

WHITLEY BAY

The Whitley Bay Condominium Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS...

Please welcome back Denise Rael and Tim Olinger (formerly leasing #801 and now own #705) and their daughter, Tommie. We are happy to have them as permanent residents.

Happy Birthday to:

Sheila Bonvallant (#1202)	Feb. 2
Jill Sheen (#1106)	Feb. 8
Bob Sheen (#1106)	Feb. 21
Tom Jensen (#504)	Feb. 23
Coralie Betz (#804)	March 23
Terry Yates (#1105)	March 27
Jim Drake (#706)	March 28
Stan Bowers (#606)	March 31
Mark Bonvallant (#1202)	March 31
Sandy Jacobs (#1102)	April 8
Michael Broadmeadow (#1004)	April 10
Betsy Clark (#501)	April 16
Loretta Bowers (#606)	May 5
Marney Bowlds (#701)	May 5
Becky Sanders (#503)	May 17
Larry Ramsay (#1206)	May 25
David Perley (#401)	May 26
Diane Verner (#805)	June 3
Scott Brooks (#1103)	June 13
Pat Bowlds (#701)	July 2
Merrily Jensen (#603)	July 17
Joe Wright (#506)	July 19
Susie Wright (#506)	July 21

Happy Anniversary to:

Maggie & Jim Drake (#706)	March 3
Liz & Scott Brooks (#1103)	April 25
Ed Pont & Michael Broadmeadow (#1004)	April 27
Christina & Alex Sinilnikoff (#1002)	May 2
Bobbie & Bob Brozman (#305)	May 2
Carol & Tom Jensen (#504)	May 5
Jill & Bob Sheen (#1106)	May 6
Becky & Wayne Sanders (#503)	May 23
Dixie & John Reese (#301)	June 16
Judy & Bob Shrader (#402)	June 23
Larry & Margherita Ramsay (#1206)	July 16

If we did not mention your birthday or anniversary please update with one of the Co-Editors of the newsletter.

HAPPENINGS AROUND WHITLEY BAY...

Judy and Dave Bartine (Suite 306) wanted to share that their “biggest event” since moving to Whitley Bay was that they had twelve family members all together in their condo over Spring Break this past March! The Bartine’s became owners in December 2012 after leasing for two years.

We held our annual **Super Bowl XLVII Party** on February 3rd! Many thanks to the 40+ attendees who shared their talents making everybody’s favorite Super Bowl food by the great cooks at Whitley Bay and friends! The game environment demonstrated an enthusiastic rivalry surrounded by balloons, banners, and WB Spirit! Final Score: Baltimore Ravens 34 and San Francisco 49 Niners 31. Many Thanks to all those who helped make this a Super Bowl to remember. What a game!



The Whitley Bay Annual Board meeting was held on February 27th. We would like to thank and extend our appreciation to all the volunteers who helped with the delicious cookout held prior to the meeting. We would like to welcome our 2013 Board Members: President, Stan Bowers; Vice-President, Larry Ramsay; Treasurer, Bob Shrader; Secretary, Terry Yates; and Member at Large, Richard Isom.



On March 17th, the Whitley Bay **St. Patrick's Day Party** was a wonderful evening with lots of great food and fun enjoyed by over 45 residents and friends. Exciting games included Pin the Shamrock on the Leprechaun run by Loretta Bowers, and the Gold Coin Toss run by Dixie Reese. Delicious Irish coffee was served by Marney Bowlds with assistance from Terry Yates. Cametta Isom handed out special Leprechaun names for every guest and Jim Jacobs was, as always, a wonderful Master of Ceremony for joke telling.



Congratulations to Bobbie Brozman(Suite 305) and Cametta Isom(Suite 502) for their participation with the Golden Steppers Dancers, who celebrated their 25th anniversary at the Cocoa Village Playhouse on February 17th.



On the road again.....

The Natchez Trace Parkway is a 444-mile drive through exceptional scenery and 10,000 years of North American history. Used by American Indians, "Kaintucks," settlers, and future presidents, the Old Trace played an important role in American history. Brock McNally (Suite 902) and Frank Sullivan (Suite 1201) are currently making the trek on their bikes, traveling from Natchez, Mississippi to Nashville, Tennessee. Accompanied by their wives, Beverly and Pilar (driving their cars), they plan on stopping to visit the Whitley's in Franklin, N. C. on the return trip home.



Traveling Vacation.....

John and Nancy Reynolds Lakes (PH 1) traveled to Israel for 10 days in Sept 2012. They visited sites described in the Bible where they rode a boat across the Sea of Galilee, took a tour where Jesus performed 80 percent of his ministry and walked the entire route where Jesus carried his cross to Calvary. The tour included a visit to the Nativity location and the upper room where Passover took place, where archeologists continue to dig. John and Nancy had an awesome trip!

