretch of holes from our finalist from last season for his



2024 MGA Chairman’s Cup Champion, Brad Williams.

redemption and the title for the 2023-2024 competition!

Let’s all congratulate our 2024 MGA Chairman’s Cup Champion, Brad Williams!

## MGA Four-Ball

The final match for the 2023-2024 MGA Four-Ball was contested. The final matchup for this season featured **Joey Rivera** and **Jeff Fassbinder** vs. **Joe Hertzman** and **Jim Davidson**. Our finalists took the course yesterday morning to decide who would take home this season-long, four-ball, match play competition. Rivera and Fassbinder got off to a quick start, making birdies on 3 of the first 5 holes, and found themselves 3 up at the turn. Although they were down, Hertzman and Davidson were not out. Even with Fassbinder and Rivera making another birdie on #10 to go 4-up, Hertzman and Davidson fought back. Winning three of the next five holes, the match continued to Hole #17. With a difficult



2024 MGA Four-Ball Champions, Joey Rivera and Jeff Fassbinder.

hole location, adding to their accolades for the year, Joey Rivera and Jeff Fassbinder sealed their victory and claimed the 2024 MGA Four-Ball.

Let’s congratulate both teams for making it this far, especially the team of Joey Rivera and Jeff Fassbinder, our 2024 MGA Four-Ball Champions!

## LGA Club Championship

It was a picture-perfect day for the final round of the 2024 LGA Club Championship. There were multiple “front page” headlines heading into the final round including our 2022 and 2023 Club Champion on the brink of history. Sleeping on the lead is never an easy task, even if it is a 10-stroke advantage. Strong efforts were made by our Championship Flight to track down the leader. The largest deficit to come from behind in a Major Championship and win is 7 strokes, and that record remains the same. Our Club Champion has etched her name in the history books at ORC. Congratulations to our 2022, 2023 and 2024 Club Champion, **Nancy Vamvakas!**

The Club Championship features 5 flights including the Championship Flight. While winning your flight is a top priority, the players also have their eyes set on another prize: the 2024 Net Club Champion. It would be a tight race for the Net contest after several even and under-par scores were posted in round one. Our overnight leader could hold off a charging field



2024 Gross Club Champion, Nancy Vamvakas.



2024 Net Club Champion, Joan Flippin.

with a final-round score of 74. Congratulations to our Net Club Champion, **Joan Flippin!**

## 9-Hole LGA

There were 37, 9-Hole LGA members that were brave enough to take on the fierce winds, and the back nine of the Hammock Course. Although it was our breeziest morning of our season, there were lots of birdies and eagles made. Everyone truly embraced the Best Six format where they were able to throw out their three worst scores of the day. Everyone was taking dead aim at the flagstick with no fear knowing to win in this format you needed to take some risks.

During last Thursday’s round **Susan DiSanto** and **Tania McCann** were both able to post an incredible score of 15. The tie was settled by a scorecard playoff, were Tania McCann was victorious by having a lower score on the last 6 holes of the round. Congratulations to Tania McCann for winning the Best Six tournament!

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# Dolphins Become the Star of the Show



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore



Dolphins joining us as we sail out to the race. Photo by Windsor Coffin.



First Place winners Molly Lucas and Jim Wilson are joined by dolphins on the downwind leg.

Easter descended upon Ocean Reef last weekend and lots of families enjoyed the activities planned for the weekend, including the Mills-Metcalf Race Series #3! The winds were forecasted to be a bit stronger and with only one auxiliary boat to help (**Morgan Whiteley** and crew **Gordana Schneider** and **Will Peterson**), there was concern we wouldn't be able to run the race. But PRO **Lorne Price** rightfully declared the race a go.

The next hurdle our sailors overcame was to beat the Bunny Hop runners and walkers and get our carts to the boats before the roads closed. Luckily, most sailors and crew made it early because winds started dying and it took a while for the boats to sail to the Race Committee boat, Truant, captained by **Henry Stout**, manned by Lorne Price and his trusty race committee, **Jane Schaefer**, **Natasha Price** and **Shirley Shumway**.

