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Editor: Terri Kathman

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Sandy Keir, President

As many of you know, three new Board members were elected at the Annual meeting on January 16: Bob Packee, Unit 514, Paul Bourassa, Unit 610 and Suellen Coito, Unit 2411. They join Gary Engelgau, Unit 114, Darrell Salyers, Unit 1012, David Yamin, Unit 211 and me (Sandy Keir, Unit 1724) who served on the Board in 2017. I want to thank Darrell Salyers, last year's President, for guiding us through Hurricane Irma and the resurfacing of the pool, and Dave Kathman for his tenure on the Board.

I am honored to be elected Board President this year and I look forward to working with the other Board members to make the best decisions we can for all of you. The Board will be focused on two important things this year: increased communication with the members and making sure that the replacement of the fire sprinklers and repaving project are completed in a timely fashion.

It became obvious to me at the Special Assessment meeting on January 4 that many members weren't aware of the fire sprinkler problem and that, despite our best efforts to make information

available on our website www.Pinestone.org, in The Patter, at Board meetings and on bulletin boards in the community, we need to do more to fully inform everybody. The Board will be discussing at its February 13 workshop specific things we can do to reach more people. In the meantime, though, I have asked Debbie to place a box in the Library where owners can put suggestions, complaints, questions and ideas for the Board. The box will be under the sole control of the Board and we will do our best to consider and act on the items submitted.

The sprinkler installation and repaving projects will affect all of us, so I encourage you to watch for more information from the Board about how to prepare. If you're concerned about how you'll be affected, please call any Board member or Debbie for more information.

I want to remind all owners that the Board meets at 10 am on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss issues of importance to Pinestone and again at 6 pm the third Tuesday of the month to discuss and vote on those same issues. I encourage everybody who wants to have their voice heard or find out what's happening in the community to attend the meetings. Starting with

the February meetings, the Board will dedicate more time to an open forum, to encourage an open dialogue with owners seeking more information about issues before the Board.

and to borrow from the reserves for emergencies or large pre-paid expenses such as our insurance premiums.

The first "Breakfast with Debbie" took place on January 19, was well attended and informative for all. I want to thank Board members Sandy Keir and Gary Englegau for being on hand to answer questions. The next coffee is scheduled for February 14 and the speaker and topic will be announced in advance.

Items of Interest:

- Florida Southern Roofing will begin the roofing of buildings 3, 8, 23, 24, 15, 16, 22 in that order. The buildings will be done out of order to facilitate the painting of those buildings also being roofed in 2018. Building 3 will begin approximately February 19th. Each building will take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. I will be doing one calls as well as putting information in the Association bulletin boards with updates on the schedule.
- Siesta Key Décor will begin the painting of buildings 3, 7, 8, 23, 24 approximately March 1st. Each building will take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. I will be doing one calls as well as putting information in the Association bulletin boards with updates on the schedule.
- As you know, the Board passed a special assessment on January 4 to cover the cost of replacing sprinkler heads in all 26 condo buildings and the Clubhouse. The first payment is due February 1 and payments can be spread out over 24 months. If you're going to pay over time, you will receive a special assessment coupon book shortly. Our vendor, Defender Fire Service, will begin installation mid-March

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Hope this February finds you all well !!

Thanks to all the members who attended the Annual Meeting or returned their proxies. We had a quorum and the members approved all three items on the ballot. That means the Board can continue to collect a \$300 security deposit on leases longer than seven months rather than defaulting to the language in our documents that would require a security deposit equal to one month's rent. The Board was also authorized by the owners to carry over any surplus from 2017

and proceed through the buildings in numerical order. More information will be disseminated before the work begins.

The first Unit Owner University was held January 22 and conducted by our insurance brokers from CBIZ. The purpose of the session was to educate unit owners about what type of insurance policy they need to buy to cover their personal property and how it works in conjunction with the coverage provided by the Association. CBIZ will repeat the session at 7 pm on February 26 for those who were unable to attend the first one.

We have hired Accutech Restoration and Remodeling to develop a disaster preparation and recovery plan for the community. The Plan will help us prepare for natural disasters such as hurricanes and give us a written plan to follow once the storm has passed. We're looking for full time residents from each building to help us out. Watch for more information.

