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**FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**By: Sandy Keir, President**

At the Annual member's meeting on January 16, unit owners defeated several amendments. Here's what you need to know about how that affects your life at Pinestone.

Smoking continues to be prohibited in all of the common areas, including the pool, tennis courts, mailbox area, in and around the Clubhouse, on all patios and green areas. Proposals to ban smoking in other areas of Pinestone did not pass, so smoking continues to be allowed in all units, lanais, front steps, condo entrances and in the carports.

We've had very few incidents since the no smoking rule went into effect last May but, if you see somebody smoking in any of the common areas, let Debbie know and she'll send them a letter notifying them that they violated the smoking ban and that a second incident will subject them to the Hearing Committee and a possible fine of up to \$100 a day.

Two other amendments that would have added language to our official documents, clarifying that the Association is now responsible for cleaning, maintaining and repairing the patios did not pass.

However, that doesn't change the fact that the Association is now responsible for these activities and a subcommittee of the Board is currently working on a process for handing them. They'll report to the full Board at the March workshop.

Enjoy the beautiful winter weather, spending time with family and good friends around our great pool and walking our beaches that are currently red tide free!!!!

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## Happy March !!

RSS has begun the new front gate callbox and electronic security system installation. Owners will receive headlamp readers as well as fobs for the entry at the gate and pool area. In the near future, there will be a town hall meeting giving more information. There also will be scheduled times to come to the office and get your headlamp readers and/or fobs. At that time you will need to bring any fobs you have so they can be registered in the new system and headlamp readers will be affixed to your car.

### Items of Interest:

- Florida Southern Roofing has completed buildings 2, 9, 20 and 26. They are working on building 4 and will also complete buildings 17 and 21.
- Siesta Key Décor has completed the painting of buildings 15, 16, 22 and the Clubhouse. They are currently working on building 20 for the completion of the 2019 painting schedule.
- If you are interested in being on a committee the sign-up sheets are in the library.
- The office will be closed on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Please welcome new owners:

Cheryl Ennis who purchased unit 1214 and Stephen & Karen Sever who purchased unit 2223

### Also, welcome full-time renter:

Thomas Nolan in unit 812

Why did my monthly dues go up so much this year?

As you all know, your monthly HOA payment has three components:

- 1) **Operating Budget** - This is the money that pays for our daily expenses, such as our lawn mowing and landscaping, tree trimming, electricity to keep the lights on, to pay for the association's insurance and pay Debbie and Kevin. Everybody pays 1/310 of the operating budget, which is \$792,737 this year vs \$768,346 in 2018. That's an increase of \$24,391 or 3%. Almost all of that was due to the huge increase in our insurance premiums this year.
- 2) **Neighborhood Reserves** – These are the buckets of money that we fund every year so we can replace our capital assets and amenities when they break or wear out and need to be replaced. Some of those things are carport roofs, paving our roads and parking lots, replacing our lights and replacing the pool and spa equipment. Every member pays for 1/310 of this budget, which is \$247,003 this year vs. \$212,881 last year. That's a 14% increase, primarily due to an increase in funding for carport roofs, paving, catastrophic landscape replacement due to our diseased trees, recreation equipment, and fire equipment.
- 3) **Building Reserves** – This is the money allocated every month to pay for re-roofing your building every 20 years, repainting your building every 7 years, replacing your electrical panel and fire equipment when needed and paying for routine repairs and maintenance such as gutter cleaning, fire system inspection, and building lighting.

Because these costs are split among the number of units in your building, these costs have the biggest impact on your monthly HOA payment. Many buildings that are getting painted or re-roofed this year didn't have enough money in

their reserves and we had to increase the allocation to pay for it. Some buildings had a lot of repairs last year and they have to pay that money back to the Association this year. That increases your payment, too.

So, the long and short of it is: It's not that the Board drastically increases the amount of money we spend for day-to-day expenses, but what needs to be allocated to the reserves as we near the end of the useful life of our amenities.

***Editorial Comment by Terri Kathman, Editor***

My jeans and sweaters have gotten quite a workout this winter but finally the weather we came to Florida for has arrived. I'm not complaining because we didn't get the polar vortex or 20 inches of snow but it was cooler than usual earlier this winter. Now it's time to enjoy the sunshine and look forward to our Spring Break guests arriving and filling the air with laughter. I know it makes the roads and restaurants more crowded but I love seeing the children and grandchildren giggling while they are playing at the pool or shooting hoops at the basketball court. It gives me a taste of my own family whom I haven't seen for a while. On another note, working on the Patter can be challenging at times, but for the most part it is enjoyable because of the many people who contribute their articles, their ideas and their ads to keep it going. I think communications is such an important part of a community such as ours and the Patter fills that need. I could never do it all by myself so hats off to all of you who help me put out a product that can inform, reflect and keep tabs on what is going on.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

February was a busy month for the members of the Facilities Committee.

