

# WHITLEY BAY

The Whitley Bay Condominium Newsletter

Fall 2018



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS...

Please welcome our new neighbors, Joel and Tracey Kickbusch (Suite 801). They moved here from a 3600 sq ft, 3 acre wooded lot in Rockledge. Tracey works as a supervisor for NASA and is going to be retiring soon so they wanted somewhere that was easier to maintain. Joel is a computer engineer with Novel Engineering in Satellite Beach. They both enjoy Tai Chi and go to classes twice a week. Joel is also beginning to like the gym here.

## Happenings around Whitley Bay:

**Oops, better late than never...** This missed our Spring News Letter

Happy Anniversary Joe and Diane Whitley (Suite 1205), who celebrated 50 years of Wedded Bliss on March 23, 2018!!



**“The Deplorables”** ... submitted by Sue Easterling (Suite 1102)

When Sue Easterling and her brother, Nick, were moving into Whitley Bay they met Tom Jensen and Frank Sullivan exiting the building with their range bags. They started talking and Sue asked if a girl could shoot with them. Of course they said yes. And they started shooting together. A few weeks later Sue wanted to watch a match. Then Sue asked how to get on a team. Frank and Tom agreed to be on a team with Sue and Nick. Frank and Tom knew a couple of other guys from a disbanded team. Fortunately Frank was clever with names, so “The Deplorables” were formed.



Overtime as they needed alternates, others were asked to join. So a season's roster changes a little as the “originals” take hiatus. But as each shooting season ends we reset to the “originals”: Sue, Nick, Tom, Frank, Jack Young, and John Mulkey.

Even though they formed as a social team, they have decided they like winning better than losing!

## **Around the World cruise...** submitted by Carol Jensen (Suite 504)

In 2018, Carol and Tom Jensen boarded the MS Amsterdam and took the cruise which was to be our grand finale, a 114 day world cruise leaving from Ft. Lauderdale, heading southwest through the Panama Canal, across the South Pacific to the continents of Australia, Asia, and Africa before returning across the Atlantic Ocean to North America. The trip covered 33,739.3 miles, visited 25 countries, sailed the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, and Southern Oceans and almost completed our goal of visiting every continent. (We have been close to, but never set foot on Antarctica.) Countries visited included Grand Cayman, Costa Rica, Panama, French Polynesia, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, the Seychelles, Reunion, Mozambique, South Africa, Namibia, Angola, The Gambia, Senegal, Cape Verde Islands, and Puerto Rico, USA.

The itinerary allowed us to revisit some of our favorite places: French Polynesia, (especially Moorea), New Zealand, (especially Milford Sound), and Australia, but also introduced us to the lure of southeast Asia, the surprising beauty of South Africa, and the dramatic landscape of Namibia. And we finally got to see the Seychelle Islands, the setting for a movie we saw together early in our courtship, which was the inspiration to take this particular cruise. The Seychelles are not easy to reach, especially if you don't fly, but Holland America got us there!

Rather than bore you with more words, I will add a few of the 11,000 photos Tom took (yes you read that right) which will represent the places we found most impressive or memorable.

When we left in January we held open the possibility that we might cruise somewhere else someday, but then off the coast of Africa, Tom developed a mysterious, undiagnosable illness that destroyed his balance system, so this cruise *really will* be our grand finale!

We have had 17 years of travel, both on land and sea. We have been to every continent but Antarctica; sailed every ocean; visited the southernmost civilized town in the world, Ushuaia, at the tip of South America and the northernmost point in Europe, NordKapp in Norway; rounded both Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope (no, the ocean was not rough there); been through the Panama Canal 4 times; crossed the equator and the international date line numerous times and even crossed the Prime Meridian and the equator simultaneously, earning the title of Emerald Shellback. At times it has been a little scary, but mostly it was marvelous to see all the beautiful places in the world, from tropical islands to barren deserts, from snow-capped mountains to fjords and glaciers, from sophisticated cities to thatched shacks in the desert. Traveling changed us --- opened our minds to other possibilities and ways of thinking. We discovered that as beautiful as the US is, there are also other countries with magnificent landscapes. And as educated and rich as we are, other civilizations, even backward ones, have something to teach us. So although this part of our lives may be over, we highly recommend that if the opportunity arises for you to travel, **do it**. It will be a transformative experience.



