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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Suellen Coito, President

Wow the old adage that time flies by certainly is holding true in 2020. Some of our residents will be leaving before the next Patter is printed and to them we want to say thank you for helping to make Pinestone a great place to live and wish them a safe journey home.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rob Hoerner to the vacant Board position. I'm sure he will be a valuable addition and look forward to working with him. The last few weeks we have completed phase 1 and 2 of a 4 phase project behind buildings 11, 12 and 13 and fully expect the project to be completed before the rainy season starts. The Board has approved painting and repairing the 2 entrance walls and has also approved a new larger and more noticeable Pinestone on Palmer Ranch lettering.

The Board workshops were originally intended to give the residents a forum to ask questions and propose ideas and give input to the Board on what they would like the Board to consider. Over the years they have turned into an unnecessary second

Board meeting. I think a return to the original format will be much more beneficial to the residents and will be working along with the Board to implement the change.

Just a reminder you must sign up by April 1st if you wish to serve or want to extend your time on a particular committee. Sign up sheets are in the library.

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AMS, PCAM*

Happy March!

Coffee with Debbie will continue through March and possibly April. The goal at the February Coffee was to help educate Owners on the use of the entry gate box as well as any other issues that cause Owners difficulties.

If you receive your calls from the gate box on your cell phone please be sure to update your contact to the new number **941-800-5987**. If you would like to sign up to have the availability to send your visitors a pin number for gate access in My Q Business and have not already registered, please see me so your email can be entered into the system to allow you to be registered.

Items of Interest:

As noted last month, the recycling has changed to all recyclable materials going into the blue bin. However, you still have to remove your items from plastic bags before placing the items in the blue bins.

Again I would ask that you take note that the compactor is removed to be emptied on Mondays. If in doubt whether it is there, please hold your trash and take it to the compactor on Tuesday. There are still bags of trash left in the area when the compactor is out to be emptied.

At a recent Board meeting, the Board approved a change in the number of devices a unit could have from four to six. This is a combination of devices (FOBS and/or headlamp readers). If you would like to purchase additional devices please stop by the office, they are \$10 each.

The 2020 Directories have been received. Stop by the office to pick up yours.

PROJECTS

Building 13 is in the process of being painted. Buildings 17, 21 and 26 will begin soon. You will receive a One Call when the painters begin your building. If you have a glass-enclosed lanai, **please** advise the office if you want to have it painted.

Florida Southern has completed the roofing in buildings 10, 13 and 14. They are currently working on buildings 18 and 19. They will move to the last building for 2020 (building 11) in the near future. In preparation for the re-roofing, if you're not going to be here, you might want to cover your furniture because there can be dust stirred up from the activity on the roof. You should also put any delicate items knick-knacks in a safe place as sometimes the vibrations cause items to move and possibly fall off shelves.

The newly updated wind mitigation reports are available for buildings 10, 13 and 14. They will also be posted on the Pinestone website (pinestone.org) The balance of the buildings will be done when the roofing is completed and will be posted to the website at that time.

Please welcome the new owners:

Stephen Yoder purchased unit 1924 and Mark & Joanne Durziak have purchased unit 2111

Also, welcome full-time renters:

Karen Vollaro in unit 420 and Christopher Novak in unit 924

Editorial Comment by Terri Kathman, Editor

Time flies by so quickly it's hard to believe it is March already which means many of us will be heading north at the end of the month. We still have lots of time to enjoy all Pinestone has to offer and while we are at it we need to remember that all of these activities don't magically appear but there are

many people who give their time to organize and make these things happen. Many thanks to the Social Committee headed by Donna Adams for planning and organizing our parties, extracurricular activities and Friday Night Socials. Our grounds are looking more beautiful all the time thanks to the work of the Plant and Beautification Committee members. The Facilities Committee headed by Ed Green has had a very busy year getting the bikes organized, the pool lights and fencing installed, the roads re-done and the security system refurbished to name a few. Many thanks to all those who participated in any way to the betterment of our community. And last but not least thanks to our Board Members who put in a lot of time to see that Pinestone serves its community well and maintains its excellent reputation.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Working closely with other Committees and the Board of Directors, good progress in improving Pinestone's facilities has been made by the Committee in January.

Together with the Plant and Beautification Committee the drainage and landscaping improvements behind buildings 11, 12 and 13 are underway. Trimming of the trees and bushes and the excavation of the drainage ditch are done and the landscaping will soon follow. Similar work behind building 1, 2 and 15 is planned to start shortly. Motion activated light switches and a timer for the fan were installed in the gym, helping to save on electric usage. The two light posts near the pool grills were painted black to protect them. A study of the condition of the building sprinkler pipes is underway and will be concluded with a report to the Board. The tennis players installed new windscreens on the court fences and are in the process of anchoring them down. In March the rest of the pool light posts will be painted and the three fans in the pool bar area will be replaced.

As part of a master upgrade plan for Pinestone's entry, the wing wall will be repaired and painted

and new signage and lighting will be installed. Necessary funds have been approved by the Board. Included in the master plan will be upgraded landscaping by the Plant and Beautification Committee. Also, the pump in the retired Pinestone irrigation well will be removed to be followed by the required filling and capping of the hole.