On the sail over to the south side of Pumpkin Key, suddenly dolphins found us. They were jumping around and must have found a nice school of fish as pelicans began diving. Then they went on their merry way. It's always wonderful to see these majestic creatures, so graceful, so curious and so playful swimming along with us as we sail.

After the race began and we got to the mark, the dolphins were back, jumping all around

us and trying to round the mark first! They were so much fun to watch. My skipper had to reprimand me as I was busy taking pictures and not paying attention to my duties. I had to hear about this all along the downwind leg. I was just happy I got a few pics of our friends, the dolphins.

Apparently, **Jim Wilson** and **Molly Lucas** on **Chris Streit's** boat had a direct line with the wind gods as they finished the first race before most of us rounded the leeward mark. The horn blew to announce their finish and most of us had to look around to see where they were!

We were able to get in a total of 4 races and our speedsters, Jim and Molly, won all 4, earning a 1st place for the Series! Our past Commodore, **Bill Reynolds**, and his trusty mate, **Sally Reynolds**, were also on fire and came in 2nd place, and our well-known team, **Gary Sayia** and **Nancy Lampman**, came in 3rd in the Bulls. In the Eyes, **Peter** and **Anne Askew** came in 1st with Anne only learning the spinnaker this past week. **Bert Winchester** and **James Corcoran** on **Ned Brook's** boat came in 2nd, and **Frank Schneider** and **James McCann** came in 3rd.

Congratulations to all our sailors, race committee, attendant boat and dolphins for a good day on the water! Everyone was tired after the 4th race and sailed back quickly to quench their

thirst at Nooners and get their awards.

**Tomorrow, April 6th** will be our last Saturday races of the series and the season, so we'll have a special Hot Dog/Slider Day! The sailors will start packing up their sails and gear to be ready for haul-out days, **April 10-11th** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Members, please remember to register for our Award Night Dinner at

Anglers at 6 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 9th!**

### Check Us Out

We welcome anyone interested in joining our Sailing Club to check out our website, [cardsoundsailingclub.com](http://cardsoundsailingclub.com), stop by on Saturday at Baker Harbor or contact Gary Sayia at 210-919-7432.

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# CSMYC Racing Returns to the Pond This Sunday



by Windsor D. Coffin, CSMYC Commodore



Jim Seale's EC12 on the Pond - Photo Credit - Alzbetka Robillard

After a Sunday off for Easter, the sailors of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club will once again take to the waters of the Buccaneer Island Lagoon ("The Pond") for some action-packed racing this Sunday. At the time of this writing, forecast conditions for Sunday are looking perfect. With just four Sunday left in our racing season, we hope that you will come watch our competition and

cheer on your favorite sailors (or racing sailboats.) Our first race start is at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting) so we hope to see to you on the shores of "The Pond!"

If you would like more information about our model yachting club and our EC12 model yachts, our sailors are always ready to answer questions before racing gets going or afterwards. So, please come by "The Pond" to see us or contact me, **Windsor Coffin**, at [csmyc12@gmail.com](mailto:csmyc12@gmail.com).

## TENNIS & PICKLEBALL RESULTS

### MEN'S NIGHT TENNIS LEAGUE

- 1st Place: Kevin Scalia
- 2nd Place: Tom Anderson
- 3rd Place: Andy Hofmann

### MEN'S NIGHT PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

- 1st Place: Dan Cohen
- 2nd Place: Dan Attridge
- 3rd Place: Brandon St.Germain

### LADIES' PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

- 1st Place: Cathy Ryon
- 2nd Place: Kam Krouskos
- 3rd Place: Liz Angelone

### MEN'S PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

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# 8th Annual Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Championships



“Center Court” by Justin Romero, Director of Racquet Sports

One of the most exciting formats of tournament play is the Mixed Doubles category. On April 6th and 7th we will host the upcoming 8th Annual Mixed Doubles Pickleball Club Championships. This is the last Club Championships of the season for Pickleball. Currently at 20 teams throughout two flights, the event anticipation is building. The tournament will start with Round Robin play from the A and B Flight. The

Round Robin play for the A and B Flight will start at 8:30 a.m. and warm up starts at 8 a.m. Following Round Robin play the top four teams will reach the semifinal. The semifinal match will be played following round robin play and the finals will take place at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Who will take the crown this year and have their names etched into ORC history?