Please welcome new owners

Maren Hardman has purchased unit 1210 !!

Full time renters are Felipe & Giseli Rizzinni in unit 1120 !!

Editorial Comment by Terri Kathman, Editor

It is really great to see the large crowds at the Friday Night Social - even when we have a party the next night. Guess we are just a bunch of party animals here at Pinestone! Activities are in full swing and there is something for everyone. Fitting everything into the calendar can be a challenge but hopefully you will find something that you really enjoy and have a chance to meet some new friends. Sometimes, however, sitting down with a good book, an iced tea or lemonade and putting your feet up and relaxing is the best way to slow down time and enjoy the pleasures of life here at Pinestone. Whatever your pleasure, it's a great place to be!

FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Facilities Committee has had its second meeting of the season. The Committee is pleased that our liaison to the new Board of Directors is Paul Bourassa who had been a long-time member of the Committee and understands its work and challenges very well. Our previous liaison, Dave Kathman, has graciously joined the Committee.

We are pleased to report that our first project of the year has been efficiently completed by a team of Committee volunteers. You will probably notice that there are now white, painted numbers at various places along the curb. These numbers are needed to assist with the planning and execution of the paving project.

While there are many projects underway and even more seeking Board approval, below are the most important and near-term projects which should be of great interest to all owners and renters at Pinestone.

Sprinklers: All fire sprinklers in every unit and common area will be replaced, starting in mid-March. In some cases, additional fire sprinklers will be added as required by code (e.g., to lanais which have been enclosed). It is intended for the

**2018 Board of Directors
Committee Liaisons**

Architectural Review	Suellen Coito
Documents & Rules	Gary Engelgau
Facilities	Paul Bourassa
Finance	Suellen Coito
Plant & Beautification	David Yamin
Social	Bob Packee
Systems, Technology & Security	Gary Engelgau

contractor to start with building one and move consecutively from building-to-building. Detailed information will be provided to all unit owners/renters on the timeline, process and individual responsibilities.

Paving: The paving project is moving ahead well with leadership and guidance from Ed Wambold.

Two major items which will be of great interest to most owners/renters is their responsibilities for movement of cars and bicycles. Since the entire asphalt area must be cleared at various times, both cars and bicycles must be moved to accommodate the project. Again, detailed information will be provided to all owners/renters on the timeline, process and individual responsibilities.

Committee Membership - 2018

Joe Adamany
Fred Buglione
Tom Consolati – Co-chairman/Secretary
Tony Fischetti
Ed Green - Chairman
Rob Hoerner
Eric Johnson
David Kathman
Tony Steyer
Jim Tamblyn
Paul Bourassa – Board of Directors' Liaison

PLANT AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank all those volunteers who year after year help to collect from storage and install the holiday lights and trees in the Clubhouse. We are a diminishing group of faithful owners who have been committed to making Pinestone's Clubhouse, over twenty years, a welcoming place for all residents during the holiday season.

The Cypress B mulch was installed in all the common areas in January. Owners are responsible for mulching to the rear of their condo.

The palmetto beds to the rear of Buildings bordering the lake have been trimmed.

All queen palms have been trimmed and seed pods removed.

PATIOS AND STAIRWELLS

In the January issue of the Patter there was a timely reminder to residents about the cleaning of patios and stairwells. The date of patio and stairwell inspection is Wednesday, February 21st 2018. Committee members will only be checking the cleanliness (no mould or dirt) of these areas.

If you cannot clean your patio blocks or stairwell please inform Debbie, she does have the phone number of a company who will, for a fee, clean your patio blocks.

Dates of the next meetings are:

Friday, February 9th, 2018 at 10:00 am
Friday, March 9th, 2018 at 10:00 am

They will be held in the Card room.

Linda Dowson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee is in full swing. We have many fun activities planned. Be sure to check our glass cases in the lobby of the club house as well as the one near the mailboxes. Please mark your calendars with the upcoming events.

