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### Cheers to 10 Years of Food & Wine!



Grand Dinner Dance.



Heather and Michael Marzano at Friday night's Food & Wine Experience at Waterside.



Anne and Glenn Gormley at Burger Bash.



David and Lindsay Celentano at the Grand



Tricia Johnson toasts to Food & Wine Weekend.



Roy Williams and Dan Gonzalez at the Welcome Lunch.

## 2024 Annual Meeting of Equity Members

At last year's Annual Meeting, Charlie Johnston took to the podium as the Club's 20th Chairman. At that time, he stated his two goals heading into his Chairmanship, a continued emphasis on the Equity Member experience and to continue running the Club in a financially disciplined way. As the 2024 meeting transpired, both prevailed through all areas presented.

While voting for the new Board of Directors was the primary purpose of the meeting, Johnston explained that they'd also take the time to recognize the many Members who have done so much for the Club, along with providing updates on Membership, finances and more.

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What have you discovered on your walk, biking or on a daily golf cart ride that you never noticed before?

Email <a href="mailto:orp@oceanreef.com">orp@oceanreef.com</a> and share your discoveries.

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#### **NEWS & HAPPENINGS**

#### REEF HUT CLOSURE

Effective **Sunday**, **April 21**, Reef Hut will close due to the Associate Housing Project. Members will have their last chance to enjoy lunch service on **Saturday**, **April 20**. Starting **Wednesday**, **April 24**, Reef Hut will exclusively serve lunch and dinner to ORC and ORCA associates. Members may enjoy alternative dining options at the Grill Room, Toski's, and the ORC Food Truck located at the Field at Four Corners.

Additionally, please note the summer outlet closures: Ocean Room Dinner is closed starting **Sunday**, **April 28**, Town Hall Waterside is closed starting **Monday**, **April 29**, and CH Lounge and CH Prime are closed starting **Sunday**, **May 12**.

#### Gotta Question?

I'll be leaving Ocean Reef soon for the summer. What do I do with overdue books from the Library? And where can I donate books?

To answer the first part of your question, overdue books can and should be returned to the Library in the book drop on the Airport side of the Cultural Center. **Jean Reed**, Cultural Center Librarian, encourages you to check your bookshelves before leaving for the summer, promising you will not incur an overdue penalty.

If you would like to take books with you long term for the summer, you may take paperbacks from the Library.

For the second part of the question, Reed says the Library will accept children's books and adult books in good condition if they are no more than five years old. For books that don't fall under that umbrella, the Key Largo Public Library accepts book donations as



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If you have any questions regarding books you wish to donate, you may contact the Cultural Center Library at 305-367-7332 or the Key Largo Public Library at 305-451-2396.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

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

# 2024 Annual Meeting of Equity Members

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#### **Formal Business**

In official business, Chairman Johnston announced the election of new directors Joan Conley and Wally Hayward, along with the reelection of Ray Larkin to fulfill his duties as Past Chairman. Retiring directors Vicki Carr and Sarah Cart were recognized for their service on the Board, notably for their outstanding community connections and commitment to the committees they served.

Moving to the informal portion of the meeting, Chairman Johnston recognized so many that contribute in the Club's governance and Unique Way of Life; namely the Board of Directors, outgoing committee chairs and those members that have served on committees. Of the group of Past Chairman seated in the front row, he said, "this group has added tremendous value to the Club, they spent untold hours making this a better place for all of us, and what I have taken away this past year is that every Chairman stands on the shoulders of the people who came before him or her." Johnston also acknowledged the Club's Senior Management Team as "another part of the secret sauce" highlighting each individually and the contributions they each make to the Club. The final recognition went to President, Alex Tonarelli. "He is a seasoned executive leader of a complex \$150m organization, who thinks ahead and has molded a remarkable team of professionals that work so well together."

#### State of the Club

Speaking from a high level with detailed presentations to follow, Johnston made opening

comments on the great financial position the Club is in, citing that the cash on hand allowed the Club to buy the Plaza building this past December, keeping out any unwanted third-party development and providing partnership opportunity like one currently in discussion with the Medical Center.

Johnston also provided background on the upcoming major projects, Associate Housing, the Airport Terminal and The Spa. As described, the Associate Housing project will break ground in May and when complete provide a top tier living environment that will not only satisfy the requirement to provide housing to international staff but also encourage them to return year after year. The Airport terminal will also break ground in May and was born from the runway renovation done after Irma in 2017. As Johnston recounted, generous Airport users donated money for the repairs and a commitment was made at the time to use the additional funds towards construction of a new terminal. It will greatly enhance safety and the experience for Members, pilots and Associates.

While The Spa project is further down the timeline, Johnston explained the rationale for supporting ORCAT's move to the Wynn's parking lot and the sequence of events which will enable the Club to expand The Spa.

Lastly, he said, "the most interesting trend I've seen is that Equity members are using the Club in record numbers, both in terms of being on property and enjoying the facilities and amenities. The numbers you will see next support this trend and speak directly to the efforts made to enhance the Equity Member experience."

#### Membership

Vice Chairman and Membership Committee Chair, Joe Urbinati, gave a brief overview of the current state of membership presenting recent usage trends for all categories of membership along with announcing that 99 new social members would be joining the Club in May, maintaining the Social membership cap at 2,350 and leaving 607 families on the waitlist for Social membership.

Urbinati next reviewed the 2022 changes to Social and Legacy membership that continued through the 2023 season, resulting in Equity Members utilizing the Club more. He said, "the most impactful change was to dining and golf and I hope that you have all found it easier to get reservations and tee times. Trends in usage demonstrate again that we are a family Club, Equity Member usage is up along with our Legacy children and grandchildren continuing to enjoy the Club as well."

#### **Finance**

As a segue from Membership to Finance, Finance Committee Chairman **Michael Heaney** demonstrated that despite the changes in usage, the Club continues to thrive, noting that 2023 was second best only to 2022.

Heaney explained, "although we are forecasting lower numbers for 2024 as we anticipate retracing back to historical norms, 2023 achieved remarkable results given some of the headwinds affecting Club usage, specifically re-grassing the Dolphin golf course and the Marina Seawall project which led to lower summer usage." He added, "the 2024 budget was built around maintaining the Equity Member experience;

balancing lower usage in certain areas like Social membership, while at the same time delivering high Equity Member satisfaction. While the results may be slightly lower than the robust 2023 and 2022 years, the financial position of the Club is very strong."

The 2023 Annual Report with consolidated financial statements is available at the Membership Office or online at oceanreef.com/annualreport.

#### **President's Report**

Club President Alex Tonarelli opened his portion of the meeting thanking all Members for their support of the Club and Associates this season, noting that the positive comments and suggestions are shared, and appreciated.

Tonarelli reiterated what the previous Directors had also emphasized, "enhancing the Equity Member experience remains our priority. We strive to recruit the best associates, providing top training programs along with offering exceptional event programming and dining experiences for the Membership throughout the Club." He highlighted the important changes to dining reservations, processes, cancellations and the addition of Equity Member Only Nights that all resulted in increased usage by Equity Members. He also noted that outside of dining, other areas added new reservation processes, new events and more personnel, all resulting in continued high satisfaction

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#### **Presented to Michael Berman**

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Read more in an upcoming issue about Michael Berman's significant contributions to Ocean Reef Club's Unique Way of Life.

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demonstrated in our Member survey results.

Tonarelli provided more detail on the upcoming summer projects that were outlined by Johnston beginning with the Plaza Building. He explained that while there are no plans to make any major changes, a few upgrades will be made to the elevators, landscape and parking lot over the summer. As to the Staff Housing project in the Associate Village, he shared that the location for the new 150 rooms and associate eating facility will be in the same place as the current building with little impact to Member experience other than the summer closure of Reef Hut. Lastly, with the Airport having reached

its useful life, and as Johnston referenced having suffered damage from Irma in 2017, the new terminal will begin in May and provide a notable improvement to visibility and safety. Not to be forgotten is that the Airport is not only for Airport users but has become a destination for all Members and their families with special events like Vintage Weekend and Aviation Day.

Tonarelli closed with a thank you to Members for taking the surveys, "we like to know what you enjoy and what's working, along with what ideas you have and how things might be improved.

Chairman Johnston next closed the meeting officially and opened up the floor for questions. They have been recorded and are available on the website.

To watch the full video of the Annual Meeting, visit the Members Only Quick Links of oceanreef. com and click Annual Meeting or simply go to oceanreef.com/annualmeeting.

#### **GOLF CART CONDUCT REMINDER**

Each season there are one or more incidents with golf carts, some of which cause injury and/or property damage. In all cases, the Club takes appropriate action.

The Club reviews each incident on a case by case basis and can assess the Member for damages along with fines. Suspension and expulsion from the Club are also appropriate courses of action and are under the perview of the Board of Directors per the Club's Bylaws.

In events where there is property damage and the property owner chooses to pursue legal action, it is handled by law enforcement.

As a reminder, Members are responsible for the actions of their guests and should always ensure they understand the importance of proper Club decorum, along with rules pertaining to golf cart usage.

To read all Ocean Reef Club Rules and Regulations, visit oceanreef.com/rules or pick up a copy of the Rules Reminder handout at the Membership office.

For additional questions or information, visit or call the Membership office at 305-367-5921.

## Food & Wine Weekend

Celebrating a Decade of Culinary, Wine & Spirit Excellence

The 10th annual Food & Wine Weekend has come to a delicious end and was everything it promised to be and more, offering new events, mouthwatering flavors with acclaimed wines, spirits and cuisines, and a reunion with culinary maestro Chef Norman Van Aken.

While the addition of Burger Bash, Cincoro & Cigars Under the Stars and Farm to Table Expo made this year stand apart from the rest, like years past, the heart of the weekend was the coming together of Members over a shared love of all things culinary.

Though for many, there's another reason why this



Food & Wine Weekend brought Chef Norman Van Aken back to the Ocean Reef kitchen with friendly faces Jackie Pena, Betania Salles and Philippe Reynaud.

year's celebration was unique, served with a bit of nostalgia on the side. Chef Norman Van Aken's return to headline the 10-year tradition reignited fond memories of his own, as well as those who remembered him from the years he spent at the helm of Carysfort Grille.

Making his mark on Ocean Reef once again, Chef Van Aken led Saturday evening's Grand Dinner and the day's Cooking Demonstration in Carysfort Kitchen "right here in the same space Carysfort Grille once stood," said Sr. Director of Culinary Chef Philippe Reynaud during the Demo. Serendipity.

