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Editor: Terri Kathman

**FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**By: Suellen Coito, President**

On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to thank our part time residents not only for their hard work but also for their understanding, caring and willingness to volunteer to help those in need exemplifying why this such a wonderful community to live in. These are challenging times but like ones we have faced before we will prevail. May you all have a safe journey home and may you and all the members of your family be healthy.

The Board of Directors wants to let our full time residents know that we will be complying with all state mandated guidelines for the foreseeable future. Please observe social distancing of 6 to 8 feet at the pool, clubhouse and mail area.

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**Happy April !!**

Don't forget to celebrate April Fools Day amid all this craziness!!

With all events being canceled there's not much to write about.

**Editorial Comment by Terri Kathman, Editor**

SO I will just say, please if you do not need to take your trash to compactor on Monday, don't. In the recent past, the compactor was out to be emptied and then it was returned there were over 20 bags of trash left in the area for someone, to put it in the compactor. Who should be responsible to put someone else's trash in the compactor?

**Items of Interest:**

As you should now be aware the recycling has changed to all recyclable materials going into one bin. However, you still have to remove your items from plastic bags before placing the items in the blue bins. When possible, please crush the larger plastic containers to help save space in the bin. Also if it is cardboard, after it is broken down (there is a knife in the area) put it in the large cardboard dumpster, this will help make more room in the blue bins.

If you have not yet received your 2020 Directory please stop by the office to pick it up.

I was also asked to request owners who walk their dogs in the rear of the buildings, to be considerate of the privacy of their neighbors.

**PROJECTS**

By this issue, all of the buildings to be painted in 2020 are either complete or near complete.

Florida Southern has completed the roofing of all buildings being roofed in 2020.

The newly updated wind mitigation reports are available for those buildings on the Pinestone website (pinestone.org)

**Please welcome the new owners:**

Kevin & Phyllis Englishman purchased 2623, William Birney purchased unit 623, Karen Vollaro purchased 420, and Maryanne Wilson purchased unit 2111

This certainly has not turned out to be the fun filled, activity packed March we have come to love about winter at Pinestone. Sometimes we are at the mercy of circumstances beyond our control. Who would have thought a tiny little virus could cause such havoc around the world. We are living in an eerie time where social distancing and self quarantine are the orders of the day.

For those of us who enjoy going outside I was glad to hear that health experts say it's fine to go outside to walk or bike or run as long as we stay 6 feet away from people who aren't in our "home unit". Thank goodness our beautiful chlorinated pool is available and big enough that we can cool off while keeping 6 feet away from our neighbors.

Yes, the coronavirus can have us anxious about our health and with the stock market acting up, about our finances. Just be sure you remember to take care of your health because a healthy body is much better prepared to fight off any virus that comes your way. Also, take care of your spirit by keeping in touch with friends via phone, email, social networking or go down to the pool and visit with those friends - from 6 feet away! A friend of mine in Illinois where they have a stay-at-home order in place, said they were playing board games with their grandkids via Face Time. Guess we have to be creative in maintaining our connections with our loved ones.

Safe travels to those of you who will be leaving Pinestone and may good health be with you until we see you again.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Working closely with other Committees and the Board of Directors, the Facilities Committee completed its abbreviated season mid-March, in order to observe needed safety precautions for our community.

**PLANT AND BEAUTIFICATION  
COMMITTEE**

Our work on the drainage project was completed, we were able to complete the painting of the "old" light posts surrounding the pool and completed all the planning, design, funding and approvals for the entrance wing wall repair, painting, signage and lighting. The Committee was also able to complete its work with several vendors to assess the current status of our sprinkler system piping and make a recommendation to the Board regarding future vendor selection. Our Annual Bike Day was held in order to ensure all bicycles met Pinestone's requirements and were properly registered.

The Systems, Technology and Security Committee completed its work on providing a Drone Usage policy to the Board; continues to investigate the issues surrounding Electric Vehicle charging; and, continues to find ways to ensure our entry security system is usable and does not cause traffic issues. You may have noticed the new signage on the call box to help visitors navigate the system.

Tom Consolati and I want to thank all of our members and helpers for all they have done this year and in the past to help maintain and improve our community. The owners and residents at Pinestone have greatly benefited from all of their work and dedication. After having the privilege to lead the Committee for four years, both Tom and I are retiring from our Committee leadership roles. When the Committee comes together for its first meeting of the 2020-2021 season, it will be in need of new leadership. We encourage anyone interested in leading this important Committee to attend that meeting.

Whether you have already left, are planning to leave or staying at Pinestone, please heed the warnings and guidelines regarding the Coronavirus and STAY SAFE.