The Welcome Back Party ("Inside Out") was a great success. Some innovative get-ups were seen and the food was delicious. Many thanks to co-chairs, Shari and Rocco Longo and Jean Fender

and their committee for a job well done. During the party, Yvette Adams' family flew in as a surprise to help celebrate her special birthday.

We are pleased to announce there will be a Super Bowl Party, February 4th, hosted by Jill and Dave Notter. The Super Bowl Pool will be available and you can purchase the squares selling for \$5.00 each-100 available. They will be sold at the next two Friday Night Socials, Jan 26th and February 2nd. If you cannot make the Social, call Bob Rung at 203-577-8703 to purchase squares. This will be a Potluck food function. Bring an appetizer or main dish to share as well as your beverage of choice. A Super Bowl Cake will be provided for dessert. Wear your favorite team colors or gear and come join us for a fun evening.

Don't forget to put a team together, name it and enjoy the Pub Quiz on February 16th hosted by Sue & Mike Hosler. This will follow the Friday Night Social. Teams can consist of up to six people and the cost will be \$1.00 per person. Sign up begins February 2nd at the Friday Night Social and thereafter a sheet will be posted in the library. This is always a popular event so don't wait to the last minute.

On Saturday, February 24th, Joan and Bob Newton and Marianne and Max Powrie will co-host the Red, White and Blue Party. The festivities will be start at 6:00 p.m. and will include dinner and dancing and some surprises. Sign up and payment of \$12.00 per person will take place on Saturday, February 10th at 10:00 am. in the clubhouse. Cash only please. Put on your patriotic colors and join in the fun.

The Lunch Bunch will get together on Tuesday, February 13th at Café Baci. Sign-up sheet, menu and directions will be posted in the Library.

The next Thursday Night Movie will be "Victoria and Abdul" on February 8th. On February 22nd, don't miss "The ZooKeepers Wife".

The Social Committee would like to welcome Bob Packee as our new Board Liaison. We look forward to working with him to keep the Board informed about what's going on with the Committee.

It's only through our volunteers that the Social Committee of Pinestone can offer all these wonderful activities. We are asking you to start thinking about how you can help us to continue these great events. Support is always available from the Social Committee so you'll never feel like you're on your own. We're all in this together.

Hélène Fee and Donna Adams
Pinestone Social Committee Co-Chairs

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held in the Card Room on Wednesday, February 7th at 10:00 am. Feel free to join us. Everyone is always welcome!



SUPER BOWL PARTY
Sunday, February 4th at 5:30

Bring appetizer or main dish to share and your beverage of choice

CLASSIC MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES

The January films on Monday nights in the Pinestone clubhouse theater were a big hit with Pinestone folk. In February the *Monday Classic Movies* series continues to present cinema gems, hosted by Pinestone resident and retired film prof, Bill Muzzillo.



Each film is not only 'classic' in nature, but also restored and presented in its original format. Many have been saved from deteriorating film-rot, and

have not been seen on the big screen for decades. On Monday nights, Bill offers a brief history of the film and encourages audiences to remain afterwards for a brief Q&A session.

The Bourassas (Lorraine and Paul) and Jim Tamblyn assist each week, popping the popcorn and serving beverages. Admission, including the refreshments, is \$1.00 (a buck, four-bits). Showtime is 7:00 p.m. sharp, and audiences are encouraged to get to the clubhouse theater early, as saving seats is not permitted.

Here's the lineup for Mondays in February:

FEB. 5th – “**COCOON**” – Long out of print (and unseen on the big screen for decades), this wonderful 1985 classic won 2 Academy Awards (nominated for 11) and stars such veteran actors as Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn and Jack Gilford. Full of fun and fantasy, this is what life at Pinestone should be about. You'll agree after seeing it!

FEB. 12th – “**HELLO, DOLLY**” – Just in time for Valentine's Day, this 1969 musical gem was one of the last great Hollywood musicals — directed by Gene Kelly (of all people) and adapted from the famous Broadway production. Presented in 6-channel stereo, **Hello, Dolly** stars the irrepressible Barbra Streisand as match-maker Dolly Levi, with Walter Matthau and Michael Crawford (before his “Phantom of the Opera” days). Plan on an evening of great fun, wonderful songs... and a special appearance by Louis Armstrong!