"It was sweet to be back on what was once our 'home turf' for three great years," said Chef Norman. "It was another era but the magic of Ocean Reef lives on!"

Since leaving Ocean Reef in 2007 and opening NORMAN'S in Orlando, which recently won best fine dining restaurant in Florida and Southern Living Magazine's "The Best New Restaurant in Florida", Chef Van Aken has been no stranger to the culinary spotlight. As he reflected on Food & Wine Weekend, he said, "I'm so impressed with the team here at ORC. The weekend was seamless and I look forward to returning and sharing my love of cuisine with the Members of Ocean Reef Club."

Chef Van Aken was not alone in looking forward to Ocean Reef's next culinary extravaganza. The close of the 10th anniversary weekend had many asking when they could sign up for 2025.

So in the spirit of looking ahead, raise your glass and cheers to 10 more years of Food & Wine excellence!

## A Blast at the Burger Bash

By Susan Bohan & Jody Steele

We were ready for a night out and although our husbands couldn't go, we decided the Burger Bash on Buccaneer sounded just perfect for us. We were not disappointed.

#### Susan's Thoughts...

From the way the tent was set up, to the centrally located, fully stocked open bar including Veuve Clicquot champagne, the great playlist blaring from the speakers, the placement of high and low tables under and outside the tent that could accommodate small or large groups, the bright orange colors, all topped off by perfect weather, you were guaranteed to have fun! Besides the fabulous food, my favorite part of the night was seeing groups in their 20s (and well beyond) dancing, laughing and just enjoying a beautiful night in paradise. Even the chefs were "grooving" as they served their scrumptious sliders. Since I love to dance, even I tried a few moves which admittedly looked better 20 years ago!! But it was that kind of evening. If you were there you will no doubt agree, if not, you can bet a "Burger Bash" is already being planned for next Season.

#### Jody's Thoughts...

Before entering the tent, we signed in and were given a tiny









token to vote for our favorite "burger". There were eight slider stations beckoning to us and each one was hosted by one of Ocean Reef's distinguished chefs and talented team. All were eager for us to try their luscious sandwich. We got a complete and enthusiastic

description of ingredients and preparation of each of the sliders. Oh my! It was quite an array of tasty morsels and so creative. Only three were beef burgers and the rest included lamb, pork, lobster, tuna, and shrimp—and all were delish. There were fries, too---three

choices for a side. Our exercise consisted of moving from station to station in between getting in some dancing and taking photos of the happy attendees.

All the "judges" were talking about their favorite slider and the choices kept changing as we tried another one. We really liked them all and hope that they end up on the menus at The Reef. It seems fitting that although the vote could not be for eight, there was a TIE! So, the winning burgers were Chef Ian Fleischmann's CH Prime "Lamb Merquez Slider" and the "Island Vybz Pork Slider" from Grill Room Chef Romane Francis. Congratulations to all of the chefs for their fabulous contribution to the Burger Bash.

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#### Angelfish Cay 29B | 36' Dock

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## Pumpkin Cay 12B | Canal Front 2 BD, 3 BA | \$2,900,000 | 2561

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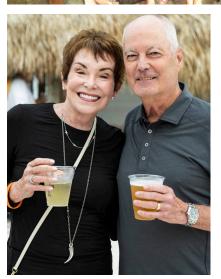






















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#### ORCA NEWS

## **ORCA** Annual Meeting **Celebrates** Collaboration, Excellence & **Innovation**

The Ocean Reef community gathered at the Cultural Center on Friday, April 12, to discuss the year's progress at the Annual Meeting of the Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA) as well as plans of the North Key Largo Utility Corp (NKLUC) and the Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department (ORVFD).

John Welch, Chair of the ORCA and NKLUC Boards of Directors, kicked off the meeting by highlighting the successes of the past year, followed by the installation of three new members of the Board of Directors of both NKLUC and ORCA for a three-year term: John Hofmann, Harlan Kent, and Amy Olmert. Director Tom Snyder began his second three-year term.

Board members Harry Totonis, Bill Wilson, and Ray Herman reported on the committees they chair, which are Finance and Audit (Totonis), Information Systems & Technology (Wilson) and

the Ad Hoc Bridge Committee (Herman). ORCAT Chair Luisa Bryan presented plans for the new Gravvik Animal Center. which will break ground this summer to address the increased demand for care of Ocean Reef's

ORCA President Juan Perez thanked the community and Ocean Reef Club for its support and collaboration during the past year. "The successes of the organization and the community cannot happen if both organizations are not working shoulder to shoulder in everything we do," Perez said. "Our role is behind the scenes so that the Club can enjoy being a world-class organization."

Perez highlighted extensive improvements in communications, technology, community relations, infrastructure and environmental projects, including the upcoming implementation of a new community management and access control system (ABDi).

The meeting concluded with the recognition of the four recipients of the Public Safety quarterly awards of 2023: Yana Dade, Robert Morataya, Enrique Arias (also Public Service Officer of the Year), and Kevin Hulse. The 2023 List Award for Service and Innovation Excellence was presented to ORCA's Access Control Manager Chris Hodges.

John Welch adjourned the meeting.



Access Control Manager Chris Hodges receives the 2023 List Award for service and innovation excellence from ORCA Board Chair John Welch and President Juan Perez.

#### **ALL CHARITIES**



LEFT: At the All Charities
"Bordeaux on the Bay" dinner,
supporters savored a delicious
menu perfectly complemented
by eight of the world's finest
Bordeaux, at the magnificent
bayside home of Seraphim
and Tom Reycraft. A heartfelt
thank you to the Reycrafts
for hosting this enchanting
evening and to the Residence
Club's Chef Andrea MallonGriffith for her incredible work
in the kitchen.

RIGHT: Chef Sandra Lotti and her son, Chef Alessio John Matteo Da Prato, crafted an authentic Tuscan feast for All Charities supporters at the "Spectacular Italian Dinner" last month. Special thanks to generous donors Sarina Kinney and Kathie and Steve Markel, and also to the Markels for hosting this memorable evening at their beautiful home.





**ABOVE:** All Charities supporters enjoyed an evening of vibrant culture and exquisite flavors at the Out of Africa Dinner earlier this month. Special thanks to Kym and Brian Read for hosting at their stunning Sunrise Cay oceanfront home, to the Reads and Colleen and Phil Hempleman for donating this incredible night to the auction line-up, and to Chef Jared for executing an amazing menu.



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10 Exuma Road | Park View 6 BD, 6.5 BA | \$13,900,000 | 2689 Barbara Sibley | 305.394.0061 | barbara@oceanreefclubsir.com



32 Channel Cay Road | Canal Front 3 BD, 3 BA | \$12,950,000 | 2654 Mary Lee | 917.603.3252 | marylee@oceanreefclubsir.com



29 Baker Road | Water Front 4BD, 4.5BA | \$6,995,000 | 2332 Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461 | eric@oceanreefclubsir.com



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15 Harbor Island Drive | Canal Front 5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$11,800,000 | 2594

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## Spotlight on All Charities Preferred Partners: Northern Trust and Marsh McLennan Agency Private Client Services (MMA PCS)

By Richard Weinstein President and COO, ORCF

Not long after Net Jets started as the very first preferred partner for All Charities we were fortunate enough to have both Northern Trust and MMA PCS follow closely. Since that time they have both remained consistent partners and steadfast in their focus on serving a wide variety of financial and insurance needs.

For Northern Trust that comes in the form of Will Erwich. He notes right off that his connection with Ocean Reef is a personal one with so many Members, and that working in this community has been a very meaningful part of his professional career. Arriving South Florida with his family (wife, Kim and daughters, Madeline, Georgette, and Estelle) in late 2007, he set to work professionally advising Members, first as an Insurance Advisor with MMA PCS, and for the last 12-13 years as a Wealth Management professional for the Northern Trust Company.

We see a similar story from MMA PCS. Since

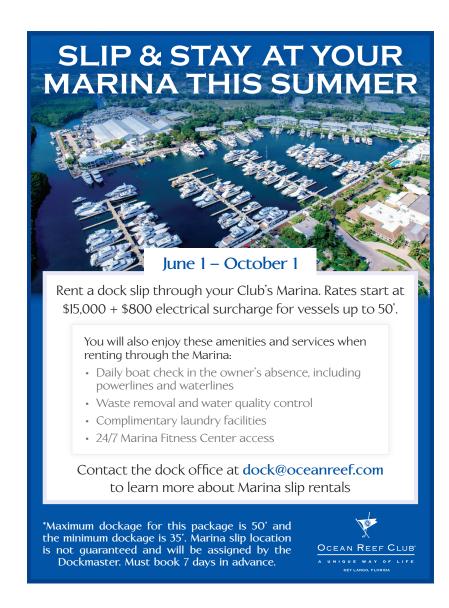
2015, Meg Dieppa has been Ocean Reef's key partner contact with MMA PCS and brings sophisticated insurance solutions to clients whose lives are anything but ordinary.

Meg notes, "Ocean Reef holds a special place in my heart, truly living up to its unique reputation. It is a community centered around family and traditions, which aligns perfectly with the values of my own family. My husband and I have been happily married for 30 years, we have three sons. and recently welcomed our first granddaughter. I am incredibly grateful for the meaningful friendships I've formed over the years in this community."

Both Northern Trust and MMA PCS are uniquely positioned to support Members. Northern Trust has the scale of capabilities of the nation's largest Trust Banks and will manage and protect client assets as if they were their own; all while delivering service that represents its mindful and personable midwestern roots in Chicago. Meanwhile MMA PCS provides the personal service, global reach and resources along with in-depth industry knowledge to make sure you're personally protected in the moments that matter.

Both provide clients with actionable advice so they are best prepared for the inevitable changes that will come from both outside influences and the changing needs of your family.

Will would be happy to visit with anyone who has questions about his services. Contact Will Erwich at 305-789-1431 (we9@ntrs.com) and Meg Dieppa at 786-449-2307 (meg.dieppa@marshmma.com).





#### OCEAN REEF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION









In celebration of National Volunteer Month, Ocean Reef Community Foundation organized a community outreach event where volunteers joined forces last week at the ICU baby Essential Items Pack-a-Pack Party. Held at the Ocean Reef Chapel & Fellowship Hall, volunteers learned more about ICU baby, an ORCF grant recipient, assembled care packages and wrapped donated baby shower gifts for NICU families.



