

JANUARY



From the President: Rick Pluese

Happy 2023! I hope you all welcomed in the New Year "awake"! What will 2023 bring our way? Hopefully not another hurricane or another variant of Covid 19!

Many thanks to all who helped with the clean-up from Hurricane Ian. Your efforts were very much appreciated, as is all volunteer work many participate in, from helping to maintain our property to planning and hosting the social events we all so much enjoy!

As we look forward to the New Year, the board will be voting on refurbishing the inside of the pool. Our pool currently still has its original bottom and as many have commented, it is starting to deteriorate. We have received bids for the refurbishment and will choose one of the contractors, place a deposit and secure a date for the work to hopefully start sometime in July 2023. This process will take approximately 2 to 3 weeks. Since the bottom of the pool is approximately 25 years old, county codes have changed. The refurbishment will bring us into compliance with the new code requirements.

We have a beautiful property with lots of activities available to all of us. Please get out and enjoy what Pinestone has to offer. We wish all of you the best for 2023!



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From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

As 2022 rapidly comes to an end, it is time to look ahead to 2023 and embrace the promise it brings. We are fortunate to live and/or spend winters in the paradise of Southwest Florida. We can look forward to warm, sunny days and cool, comfortable nights. Yes, there will be more traffic and more crowded beaches and restaurants. But it is a far cry from the frigid temperatures and snow from the north. Here we can spend our days enjoying the beach, boating, fishing, biking, golfing, and spring training with our favorite teams. Who could ask for more.



I want to extend a warm Pinestone welcome to our returning snowbirds, both owners and seasonal renters, especially our first-time seasonal renters. For those who haven't been here since last spring, you will certainly see many upgrades and improvements to add to your experience.

With the coming of cooler evening temperatures, please understand that if the temperature drops below 50 degrees, the pool heaters will shut down. When that happens, the morning water temperature will drop below 84 degrees until the sun warms the air. Once the air temperature rises above 50, the heaters will kick on, but it will take time to heat a pool this size back up to the thermostat setting.

As I first mentioned in the last issue of the Patter, Julie Wallace and I are in the process of updating the Owner Directory for 2023. If you returned the 2021 Owner Information Questionnaire, you do not need to submit any additional information to be included in the new directory. Roughly 60% of unit owners have returned the questionnaires to date, leaving many who have yet to complete them. The form can be downloaded on the pinestone.org website under Forms and Applications and either emailed, faxed to 941-927-9763 or dropped off at the manager's office. Again, if you have not returned the questionnaire, only your name and unit number will be listed.

Speaking of the website's Forms and Applications section, many owners contact me about getting either wind mitigation reports, fire sprinkler certificates, or fire monitoring certificates. All these forms and more can be found on the website and downloaded by either the owners, lenders, or insurance companies.

There still seems to be much confusion among residents as to the proper procedure to open the front gate for visitors. The Gate Entry Instructions can be downloaded on the pinestone.org website under Forms and Applications or stop by the office for a personal explanation.

Please observe the rules posted for disposing of trash and recycling. Do not leave trash bags in the storage area when the compactor is out for emptying. It leaves a mess behind and requires staff to handle multiple bags of trash unnecessarily. The compactor takes a little over an hour to be returned; please hold onto your bags until it is back in place. No trash should EVER be left outside of the compactor within the storage area. Paint cans containing any type of paint must be taken to the Sarasota County recycling center at 8750 Bee Ridge Road. Dried latex paint cans can be placed in the compactor. Fluorescent lamps also need to be taken to the recycling center. Glass, aluminum, and plastic are the only items that can be recycled. Plastic bags carrying recyclables should be emptied and put in the black trash can in the corner. Do not toss them in the dumpsters. We have received numerous warnings of contaminated dumpsters the past few weeks and will soon have fines assessed. Bulk trash must be registered at the office before being dropped off and goes in the recycling storage area. It does not belong in the compactor area.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy New Year, and a wonderful and safe holiday season to all. Travel safely, and I look forward to your return.