### Previous Pickleball Mixed Doubles Club Champions:

- 2023 – Jackie Urbinati and Joe Urbinati
- 2022 – Sydney King and Keith King
- 2021 – Stephanie Channels and Ron Roscia
- 2020 – Not Played
- 2019 – Stephanie Channels and Murray Gorson
- 2018 – Heather Post and Tony Baumer
- 2017 – Heather Post and Tony Baumer

### Bring-A-Pro Tennis Pro-Am

One of the most exciting forms of any club sports, are Pro-Am Tournaments. These types of tournaments bring together amateur players with professionals for a thrilling and competitive experience. The ideas behind this tournament is to allow amateurs to play with professionals and gain some valuable experience while having fun at the same time. The Bring-A-Pro Pro-am Tournament takes this concept one step further by allowing Members to bring their own Pro player to the tournament. The format of the Bring-A-Pro Tennis Tournament is doubles and each amateur is paired with their chosen pro player, and they compete against other teams in the tournament. The matches will be played in a round robin format, with the top teams advancing to the knockout rounds.

A benefit of this Pro-Am is that it allows Members to compete at a higher level than they would normally be able to. Playing

with a professional player can push an amateur player to perform at their best, which can lead to significant improvements in their game. In addition to the benefits for the Member players, the Bring-A-Pro Pro-Am can be a lot of fun for everyone involved. The tournament provides an opportunity for players of all skill levels to come together and enjoy the sport they love, while supporting their favorite Pro by placing a wager on their Team. The competitive nature of the tournament can create a lively and exciting atmosphere, with players and spectators cheering on their favorite teams. Some like to think of this as the Tennis Tournament to Golf's Bag Room Open.

All Members are invited to meet the Pros at the Cocktail Party and auctioning of the teams on **April 19th** at 6:00 p.m.

Play starts at 9:00 a.m. on **April 20th** and will conclude approximately 3 p.m.

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MEMBER FITNESS CENTER

# Get to Know Our Club Fitness Champions

## Bob Schwartz: Six-Time Fitness Club Champion



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

**Tell us about your history with fitness and sports:** I was never a sports person. In grade school and high school, I was more interested in other things, such as girls, go-carts, ice boats, bicycles, model planes, boats, cars, and girls.

The first time I saw the inside

of a gym was after we moved to Ocean Reef when I was in my 50s. My first exposure to the gym was a core class. And after that, I started doing workouts a couple of times a week with a trainer. The longer I went to the gym, the more I could see the benefits, and the better I felt. I currently take no medications (just some supplements and vitamins) and have the same blood pressure as I did in my 20s.

**What got you interested in doing the challenges?** Smoothies! I still remember my first challenge. Beth Bielat, my trainer, said if I did a plank for a certain amount of time, I would get a free smoothie. As I was planking, I was about to give up when she whispered in my ear, "A girl just did 7 minutes". So, I went for 7+ minutes, and again before stopping, I asked her how long she could hold a plank. She said 10 minutes, so I went 10 min



Men's six-time Club Fitness Champion Bob "The Plankster" Schwartz!

and 10 seconds. I guess I just like to test my limits. So that's how "The Plankster" got started.

The challenges provide me with extra motivation and I like to see if I can continue to improve my scores by comparing the prior year's results. My goal is to improve year to year for as long as I can...although it's not getting any easier!

**What is your weekly fitness routine?**

I currently go to the gym 3 hours per week with a trainer. Up until a few years ago, I would also do a cycle or core class twice a week. While at the gym, I try to work out as hard as I can, which gives me some added cardio benefits. I occasionally like to use the new Electro Stimulation machine, as it seems to also work those little muscles that try to avoid my normal workouts. I also walk 2 miles a day minimum and I try to walk to destinations around The Reef whenever practical.

My summer workouts are pretty wimpy, as where we go in the summer, and when we travel, trainers are not available, and I have a tough time self-

motivating. My summertime goal is just to minimize the losses on my ORC winter gains. We have a home gym and when traveling, I use the TRX strap system. However, my summer workouts are not anywhere near the intensity of the ORC sessions. That's why I appreciate all the great trainers at the Fitness Center. They provide motivation, variety, and encouragement!