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12 Sunrise Cay Drive | Ocean Front 5BD, 5BA | \$23,000,000 | 2659

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## 44 Cardinal Lane | New Construction 5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$15,750,000 | 2615

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By Giacomo Puccini Saturday, April 20 at 12:55pm Cultural Center Tickets \$25 at the door

Puccini's bittersweet love story makes a rare Met appearance, with soprano Angel Blue starring as the French courtesan Magda, opposite tenor Jonathan Tetelman in his highly anticipated company

debut as Ruggero, an idealistic young man who offers her an alternative to her life of excess. Maestro Speranza Scappucci conducts Nicolas Joël's glittering 1920s staging, which transports audiences from the heart of Parisian nightlife to a dreamy vision of the French Riviera. In their Met debuts, soprano Emily Pogorelc and tenor Bekhzod Davronov complete the sterling cast as Lisette and Prunier. Encore. Runtime 2hrs. 47min.



#### RICHMOND FORUM: **VIRTUAL SERIES ON** THE BIG SCREEN

On the Docket with Journalists Jan **Crawford & Kimberlev Strassel** 

Join a conversation between two notable legal affairs journalists about this year's most highly anticipated Supreme Court cases and their potential consequences.

The Supreme Court is emerging as one of the most dynamic and consequential institutions of our time. With a pivotal year ahead, journalists Ian Crawford and Kimberlev Strassel will come together for a lively and nuanced conversation about the changing nature of the court and the potential impact of the most highly anticipated cases on the court's 2024 docket. Crawford has covered the Supreme Court for more than 10 years and has had extensive interviews with nine of its justices. Strassel is an

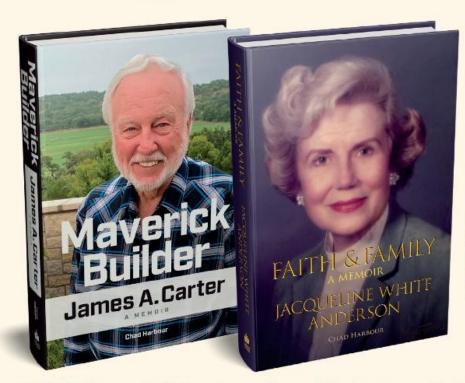


Jan Crawford and Kimberley Strassel

author and opinion columnist for The Wall Street Journal. This discussion between two women with divergent views will be a testament to the power of civil discourse and the value of engaging with different perspectives.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to join the final talk of the Richmond Forum. This event is complimentary and will be streamed virtually at the Cultural Center on Wednesday, April 24 at 5 p.m.

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## Thirty Years Together



by Rev. Dr. Bob Henley

Most at Ocean Reef are familiar with the Young Presidents Organization, or YPO. This worldwide leadership community gathers in small groups called Forums. In an environment of confidentiality, respect, and trust, Forum members share insight and experience that benefit each member as they face similar challenges and opportunities in their lives, and in their businesses.

Pastors of congregations have the same need as company presidents and CEOs. It has been my privilege to have participated in a pastoral covenant group — the clergy equivalent of YPO - for the past thirty years. My small group of eight pastors has been meeting together for three days each year since 1994. Our gathering spots are more modest than YPO Forums, but our time together has proven equally valuable.

Our group is part of a larger gathering of fifty pastors called a Pastor's Prayer Covenant group. The qualifications to join were that you served a congregation with a weekly worship attendance above six hundred and had several people on your staff. This meant you were facing similar ministry leadership challenges and could benefit from the shared experience and the collective wisdom of the group.

There is a picture next to my laptop as I write this from a retreat center in Nashville. It is a photo of our group, taken in 1994 at our first gathering in Colorado Springs. The congregations we served were in Connecticut, Wisconsin, Kansas, Arizona, Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, and Colorado. We were all young senior pastors in our thirties and forties!

We're all grandfathers! Half of the group has already retired and the rest of us can see the end of our active ministry approaching. As we sat together tonight, we expressed mutual gratitude for sharing our lives with each other for three decades. The time spent together has created deep bonds of friendship and appreciation.

When we meet, each member has thirty minutes to "check in" with the group. We talk about our marriages, our families, our joys, our struggles, and our challenges. There is lots of laughter, good-natured ribbing and razzing, as well as attentive listening. There are probing questions about our health – emotional, physical, and spiritual. When the "check in" is over the other seven gather around you to pray for you and for those things you have shared. Everyone keeps notes to follow up on during the year.

We've been through lots together since 1994. Three years ago, one person's son in his twenties, blind in one eye, stepped in front of a pickup truck approaching from his blind side. The accident resulted in a debilitating TBI from which he will never fully recover.

Another member served a congregation in the California wine country. As you can easily imagine, good wine was available in abundance. Yet one day, he and his wife realized that their enjoyment of wine had gone to excess, and they like many, sought needed help.

Several years ago, a member

was not forthcoming about his moral failures – his sexual infidelity. We all became suspicious when he went through two pastoral moves in a short period of time. Yet he kept it from us. He wasn't honest - until it all became public. It cost him his marriage and his ordination. In time, he came clean with us, in necessary detail - it's called confession. His experience has become like that of King David in Israel, following his affair with Bathsheba. In Psalm 51, David's psalm of repentance, he wrote:

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Today, he has been restored to leadership and serves on the executive team of a large ministry in the northeast. He is a changed man, whom we are privileged to offer our friendship, support, and accountability.

Each of our stories, like mine, reminds me of something the Apostle Paul wrote about himself – something that applies to every pastor and priest I know. It is this. We have this treasure in jars of clay...our broken humanity. Our stories also remind me of something Jesus said. He told his disciples, Apart from me, you can do nothing (of any spiritual consequence.)

I am grateful for these men of my covenant group who know my story, my strengths, my loves, my foibles, and my failures. I am grateful they continue to care about me, pray for me, and encourage me. When you think about it, isn't that something we all need?

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All are invited for this community service each Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary. This **Wednesday**, **April 24**, Reverend Emilie Wierda will lead the service.

#### **CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

**Ocean Reef Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert Henley** 305-367-2049 orcchapel.org

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

#### **AA Meeting**

7:30 a.m., Chapel Board Room For additional AA Meetings: 305-

#### **Shabbat Service**

6 p.m., Chapel Cornerstone Room

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

#### **Catholic Mass**

4 p.m., Fr. Hilley, Chapel Sanctuary

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

#### **Traditional Worship Service**

9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Dr. Jason Hefner

#### Kids Matter (4yrs-8yrs)

9 a.m., Chapel Children's Room

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

**Al-Anon Meeting** 

9 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

#### **Rosary Prayer Group**

4 p.m., Chapel Sanctuary

#### **Passover Seder**

5 p.m., Carysfort Ballroom, RSVP: SHirschbiel@congregationor.org

#### **AA Meeting**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

#### **Intercessory Prayer**

8 a.m., Chapel Board Room

#### **Episcopal Service**

9 a.m., Chapel Sanctuary, Emilie Wierda

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Ocean Reef Men's Fellowship 8 a.m., Chapel Fellowship Hall

#### OFF THE REEF



The Knights of the Square Table from Ocean Reef attend the 88th Masters on Saturday, April 13. Pictured are Billy Paynter, Chip Matthews, Lee Owens, Michael Conley, Jay Sugavanam and Steve Smith.











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#### NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

# Annual Meetings of the Medical Center & Ocean Reef Medical Center Foundation

On April 16, 2024, the Medical Center and Ocean Reef Medical Center Foundation (ORMCF) held their joint Annual Meetings and Board of Director elections. Medical Center Chairman Michael Berman was elected as the Chairman of ORMCF and Medical Center Vice-Chairman James Slattery will now serve as the Medical Center's Chairman.

A special thank you goes to **Adelaide Skoglund**, retiring ORMCF Chairman. Mrs. Skoglund has championed



the Medical Center and the Foundation for over 25 years and is one of the Founders of Boutique D' Reef. She continues as a Director of ORMCF.

Retiring Medical Center Board Director is **Sarina Kinney** and retiring ORMCF Board Directors are **Tom Martell** and **Gretchen Fish**.

Newly elected Directors to the Medical Center are **Keith** 

Hill, James McCann and Frank McKee. Mr. Hill has over 35 years of experience in the oil industry. Mr. McCann's business career has been in the grocery, retail and food industry. Mr. McKee's family company is involved in the real estate and construction industry.

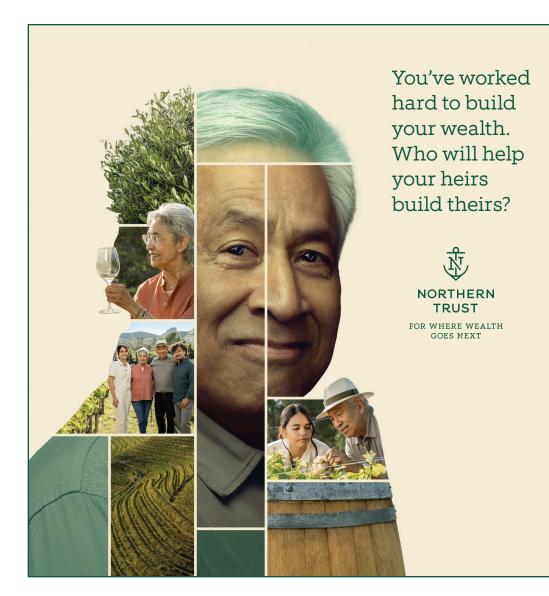
Newly elected Directors to the ORMCF Board are Susan McCarthy, Scott

Ward and Tricia Woodman. Mrs. McCarthy is a second-generation Ocean Reef member whose father, Mr. Brewster, was one of the original Founding members of Card Sound. Mr. Ward was the Co-President of Russell Stover Candy. Mrs. Woodman volunteers with Silver Fit Plus and the ForgetMeNots and has a doctorate in education, majoring in counseling.

Many thanks to these dedicated indivuals who volunteer their time and expertise guiding the Medical Center and the Ocean Reef Medical Center Foundation.

The generous spirit of ORC and Anglers Club members volunteering to help so many organizations are, in large part, what makes the Ocean Reef Community such a unique and special place.