The MS Amsterdam (our home for 4 months)



Moorea, French Polynesia (where Tom tried to abandon ship)



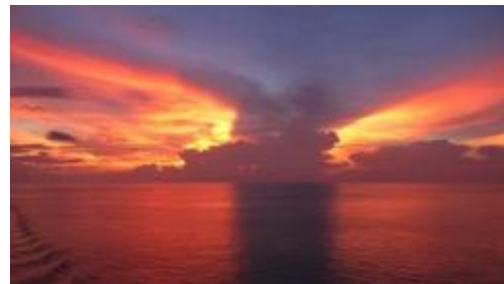
Milford Sound, New Zealand



Opera House, Icon of Sydney, Australia



Tanah Lot, Hindu Temple, Bali



Sunset in the Philippines



Po Lin Monastery, Hong Kong



Hong Kong Harbor



A *real* Chinese restaurant



Merlion of Singapore



Gardens by the Sea



Marina Bay Sands Hotel

The Marvelous Architecture of Singapore



The Sacred Elephants and Wat Chalong Temple, Phuket, Thailand



Thai dancers



Giant Fu Dog, Sri Lanka (Tom loves Fu Dogs)



The Seychelle Islands located off the coast of Somalia, Africa in the Indian Ocean



Reunion, a French protectorate (located east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean)



Cape Town, South Africa



Safari at Aquila Game Reserve



The Jensens at Cape of Good Hope



Dune #7, 426 feet high, Namibia



A camel ride in The Gambia



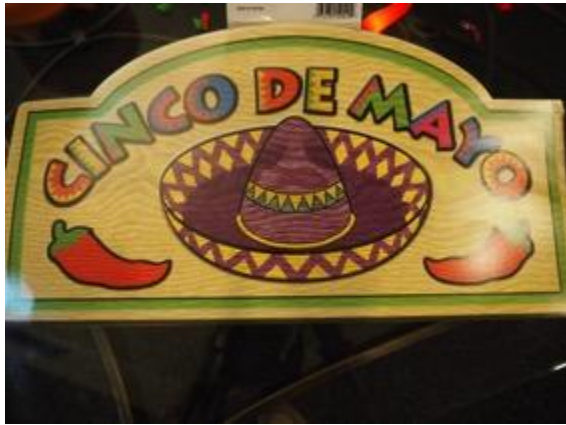
How the African farmers in Senegal live

Carol has graciously offered our residents an opportunity to borrow the book she wrote, "Around the World in 114 Days and 33,740 Miles", and peruse nearly 200 pages (mostly pictures, don't panic) detailing their experiences on this four-month world cruise. Please contact her if you are interested in doing this.

**Cinco de Mayo...**Submitted by Loretta Bowers (Suite 606) and Jayne Lusk (Suite 505)

Cinco de Mayo 2018 was cheerfully celebrated by 47 residents and friends at Whitley Bay. Colorful decorations adorned the Recreation Room. The food was delicious, plentiful, and representative of typical fantastic Mexican fare prepared by our great resident cooks!! Of course, it was also a wonderful excuse to enjoy some typical Mexican drinks prepared by Gary McClure (Suite 506) and Joe Donnelly (Suite 304), who tended the margarita bar, adding to our fiesta theme. "Mucho Gracioso" to all who helped with organizing, cooking,

and assisting with our colorfully themed wall and table decorations. And, as always, many thanks to all who helped with the clean up.





### **Ladies Luncheon...** Submitted by Carol Jensen (Suite 504)

On September 21, the women of Whitley Bay opened the fall season with a delightful luncheon at Café Margaux in Cocoa Village. We made reservations for 17 women, but wound up with 19, having a wonderful surprise visit from Sandy Jacobs and her daughter-in-law, Nancy, who photographed the whole group, then promptly accidentally deleted it. We were in a room by ourselves and all seated at the same table which made it easy for Sara Milburn to work the room. Speaking of Sara, Cametta Isom caught a great photo of Sara, Donna Meligi, and Dori Clark which she didn't delete, so we do have some evidence that at least some of us were there. A pleasant time was had by all.



### **Octoberfest 2019...** submitted by Roz McClure (Suite 506)

The Whitley Bay biergarten with traditional Bavarian blue and white decor, garden lighting (even in the trees!), and fabulous musical entertainment was the place to be for Oktoberfest festivities on October 27th. Residents were greeted by "Hans", the oberkellner (head waiter), with the offer of free beer and plenty of delicious Oktoberfest food.