First, a big THANK YOU to many members of the Committee and other Pinestone residents for cleaning all of the pool furniture - chairs, chaises and tables. Their work helps improve the overall pool environment and everyone's enjoyment of this wonderful Pinestone amenity.

Speaking of the pool, the Committee is working to understand the process and obtain quotes for providing adequate night-time lighting of the pool to meet state, county and city requirements to allow for its usage between dusk and daylight. Our residents' safety is of the utmost importance and the Board wants to ensure we dot every "I" and cross every "T."

Thanks to Tony Fischetti's presentation to the Board Workshop, the Committee and Board now have a clear understanding of the many items required to properly maintain much of our electrical infrastructure. The Committee will work with the Board to prioritize and adequately fund as much of this work as possible.

Jim Tamblyn presented proposals to the last Board Workshop for both the replacement of the pool fencing and the updating of the clubhouse blinds. The Board was very enthusiastic about the proposed work and asked Jim to liaise with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to finalize some details of the proposals.

Under the direction of Rob Hoerner, the Committee has been involved in many aspects of the preparation for the new bike racks. It has been a multi-year project soon to be bearing fruit as the first two new bike racks are made available in March. Pinestone has gone through a good deal of energy and expense to provide a functional and visually pleasing place to store bikes. By following these few simple rules and processes, we'll all benefit from everyone's work.

**Bike Sticker Requirements**

All bicycles must be registered by owners and inspected on an annual basis.

Registration will be done by Facilities Committee members during bike day/week in February/March of each year.

New bikes registered for the first time will need to be brought to the office for inspection and issuance of a sticker before being placed in the bike rack.

Only bikes that are in good repair and ride ready will be issued new registration stickers.

All drive trains (Pedals, chains, front & back sprockets, etc.) must be clean and rust free.

Tires must be inflated.

Any covers must be specifically designed for bicycles and free of damage.

Locks must be clean and rust free.

Any bikes that are not registered will be removed by Pinestone at owners expense. If the bike's condition allows, we will first make an attempt to donate it to charity. If not, the bike will be discarded.

*There will be a "one-call" when we have scheduled bike day this March.*

March will see some early signs of the paving project unfolding. Tom Consolati will be leading a team to prepare for the paving by highlighting with red paint the blacktop areas within the carports which have been impacted by roots and other imperfections identified earlier by Ed Wambold. These areas will be ground down and removed by a contractor prior to the beginning of the paving.

Again, none of this work could be accomplished without the knowledge, skills and plain ol' hard work of the volunteer Committee members. My sincere thanks to each of them for all they do for Pinestone.

Ed Green, Chairman

## **Architectural Review Committee**

The ARC members are Elias Giannopoulos, Tony Steyer and Ed Wambold. The architectural change info and request forms are in the library and the office. Prior review and approval is required for modifications outside or inside of any Unit. The ARC would appreciate individual's suggestions, meeting attendance and knowledgeable input on issues they deal with.

Ed Wambold

## **Plant and Beautification Committee**

Members of the Committee had a walk around Pinestone in January and a detailed report was submitted to the Board. Representatives of the committee have liaised with Landwise to convey their concerns regarding the quality of their work over the past two years.

Areas to be addressed in the next month are: the landscaping at the North Fountain and the beds in front of the mailboxes.

The Board has approved going out for quotes from three other Landscaping Companies if Landwise does not respond positively to the Committee's requests.

Foxtails in the future will be replaced by Christmas Palms. They will be planted as far as possible away from the buildings. These palms do not grow so fast or so tall so should not impact on the buildings or roofs.

Any missing or dying standard Hibiscus or Bougainvillea will be replaced in March by pink standard Hibiscus.

Some new hedging between Building 21 and the new bicycle storage is planned for March/ April.

Could we please remind residents who have any issues regarding the landscaping or irrigation at Pinestone to fill out a white work sheet (copies in the library) and then give to Debbie who will inform either the Landwise Accounts Manager or the Plant Committee.

Next meeting: March 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Linda Dowson

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Busy, busy, busy. That best defines your Social Committee.