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#### **Audiology**

**Natalie Crespi** April 24, May 1, 8,15

**Daisy Elwick** April 22, 23, 29, 30

#### **Cardiology**

Julio Barcena May 10, July 12, Aug 9

**Howard Bush** May 16

#### **Dermatology Alexandra Price**

April 19, May 17

Alysa Herman (305) 444-4979 May 2, 16

**Debra Price** (305) 670-1111 April 19, May 3, 17

Jill Waibel (305) 279-6060 May 20

**Varee Poochareon** (305) 740-6181 x1 April 24, May 1, 8

#### **Endocrinology**

**Heberto Valdes** May 3

#### **ENT**

**Pablo Arango** May 1, June 3

Gastroenterology Sandra Rodriguez May 14

#### **Gynecology**

**Jason James** May 9, June 13, Aug. 8, Sept. 12

Jila Senemar May 7, June 11

#### **Holistic Medicine**

**David Coppola** (305) 451-1819 April 23, 25, 30

I.V. Therapy **Scott Williams** (305) 907-7550 April 22, 29, May 6, 3, 20, June 17, July 8

#### **Nephrology**

**Anthony Farias** April 22, May 29, June 17

#### **Neuro Spine**

**Raul Vasquez Castellanos** May 14

#### **Ophthalmology**

**William Culbertson** 786-530-2289 May 7, Aug. 6

**Mark Dunbar** 786-530-2289 May 28, July 23, Aug. 27

**Richard Parrish** 786-530-2289 May 8, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7

Claudia Arroyave April 25, May 1

Elena Roth May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22

Zach Segal May 21

#### **Optometry**

**Lauren Nicholas** May 3

**Susanna Tamkins** April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19

#### **Orthopedic Sport** Medicine

**Michael Swartzon** May 3

#### **Orthopedic Surgery**

**Joseph Fernandez** 

April 19

**Derek Papp** April 25, May 9, 23

James Voglino April 26, May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug. 16

#### **Orthopedic Hand Surgery**

Roberto Miki May 17

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#### **Podiatry**

**Brigette Smith** April 24, May 8, 22

**Polly Reeves** May 9

Sophia Masri April 26, May 17

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Team Ocean Reef, now in its 29th year, is a distinguished group within the community, comprised of Members committed to sharing Ocean Reef Club with friends and family. Beginning with just eight Members in 1994, Team Ocean Reef is now 286 members strong.

The annual cocktail reception is a recognition of the inductees as well as a celebration of the milestones achieved by current Team Ocean Reef members.

Joe Urbinati, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Membership Committee, opened the ceremony by saying, "It is our duty as members to carry on the Club's values and what better way to ensure this than to sponsor our newest Members who share in the vision of camaraderie and tradition."



Team Ocean Reef

On Wednesday, Team Ocean Reef inducted seven members with their own made-to-measure iconic blue blazer, but also with tremendous gratitude from the Club. "You all should be very proud of your accomplishments as a group of dedicated individuals, who have embraced the Ocean Reef Club and who have made it a part of your life to share its incredible history and unique way of life with others."

## The new Team Ocean Reef Members are:

• Mr. & Mrs. Michael and

Jacqueline Cardone, Jr.

- Mrs. Carolyn Fovel
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Kelly Hertzman
- Mr. & Mrs. Greg and Emily Poole, III

To earn your Blazer and Emblem for Team Ocean Reef, you must introduce five new members in one year, or ten new members over a lifetime.

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## Gemma's Many Hats



by Felicia M. Koretsky

The signs were there early. Anybody paying attention would have noticed. That British woman in the ORC Transportation Department 20 years ago was one to watch.

One of her earliest assignments was to drive 10 champagne-filled bridesmaids on 905 into Key Largo for a wedding ceremony. She wasn't exactly familiar with driving on the right side of the road and nobody told her the 11-mile stretch would also be littered with event cyclists she would need to repeatedly dodge on the way. Singing along with the girls in the oversized van, the happy intern successfully got the girls to the church on time.

A native of Yorkshire in Northern England - also the famed district of puddings and terriers, Gemma (pronounced Jem-ma) Matthews' childhood closet gave some early clues to her ability to juggle varied interests seamlessly. Uniforms for basketball, soccer, gymnastics, rugby, and ballet hung neatly, conveying her many talents.

Last month, Gemma was named Manager of the Quarter for the first three months



Gemma Matthews, Senior Commercial Properties Manager

of 2024 for her position as Commercial Properties Manager.

Her career at Ocean Reef started with annual seasonal work in the early 2000s through the H-2B visa work program for international students. What happened during her second rotation sounds more like a tale told in a Jimmy Buffet song. On one of her jaunts into town after work in 2004, she landed a seat at CJ's bar, where she got chatty with a boat captain named Dan. Conversation and spiced rum from a shared bottle of Captain Morgan flowed easily. A third way in, the two discovered they both worked at The Reef. were both European (he's from Prague) and had close family members affected by Multiple Sclerosis. Two years later, they were married and have been going strong ever since.

Working full time at Ocean Reef since 2006, a lot of Members wonder what Gemma does exactly. She's everywhere. The better question might



Gemma and husband Dan.

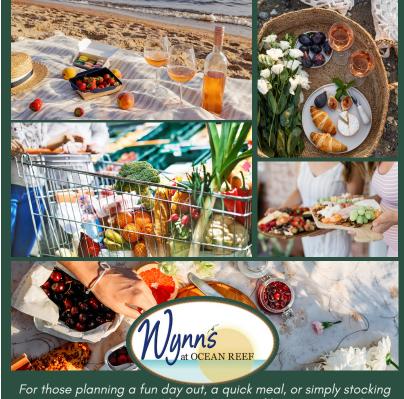
be what doesn't she do? One minute she's packing guacamole at the Farmer's Market, the next wrapping gifts at the Fishing Village, and the next directing décor installment. She even gets involved in refurbishing projects, counting Orvis, the Burgee Shop, and the Membership Office on her remodeling resume. Anything and everything related to commercial properties at the Club falls under Gemma and no task is too small or too big for

this self-proclaimed do-er.

The one-woman band handles billing and leasing for 42 tenants at the Plaza, 22 at the Fishing Village and four at the Business Center. She also coordinates storage and contracts for 480 boat owners. She's a creative multi-tasker who is especially proud of the events that she's started and grown over the years in the Fishing Village, such as the Art & Fashion Walk. Any issues with Club tenants from the vendor or Member's point of view get directed to Gemma.

"I wear many hats, but only one at a time," said Gemma, who says one of her secrets is keeping lists. "I prioritize. I write things down and I have systems in place. I am organized, but I couldn't live without setting reminders."

When she's not at The Reef, Gemma is also a busy mother of two. Her son Dillon is 13 and her mini-me daughter, Delaney, is 8. And yes, her closet, too, is filling up with many uniforms.



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## Community **Event Features** Celebrity Patricia Heaton

By Annie Miles

Displaying the community support for which Ocean Reef is well known, nearly 200 Members attended the event "Israel and the Church: after October 7, how shall Christians respond?" at the Cultural Center Monday afternoon. Speakers included Emmy award-winning actress Patricia Heaton, Deputy Consul General of Israel Mike Driquez, Bible Scholar Kristi McLelland and Nashville musician Omer Netzer.

Heaton is the co-founder of the October 7th Coalition (O7C) with her friend Elizabeth Dorros. Their website describes it as "a network of Christians standing visibly and vocally against the rise of antisemitism in our country." Started in Nashville, Tennessee, the goal is to establish support for the Jewish community nationwide. Dorros served as commentator for the event and thanked attendees for coming. "You could have been anywhere at this moment, and you chose to be here."

Heaton described being shocked by the almost immediate onset of protests against the Jewish community following the Hamas attacks in Israel on October 7, 2023. Like most Americans, she was still reeling

from seeing the footage of the attacks. She committed to using her celebrity status as a way to support Jewish friends and the Jewish community as a whole. O7C is already thriving in their home community of Nashville, and Heaton and Dorros hope to broaden the positive impact of O7C across the country. Rabbi Saul Strosberg, with whom Heaton has worked in Nashville, told her, "I can't believe you are helping us. I can't believe that people who are not Jewish care." An ORC Member in the audience expressed that he appreciated that kind of caring here at Ocean Reef, saying he has always felt "safe and welcomed here." After meeting Craig and Emilie Wierda, Heaton thought Ocean Reef would be a great place to share her message.

Musical guest Omer Netzer performed an original song "God Works in Mysterious Ways," and closed the program by singing Israel's National Anthem, "Hatikvah." He has just returned from serving with the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) in northern

Deputy Consul Driquez emphasized that this movement is not political or about a specific religion, but about "supporting civilization. This is simply standing for good vs. evil.'

A brief question and answer session followed the presentation and then guests were able to meet and talk with the speakers at a reception in the lobby. Attendees also received a complimentary copy of the book, "Should Christians Stand with Israel?" by Jeff Myers of Summit Ministries.



Musical guest Omer Netzer closed the formal presentation singing Israel's National

## April Brings Changes & Reflections

A Reef Wedding

By Susan Bohan

Mid-April is a time of change at The Reef with some Members heading north while others are hosting family with young children in tow. For me, it brings back a wonderful memory about how fast life changes especially when you are young.

Bob Henley, whose words still resonate, officiated at our youngest daughter's wedding 6 years ago this week. The ceremony was at The Point, cocktails around the pool, with dinner and dancing in Palm Court. Antonella Bruno, Assistant Director of Catering, and Marissa Bozzo, Banquets Manager, created a magical and memorable night all topped off with a makeyour-own sundae bar instead of a wedding cake (a hit I would



Paul and Dana Bohan at The Point recommend to anyone planning a tropical wedding). Their friends still remember the most fun and delicious night topped off by

still remember the most fun and delicious night topped off by endless pizza as they closed down the Burgee Bar early into the next day!

That magical night changed their young lives as weddings tend to do. In 6 years they have gone from a small New York City apartment with their first "baby", a loveable rescue dog, to having 2 daughters while weathering the ins and outs of Covid, juggling growing careers with remote work and toddlers, months



Reverend Bob Henley

visiting grandparents by zoom and Facetime only, moving into a fixer upper with lots of needed fixing and plenty of challenges in between. To say there has not been a dull moment since they said "I do" with Reverend Henley by their side, is an understatement.

So many lives are touched by the magic of Ocean Reef. Couples meet here, marry here and perhaps even grow old together here while enjoying our "unique way of life". As parents and grandparents, we get to see it all from the front row. Listening to my friend **Sarah Cart** at the Cultural Center earlier this



Six years later – Dana with daughters Bailey and Lucy.

month discuss her book, "On My Way Back to You" (a must read!), about the struggles she and **Ben** went through to save his life, it made me realize how quickly life changes both good and bad.