Ed Green, Chairman  
Facilities Committee

In order to enhance the look of the clubhouse entrance, two benches have been installed and we are in the process of purchasing and installing new lighting fixtures. A presentation was made to the Board for approval and funding for the sign lettering and painting for the front entrance walls. This project is slated for completion this Spring. It includes Black for the sign lettering and Beige for the walls to match our building walls. The plan is to repair and paint the walls first, install new "Pinestone at Palmer Ranch" signs second, and then install two new lights per sign to illuminate the sign. This sign will have raised lettering which will follow the curve of the wall and provide a shadow effect during day and night. A walk-around of the rear of the buildings was completed in March and any issues are being addressed. Projects are taking a little longer than expected due to the manpower shortage of the landscaping company so we again ask for your patience.

Since many of our northern friends have already left or will be leaving shortly, please know that we will continue our efforts while you are away to make Pinestone the beautiful place that it is.

Patti Decina  
Plant and Beautification Committee

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Not too much to write about as all Social Activities have come to an end as well as our Social Committee meeting, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

We did get to enjoy the Pub Quiz, hosted by Sue & Mike Hosler. A fun evening was had by all. Winners are posted in the Patter.

Although this social season is over, we have many exciting functions planned for the 2020-2021 year. Check your summer Patter for more details.

This will be my last year as Social Committee Chairman and I cannot leave without expressing my sincere thanks to those that made my job run smoothly. Eric & Jean Johnson, for keeping our paper supply cabinets fully stocked. Diane Steiger, for keeping our bulletin boards updated with ongoing activities. To all those that hosted the

Friday night socials, special events, scheduling the movie nights, organizing bridge and the ever-popular bingo. Without you there would be no social. A separate thank you to Diane Price and her helpers, Liz Collister and Terri Rung for keeping our library up to date. Thank you Terri Green & Colleen Consolati for hosting the Lunch Bunch and to Liz Collister, our Sunshine Lady. Also, last but not least, thank you Terri Kathman for the wonderful job you do as our Pinestone Patter Editor.

I am turning over the chairmanship to my very capable and wonderful friend, RoseAnn Buglione. Please support her as you have me and you will have an exciting new season.

Donna Adams, Chairman  
Pinestone Social Committee

### **PUB QUIZ RESULTS**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Pub Quiz was held Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. following the Social Hour. Eleven teams, comprised of 6 members each, participated in the 8 rounds of various categories. Memories were challenged, guesses were debated, and laughs abounded, along with a few impromptu sing-alongs to Disney songs.

The winners this year were:

First Place: **“Pinestoners”** with 68 points (team members: Mary & Lloyd Stevel, Dave & Linda Clark and Brian & Renee Fagan)

Second place: **“Brainiacs”** with 66 points ((team members: Howard & Beverly King, Max & Marianne Powrie, Kathy Steyer & Ruth Robenalt)

Third Place: **TIE**

**“Train Wreck”** with 63 points (team members: Dave & Jill Notter, Dave & Pat Redmore, Tom & Joy Brackenridge)

**“Cockeyed Optimists”** with 63 points (team members: Dave & Terri Kathman, Dottie Goerke, Nancy Breitfelder, Doug & Patti Brietfelder)

We would like to thank all the teams who supported us by participating in the Pub Quiz. A big thank goes to Pat and Dave Redmore and Kathy and Ron Ebert, who hosted the Social Hour potluck and kept things moving so we could start on time and to Tom Brackenridge who helped set up the tables and chairs. Thanks to Joan Newton and Joan Raymond, who set up and handled the dessert buffet during the Pub Quiz intermission. Also, thanks to Tony Steyer and Bob Raymond, who passed out and collected quiz sheets and generally kept things moving along at the tables, and to Joan Raymond who assisted in the score keeping. And finally, a huge “THANK YOU!” to everyone that brought food for the Social and the quiz attendees that arrived with bountiful desserts.

As it is scheduled now by the Social Committee, the Pub Quiz will be held Friday, March 5, 2021.

Mike and 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.

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

*Because I had some concerns related to identifying whether it was my allergies or something more serious when I got a sore throat or runny nose, I thought other people might have some of the same concerns. I saw this article in one of the papers that I read and thought it might be helpful to others. Therefore I thought reprinting it in the Patter would be a service to all.*

*Terri Kathman*

## Is it seasonal allergies or influenza or coronavirus?

**By Sindya Bhanoo**

Special to the Washington Post

Allergy symptoms can be debilitating: itchy, red, watery eyes; sneezing; runny nose and sometimes, coughing. This year the coronavirus adds a layer of unease to the seasonal annoyance, especially in areas like Florida where pollen counts are already at moderate to high levels. With fear rising in tandem with the number of cases of covid-19, the respiratory disease caused by the virus, doctors worry allergy sufferers will conflate their routine reactions to pollen with coronavirus symptoms and overwhelm an already-strained health care system with panicked visits.

“It can be confusing, and it’s important to differentiate. If it’s viral, every time you cough, you’re spreading droplets within a 6-foot radius” that can infect others, said Sally Joo Bailey, an allergist in Northern Virginia. Allergies are not contagious.