They also traveled to Hawaii earlier this year, including Oahu & Maui, where they toured the new Pearl Harbor museum and the USS Missouri where they viewed the documents signed by Allied Forces to end WWII.

Update from Social Committee:

The following is a schedule of activities through September:

April 11	Ladies Outing in Winter Park
May 4	Kentucky Derby Party
June 8	Movie Night (Double Feature) Soup, Salad, and Popcorn
August 3	Popcorn and Movie Night
September 14	Fifties Party

More events will be posted in the next newsletter, and we look forward to getting together for these fun events.

Water Color Art Classes.....Pat Bowlds (Suite 701) conducted the first in a series of classes in February. The class participants were: Carol Jensen(Suite 504), Carolyn Drylewski, Mary Salama (Suite 1005),Shirley Bento, Terry Yates(Suite 1105), Sara Milburn, Donna Meligi and her Daughter, Carey Bellazzini (PH2).



A new look in the Exercise Room..... Thanks to all who participated in updating our Exercise Room, especially, Frank Sullivan (Suite 1201) Chairman of the Exercise Room Committee, Roy Jones, Scott Crosby, Don Verner (Suite 805) and Reno Sanchez for selection of the carpet, painting and moving all the equipment! This took assessment, planning, organization, and successful completion within a reasonable time with little inconvenience to those who use the gym on a regular basis! **Great Teamwork!**



DINNER & A MOVIE.....A review submitted by Edwin Pont (Suite 1004)

A review of **“Crush Eleven”** restaurant in Cocoa Village (where the old Cara Mia was previously): Have been to Crush several times and have had great meals with excellent service. The atmosphere is similar to a New York bistro, casual, warm and rustic. The "chicken under a brick" is wonderful, and the fried string beans are a great starter. They have many other tasty entrees and appetizers that are delicious and well prepared. The servers are quite impressive with their knowledge of wines and menu items, and very personable.

If you're going to catch a movie either before or after dinner, may I suggest **“The Call”**, starring Halle Berry as the “911 Operator”. It is a tension packed thriller, and a rewarding film with fine performances by Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin and Michael Eklund. “The Call” builds plenty of suspense before taking an unexpected turn in the third act. It keeps you on the edge of your seat and definitely worth seeing.

HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE THRILL OF "SMUSHING"

By Ted Clark (Suite 903), "*Smusher*" *Extraordinaire*

As all professionals, I am prone to criticize the work of others who are clearly NOT good Smushers. Not all Whitley Bay residents seem to have understood this considerate AND pleasurable action.

For those of you who may not know of the art of "Smushing", it is the careful attention to and the physical action of reducing any recyclable to its minimum CUBE before putting it in the Recyclables' Containers located at the East Entrance of our garage. Simply standing/stepping on or otherwise making smaller all those plastic and cardboard items which take up space in the containers is called "smushing". Smushing is best done when in your suite so that only you or your live-in can hear the exquisite noises smushing produces.

I personally delight in the sharp crackling that the plastic personal drinking bottles make when I CRUSH those in my hand...remember; I have been physically trained by Reno Sanchez over the past seven years. The larger sized milk containers softly respond to a fist at either end...take your choice, fisting or stomping (be careful here...this may need some delicacy), they reluctantly but slowly respond to constant pressure and soon take up half the space they formerly occupied.

Now the plastic juice/soda bottles can pose a problem. They are STIFF! Here I recommend the careful positioning of the shoed feet or foot so as to smash the center. (Do this with the bottle on the floor and a hand on the wall to steady you. The "standing on the counter" method is very dangerous...don't even try! Once the center collapses it is easy to position the shoe over the still standing bottom or neck and applying pressure to fold them toward the center. I have realized about a loss of two-thirds the cube of the original bottle. If the bottle refuses to reform/collapse, discard it as is. Further smushing attempts will result in frustration and possible injury...it's not worth it.

I find no immediate pleasure in smushing cardboard boxes although small ones do respond to the foot technique used for plastic bottles above. I like the use of a large pocket knife to either cut the tapes holding boxes together or trying the same knife on cutting the glued panels free so as to collapse the box into large sheets. Stomping may be the desired method for some boxes. I sometimes stand on flat shoe box tops and kick the corners out to flatten them, but then, to each his/her own! The thrill comes not from the action, but from the realization that my cardboard cube has been reduced to the size of a daily newspaper instead of a washing machine!

I hope these instructions will give you the fun and pleasure I enjoy "BEFORE" I put my recyclables in the Recyclables' Containers. If you need further guidance, I am on "LinkedIn."