And a big thank you to Reverend Henley and his wonderful wife Jane who have been central to many of our ups and downs here. We are so grateful for all you have brought to our families. No doubt our memory is one of the countless you have helped to create in this magical place!



#### **WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 19 FRIDAY

**Everglades Alligator Farm Tour** 8:45am • Meet at Nature Center

Spa Trunk Show: Deena K Jewelry & Moda Baronessa 9am • The Spa

**Men's Spring Golf Invitational** 9am • Dolphin Course

Afternoon Tea 2-4pm • Cooking School

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

Live DJ at Burgee Bar 9pm • Burgee Bar

#### **20 SATURDAY**

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

Fire Fit Challenge 8am • Green Space adjacent to Associate Parking Garage

**Cars & Coffee: Smartie Partie** 9am • Business Center Parking Lot

**Bring-a-Pro Tennis Tournament** 9am-4pm • Tennis & Games

**Real Estate Open House Tour** 2-5pm • The Reef

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

Live DJ at Burgee Bar 9pm• Burgee Bar

#### 21 SUNDAY

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

8 & 9am • Tennis and Games Center

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

**Beginner Sailing Clinic** 9am • Buccaneer Island

**Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour** 1pm • Meet at the Pool Desk

5–8pm • The Point (Members Only)

#### 22 MONDAY

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

**Deepwater H20 Class** 10am • Member Fitness Pool

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

12pm • Member Fitness Center

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

**Learn to Play Croquet Beginner** Clinic

2:30-3:30pm • Croquet Lawn

Passover Community Seder 5pm • Carysfort Ballroom, RSVP: SHirschbiel@congregationor.org

#### 23 TUESDAY

**ORC Swim Club** 

7 & 8am • Member Fitness Pool

Rock & Roll Shakti Yoga 8am• Member Fitness Center

Spa Trunk Show: Isabella Adams 9am-3pm • The Spa

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

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

**Aqua Cardio Class** 

11am • Member Fitness Pool

FIT Camp

12pm • Member Fitness Center

Mah Jongg Open Play 1pm • Card & Games Room

**End of Season: Tennis, Pickleball** & Croquet Mixed Doubles Round Robin

4pm • Tennis & Games Center

#### 24 WEDNESDAY

**ORC Walking Club** 

7am • Member Fitness Center

**Sweat Class** 

8am • Member Fitness Center

**Reformer Pilates Class** 

8am • Member Fitness Center

Spa Trunk Show: Isabella Adams 9am-3pm • Member Fitness Center

**Silver Fit Class** 

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Funky Flow Yoga Class** 10am • Member Fitness Center

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

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

3-5pm • The Dog Park

Jan Crawford & Kimberley Strassel " On the Docket" 5pm • Cultural Center

#### **25 THURSDAY**

**ORC Swim Club** 

7-8am • Member Fitness Pool

**Reformer Pilates Class** 

9am • Member Fitness Center

Vinyasa Class

9am • Member Fitness Center

Spa Trunk Show Idalia Baudo 9am-3pm • The Spa

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

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

**Dancing Through the Decades** Class

11am • Member Fitness Center

**Casual Canasta** 

11:30am • Card & Games Room

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

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

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#### **NOW SHOWING**



"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: Paul Atreides unites with Chani and the Fremen while seeking revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family. Facing a choice between the love of his life and the fate of the universe, he must prevent a terrible future only he can foresee.



"Love Lies Bleeding" (R)

Friday, April 26 • 4:30 & 7:30pm **Sunday, April 28 •** 4:30 & 7:30pm Wednesday, May 1 • 7:30pm Genre: Action, Adventure, Crime

Runtime: 1hr. 44min.

Premise: Gym manager Lou falls hard for Jackie, an ambitious bodybuilder headed to Vegas in pursuit of her dream. But their love ignites violence, pulling them deep into the web of Lou's criminal family.

#### "ONE LIFE" (PG)

**Friday, May 3** • 4:30pm Wednesday, May 8 • 4:30pm Genre: Biography, Drama, History

Runtime: 1hr. 49min.

**Premise:** ONE LIFE is the moving true story of Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a London broker who, in 1938 Prague, convinces the British Committee for Refugees to rescue hundreds of Jewish children before Nazi occupation. Fifty years later, he reconnects with those he saved, becoming a national hero.

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Monday-Thursday • 10am-2pm

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#### **CLUB SHOPPING**

### Joan the Shopper



Bruce Elliott, Reef Gallery's owner is pictured with painter Stephen Wood. The backdrop depicts part of Wood's large painting of the mangroves and surrounding waters as seen from the Point at Ocean Reef's Buccaneer Island.

REEF GALLERY....In 2003 longtime Ocean Reef member Bruce Elliott, who always believed that Ocean Reef deserved a real art gallery, decided to merge his jewelry store the Golden Basket with an existing gallery, previously owned by a local decorator. The redesigned space and revamped policies resulted in the Reef Gallery.... This "top of the line" gallery/jewelry store is located in the Fishing Village but judging from the paintings on the walls and the jewelry that fill the glass cases, Reef Gallery could settle comfortably on NYC's Madison Avenue or LA's Gallery Row.... Galleries are traditionally great places for browsing, so even if you are waiting for Christmas to buy (or request from Santa) a piece of important jewelry or a beautiful painting, visit the Reef Gallery. It is great fun to see bracelets, rings, necklaces or an amazing purse – all of them adorned with precious gems. Who knows,

you might find something irresistible.... Not to be missed at Reef Gallery are the two 3D Hologram photographs that cover one wall. One is of the head of a giraffe; the other is of two male lions. What makes these two pictures so amazing is that as you move so does the giraffe and the two lions. Bruce Elliott noted that getting this hologram effect requires incorporating 93 images into a single image.... A simpler process (the application of paint to canvas) was used by Stephen Wood, whose Ocean Reef-inspired paintings are a cornerstone of Reef Gallery. Currently on view is the largest-ever (42x72) of his OR scenes. The painting depicts the mangroves and surrounding waters as seen from the Point at Buccaneer Island. (\$27,000). Last Word – Buy art from living artists, The dead ones don't need the топеу.

by Joan Birsh

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mom's Day Out in the Fishing Village Saturday, May 11 • 11am-2pm

Moms and their families head to the Fishing Village for great deals, raffles and giveaways at various stores.

#### WINING & DINING

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 22 – SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

#### **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

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## Fused Glass, Jewelry Making & Meaningful Friendships



'Art League" by Deborah Goodwin Geller

I can't count how many times over the last couple of years I've watched Jennifer Kachmarik go out of her way to create a fun time for anyone she is with. Jennifer is like a social 'matchmaker' introducing a mix of people to each other and even on special occasions suggesting a 'dress code or theme' for an event. You may have seen this



Jennifer Kachmarik's first Art League Class – fused glass and jewelry making – was

fun 'spectacle' but it really just hides her true intention of what is truly a heart for making people feel special. I first met Jennifer and her husband **George** at the Club's amazing Vine to Table dinners that we have both become obsessed fans of.

However, recently I've seen them at many other events including our Art League Book Club. Having a home in Ireland, Jennifer was interested in one of our books based there. She recently participated with her friend and neighbor **Kari Rominski** in the fused glass and jewelrymaking class.

Here is what she had to say... "One of my favorite parts of Ocean Reef Club is the fun and meaningful friendships that you develop here. I say yes to as many experiences as I can. This year, I joined the Art League and have really enjoyed the excursions and Art Gallery receptions. My good friend Betty Hamilton encouraged me to take the glass fusion class as my first Art League class. Another friend, Kari Rominski also joined for her first class and we really enjoyed the afternoon. The teacher was good at instructing all levels, from beginners like me to more advanced. She was helpful and also encouraged us to be creative and to make several pieces. Now, I am looking forward to taking a shell art class and a painting one too. I plan to take the art glass class again because I am very pleased with my first effort. Art classes are a rewarding and creative activity to try with friends."



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#### **OUT & ABOUT**



What better way to bring in my big 40th birthday than with dinner on The Reef with my best friends?! Kudos to Antonella and the Catering Team for doing an epic job. — Eryn Ittleman



A girls-only end of season dancy party.. what a night! Submitted by Jessica Blackie.



## **Proposed for Membership**

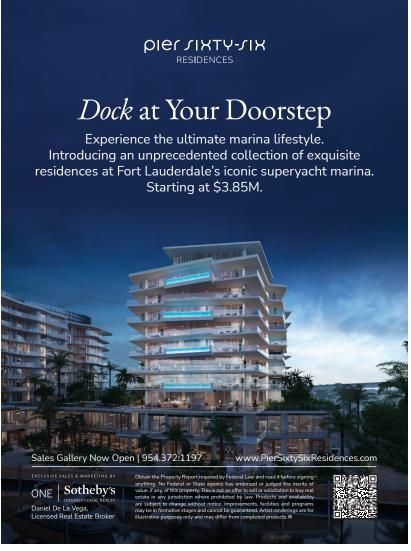
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The following individuals are being considered for Ocean Reef Club membership. Direct communication concerning these nominations to Vice President of Membership, Islande Dillon, at 305-367-5921 or idillon@oceanreef.com.

#### **Equity Membership**

Jan & David Singer are social members applying for Equity membership. Mr. and Mrs. Singer are purchasing Dock A-17 and the equity from Alan Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Singer are residents of Cotuit, Massachusetts. They belong to Willowbend Country Club. Their sponsors are Dan Cohen, Joan Gross, Leslie Minsch, and John Gibson on behalf of Membership Committee.

Elizabeth Ann Stamps & Dustin Ridgeway are Legacy members applying for non-Charter Dues only membership through ownership in 7 Osprey Lane. Mrs. Stamps and Mr. Ridgeway are residents of Miami, Florida. They belong to Riviera Country Club. Their sponsors are Kathy Whitaker, Terry Ferrarone, Anne Lovett and Tom Davidson, Sr. on behalf of the Board of Directors.



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## Equestrian in the Making Thanks to ORC Summer Camps



by Mary Brady

Living at Ocean Reef full time since May of 2022, Lisle Leake, 5 ½-year-old son of **Anne** and **Rudy Leake**, started his riding career in November of 2023. His parents wanted to find a sport that suited his interest, and they hit the jackpot! Wanting to nurture his love of animals, they enrolled him at the Miami International Riding Club, which they graciously found last summer when Lisle



Five-year-old Lisle Leake proudly shows off his trophy and ribbons after discovering his love for horseback riding through Ocean Reef's Summer Equestrian Camp.

participated in Ocean Reef's Summer Equestrian Camp.