FEB. 19th – “**THE BIRDS**” – You say you want Alfred Hitchcock?? OK, you got him! Come to the Pinestone movie theater and see why this film is regarded as one of his most chilling masterpieces. Enough said!!

FEB. 26th – “**HEAVEN KNOWS MR. ALLISON**” – Starring the great Robert Mitchum and Deborah Kerr, this is one of the most important films of 1957. Directed by John Huston, it's the story of a Marine and a nun, marooned on

a war-torn island. “Heaven Knows Mr. Allison” was nominated for several Academy Awards, and hasn't been seen on the big screen for years. Until now!

Mark your calendars accordingly. See you there!!

Bill Muzzillo

PUB QUIZ



The annual Pub Quiz will be held on Friday, February 16 around 7 p.m. following the social hour. So get your teams together with no more than 6 on a team and choose a fun name for your group. Sign-ups will start at the Friday Night Social on February 2 and following that, the sheet will be posted in the library. There is room for only 11 teams so don't delay in signing up. The cost is \$1 per person, which will be distributed as prize money to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. The fee will be collected just prior to the start of the quiz.

If you are new to Pinestone, the Pub Quiz tests your knowledge of trivia with 6 rounds of 10 questions each on a specific topic or category. The questions are read aloud and each team will brainstorm and write their answer on the team answer sheet. Answers will be scored after each round and posted on a master chart displayed at the front of the room. There is a break half way through for desserts so you can refuel your brain cells. In addition to the 6 verbal rounds, there are two filler rounds, one per half that are placed at the table to be worked on throughout the game.

Come join the fun, whether as a team member or an observer!

***PLEASE NOTE: Since this night generally has a large turnout of 60+ people at the social, most of whom stay for the Pub Quiz, much food is needed to feed the crowd. I ask you to consider making a larger quantity of whatever dish you are bringing, so we have adequate food for everyone.

Thanks,
Sue Hosler (Any questions, email me at suehosler@yahoo.com)

Pinestone Book Group

Bridge Anyone?

Bridge is scheduled to be played in the card room at the Clubhouse on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. All level players are welcome.

The dates are as follows:

February 14 & 28

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

There is a sign-up sheet in the library. If you are unable to play on a scheduled night, please notify me at rrung@sbcglobal.net or by calling me at (203) 577-8703.

Poker

Only two people showed up for Poker on January 24th so we were unable to play.

If you enjoy playing poker you can sign up in the library and join us in the Clubhouse on the next scheduled date, February 14th. If we do not have enough interest, we may have to discontinue having the Poker sessions. We are scheduled to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays in February, March and April.

DON'T FORGET!

BINGO ON THE 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS

It is always a good time with entertaining number caller, Ken Angotti, at the helm. You might even win some money! Join them on:



February 7th and 21st

March 7th and 21st

SUNSHINE LADY INFORMATION



The Sunshine Lady sends cards out to those Pinestone residents who are ill, hospitalized, have a special anniversary (25th, 50th), or to the family of those who have passed away. Just call our sunshine lady, Pat Sacks, at home at 941-388-7891 or on her cell at 941-320-4594 if you know someone who could use a little sunshine.

The Pinestone Book Group met on January 25, 2018 and books were chosen for the 2018 season. The first is a book bag selection but members will have to get the remaining books on their own.

The group meets at 10:30 in the game room and we will discuss the following:

February 22: *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland

March 22: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

April 12: *Coming Clean* by Kimberly Ray Miller

The group also recommended reading over the summer: *Suncoast Empire: Bertha Honore Palmer, Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota, 1910-1982* by Frank Cassell

If you would like a copy of 'Clara and Mr. Tiffany' to read for the February meeting, call Nancy Alger at 617-771-0440. A few copies are available.

UNIT NUMBER SPRUCE-UP TIME

4255

The Brass unit numbers on our buildings have oxidized over the years and have become difficult to read from the roadways. The members of the Facilities Committee have adopted the goal of making sure that all of the numbers are cleaned in 2018.