There are key differences between the virus and allergies that should help allay unnecessary panic. Allergies, which are an overreaction of the immune system to foreign particles, should not trigger chills, body aches or fevers, Bailey said. Those are the classic signs of a viral infection, such as covid-19. In addition, while patients with coronavirus can have nasal congestion, it is not common. The World Health Organization found that only about 5% of the coronavirus patients in China had nasal congestion. About 14% had a sore throat.

Cold and flu season can go on until as late as May, and it is less easy to differentiate between covid-19 and those illnesses. Both cold and the flu, or influenza, are, like covid-19, viral infections transmitted through person-to-person contact. Flu is accompanied by fever, and a cold can cause fever, too. Both the flu and the coronavirus

can cause a dry cough. A cold can be accompanied by a wet or dry cough.

Here are some suggestions from experts about how to handle this confluence of seasonal allergies, the common cold, influenza and the coronavirus.

**Experienced seasonal allergy sufferers should pay close attention to allergy symptoms they are familiar with and treat them as they normally would.** That includes showering and washing your hair as soon as you get home to remove pollen and taking the antihistamine that works best for you. Antihistamines should provide some relief. If they do not, consult a primary care physician or an allergist.

**Anyone not feeling well should watch for a fever.** Coronavirus can cause high fever, severe cough and shortness of breath. If you have a fever accompanied by difficulty breathing, seek medical help immediately.

**While it is important that healthcare professionals have the space and resources to help those who really need it, feel free to call your doctors office with concerns.** A nurse can ask questions that will help determine whether you need to be examined immediately. “We don’t want to flood the system, especially the emergency rooms right now,” said Elizabeth Douglass, an infectious diseases specialist in Texas.

**Get a flu shot, if you have not.** The CDC reports that this season’s flu vaccine decreases chances of catching the flu by 45 percent. People who have not gotten the flu vaccine still can and should.

**Find out whether you are a candidate for the pneumonia vaccine.** Both the flu and coronavirus can result in pneumonia, which can be life-threatening. Adults over the age of 65 or others with certain chronic medical conditions may benefit from the vaccine, which provides protection from the most common pneumonia in adults.

**Wash your hands.** This helps prevent the spread of all viral infections, including cold, influenza and the coronavirus. Use soap and warm water, and scrub well.

*An email I received from a healthcare professional had a link to this website which I found very helpful and thought I would share.*

*Terri*

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html)

## Twenty things to do while stuck inside due to a pandemic.

1. Complete a puzzle. The more pieces the better!
2. Watch all the really long movies you've avoided until now.
3. Download "Duolingo" or a similar app, and teach yourself a foreign language.
4. Write an actual letter to family and friends.
5. Knit or crochet.
6. Look at yourself in the mirror and attempt a self portrait with pencil and paper.
7. Color in a coloring book - they're not just for kids.
8. Finally get around to fixing that "whatever" you have been putting off.
9. Go through your camera roll, pick your favorite pics from the past year and make a photo book.
10. Make a list of things for which you are grateful.
11. Have your own wine tasting of whatever bottles you have at home.
12. Buy gift cards from your favorite local businesses to help keep them in business while we quarantine.
13. Dye your hair a new color. No one else needs to see it if you don't like it.
14. Stop procrastinating and do your income taxes.
15. Make a list of all the museums and places of interest you want to visit when they reopen.
16. Get a free trial of a streaming service and binge-watch as much as you can before it expires.
17. Been meaning to get some new glasses? Try on new frames virtually on sites like GlassesUSA.com.
18. Attempt things with your non-dominant hand, from writing to brushing your teeth. Prepare to be frustrated.
19. Write a song. If you want to make it about your time inside you could put it to the tune of "My Sharona" and replace "Sharona" with "Carona".
20. Sleep. Get lots of it!

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- Mark & Teresa H., (previous Pinestone owners)

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We worked with Brian on 4 Pinestone sales and 2 rentals. His honesty, professionalism and knowledge of Pinestone is the best. We wouldn't trust anyone else for Pinestone real estate. - Ted Unkel #2322

We inherited my father's Pinestone condo after he passed several years ago. In 2011 we contacted Brian to rent out our Pinestone condo for for several years. This year we decided to sell. Brian kept us well informed of open houses, showings etc. Brian sold the condo and as with the rentals, everything went smoothly. We highly recommend Brian for any of your real estate needs. - Kathleen Centner #310

Brian was very helpful and professional selling my parent's Pinestone condo. This estate sale occurred after our Mother's passing. My brother and I live in New Hampshire, he made it easy for us to electronically receive, review and sign offers and fill out all paperwork. He also gave us advice and resources to use in order to donate and sell furniture and home items. We recommend Brian. He has a good knowledge of the Sarasota area market and helped us to expedite our closing. - Chris Webb #421

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