During this five-day camp led by the Riding Club's expert staffers, campers got up close and personal with horses, learning all aspects of equestrian life. Lisle enjoyed feeding, learning to properly care for and handle the horses, brushing the animals, and even mucking the stalls.

Anne said every time he got on a horse, he would sit in the saddle for long periods of time without a squirm or a complaint. He was truly in his element.

Eventually, Miami International Riding Club coaches Rebecca McCormack and Jacelyn Lopez saw the potential in young Lisle and his newfound passion for the sport. With their encouragement, he flourished, winning many blue ribbons (as shown in the accompanying photo) in the short time he's been riding.

The horse Lisle rides is named Bad Boy, and his favorite position is half seat. He loves to trot and go over jumps. He enjoys getting dressed up in the fancy show clothes and showing off his skills.

Lisle's dreams and aspirations are to become a course designer for jumpers when he grows up.
Way to go Lisle – follow that dream!

The Leake family is grateful for the Ocean Reef Summer Camp program introducing them to a lifelong passion for their son. The five-day Equestrian Camp will return this summer from **June 17 to 21**. If you're interested in getting your child or grandchild ages 8 to 17 involved, visit oceanreef. com/SummerCamps, email <a href="mailto:summercamps@oceanreef.com">summercamps@oceanreef.com</a>, or call Member Guest Services as 305-367-6516.



## Farmer's Market **Favorites**

One Week Left!



by Susan Bohan

The Farmer's Market's last days this season will be next Monday, April 22 and Thursday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. so stop by to find a few of your favorites and freeze them to enjoy throughout the summer or at least before you head north! Like the following:

- Meatballs and Lasagna -Pasta Amore
- Granola Gemita's Kitchen



Harvey's BBQ Sauce will be back on the Wynn's shelves at the end of the month.

Kool Treats

Farmer's Market)

• Italian Ice and Gelato -

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• Ribs and Wings – Harvey's

• Breads - Salsa y Sabor

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April.



Farmer's Market fun for all ages!

• Quiche, Breads and Pastries - Le Petit Pain menu and delivery options

> Also of note: Wynn's will once again stock Harvey's BBO Sauce by the end of

#### **YAPPY HOUR**

Wednesday, April 24 • 3-5pm Dog Park

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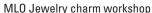
## MLO Jewelry Charm Workshop for Mother's Day Weekend



Spa Notes" by Jillian Barron, The Spa Director

The Spa is so excited to invite you to attend a specialized jewelry class with Mariana Lopez Osornio, founder and Creative Director of MLO Jewelry, a popular Florida jewelry line seen on runway shows, in magazines, and worn by celebrities. Call to register to attend "Charm School" at the Spa on Saturday, May 11th, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and there you will learn how to make your own bracelet or necklace





with natural stones and unique charms. Mariana is a devoted traveler, interior designer, iewelry designer, Gemologist from Argentina, now local to Florida, with specialization in diamonds and colored stones. She draws inspiration from the beach, ocean, lakes, sun kisses, amazing things under the sea, and tropical paradise. Her fascination with natural beauty and eco-friendly materials is translated into the shapes, colors and stones.

Her signature natural horn pieces come in bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings and more accessories. The horn is sourced from animals that are not harmed. Due to the nature of the horn, which varies from dark, to brown, to caramel and white, makes each piece unique. All of her jewelry line is timeless and handcrafted and her fascination with natural beauty and ecofriendly materials is translated into the shapes, colors, and stones of her all her collections.

#### **Upcoming Spa Events**

- Friday, Apr 19 Deena K Jewelry & Moda Baronessa
- Tuesday, Apr 23 Isabella

Adams Spa Trunk Show

- Wednesday, Apr 24 Isabella Adams Spa Trunk Show
- Thursday, Apr 25 Idalia Baudo Spa Trunk Show
- Friday, Apr 26 Idalia Baudo Spa Trunk Show

#### **Charm School Make Your Own Jewelry Class with Mariana from MLO Jewelry**

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## **SPORTS**

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## Wrapping Up the Tennis Season



'Center Court" by Justin Romero, Director of Racquet Sports

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

You do not want to miss one of the most exciting an-d high level tournaments of the year. The Bring-A-Pro Pro-am Tournament allows Members to bring their own Pro player to the tournament. The Pros are known to consist of former and current Professional Tennis players, great college players, and teaching Pros. The Bring-A-Pro Tennis Tournament is structured around doubles, where each participant is matched with their selected professional player, forming teams that compete against others in the tournament. The matches will be played in a round robin format, with the top teams advancing to the knockout rounds.

The tournament provides an opportunity for players of all skill levels to come together and



Singles Tennis Club Champion Wally Hayward (right) and challenger Andy Timmerman.

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 **Friday**, **April 19th** at 6 p.m. at the Tennis & Games

Center.

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

## End of Season Round Robin & Dinner

Can you believe the end of the season is almost here? Come celebrate with us as we host a Tennis, Pickleball, and Croquet Round Robin followed by drinks and dinner at the Tennis & Games Center. This is event is free for Association Members and will start at 4 p.m. on

#### Tuesday, April 23rd.

Please call the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583 to register.

#### **Singles Club Championships**

The season long Tennis Singles Club Championships has come to a close with the finals being played on April 13th. The A Flight Men's Singles Final started with 19 players, and came down to an epic showdown between Andy **Timmerman** and previous champion Wally Hayward. With both players finding success at the net, this match came down to who can execute passing shots and make less unforced errors. Wally Hayward broke early in the first set to take it 6-3. With both players finding a rhythm and most games going to deuce, Andy Timmerman managed to take a 3-1 lead in the second set.

Wally once again, found his rhythm and won 5 straight games taking the set and the match 6-3, 6-3.

The thrilling conclusion of the Tennis Singles Club Championships on April 13th showcased the resilience and skill of players like Andy Timmerman and former champion Wally Hayward, underscoring the true essence of competitive tennis.

#### TENNIS RESULTS

#### MEN'S TENNIS NIGHT LEAGUE

1st Place: Chris Garlich 2nd Place: Tyler Massey 3rd Place: Victor Benoit

#### TENNIS SINGLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion: Wally Hayward Second Place: Andy Timmerman



# The Importance of the Ready Position and the Split Step on the Tennis Court



'Tennis Tip" by Chiara Rebecchi, Tennis & Pickleball Concierge

As a tennis player and tennis coach, this game is not only about skills but mastering the fundamentals.

The foundation of this game is the ready position. Your body is balanced, your mind is focused, and you are ready to react to whatever comes your

way. But, being ready isn't just about your stance, it's also about your movement. That's where the split step comes in.

As Patrick Mouratouglou, renowned tennis coach and ex-coach of Serena Williams often emphasizes, the split-step is a game changer. It's a small, simple movement that when your opponent makes contact with the ball you can perform quickly in a balanced athletic position. The split allows you to read the ball's trajectory, anticipate its path, and react with lightning-fast speed.

By getting these two elements of the game, you'll not only improve your performance on the court, but you'll also elevate your overall tennis game, making you a more complete player. Your game will thank you for it.

For more tips to improve your game, schedule a lesson with one of our pros by calling the Tennis & Games Center at 305-367-6583.

#### **OUT & ABOUT**



Congratulations to Jimmy Woods, Legacy Member and son of Laura and Jim Woods, for scoring his first hole in one on Dolphin Course Hole #5!





## Newman/ **Johnston Team Captures** Mentor/ Mentee Golf Championship



by Annie Miles

Awards for the season-long Mentor/Mentee Cup of the ORC Golf Mentoring Program were announced at the year-end dinner event Monday, April 8. The team of Sally Newman and Kyle Johnston won the overall championship, which involves each team playing three 9-hole matches, one on each of the Ocean Reef courses and one at Card Sound.

Winners for each individual course were also recognized. On the Hammock Course, the winning teams were: Newman and Johnston, 1st place; Michael Lahey and David Larger, 2nd place; Bob Manzo and Zach Haynes, 3rd place, **Jeff Dorsey** and Ben Claus, 4th place; and Charlie Simms and Louie Fuimara, 5th place.

On the Dolphin Course, individual winners were: Newman and Johnston, 1st place; Manzo and Haynes,



Holding the plaque that will honor them as the Overall Winners of the 2024 Mentor/Mentee Cup are Sally Newman and Kyle Johnston, with presenters Mike Leone and Justin Seybuck.



Mentoring Chairman Mike Miles and Director of Ocean Reef Golf Mike Leone congratulate Kyle Johnston for winning both the Dolphin and Hammock portions of the season's match play with his Mentor Sally Newman.



Members of both Ocean Reef and Card Sound Golf Club staffs gather for the traditional end of season photo at the Anglers Club. Row one: T.J. Terpanick, Justin Seybuck, Stef Shaw, Erika Jones, Evan Cartwright, Ryan Vineyard, Maddie Murray and Brette Bryant. Row two: Zach Haynes, Dave Vihlen, Aaron Hart, Mike Schreiner, Corey Vecciarelli, Kyle Johnston and David Sandberg. Back row: Mike Leone, Clayton Gregory, Bentley Stover, Tim Watson, Louie Fuimara, Jordan Sanyshyn, Matt Costigan, Michael Rivera, and Ben Claus.

2nd place; Michael Betz and Dave Vihlen, 3rd place; **Dom DiNapoli** and David Sandberg. 4th place; Stan Henry and Aaron Hart, 5th place.002:

At Card Sound, winners included: DiNapoli and Sandberg, 1st place; Manzo and Haynes, 2nd place; Briggs Forelli and Jordan Sanyshyn,

3rd place; Fred Sherman and Mike Leone, 4th place; and Newman and Johnston, 5th place.

Clayton Gregory, winner of this year's Bag Room Open, was also honored at the event.

Mentors and Mentees enjoyed a Mexican Fiesta of food and friendship at the Anglers Club,

hosted by Annie and Mike Miles, to end the season's events. Mike Miles is chairman of ORC Mentoring, Inc., a volunteer organization that promotes the positive growth of the golf staffs, developing friendship and camaraderie while advising them on career and life decisions.



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## 9-Hole LGA Closing Day



'From the Gold Tees" by Michael Leone, Director of Golf

We had our Closing Day event for the 9-Hole LGA on Thursday, April 11. It has been a phenomenal season for our association. Participation was high throughout the entire season, and in the future, we can look forward to many more front and back nine events like we had on Thursday. Half of the ladies played the front nine of the Dolphin course, and the second half played the back nine of the Dolphin Course. As always with the 9-Hole LGA, scores were very low

across the board due to the popular 4-person scramble format.