From the Editor: Julie Wallace

Well, the holidays are over and the new year is here. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday spent with family and friends.

I have enjoyed my first year of "retirement" - I've kept busy with the Pinestone Patter, along with also creating the newsletter back in OH (Shayler Mailer) for that community. I've taken golf lessons to help with the game - okay, it hasn't helped that much but I'm trying and practicing as much as I can. We've spent a lot more time with our grandson, Bruce, and our youngest son Joe has gotten engaged and is getting married at the end of April 2023 to Hannah, a perfect addition to our family.

On a different note -- Many more people have arrived at Pinestone which means a lot more traffic around our complex. Please remember there is a posted speed limit for everyone's safety, and be very careful as you back out of your parking spot. I have experienced issues while walking in the complex and when backing out of our parking spot. SLOW DOWN, please.

In Dan's Management report, he talks again about what can be recycled AND what cannot. He also mentions about the trash compactor - and when it is away please don't leave any of your trash bags. Take them back to your unit and bring them back later. Your neighbor becomes the garbage collector moving your trash into the compactor. Please be respectful. Pinestone has been warned by Waste Management about "how we are recycling". If we end up being fined, the entire recycling program at Pinestone will go away and everything becomes trash. This is an environmental responsibility we should all want to do - and do correctly.

And as a reminder -- I welcome any ideas you may have to include in the Pinestone Patter – and encourage you to write an article yourself.



PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of January, 2023. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Monday, January 23, 2023**. If you have something you would like to put into the Patter, please send it to Julie Wallace at jayayuu@gmail.com



Free line dancing lessons will held in the Clubhouse every Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning on January 6th. The classes will continue every Friday morning through to the end of April. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Come have fun and do some easy dancing to great music. It's good for the mind and body. For more information, please contact Carol Johnston at 518-332-0538.

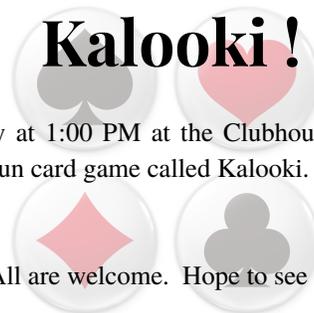


Our Sunshine Lady, Liz Collister, sends cards to Pinestone residents who may be ill, hospitalized, celebrating a special anniversary, or to the family of those who have passed away. Contact Liz at: 941-925-0579 or email to: bubbalizzy@aol.com if you know someone who could use a little sunshine.

Kalooki!

Each Friday at 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse Card Room come and play a fun card game called Kalooki. It's easy to learn and fun to play.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there.



CLASSIC MONDAY MOVIES

Everyone - Hang onto your hats! Here's some big news: After a two-year absence (thanks to the covid pandemic), 'Classic Monday Movies' will be back at Pinestone, beginning in January! As in the past, there'll be a classic film presented in the clubhouse theater, beginning at 7:00 p.m. every Monday night from January through March. Here's how January is shaping up:



JAN. 9 - "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT" - What better way to usher in a new season of classic films than with this wonderful history of musical films from M.G.M? It stars virtually every musical performer from the '40s through the '60s including Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Ann Miller, Katherine Grayson, Eleanor Powell and many, many more. This was the first film ever shown at 'Classic Monday Movies' (all those years ago) and remains one of the most requested. They don't make 'em like this anymore!

JAN. 16 - "STRANGERS ON A TRAIN" - If you're in the mood for a Hitchcock film, here it is! Starring Farley Granger and Robert Walker, it was originally intended to be shown here at Pinestone just as the pandemic shut us down. From 1951, it remains one of Hitchcock's most gripping films.

JAN. 23 - "WHEN HARRY MET SALLY" Is anyone funnier than Billy Crystal? Judge for yourself when 'Classic Monday Movies' presents one of the most hilarious films from 1989. Co-starring Meg Ryan (in a very famous scene), this gem of a film was directed by Rob Reiner — one of the best in the business. Guaranteed to make you feel happy!