In order to help achieve this goal, we ask owners to clean their own numbers within the timeframe specified above. To facilitate the cleaning, the product Brasso will be purchased by the Association and made available to owners upon request to Kevin. Owners who are unable to clean their numbers can let Debbie know and the volunteer members of the Facilities Committee will clean those numbers for them.

Odds N'Ends:

Paving Task Force finalized the bid items with Karin's Engineering on 1/22. Karin's will proceed to let bids for our paving. The curb number painting was done on 1/24 to assist the paving work. Many thanks to volunteers who did this for us. A Future Town Hall Meeting will be held when more info is available as to the paving project.

WARNING: There will be a need to move bikes and autos during the summer paving project. That must happen before May as to the bikes and the bike racks. Stay tuned for what we will be doing in that regard.

Building 6 will have their electrical meter bank breakers replaced this year to delay future full replacement of the meter bank system per our resident expert advice.

NOTE: Committee sign up sheets are in the library. Please sign up as we need your help and knowledge in many areas.

Jewelry Cleaning

Pinestone residents, Randy Ausloos and Ron Adams will be doing free jewelry cleaning on Saturday, February 24 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. Randy has ultrasonic machines that will have your jewelry and glasses sparkling clean and devoid of accumulated green gunk. So gather up your rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, expansion watchbands, glasses and the like and stop in.



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The next Patter will be published in March. The deadline for that issue will be February 23rd. Information can be sent to Terri Kathman at (tmkathman1@gmail.com)

INFORMAL OUTINGS

Although these events are not planned Pinestone outings, you will find plenty Pinestone people in attendance.

The Brown Bag Concerts will commence this year on Thursday, February 1 at Phillippi Estate Park, 5500 S. Tamiami Trail. If you're not familiar with these concerts, they take place at noon every Thursday during February and



March and are free, though buckets for donations are passed to cover musicians traveling expenses. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of musical genres. The concerts for February and March are as follows:

February 1-Easy Street with Lisa Brande and Mark Trichka (fiddle, mandolin, guitar and vocals)

February 8-Suzanne and Jim (Americana music with guitar and banjo)

February 15-The Connie Dillon Band

February 22-Kitt Moran with Mike Moran's Jazz Trio

March 1-Jim Mazz-Music Comedy Impressions

March 8-The Jerry White Swing Band

March 15-Stephen Ditchfield of the Ditchfield Family Singers

March 23-Sophisticated Swing Orchestra and Art Show

March 30-Good Time Groove Band

Silent Movie with Theater Organ

Accompaniment

Another annual musical event is a silent movie accompanied by Clark Wilson performing on a Wurlitzer theater pipe organ. Clark is one of the finest practitioners in silent movie scoring in the world and is guaranteed to leave you laughing. The movie chosen this year is a 1925 Buster Keaton movie, called "Seven Chances."

The performance is Sunday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Church, 8000 Bee Ridge. For advance tickets

at \$15 each, go to <http://www.theatreorgans.com/MTOS/> and click on "Buy Tickets" underneath Clark Wilson's name.

You can also call 941-776-3668 up until 6 p.m. the night before the concert. Tickets at the door cost \$18, cash or check only.

MAKING ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR UNIT?

It seems that some people were not aware that they need to get approval for certain improvements or changes that they make to their condo. Just to make sure everyone understands, before you have any of the following items changed or installed please get a copy of the Architectural Change Approval Form from the office and have it completed in a timely manner **before you contract with a vendor to do work in your home.**

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Personal Garden Areas-limited to rear of units

Any electrical or plumbing addition, deletion or
change that may affect the outward appearance of
the building

Chuckle for the Month

Upon his retirement, a man was given a set of golf clubs. He decided to give them a try, and signed up for lessons. The pro showed him how to stand and how to hold the club. "Now," the pro instructed, "just hit the ball near that flag on the green." The novice smacked the ball straight down the fairway, where it rolled to a stop just an inch from the hole. "Now what?" The shocked pro could barely speak. "Well, the idea is to hit the ball into the hole." "Oh, sure," the retiree huffed. "Now you tell me."



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