The System, Technology and Security subcommittee is continuing to find ways to streamline the entry gate system and to write policy drafts for the use of drones and the charging of electric vehicles at Pinestone.

To help keep our community properly lit, looking good and well-maintained, if you notice a light bulb that is out or not working, please report it by completing a "Work Order" form that can be found in the library.

The Facilities Committee will meet on March 3 and March 20 at 10 am in the clubhouse card room. Anyone interested is cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Ed Green, Chairman
Facilities Committee

BIKE DAY at PINESTONE

The Pinestone Facilities Committee will be holding the annual Bike Day on Saturday, March 14th at 10 am. Any bike that will be locked in the bike racks must be inspected by the Facilities Committee Team and a new sticker put on the bicycle. For details of what is necessary to pass inspection please refer to, Pinestone At Palmer Ranch Association, Inc., 2019 Documents and Regulations, Page 11, Bicycle Registration. (Green Book) Any bicycles without a new sticker will be removed from the rack.

Pinestone Facilities Committee

PLANT AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Our Sub-committee on New Plantings has already begun some of the work that was included in our 2020 budget. We have removed the standard

bougainvillea that were planted in front of the clubhouse, replaced them with Japanese Blueberry trees and Bromeliads and balanced the beds. We have replaced the gold pots with blue ones to add more color and filled them with sun loving Bromeliads and trailing plants. The gold pots will be placed at the fountains and filled with new plants. We have ordered new American flags and it is our intention to fly them every day. Two benches have been ordered to be placed on each side of the clubhouse entrance.

Last week, the Committee did a walk-around of the Front condo areas. Several resident issues were addressed and tasks assigned to the appropriate people to achieve the desired results. Next month, the committee will do a walk-around of the rear of the buildings and address any resident issues and gather suggestions for improvements.

The tree trimming and drainage improvement phases behind Buildings 11, 12 and 13 have been completed. Irrigation repairs and planting Areca Palms on the berm are currently underway. The next phases will be decorative plants and non-invasive bamboo, the downspouts will be buried and then sod will be installed.

Tree trimming throughout the complex is scheduled for Spring, prior to hurricane season.

It was proposed that the entrance to Pinestone be upgraded. We worked with the Facilities Committee to obtain quotes for this upgrade. At its last meeting, the Board approved the repair and painting of the two wing walls and guard house as well as new lettering and lighting on the walls. This project will be underway shortly. We are also consulting with a landscaping architect for a visual plan of proposed landscaping around the walls and the central island including the addition of Royal Palms. Other phases of this project include improvements to landscape lighting, irrigation systems and electrical lines. This project is forecasted for 2021.

All of this planning and work takes time so please be patient as we go through the various stages of growth

Patti Decina
Plant and Beautification Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social committee has been busy and excited about all our events.

The Valentine night held on February 14th, as part of the Friday Social, was very much enjoyed. Chuck Drager, singing impressionist, entertained us making the evening a special night and we have invited him back to entertain us again next February.

The Super Bowl Party was a great success and many thanks to Jill & Dave Notter and all those who helped make the evening possible.

The month of March will bring more exciting events. March 6th is Pub Quiz, hosted by Sue & Mike Hosler. Check the bulletin board in the Library for sign up.

Our next Thursday night movie is on March 26th and will be "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood". Show starts at 7:00 but come early as seats are limited. Bring your \$1.00 for admission and refreshment.

Please be sure to sign up for our **Free Pool Party** held on Saturday, March 21st, which will be hosted by Jill & Tom Breckenridge. Sign up sheets will be in the Library starting March 7th. You will be asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Hamburgers will be furnished. Rain date will be Sunday, March 22nd.

The lunch bunch will be held on March 24th at Cassariano Italian Eatery located in University Center at 11:30 am. Sign up sheets will go up March 10th in the Library.

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 may not want to take with you. These will be donated to a food pantry in May.

The next Social Committee meeting will be March 4th at 10:00. Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Donna Adams, Chairman
Pinestone Social Committee

'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 assisted by 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. Here are the final four:

- **March 2nd – “The African Queen”** (1951) Talk about classic! It’s Humphrey Bogard and Katherine Hepburn in the famous journey on the African Queen riverboat. Directed by John Huston, Humphrey Bogart won the Oscar for his stunning portrayal of an alcohol-soaked boat captain, with the wonderful Katharine Hepburn by his side. Seeing it on the big screen makes this adventure even more exciting.
- **March 9th – “The Godfather”** (1972) This is it — the famous film that Pinestone folk have been asking for! Directed by Francis Ford Coppola and starring Marlon Brando in the title role, “The Godfather” comes alive with even more power on Pinestone’s theater screen. This is - literally - an offer you can’t refuse.

- **March 16th – “Strangers on a Train”** (1951) Audiences at Pinestone keep asking for more Alfred Hitchcock films — so here is one of his best! Starring Farley Granger and Robert Walker, it’s a film-noir classic with twists, turns, unexpected bumps in the night and a thriller ending. It’s all Hitchcock for Hitchcock lovers!
- **March 23rd – “When Harry Met Sally”** (1987) What better way to end our classic film season than to enjoy one of the great comedies of the silver screen! Directed by Rob Reiner and starring Billy Crystal, with Meg Ryan, “When Harry Met Sally” is loads of fun, and will bring lots of laughter to the Pinestone theater as we end CLASSIC MONDAY MOVIES for this year.