There were three groups that turned in our lowest round (26). Two of those groups were playing on the front nine and the scorecard playoff was almost too close to call. In the end, the team of Denise Ecuyer, Susan Hirschbiel, Carolyn Sheehan, and Francine Kono won the scorecard playoff for first place on the front nine, congratulations. There was no need for a scorecard playoff for our teams competing on the back nine. Congratulations to the team of Cathy Totonis, Marilyn Clark, Mary Kay Mackell, and Marcy Aultman.

Congratulations to everyone for finishing the season on a high note. Cheers to a successful season and here's to many more to come!

#### **GOLF SCOREBOARD**

#### 9-HOLE LGA CLOSING DAY

#### **Front Nine:**

1st Place: Denise Ecuyer, Susan Hirschbiel, Carolyn Sheehan, & Francine Kono 2nd Place: Kathleen Metzman, Bebe Hofmann, Lesley Cooper, & Carter Rountree

#### **Back Nine:**

1st Place: Cathy Totonis, Marilyn Clark, Mary Kay Mackell, & Marcy Aultman 2nd Place: Virginia Smith, Deborah Geller, Karen Dimaura, & Linda Salisbury

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"Swing Tip"
by Stefanie
Shaw,
Director of
Instruction

When you're in a tough spot on the golf course and you can't build a proper stance by finding a place to get comfortable over the ball, there's a clever way to advance the ball forward instead of taking a penalty.

This technique comes in handy when you may be next to a bush or a steep bunker that you aren't able to get into. I would recommend an iron for this shot and choke up on it, holding it further



Stef Shaw demonstrating a golf technique for navigating challenging course

down the shaft than usual. If you're right-handed, let the grip rest against your right forearm to help create some stability. Stand with your feet close together and approach it like a sideways putt. Don't be afraid to make a mess by hitting the ground to help project the ball out. This is a small but aggressive stroke

down to the ground to pop the ball out from trouble and get you back in play. It is also a great tip to impress your friends!

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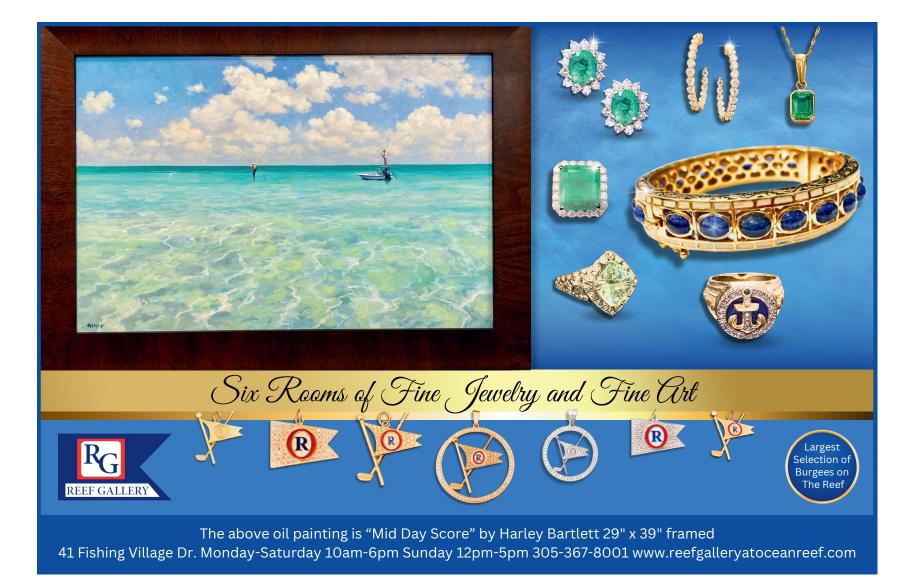
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#### THE DIVE SHOP AT THE REEF

# Collaborative Efforts to Restore Carysfort Reef Corals

By Lisa Bailey Cassidy, The Dive Shop Co-owner

On April 8th, more than 200 attendees came to the Cultural Center to listen to an enlightening presentation by Ken Nedimyer of Reef Renewal USA (RRUSA) on his five-stage coral restoration program bringing a biodiversity of stronger corals to Carysfort Reef. Ken boasts a 30-year history of growing and planting corals to renew reefs in the Florida Keys. He and his team have identified species that are heat and virus tolerant and great candidates for future success. He will propagate these



Denise & Ken Nedimyer, Frazier Nivens and Lisa Bailey Cassidy.



Ken delivering his Coral Restoration: What is Next? Presentation. This slide shows the decline of Carysfort through the years.

in great numbers in a central Florida facility specifically for the Florida Keys.

His plan includes collaboration with the Ocean Reef community through The Dive Shop at the Reef programs offering participation in fragmenting and outplanting, as well as regular passive visits. Ken was encouraged by how well the initial RRUSA South Carysfort nursery held up but much more work needs to be done. The Dive

Shop at the Reef will provide continual updates on the progress of our RRUSA coral nursery.

Also featured during the evening's event was a mesmerizing film by Frazier Nivens of Ocean Imaging Productions called The Ocean of Secrets. The movie was so popular that Frazier graciously offered the full director's cut of his movie to attendees. A very successful Meet and Greet followed with Members lined up

to talk with Ken, his team and Frazier. Special thanks to **Bobbie Watson** and **Shelly Cameron Poulton** for helping The Dive Shop provide this incredible evening.

For more information on how to participate in the RRUSA Carysfort Restoration Project or get your copy of Frazier's full movie, call The Dive Shop at The Reef at 305-367-3051 or email us at <a href="mailto:info@thediveshoporc.com">info@thediveshoporc.com</a>.

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## You Say Collision, I Say **Allision**



by Randy Woods, US Coast Guard Auxiliary Ocean Reef

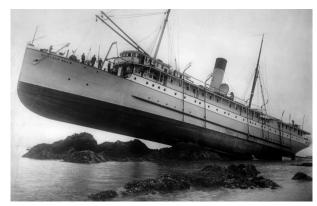
Bad things happen at sea, and the Coast Guard categorizes these as a "marine casualty or accident," inviting a menacing rhyme:

Grounding, stranding, foundering or flooding, Collision, allision, explosion and

With any of these your boat takes a drubbing,

And risks for the captain are dire.

Groundings and strandings are the most common types of marine casualties. A grounding



SS Princess May stranded on Sentinel Island Reef, Alaska-August 5, 1910. Photo: Author's collection.



Allision of the container ship, Dali, with Baltimore's Key Bridge-March 26, 2024. Photo: NTSB.

occurs when a vessel strikes the seabed, while a stranding describes a ship remaining grounded for a length of time.

Collision, allision — what's that about? We recognize a collision when two vessels strike each other, but an allision occurs when a vessel strikes a stationary object like a bridge or dock. A stark example of an allision occurred recently when the container ship, Dali, destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing fatalities and the closure

of the Port of Baltimore.

The Coast Guard recognizes four additional situations as marine casualties or accidents for which we might need an admiralty lawyer:

- Reduction or loss of a vessel's power, propulsion, or steering.
- Occurrences that impair a vessel's operation, components, or cargo.
- Circumstances that impair a vessel's seaworthiness, efficiency,
  - Incidents involving

significant harm to the environment.

Mariners are required to report any of the 12 events noted to the Coast Guard.

Alternatively, let's attempt to manage and pilot our boats without provoking any misadventures.

Ideas for this article are based on information from the US Coast Guard and the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration which responds to pollution and impacts to the marine environment created by mariners at sea.





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## Sad to Say Goodbye for the Season!



by Currie Wooten, CSSC Commodore

To wrap up our season, our Award Night was Tuesday, April 9th. We owe much thanks to Patty Lucas for sponsoring us at the Key Largo Anglers Club. Special thanks to Clay Dunn who worked with us to arrange the event, Chef Jon for the delicious meals and Guillermo who was there at the event taking care of all our needs. Suzanne Sayia orchestrated the decorations making sure, with the help of Patty, that our traditional sailboats and flags (made by **Anne Lampman Sr**) were the centerpieces.

The nominating of new members to their positions in CSSC occurred. Neil Sullivan will be the new Commodore and he is already showing how well he can write the Ocean Reef Press articles. Jim Lampman is his Vice Commodore and has already taken on his job of providing ice, manning the Beverage Cart and running the Beer can races, and always leaves us with delicious chocolates. Jennifer Forelli will be the Rear Commodore and is already keeping Briggs Forelli on his toes. We are so fortunate to have the support from all the members who make this club run so well.

Our Race Committee has signed on for another year with Jay Beatty at the helm and Lorne Price as one of our PROs again, and Tom Snyder as our official race guide! Our Attendant Boat Chair is Morgan Whiteley. We have lots of wonderful boat owners adding to the fleet to help the races go on. Henry Stout, Chuck Post, Pete Liashek, Chuck Cook, Al Mast and JD Dwight have



Nancy Lampman and Gary Sayia, overall season winners. Photo by Windsor Coffin.

been helping us out in Card Sound to accommodate our race committee and also place the race marks and help boats when they get in trouble. Our RC officials and scorers are Natasha Price, Shirley Shumway, Jane Schaefer, and Mary Heffner and our constant attendant boat helper is Gordana Schneider.

Our new Harbormaster is **Steve Schoedinger** with the help of **Jim Foster**, who has been taking care of all sorts of tasks, so we will try not to abuse him too much. Chuck Cook, our past Harbormaster, has been instrumental in organizing the plans for our new dock for summer 2025. He has obtained the engineering plans and is looking to start the permit process with the help of ORC very shortly.

Our Fleet Captain is **Windsor Coffin**, who has orchestrated the hauling and storage of all our Bullseyes for the summer in record time with many helpful sailors and boat owners. Windsor has been the master of all trades for CSSC as well as being Commodore twice. Hopefully we can wean him out of the other responsibilities and let him concentrate on the boats!

Liz Foster has signed up for Nooner Chair again and had the help of Anne Lampman and Pam Cook to organize and clean all the Hot Dog Day and Nooner Day implements and leftover beverages. Our Port Captain, Rick Chanin, helped store them all for the summer and states we are ready for Opening Day Luncheon, Tuesday,



Commodore Currie Wooten presents Lorne Price with the Hereshoff Award. Photo by Windsor Coffin.



Currie Wooten with Neil and Jan Sullivan - new Commodores. Photo by Windsor Coffin.