JAN. 30 - "CAROUSEL" - No, this isn't the 1956 filmed version (which never really made a lot of sense). This is a live performance of the original stage version from Lincoln Center in New York, starring such spectacular artists as Nathan Gunn, Kelli O'Hara, and Jessie Mueller. New York critics called it a 'spectacular' live performance, and it's accompanied by the New York Philharmonic, to boot! Originally presented by PBS a few years back, not many people have seen it...until now!

If the popcorn machine is still cooperative, there'll be a complimentary bag of popcorn available to all who attend, as well as bottled water, soda, and the ever-popular traveling candy bowl. All this for the modest donation of one dollar (a buck or 8 bits if you prefer) per person. Best deal in town!

This will be our 11th season of classic films at Pinestone, so be prepared to enjoy these films on the big screen. Keep in mind that our theater has limited seating, and it's on a first-come-first-served basis. Want a good seat? Get there early!!! (Sorry, no saving of seats.) Everything starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp, so mark your calendars and be prepared for a good time.

Bill Muzzillo

POPCORN BALLS



Ingredients

- 6 c popcorn popped
- 3 tbsp butter
- 8 oz marshmallows

Instructions

1. Melt butter in a large pot and add marshmallows.
2. Take off the stove and add popped popcorn and stir.
3. Let sit until cold to the touch.
4. Butter up your hands and form balls.
5. Place on wax paper to prevent from sticking together.



January is when our neighbors start returning to Pinestone and the winter season begins.

The Christmas Party which had about 60 people in attendance was a most enjoyed evening celebrating the spirit of Christmas. It would not have been possible without Carol Wambold and her helpers Betty Angotti and Rosemary Hochendoner. We thank you and also Kenny Angotti for providing the musical entertainment with Fred Williams accompanying him on vocals. We would also like to thank everyone who brought a toy for our “Toys for Tots donation”. Check out the pictures on the next page.

Friday Night Socials will begin on January 6th at 5:30 please bring an appetizer to share and what you would like to drink. Please sign-up to host a Friday Night so that we can continue to offer this fun social activity. The sign-up sheet is posted in the library.

Our first party of the year the **Welcome Back Party** will be held on Friday, January 27th at 5:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Mike Fernandez of Crew Entertainment. There will be a small entertainment fee of \$5.00 per person. A Food Truck “GitChewSum” (Voted Best of Venice Barbecue Food Truck two years in a row) will be available for you to purchase food. Look for the sign-up sheet for the party, which will be posted in the Library on January 7th. If you wish to attend the party, but will not be in Pinestone to sign-up please email me (robug323@aol.com) with your name and unit number and I will put you on the list to attend.

Lunch Bunch will resume this year on January 31st . Lunch will be at **Noon** at the **Deep Lagoon Seafood** restaurant on Blackbird Point in Osprey. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the library during the first week in January. Join your neighbors in trying this new restaurant. All are welcome!

Don't forget:

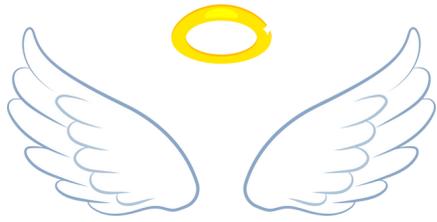
- **Bingo** will start on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00 pm
- **Line Dancing** begins on Friday, January 6th at 10:30 am
- **Classic Monday Night Movies** starts on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm
- **Bridge** begins on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm
- **Book Club** will be on Thursday, January 26th at 10:30 am.

Mark your calendars -- February will also be a fun month with the **Super Bowl Party** on February 12th, and **Mardi Gras Party** on February 17th with more information to follow.

Our next meeting of the **Social Committee** will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00 am in the Card Room. All are welcome please join us.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman



Christmas Party at Pinestone



One fine day I was walking on a sidewalk outside our Pinestone community when I fell. I'd say I did a faceplant but my face was ok. I hit a couple of teeth, my left hand, and my right knee. The most injured was the hand. I severed two bones. I asked every PA, nurse, and doc that I saw if I'd be able to play the piano. The final doc was the surgeon. He said, "she wants to play the piano?" Book her for surgery!