The cocktail hour was delightfully accompanied by the lovely and talented Judy Bartine at the piano. Her repertoire of our favorite tunes certainly made the beer and appetizers taste even better. Mike Hall followed the piano interlude with his great singing and guitar playing. He played all the best tunes that we love, keeping the party in high gear.

Audience participation was required when Dave Bartine gathered the group to teach us a traditional German drinking song, linking arms and swaying to the music. The lyrics were something like: "In heaven there is no beer. That's why we drink it here...." Fun and laughter was had by all, even those of us who sing off-key.



After dinner we had additional wonderful music by Stoney Copelin to serenade us over our desserts and as the evening was winding down. This year's Oktoberfest celebration was a lovely chance to reconnect with our neighbors and to enjoy good food and great music. Thanks to everyone for making it a wonderful night.



## **Parking Committee...**Diane Verner (Suite 805), Chairperson

If you are new to Whitley Bay or have recently changed vehicles or received new license plates, please update your vehicle information with Diane Verner at [dverner100@aol.com](mailto:dverner100@aol.com). When we re-issued permanent hang tags a few years back, we chose to purchase the ones that we could write in the suite number for identification purposes. **However, the Florida sun has faded out those numbers. Therefore, we would appreciate it if each of you could take a black sharpie and go over the numbers so they are legible from a distance.**

Also, remember that at any time you have a guest staying overnight, they need to have a proper visitor's parking pass prominently displayed in their vehicle. You may request a short-term pass from any of the floor captains. However, any pass needed for more than one week, needs to be obtained from Diane Verner (Suite 805).

Recently, some of our committee members have moved away. Therefore, there is a great need for new volunteers to help on the committee. If anyone is interested in helping in this area, please contact Diane Verner (Suite 805).

## **Review Committee...**Diane Verner (Suite 805)

If you have placed any type of decorative item at your front door and have not received approval for these items, please contact Diane Verner ([321-638-3592](tel:321-638-3592)) to receive a "Common Area Request" form.

## **Storage Committee...**Don Verner (Suite 805)

Just a reminder, when exiting your storage unit, please make sure that the lights are turned off and the door is completely closed and locked securely.

When placing items in your storage area, please be very careful to stay within the boundaries of your assigned storage space and that all items are stacked well below the sprinkler heads. Also, per the Fire Marshall, no paint supplies or other flammable materials are allowed in these areas. If you have such items stored in your space, please remove them as soon as possible.

## **Maintenance Committee...**Stan Bowers (Suite 606)

Please assist our staff by ensuring that **all garbage put into the garbage chute is securely bagged and tied in no larger than a 13 gallon bag.** We are experiencing garbage being dropped in bags that are not adequately fastened. This can cause quite a mess in the trash room. Also, a reminder to not drop cardboard down the chute. We have recycle bins located in the south end of G-1 for recyclable items and a **cardboard only dumpster** located outside the west entrance for large cardboard items. If you take your recyclables down in plastic bags (similar to a Publix bag), these are not accepted for recycling. Please dispose of them in regular trash. **To maximize the capacity of the cardboard dumpster, please break down all boxes you may place in the dumpster. No other types of materials may be placed in this dumpster.**

If you become aware of a maintenance issue within the building or on the grounds please use the RDI website (<http://reconcilabledifferences.net>) and fill out an “online attention form”. In an emergent situation please contact Scott Crosby (321-474-1695) or a Board member.

**Update from the Social Committee...**Loretta Bowers (Suite 606) & Lindsay Leinss (Suite 1003) Co-chairmen

Dec. 9---Holiday Party at Rockledge Country Club, includes dinner and entertainment.

**Note from Reconcilable Differences, Inc...**

Whitley Bay owners who desire a printed copy of the monthly Financial Statement may request same from RDI ( 321-453-1585 or [office@recdif.com](mailto:office@recdif.com)).

Owners who need proof of insurance coverage may contact Whitley Bay’s agent, Ryan Matheson, at [ryan.matheson@regions.com](mailto:ryan.matheson@regions.com) or 727-471-6010. Some insurance policies are available on our website under the Whitley Bay section.

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