Condolences to the family of Becky and Wayne Sanders (Suite 503)

Molly Evalena (Outlaw) Burnett age 94, of Orlando/Cocoa, passed peacefully to be with her Lord on March 24, 2013 with her family at her bedside. Evalena was born in Jacksonville, Florida on December 18, 1918 to Hammitt D. and Daisy Rebecca Outlaw. She grew up in Sumter County where her parents were among the early settlers in Mabel along with her beloved sisters and brothers. She married Marvin Merle Burnett on March 1, 1942 in Lake City and they remained happily wed until his death on September 20, 1973. Evalena enjoyed retirement after 25 years of service as a school bus driver with Orange County, where she was much loved and respected by the students.

She fulfilled her life with world travel, gardening, and most importantly, as matriarch and mentor to her family. She was an active member with Delaney Street Baptist Church since the 1950;s until her move to Cocoa in 2007 to be under the loving care of daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Wayne Sanders. Her greatest joys in life were serving others and fellowship with family.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Phil Burnett (Billie Rae of Baton Rouge; Kay Mazak (Paul) of Center Hill; Becky Sanders (Wayne) of Cocoa; Harvey Burnett (Jill) of Orlando; Tonya Koch (Ken) of Inverness; and Robin Burnett of Ormond Beach. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Delaney Street Baptist Church, 1919 S. Delaney St., Orlando, FL 32806; or Linden Baptist Church.



“Thank You” from the Sanders Family

Wayne and I have had quite a lot of events that have taken place lately. Feb 27th, Wayne had a heart procedure that left us wondering if he was going to still hang around or take off. March 24th, our sweet mother passed away. Many of you knew her. She enjoyed going to our condo parties and visiting with others. Don and Diane Verner’s father, Hoyt Verner, rode the van every morning to *All One Family Senior Center* with Mom. We would smile, because Mom always wanted to take care of him. In all of this, our condo family surrounded us with love, with cards, with meals, and compassionate hugs. We appreciate each one of you every day. Our blessings are many. We thank you for all that you did for us.



Results of our fire drill held on March 28th

On March 28th, Whitley Bay condominium held a fire drill in cooperation with the Cocoa Fire Department. The purpose of the drill was to review the procedures to follow with our residents and floor captains in the event of a real emergency. The drill also provided training and familiarization of our building for our local firefighters. The Fire Drill Committee extends a special thank you to those residents and floor captains who participated in the drill. District Chief Dave Rocque was pleased with the fairly short time (about 20-25 minutes) that it took us to evacuate once the alarms were sounded.

As with all drills, we identified a few areas for improvement noted below:

- Prompt action on the intercom could provide a much faster evacuation.
- Since most of the toxic fumes from a fire are lighter than air, they rise. Chief Rocque suggested that we consider always evacuating the PH floors in addition to the three that our system is currently programmed to do.
- To accomplish the various tasks during an emergency, the fire drill committee needs at least two additional members who are not floor captains: one to serve as liaison between floor captain chair, Anne Diaz, and the on-scene fire commander, and one to operate the intercom system.
- It is very important that residents gather in the garage under our swimming pool, out of the way of the fireman, and *find their floor captain to assure them that they are safe*. Otherwise, the fire department will be notified that residents may not have evacuated safely and they will be forced to use valuable manpower to search for missing residents.
- It is also vital to *use the stairs!* The firemen will be controlling the elevators if they are operating. If you can't use the stairs, shelter in the stair wells where your floor captain has directed you to do so.

We hope that everyone will please review and memorize the information on the "Evacuation Guidelines" instruction sheet provided in the Fast Facts attachment included in this email. Thanks again for your participation.

Note from the editors: The above information was extracted from a report submitted by Tom Jensen (Suite 504), Fire Drill Committee Chairman. Thanks Tom for your planning and implementation of this very important drill.

Just some important reminders.....There is an overabundance of books for all of you avid readers in the Library located in the 3rd Floor Recreation Room, please stop by and help yourself to some great books and drop off some for others to read.

Summertime is just around the corner...For your safety and enjoyment of others please be observant of the Rules & Regulations for our Pool and Spa as outlined in WBC Policies and Procedures Manual dated December 2012. Please be especially mindful of the Pool hours, sunrise to sunset, and excessive noise.

Please remember to return carts to the G1 and G2 areas so that others may use them, rather than leaving them outside your door or in the elevator vestibule. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS....

The co-editors of the newsletter, Lindsay Leinss and Loretta Bowers, would like to thank our "secret guru", Stan Bowers, for compiling and formatting all the pictures and articles written in the newsletter. We couldn't do it without you, Stan. Thanks for your help.

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