**November 12**, at his home in the Fall!

#### **Season Awards**

- **Dingley Series:** Chris Streit & son Stephen Streit-1st place; Skip & Dawn Shumway-2nd place; Gary Sayia & Tom McKenzie-3rd place
- Connor Series: Gary Sayia & Nancy Lampman-1st place; Jim Lampman & Jim Foster-2nd place; Chris Streit & Suzanne McManmon-3rd place
- Magic Series: Gary Sayia & Nancy Lampman-1st place; Jim Lampman & Jim Foster-2nd place; Ned Brooks/Robillards-3rd place
- Mills-Metcalf Series:
- **Bulls:** Chris Streit & Jim Wilson-1st place; Gary Sayia & Nancy Lampman-2nd place; Bill & Sally Reynolds-3rd place

- Eyes: Peter & Anne Askew-1st place; Ned Brooks & Bert Winchester-2nd place; Frank Schneider & James McCann-3rd place
- Pumpkin Key Award: Chris Streit son Stephen Streit

Our overall season winner gets the esteemed Shumway Award (**Shirley Shumway** and her son **Skip** and his wife **Dawn** were at our banquet): Gary Sayia and Nancy Lampman won.

Our last award is the **Herreshoff Award** that went to a very special member, recognizing the contributions he has brought to the club and how he remains active as an important member on the Race Committee and shares the role of PRO: Lorne Price.

Here's to a wonderful summer to all. We're already planning fun events for next season for the Card Sound sailing Club. Come join us.

#### **FITNESS**

## Fire Fit Fitness Challenge



by Casey Culp, Fitness Trainer Manager

On Saturday, April 20 at 8a.m., the Ocean Reef Firefighters and the Member Fitness Center welcome all Members to join us for a special fitness event, the Fire Fit Fitness Challenge. This event is for all levels of fitness and all age groups and will be held at the greens area adjacent to the Associate Parking Garage. The Fire Fit Fitness Challenge draws inspiration from the rigorous mental and physical standards that our first responders are

required to maintain and the tests and training that they endure on a daily basis.

Some of the challenges in the event include a chain saw farmers walk, pulling equipment up from a three story parking garage, sledgehammer strikes on a tire, Kaiser sled, and much more! All challenges can be modified for difficulty.

For those that do not want to participate in the fitness challenge, our Firefighters will have the firetruck and firefighter equipment for Members to interact with as well as coffee and music. Please join us for a unique and fun event that will allow everyone to experience what it is like to walk in the shoes of those that dedicate their lives to helping and protecting others. Please call the Member Fitness Center at 305-367-5820 if you have any questions.



Ina Broeman, winner of the Ladies' Trainer Choice Award

Swimmer of the Season Susanne Kramer with Coach Jon Olsen, Liz Angelone and last year's winner Patricia Imbesi

#### FITNESS AWARDS 2024

Men's Club Fitness Champion: Bob Schwartz

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Ladies Trainer Choice: Ina Broeman

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## **CSMYC** Racing & End-of-Season Awards



by Windsor D. Coffin, **CSMYC** Commodore

With mostly sunny skies and a breeze just on the better side of "almost too much", last Sunday was yet another perfect day for model yacht racing on the Pond. But with the season rapidly drawing to a close, it was also time for our annual luncheon and awards ceremony for the season champions.

For only the second time this season, we had to use our smaller "B" rigs designed for stronger breezes. With those conditions, racing was spirited and remarkably close. But, with the wind coming from an east-northeasterly direction, the oceanside mangroves near the Pond's tidal culvert blanketed the southeast side of our racing venue in near-calm conditions. With about three-eighths of the Pond a virtual "no-go" zone, the fleet remained tightly packed. In fact, in one race yours truly, Windsor Coffin, and Joe Robillard were less than a boat length apart from the start, at each mark rounding over four laps, and at the finish. Joe won that race, but we both had big smiles on our faces after that finish! With our awards ceremony and luncheon still to come, we only managed to race five races. Winning the day was Joe Robillard who won the first four races. Second place for the day and taking a win in the final race of the day was yours truly. Rounding out the top three was Jim Seale who was never too far behind and ready to pounce should either Joe or I have made



The fleet racing in strong breeze. Photos by Alzbeta Robillard.



the Commodore.

a mistake. Many thanks go to Alzbeta Robillard who pulled "triple duty" on Race Committee for the day by starting the races, scoring the races, and taking photos!

We had a large group of members (long time members, newer members, and soonto-be members) attend the awards ceremony and luncheon. Thanks to Erin Coffin and Sally Reynolds for obtaining lunch for us. Awards went to the top three sailors for the full season of races from the beginning of January through the end of March. This season we raced a total of seventy times and with races for all three months being tabulated, the top three sailors were separated by a mere eleven points! Winning the Season Series with a total of 121 points was Joe Robillard who managed to outsail two past Season Series champions on his way to his first title. Only nine points back in second place was last year's Season Series champion, Al Mast. Rounding out the top three for the season and only a further two points back was yours truly, Windsor Coffin. Congratulations Joe!

While we are scheduled to have two more racing Sundays on the calendar, it is looking like we will not have enough sailors remaining on The Reef to race on April 28. So, Sunday, April 21 will be the last Sunday of racing

for the Card Sound Model Yacht Club for this season. The long-range forecast for our final day of racing looks great. We hope that you will venture out to Buccaneer Island this Sunday to catch the EC-12 racing action one more time this season! Our first race start is at 10 a.m. and, of course, our sailing is dependent on favorable

weather. If you think you might be interested in joining our model yachting club next season and would like more information about the CSMYC and our EC-12 model yachts, please come by "the Pond" to see us this Sunday or contact me, Windsor Coffin, at csmyc12@ gmail.com.

## BOLO for the Veiled Chameleon!

Bv Marv Bradv

The Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge recently reached out asking Members to be on the lookout at Ocean Reef for the invasive Veiled Chameleon.

They describe this chameleon as a striking lizard with colors spanning many shades of green, yellow, and brown. They have a prominent crest on the top of their head with clamplike feet, making them easily identifiable. The chameleons are also popular with the pet trade, helping them to spread from their native range of Yemen and Saudi Arabia to fragile ecosystems like those of Southern Florida where they invade and feast on native



Invasive Veiled Chameleon

insects.

Recent sightings of these nonnative lizards have now been reported in Ocean Reef, but we can get ahead by removing individuals before they are able to breed and establish a population.

You can help by keeping an eye out and reporting any sightings to the resources below.

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## Card & Games Update



by Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Whether you're a seasoned poker player, a fan of Canasta, or eager to learn Mah Jongg, there's something for everyone at the Card & Game Room this April.

While I am in Gatlinburg, TN from April 12 through April 23, David Babcock will fill in my absence.

#### **Poker Nights:**

Join us every Monday evening at 6:45 p.m. for Men's Poker Night. Test your skills and enjoy some friendly competition in an inviting atmosphere.

#### **Canasta Pick Up Games:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays mark the return of Canasta Pick Up Games at the Card & Games Room. Swing by between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to join in on the fun. No need to worry about finding a group—we'll organize games just like we did before Covid-19. Whether you're a novice or a seasoned player, it's a fantastic opportunity to socialize and hone your skills. If you're new to the game or looking for a refresher, don't miss our beginner lessons on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

#### Mah Jongg:

For lovers of Mah Jongg, Tuesdays and Thursdays are your days to shine. Join us from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Mah Jongg pickup games. Plus, we're thrilled to announce that we now have a Mah Jongg teacher on-site offering both beginner and intermediate lessons. For more information or to schedule a lesson, please contact me at 305-367-6609.

#### **Beginner's Canasta Lessons:**

Mark your calendars for **Thursday**, **April 25th**, at 12:30 p.m. for Beginner's Canasta Lessons. Whether you're new to the game or looking to brush up on your skills, this is the perfect opportunity to learn and connect with fellow players.

#### **Live Duplicate Bridge Games:**

Calling all bridge enthusiasts! Join us for Live Duplicate Bridge Games every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 1 p.m. don't worry if you're new to duplicate bridge—we're here to help. Reach out to me at 305-367-6609 for instructions and guidance.

#### Backgammon:

On Fridays, immerse yourself in the world of backgammon

with lessons available at 10:30 a.m. by appointment. Call 305-367-6609 to secure your spot. Plus, check out our selection of backgammon games available for checkout, so you can practice at home.

#### Open Seven Days a Week:

The Card & Game Room is your destination for entertainment, open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Whether you're dropping in for a quick game or spending the day immersed in your favorite pastime, we look forward to welcoming you.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the April Card & Games Room Schedule, available at the Card & Games room.

For more information or to reserve your spot for upcoming events, visit us at the Card & Games room or give us a call at 305-367-6609. See you at the tables!

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#### BRIDGE TIP OF THE WEEK

## Mastering Bidding Judgment in Bridge

By Gregg Van Dyke, Director of Card & Games

Bidding in Bridge is not merely about stating numbers but about making strategic decisions that can lead to success or failure in the contract. Central to this decision-making process is bidding judgment, where priorities and considerations shape your bidding strategy. Here's a concise guide to enhance your bidding judgment prowess:

#### **Priorities:**

When determining the final contract, keep these priorities in mind:

- 1. Major Fit: Aim for an 8-card or longer fit in a major suit.
  - **2. Notrump:** Opt for notrump if

both hands are balanced or nearly balanced.

**3. Minor Suit:** Consider playing in a minor suit, especially if lacking suitable major fits.

#### **Choosing the Better Fit:**

When you have fits with both majors (or minors), prioritize the fit that is more evenly divided between both hands. Long suits can facilitate loser discards, maximizing your chances of success.

#### **Exceptional Cases:**

In rare scenarios where a suit is exceptionally strong (6+ cards with KQJ or better) or extremely long (7+), prioritize making that suit trump.

#### **Minor Suit Contracts:**

When notrump isn't ideal due to a potentially disastrous hand, consider

minor suit contracts. With a 9-card minor fit and lack of honors in side suits, opting for a minor can be a prudent decision.

#### Other Pointers:

- A bid by a partner in your short suit diminishes your hand's value.
- Opponents bidding on your long suit also reduces your hand's value.
- High cards in your partner's suit enhance your hand's value.
- Conversely, high cards (except the Ace) in the opponents' suit decrease your hand's value.
- Intermediate cards (tens, nines, and eights) gain extra value in notrump contracts.

By internalizing these principles and applying them judiciously during bidding, you'll enhance your ability to navigate through complex bidding situations and secure favorable contracts in bridge games.





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