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!

The **March Lunch Bunch** will be held on
Tuesday, March 24 at 11:30 am
at

Cassariano Italian Eatery

243 North Cattlemen Rd.
University Town Center
Sarasota

*The posters, sign-up sheet and menu will be posted
2 weeks prior.*

Jewelry Cleaning

Many thanks to Randy Ausloos and Ron Adams for offering their annual jewelry cleaning service last month. It was much appreciated.

Pub Quiz

The annual Pub Quiz on March 6 is just a few days away. Last year we had 66 people participating, so consider the crowd size when you make/buy your potluck food. If you only come for the quiz, please bring a dessert to share. “Grab and Go” desserts such as cookies and bar type desserts pre-cut would be helpful in getting the line to move fast.



The quiz will start around 7 p.m. and last about 2 hours with a dessert break halfway through. The cost for the Pub Quiz is \$1.00 per person at the start of the game.

Good luck to everyone!

Pinestone Book Group



The Pinestone Book Group will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 in the clubhouse card room. We will discuss the book bag selection *The Pavilion of Women* by Pearl S. Buck and hear the response from those who chose to read *The Husband* by Dean Koontz.

If you have any questions call Nancy Alger at 617-771-0440.

Hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE...

For those of you new to Pinestone, Water Aerobics takes place on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 8:30 and 10:00 am at the South end of the pool, therefore lap swimming wouldn't be available at that time.

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

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:



March 4th and 18th

Informal Outings

Although these events are not planned Pinestone activities, you will probably find Pinestone people in attendance.

The Brown Bag Concert

Series continues at Phillippi Estate Park, 5500 S. Tamiami Trail. For those of you who are not familiar with these concerts, they take place at the gazebo in



the park from noon until 1:00 p.m. every Thursday during February and March and they are free. This year they have added a little twist and call it Tunes, Trucks and Treasures. In conjunction with the concerts there will be food trucks and arts and crafts vendors available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you still want to pack your lunch or stop at McDonalds on your way feel free but you have the option of checking out the food trucks to see what they might have to offer and you never know what arts and crafts you might discover also! So bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a variety of musical genres while you enjoy your lunch. Oh, by the way, although the concerts are free, they do pass a bucket for donations to cover the musicians traveling expenses. The dates for March are as follows:

March 5	Jerry White's Big Band
March 12	Sophisticated Swing Band
March 19	Steven Ditchfield
March 26	Jimmy Mazz

Heading North for the Summer or...Going on Vacation

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Tips for How to Leave Your Pinestone Florida Home

- Turn main water valve off in unit
- Turn off hot water heater
- Close windows and seal sliding glass doors
- Close south and west facing blinds/curtains
- Bring lanai furniture, doormats, rugs, anything outside inside
- If you turn your refrigerator and freezer off, put towels over doors to prevent closing
- Remove all perishable food items
- Clean or replace your air conditioning filter
- Turn up/pin spreads/dust ruffles on couches/chairs. Stand cushions on end
- Open bathroom/bedroom cabinet drawers/closets
- Set de-humidistat at 55-60; thermostat at 75-80, automatic/cool
- Have a neighbor check your unit monthly and after storms
- Notice your electric bill while gone. If "O" kilowatt-hours, breaker may have been tripped by storm. If bill is higher, may have problem with moisture
- If the office doesn't have a key for your unit, let them know who does
- Notify postal service
- Put bicycles in unit

BRIDGE

Bridge is played in the card room at 6:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the library for those wishing to play. The upcoming dates are as follows:

March 11 & 25

April 8 & 22

Please mark your calendar! All level players are welcome. For further info call:

Terri Rung at 203-577-8703



JUST A REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that Pinestone has its own website which you can visit at www.pinestone.org for the latest updates, announcements, Committee and Board info and copies of the Patter. Also you can visit the Pinestone Store at Land's End through the website or directly at www.business.landsend.com/store/pinestone There you can check out the store to find the perfect item which you can have monogrammed with the Pinestone Logo.



Chuckles for the Month

Overheard in a grocery store: "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over."

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I asked my Grandpa, "After 65 years, you still call Grandma Darling, Beautiful, and Honey. What's the secret?" He said, "I forgot her name 5 years ago and I'm scared to ask her."

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

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- Tracy Ali #1924

Brian was our Realtor on the purchase of our Pinestone condominium. He listened and found us the perfect condominium. Throughout the sale he worked with us and the seller perfectly. He was knowledgeable, honest, trustworthy and very professional throughout and even after the sale. We love our new home and if you'd like to know more about our experience please feel free to contact us. - Gary & Marilyn Barker #611

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

We listed our condominium with Brian McGreevy of Sarasota Home Realty and were very satisfied. His knowledge and guidance through a challenging market resulted in the smooth and stress free sale of our property. - Mike & Kathy Andersen #1913



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