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November 2020
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President's Message

As another season begins, we consider what a difference a year makes. As a result of Covid 19, several changes have taken place in Coco Wood Lakes. Even though Palm Beach County has lifted many of the emergency orders that were implemented, there are still several precautions the Association must take to continue to safeguard the wellbeing of our members.

Use of the fitness center at the clubhouse is still by appointment only Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your own cleaning items to wipe down the equipment before and after use.

Face masks are still required while in the clubhouse and social distancing must continue to be observed in the pool area. Because of Palm Beach County's continued requirement that the pool area and restrooms be cleaned hourly, the pool will be opened during the restricted time periods (Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). As soon as Palm Beach County lifts the cleaning requirement, the pool will be opened as normal. The hot tub is also opened but is limited to one person in the hot tub at a time unless you are in the hot tub with someone from your same household.

Unfortunately, at this time, the different entertainment opportunities at the clubhouse are still suspended. The Movies, Club Coco, Ladies Club, and Bingo are all anxious to get back and hope to be able to do so in the coming months.

The newsletter will continue to be sent via email to prevent the need for the hand delivery to homes during the pandemic. Once it is safe to do so, hand delivery of a hard copy of the newsletter will return.

I hope everyone remains safe and healthy. Eventually, "this, too, shall pass".

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Board Highlights

Meeting of October 12, 2020

1. A new landscaping proposal for the common area of the Association was approved. The new vendor, Tropical Landscaping, will begin January 1, 2021. Contract yearly cost: \$28,199.
2. A new Key Card Access System was approved. The old system was struck by lightning during the summer. Because of the age of the old system, the cost of repairs were going to be as expensive as a new system. Each household will receive two new key fobs for use with the new system once installation is complete. It should be noted that the Association insurance paid for a large portion of the new system. Replacement cost: \$8,494.69 Vendor: Atech Fire and Security Solutions
3. An intercom system was approved for the front door of the clubhouse. This installation is to enhance security at the clubhouse and will allow the office manager to identify the person at the front door and their purpose for wanting access. This will only be used with those individuals that do not have key card access. Contract cost: \$1,958.02 Vendor: Atech Fire and Security Solutions
4. The Board approved the replacement of the glass in the fitness center. This is the third year in which windows and/or sliding glass doors are being replaced in the clubhouse. Upon completion of this contract, only the card room and the auditorium/kitchen will be remaining for glass replacement. Contract cost: \$16,400 Vendor: Severe Weather Solutions, Inc.
5. A new vendor was approved for lake maintenance. The vendor, Allstate Resource Management, Inc, will begin on January 1, 2021. Contract yearly cost: \$6000
6. The Board ratified the expenditure for clubhouse, restrooms and pool area cleaning on Saturdays to allow the pool to open for limited hours. Cost: \$85 each Saturday.

Ladies Club

COCO WOOD LAKES LADIES CLUB

I realize that these past months have been difficult with the pandemic, and we all have missed socializing here at Coco Wood Lakes Ladies Club. Please know that we miss you all and that we will meet soon (I hope!), with in-person CWL Ladies Club meetings, luncheons, and Bingo.

I'm sorry to inform you of the passing of Selma Ackerman. She was a long time member of CWL Ladies Club and we will miss her.

Wash your hands, do social distancing, wear a mask and most importantly, STAY SAFE!!!

Lately we have experienced stormy weather and high winds!

Please keep your bins secured and weighted down so the recyclable items aren't blown all over the street.



The Wine Guru

In the August Online Newsletter, I shared with you that it had been a "Charming Chardonnay" Summer. Those of you who have read this column for the past few years know of my penchant for Chardonnay. I have had fun tasting a wide variety of this wine. Chateau St. Michelle has been a long-time favorite of mine. But when the price jumped \$2.00 - \$3.00 a bottle (depending on where you shop), I decided it was time to try some other varieties. As I am also a bargain wine shopper. The cost of shipping bottles from across the country, the fires on the west coast of America and the pandemic have all played a part in the rising cost of wine. And with a major fire in Sonoma County and now Napa County too, I am not confident that it will get any better for awhile.

One Sonoma County Chard that has stayed low in price is the Kirkland brand from Costco. If you have a membership there, don't overlook this medium bodied white. It is refreshing and great for serving at gatherings. Others that have graced my tastings are Chloe Du Bois and Cupcake, both of which are medium bodied with a dry finish that is characteristic of Chardonnay. I have had "Dark Horse" reds before but this summer located their Chard. It is very dry with good body, a little stronger than some of the others to drink, but stands up well to pork dishes and grilled chicken and even hamburgers.

Finally, a week ago at a family dinner, I was treated to a "Josh" Chardonnay. This is another wine that is sometimes hard to find even though their reds are really delicious. I believe the hostess found it at the Walmart Liquor Store. It has a taste that complimented our conch fritters and pork chops equally well. It really is good with seafood, fried, grilled or broiled.

It may be Autumn but it still feels like summer to me. Thus the Chardonnay is still in my refrigerator. And if Chardonnay is not your favorite, remember two other wonderful whites that are available: Cabernet Sauvignon Blanc, which is wonderful with seafood and chicken or an ever present favorite with many which is Pinot Grigio. It is wonderful for sipping or with most anything you serve as it tends to be a little milder. There are many brands for both of these two and as far as the Sauvignon Blanc goes, the wines from New Zealand can't be beat. Pinot Grigio also has a wide variety of brands. I have never had one I didn't like.