The “Country Western Hoedown” held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> was a lot of fun. Many thanks to Joan and Bob Newton and their committee for a great evening.

The lunch bunch will meet at Farlow’s on the Water, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Sign up sheet and directions will be in the library. Please sign up by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Pub Quiz will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> following the Friday Night Social. Put a team together and have an evening of fun. Sign up sheet is posted in the library.

Be sure to put Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar. This is our once a year FREE pool party. Sign up sheet will be in the library starting March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Hamburgers will be furnished. Donations are always appreciated to help cover our expenses! A donation container will be at the party for your convenience. Rain date will be Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

We are pleased to announce that our Friday morning line dancing will resume soon. Please check the bulletin board in the lobby for updated information.

The next Thursday Night Movie will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> and will feature “The Post”, starting at 7:00 p.m. Come early and bring a \$1.00 donation.

Since our Friday Night Socials will be much smaller in April, we are asking people to just bring an appetizer or dessert to share for that month.

For those of you that will be leaving soon, there will be a box in the clubhouse for any food staples you don’t want to leave behind. These will be donated to a food pantry in May.

The next Social Committee meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Donna Adams, Chairman  
Pinestone Social Committee

### Pool Party

Everyone is invited to the Pool Party Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a rain date Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

This is a No Charge party, just bring either a salad, side dish or a dessert. Hamburgers will be served.

Sign up will be in the library starting March 9<sup>th</sup> until March 20<sup>th</sup> so sign up early. When signing up please select whether you will furnish a salad/side dish or dessert.



### ***‘CLASSIC’ MONDAY MOVIES THE FINAL FOUR!***

Each Monday night, Pinestone audiences continue to enjoy classic films in the Pinestone clubhouse theater, hosted and moderated by Bill Muzzillo, and ably assisted by the Bourassas (Lorraine and Paul), and Jim Tamblyn at the popcorn machine.

For Mondays in March, Pinestone movie fans will be treated to the following four cinema gems, which will bring this popular activity to a rousing finale for this season. Mark your calendars:

- **March 4<sup>th</sup>** – **“Lifeboat”** (1944) You say you want more Hitchcock? Here’s another one of his classics, new to the Pinestone theater screen. With a story written by John Steinbeck and starring Tallulah Bankhead, John Hodiak, and William Bendix, “Lifeboat” was one of Hitchcock’s most successful and controversial films. Unavailable for decades, we can now experience “Lifeboat” right here in the Pinestone theater.
- **March 11** – **“The Other”** (1972) Tom Tryon was an important film actor for a very short time. (Remember “The Cardinal”??) When he left



acting, he retreated to his typewriter and wrote one the most most compelling, mysterious and powerful stories of the '70's. "The Other" is still read today, and the 1972 film has recently been made available once again, after decades of obscurity. Truly a mind-blower classic in every sense!

- **March 18 – "Fail-Safe"** (1964) Henry Fonda and Walter Matthau head a magnificent cast in a heart-pounding thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Period! It is considered by critics and audiences to be one of the most important classic films of the 1960's. Hang on to your seat!
- **March 25 – "Moonstruck"** (1987) What better way to end our 'classic' film season than to enjoy one of the great comedies of the silver screen? Cher won an Academy Award for her performance, and Nicolas Cage, Olympia Dukakis, and Vincent Gardenia add their artistry to this lovely, touching film. And the music!! *When the moon hits your eye like a big-a pizza pie...*

Each film begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse theater, and a friendly donation of \$1 (just a buck, or 4-bits if you prefer)) per person is requested. Popcorn, beverages and the traveling candy bowl are always on-the-house. Be sure to get there early for a good seat!

Bill Muzzillo

## LUNCH BUNCH

*Back by popular demand!*



*Farlow's on the Water*  
2080 South McCall Road  
Englewood, Florida

Tuesday, March 5th at 11:30 am

The poster is on the the bulletin board and the sign-up sheet is in the Library.

*There is a limit of 40 attendees  
Please sign-up by March 3rd.*

## PUB QUIZ

The Pub Quiz is rapidly approaching! It will follow the Friday night Social Hour on March 8<sup>th</sup> around 7:00 p.m., when everyone is done with the main portion of the meal. To be a part of a team, the cost is \$1.00 per person, with all the monies being distributed to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. It consists of 6 verbal rounds and 2 filler sheets. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the library. If you aren't part of a team, there are often openings on teams that night and you can still get in on the fun. The limit is 11 teams. If you don't want to play but would like to watch, you are more than welcome to do so, but please sit on the sofas or chairs, not at the tables, as they are needed for the teams.