I fell on Nov 22, the day after my 69th birthday. The surgery was on Dec 1. I took the dressing off on Dec 4. I took a bandaid off Dec 6 and played MY Funny Valentine ON THE PIANO! It really is a miracle. Dr. Dillingham is a gift from God The healing is going so quickly. I'll have a scar but I can play the piano. I will never take these piano hands for granted again.

That's not the only gift from God. I was laying flat on my face when I heard a voice "are you ok?" I could not move and I couldn't see the voice. Then the voice was beside me. Are you ok? It was Phillip, a stranger living in our community. He left his truck in the middle of the road to pick me up from the trail. My sister tells me there was no Phillip. There was no white truck. This was an angel sent from God.

There are so many miracles here. I'm a believer that wishing and hoping are prayers to God and they are answered.

With love,
Anonymous



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How to RECYCLE:

If it has been said once, it has been said 100 times - *no paper (cardboard, newspaper, etc.) of any kind OR plastic bags (grocery or trash)* can be recycled at our facility. See the pictures below showing the INCORRECT way to recycle and the CORRECT way to recycle. If you are still unsure - please contact any board member or see Dan in the office.

INCORRECT



CORRECT



Things going on around Pinestone:



Nighttime at Pinestone:



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Pinestone Market Update

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*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/22—12/14/2022

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"Robert Agnello handled all aspects of the sale of our Pinestone at Palmer Ranch condo and the purchase of our new home in Sarasota. We could not be happier about the job he did! Our condo sold in three days at a price we didn't dream we'd be able to get for it. He also guided us through the process of bidding on, and arranging financing for, our new house. Robert knows this industry inside and out. It's hard to imagine another agent working harder for his clients. Most importantly, Robert is a man of high integrity who delivers on his promises. Plus, he's got a great sense of humor! Thanks for everything, Robert!" David Yamin Unit 211

Call me to discuss your real estate needs and see how your home fits into today's market!



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"I want to thank Brian for being a great Realtor he not only sold my condo but he was very patient and compassionate. I would tell anyone that needs their home sold to call Brian, he knows how to sell your place and get it done quickly and treat you like family. Thank you for everything!" - Michelle Olenick #1715

"Brian was exceptional with helping me navigate the challenges of buying a condo in this current market. He was extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of the buying process and guided me through each step with professionalism and care. He was very personable and easy to communicate with and I always felt that he had my best interests in mind. I would definitely use him again and would recommend him to others."
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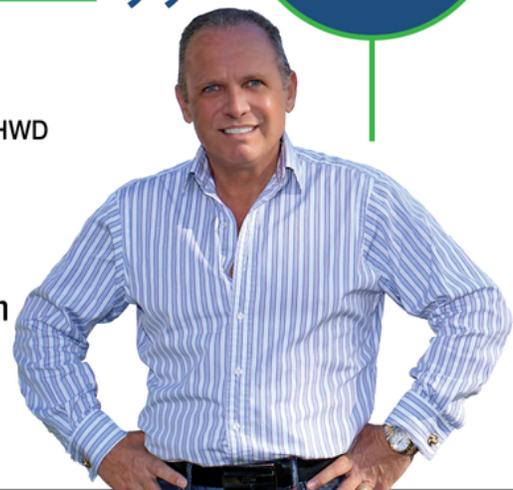
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January

2023

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:00 pm -- Mahjong	2 8:00 am – Pickleball 8:30 pm – Monday Night Football – Buffalo Bills @ Cincinnati Bengals (WHO DEY!)	3 8:30 am – Water Aerobics 8:30 am -- Tennis	4 8:00 am – Pickleball 7:00 pm -- Bingo	5 8:30 am – Water Aerobics 8:30 am – Tennis	6 10:30 am – Line Dancing 1:00 pm – Kalooki 3:00 pm – Pickleball 3:00 pm -- Shuffleboard 5:30 pm – Friday Night Social	7 8:30 am – Water Aerobics 8:30 am -- Tennis
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