Do your own tastings and let me know what you think. If you find a "winner" then please give us your opinion. We would love to share it with all our residents. Most of all, drink responsibly and enjoy!

The Wine Guru

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS CORNER

We miss putting on shows for our CWL neighbors and friends. Keep your fingers crossed that this pandemic will soon be over! Your committee is so looking forward to seeing all of you again. Fortunately, several of our agents and some new talented entertainers have kept in touch with us and can't wait to perform here. So we at least have a choice to book shows and hopefully by the 2021-2022 season if not sooner. Quite frankly, it's been very BORING for your committee to not be able to keep everyone entertained! We will make up for that as soon as we get the go-ahead! Most of all we hope you are staying healthy, happy and strong. It seems that Coco Wood Lakes has been lucky in that arena as we have not had reports of illness in our community.

There will be a few minor changes in our committee this year. Our long time friend and member, Gladys Youlovsky, moved to New York in May to be closer to her family. She was always there to help out wherever we needed her and she will be missed. We are hoping everyone has a delightful Halloween. You might consider spending it with your grandchildren so you can feel like a kid again! Our best to everyone!

On behalf of our committee—Pat Babcock.

"The Four of Us"



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New Season?

To paraphrase Hamlet, to season or not to season. That is the question.

While Palm Beach County has opened up, as of this writing, caution is still the recommended way forward. Since the majority of CWL residents fall into the “most at risk” category, including yours truly, I have to weigh the options.

How times have changed. Remember when the options we had under consideration were plain or buttered popcorn? Saturday afternoon and time to get together with Butch and Sandy and Curly and super-cool Limo-Joe and head to the local movie palace for the latest Saturday afternoon double-feature. Once there, you met the rest of the gang from school, drove the candy counter guy crazy and rushed to get the best seats.

The lights dimmed, curtains parted, the rooster crowed and the newsreel began (remember, don't look into the camera's lens at the end). Next was the travelogue which was usually greeted with a few groans. Next was the latest chapter of the current serial adventure which was always followed by the cheers when the screen burst into Technicolor glory and Donald Duck appeared to start the cartoon marathon! Finally, the movies began. First was a “B” movie (a western or cops and robbers), then a comic short like “A Pete Smith Special” and, at last, the main features! You sat on the edge of your seat watching John Wayne single-handedly save the free world from the enemy du jour. Or maybe Judy Garland and Gene Kelly singing and dancing on a vaudeville stage. Or maybe Greer Garson facing that wounded Nazi pilot in her kitchen. The thrill of it all.

You and the gang re-enacted the big fights or battles on the way to your homes where you brought to an end your parent's restful afternoon and got ready for supper.

What wonderful options we faced back then. Today we have to choose between mask or no mask, to socially distance, which hand sanitizer, eating indoors or outdoors at the restaurant and the list goes on.

Which brings us back to this Movie Matinee Season. I'm keeping it on hold for now. When things are better, and if I'm still up to it, I'll try to get it going again. In the meantime, stay safe, stay well and *wash those hands!*

Tony Janik

The movie guy



Thank You for Your Patriotism

Many of the CWL owners have begun erecting and flying the United States flag in their front yards. Your Association wishes to provide you with excerpts from the Florida Statutes, CH720 and the U.S. Flag code. According to these documents, there are limits to which flags can fly below the U.S. flag and hours for display.

Coco Wood Lakes thanks you for your show of patriotism and hopes you will follow the prescribed methods of display. While Statute allows for poles up to 20ft., a more pleasing height for the homes in CWL might be in the 12-15ft range. *“What Size Flag Do I Need? The General Rule of Thumb is: The Length of your Flag should be at least **1/4 the Height of your Flagpole**. For example, a 12ft Flagpole would require a 2ft x 3ft Flag and a 20ft Flagpole a 3ft x 5ft Flag.”*

From FL Statutes, CH720.304.(2).(a) “Any homeowner may display one portable, removable United States flag or **official flag of the State of Florida** in a respectful manner, and one portable, removable official flag, in a respectful manner, not larger than 4 1/2 feet by 6 feet, which represents the **United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag**, . . .

(b) Any homeowner may erect a freestanding flagpole no more than 20 feet high on any portion of the homeowner’s real property, . . . if the flagpole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon an easement. The homeowner may further display in a respectful manner from that flagpole . . . one official United States flag, not larger than 4 1/2 feet by 6 feet, and may additionally display one official flag of the **State of Florida** or the **United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag only**. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag. The flagpole and display are subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks, and other applicable governmental regulations, including, but not limited to, noise and lighting **ordinances** . . .”

Additionally, from the U.S. Flag code, the following rules apply:

§6. Time and occasions for display

- a. It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, **the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated (dedicated lighting) during the hours of darkness.**
- b. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- c. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- d. The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on noted U.S. holidays.

<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title4/chapter1&edition=prelim> or

<https://www.legion.org/flag/code>

Puzzles...

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See CocoWoodLakes.com
(newsletters menu) for
word puzzle and Sudoku answers.

Autumn

Find and circle all of the Autumn words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - an Albert Camus quotation.

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ACORN
APPLE
BIRD MIGRATION
BLOWING LEAVES
BLUSTERY DAY
CANNING
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
COLD
CROPS

EQUINOX
FALL
FARMING
FEAST
FROST
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYSTACK
HICKORY NUTS
LONGER NIGHTS

NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
ORANGE LEAVES
PIE
PUMPKIN
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15	16 Board of Directors Meeting & Budget Meeting 7:00p	17	18	19	20	21
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