There are generally around 60 people for the meal, so please consider bringing a larger quantity of your potluck item than you normally would. Most years it gets pretty scarce for the last people in line and the hosts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

## BRIDGE



Bridge continues to be played in the Clubhouse card room on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and will continue monthly thru April. All level players are welcome. Dates are as follows:

March 13 & 27

April 10 & 24

A sign up sheet is posted in the library for those interested. For further information call Terri Rung at 203-577-8703.

## BINGO

Mark your calendar and join us as Ken Angotti entertains us as he calls the numbers for Bingo on the first and third Wednesdays of every month - you might even win some money! This month the dates are:



March 6

March 20

Hope to see you there!

## PINESTONE BOOK GROUP

On February 28 the group discussed a historical novel *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter* by Hazel Gaynor.



The last meeting of the season will be March 28 when we will talk about *Girl Waits With Gun* by Amy Stewart.

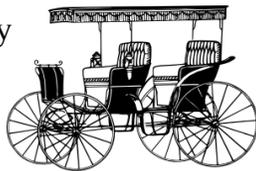
It is a novel based on the real-life Kopp who are forced to defend themselves against hardened criminals. It is described as an elegant tale of suspense, mystery and wry humor.

All meetings will be held at 10:30 in the Card Room.

Anyone interested in discussing this book is welcome to attend. For more information call Nancy Alger at 617-771-0440.

## **SURREY RIDES ON THE LEGACY TRAIL**

Ready to travel the Legacy Trail? The Surrey Ride Program offers a way for residents and visitors the chance to enjoy Sarasota



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## **INFORMAL OUTINGS**

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



**The Brown Bag Concerts** continue 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 March are as follows:

Mar. 7 - Jim Mazz-Music Comedy Impressions

Mar.14 - The Jerry White Swing Band

Mar.21 - Stephen Ditchfield of the Ditchfield family Singers

Mar.28 - Sophisticated Swing Orchestra and Art Show

## **US ARMY CHORUS EVENT**

The U.S. Army Chorus will be performing at Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 Beneva, on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in their gym. The performance is free and open to the public. They will be performing Broadway, Operatic and Patriotic music. For tickets contact: [felcbilling@gmail.com](mailto:felcbilling@gmail.com). Mike and I have been to their concerts on a number of occasions and highly recommend this concert. You're sure to enjoy it.

Sue Hosler

## SUNSHINE LADY INFORMATION



Our Sunshine Lady, Liz Collister, is the one who sends cards to those Pinestone residents who are ill, hospitalized, have a special anniversary (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>), or to the family of those who have passed away. Just contact Liz at 941-925-0579 or [bubbalizzy@aol.com](mailto:bubbalizzy@aol.com) if you know someone who could use a little sunshine.

The next Patter will be published in April. The deadline for that issue will be March 22nd. Information can be sent to Terri Kathman at ([tmkathman1@gmail.com](mailto:tmkathman1@gmail.com))

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## Chuckles for the month

An elderly gent was invited to a friend's home for dinner, and he was impressed by the way his buddy constantly addressed his wife of fifty years with endearing pet names. He called her "Honey," "My Love," "Darling," "Sweetheart"—everything.

"I think it's wonderful," the man whispered to his friend, "that after all these years, you still call your wife those nicknames."

The old buddy leaned close and said in a whisper, "It all started about ten years ago, when I forgot her name."

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But you may not know that I have double super secret qualifications that make me an especially dangerous Realtor.

- At six foot three inches, I graduated second highest in my Eighth Grade class.
- For six straight years, I made the quarterfinals of the district spelling bee.
- I still have my First Communion money.....well at least some of it.
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Brian did an outstanding job for us. The pictures that he had taken and posted on the web were top quality. They showed our condominium in the most positive way. We liked how he kept us informed on how the sale was progressing and gave us good direction on our decision making. Once again, thank you for an outstanding and easy transaction.

Tom S.

The first discussion we had with you proved to be exciting as well as very astute and professional. We appreciated the process you implemented to determine a market value for this condominium. We greatly appreciated the attention to detail and the through effort you put in on our behalf. It really helped us for you to take care of some of the peripheral items like monitoring the condo condition and even taking out the trash as we were not close enough. Thanks very much for a job well done.

Keith C.

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Chris N.

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