**What advice do you have for fellow Members who want to get in shape and be healthy?**

Just do it! When I first started core classes, I soon realized that kept me from having back spasms, which had plagued me most of my life. The time spent in core classes was less time than I would spend on the floor during the spasms, and a lot less painful. I've told many friends and relatives with back issues this, and it seems that they only try the "exercise cure" as a last resort, rather than as a first option.

Stay tuned for next week's interview with our Ladies Club Champion **Kathleen Metzman!**

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MEMBER FITNESS CENTER

**FITNESS SPECIAL HAPPENINGS**

**Super Saturday**

This Saturday, April 6th, we have two major events for all fitness lovers. Here is the Super Saturday Double Header:

**ORC Half Marathon by ORC Run Club (inaugural event)**

Saturday, April 6th at 7 a.m.  
Location: Outdoor Gym by Member Fitness Center

Golf Cart Parking Lot will be closed from 6 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

To register, contact the Member Fitness Center

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Members can register to run or walk the event. Relays are also welcome. Members will also be invited to do a 10k.



Hoppy Silver Fit crew with MFC trainer Hector Franco.

**Aviation Day Fitness Bootcamp with Casey Culp and Kevin Vermillion**

Saturday, April 6th at 9 a.m.  
Location: Airport Complimentary

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before. All fitness levels are welcome.

**Fitness Awards Ceremony**

Wednesday, April 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Fiesta Room of the Member Fitness Center Complimentary

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served

It is time to celebrate

another rewarding fitness season and award members for their accomplishments. We will crown our Club Fitness Champions and many other awards. All members are invited to take part in this celebration for your commitment to fitness and wellness. We applaud your dedication in pursuit of health, performance, and self-improvement.

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# Card & Games Room Updates



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

I will be in Gatlinburg, TN From April 12 through 23 but the Card & Games Room will be in good hands with David Babcock filling in during my absence!

### Weekly Highlights

- **Men's Poker Night:** Every Monday evening at 6:45.
- **Sunday Funday for Beginning Bridge:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 7.
- **Canasta Pick-Up Games:** Join in on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12 and 1 p.m. No reservations needed—just show up and join in on the fun. If you're new to the game or need a refresher, lessons are available on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. This is a wonderful way to meet people.
- **Mah Jongg Pickup Games and Lessons:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

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- **Beginners Canasta Lessons:** Thursday, April 25 at 12:30pm.
- **Live Duplicate Bridge Games:** Challenge yourself with Live Duplicate Bridge Games on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1 p.m. Please participate! Call Gregg if you need instructions on how.
- **Backgammon Lessons:** Interested in Backgammon? Every Friday morning at 10:30, lessons are available by appointment. Call 305-367-6609 to reserve your spot and even borrow games for practice at home.

Stay tuned for the April Card & Game Room Schedule, available for pickup at the Card Room.

Join us for a month filled with fun, games, and new experiences at the Card & Game Room. See you there!

*The Card & Games Room is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for your entertainment.*

## BRIDGE RESULTS

Monday, March 25  
North-South  
1: Monica Phillips - Paula Pendergast  
2: Mary Zwirn - Mel Zwirn  
3: Deborah Nutt - Carla Wood

Section A East-West  
1: Suzy Heilpern - Beverly Platner  
2: Dorothy Kemp - Amy Salisbury  
3: Barbara Besse - Marjorie Smith

Wednesday, March 27  
Bridge Club Championship #3  
Congrats to the winners- Beverly & Brian Platner

North-South  
1: Joanne Wills - Rosemary Jones  
2: Deborah Nutt - Carla Wood

East-West  
1: Christine Patton - Rodman Patton  
2: Rosalie Svete - Pat Henry

Friday, March 29  
1: Betsy Caldwell - Cynthia Mitchell  
2: Joanne Wills - Pamela Harding  
3: Joyce Fowler - Ted Fowler

Canasta Scores:  
High game: Susan Gross/ Phyllis Gorson - 11,385  
Kay Fischer/ Phyllis Gorson - 10390  
Linda Westervelt/Marianne Florio - 11,965  
Carol Hudson/ Marie Jacobs - 12,160  
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