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- 6 Terry DeFrancesco
- 6 Kevin McInnis
- 6 Terry Winzenried
- 8 Fiona Korolenchuk
- 17 Kathy Spitzley
- 21 Betty Niezgoda

#### **May Birthdays**

- 10 Doug Sutton
- 10 David Grubbs
- 10 Kathleen Kohler
- 13 Joseph Brodzinski
- 13 Don Fletcher
- 13 Joe Roethle
- 14 Karen Parr
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3	Denise & Pete Spangler	1981
5	Joe & Gail Williamson	1991
6	Lori & Bryce Reed	2005
9	Tony & Liz D Agostino	1983
27	Lynn & Tom Pindroh	1968
27	Vicki & Earl Davis	2002
29	Fiona & Mike Korolenchuk	1989

#### **May Anniversaries**

10	Janet & Bob Martin	1969
10	Mary & John Swinkels	1983
14	Mike and Marie Vickery	2011
16	Paul & Tricia Novak	2016
18	Carl & Carla Sue Venable	2002
24	Michele & Nick Newell/Nosowenko	2002
27	Kathryn & Edward Mtrey	1961
29	Charles & Flora Turner	1989
29	Anthony &Susan Campbell	2004



#### **Editor's Column**

Darryl and Paula Paquette

Dease advise us as to any errors, updates, or additions. We would really appreciate it.

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All reports and any articles of interest for the newsletter, must be typed and e-mailed to: <u>editor.bocaciega@gmail.com</u>

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<u>We sure would appreciate it, if possible, to have your newsletter</u> submissions sent to us 2-3 days prior to our deadline date!!



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### **Social Committee Tidbits**

Karen Parr



s announced in the March Boca Ciega BEACON, ISSUE 1, the Park Social Committee announced that I, Karen Parr, Lot 135, will be happily assuming the job as Secretary position with the Social Committee from March 1, 2023, through March 1, 2024. It is with great honor to follow Mary's reporting, and her assignments. I have open communication with all residents and activities offered in Boca Ciega. We will have a wonderful year ahead with new fun for all. Please keep me informed of your events so they can be shared on the newsletter.

The Coffee Social on March 4th was hosted by Ingrid and Dennis Eby, and Karen and Tom Hopkins. We had 29 residents attend. It was a great time and the coffee and sweet rolls were great!

The February Early Bird dinner was held at Bonefish Grill, 2939 West Bay Drive on February 16th. There were a total of 21 guests that attended the dinner. Don reported that there was not an early bird menu, so everyone ordered from the regular menu. Please mark your Calendars for the March Early Bird dinner, which is scheduled on Thursday, March 16th. The restaurant and time will be announced soon, by Don. BON APPETITE!

February 25th, Pancake Breakfast, was a huge success. Jim Norton reported that we had 93 attendees, which set a record for attendance. The breakfast is fantastic and good time to chat with park members and others who attend.



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A huge THANK YOU goes to all the hands that work together to put on this breakfast, the last Saturday of the month. Also appreciation goes to Debbie Norton and Lore Boccinfuso for being the breakfast supply shoppers. A huge thank you goes out to the men in the park who work so well together to make this monthly event such a success. Keep up the great work!!

If you have not seen our rejuvenated beautiful bench outside the entrance of our clubhouse, please take a minute to look at our upgraded bench. Jimmy Norton looked at our original bench, which was quite worn, and gave the bench a face-lift. Jimmy did an outstanding job and brought new life to our bench. Thanks so much for diligently taking care of our park, in so many ways, Jimmy!!



Our annual ITALIAN DINNER AND DANCE was a huge success. The ticket gals sold a total of 111 tickets. The Event Chairs were Patti and Dave Williams and a full group of wonderful helpers. This year was a new beginning for Patti and Dave. Hats off to IIva and Pat Petruccelli for the fantastic seven years of hosting this event and passed the torch to Patti and Dave in 2023!!

The evening was complete with fantastic Italian salad, bread, Italian sauced meatballs and luscious cake. The evening continued with the dance and fantastic duo "Happy Days" entertained. They sparkled as they sang. Oldies songs were a big hit and everyone really found the dance floor quickly. A fantastic evening was had by all!





# MEET THE 2023 LUCKY DUCK SQUAD

any thanks for once again organizing another entertaining Duck Race. On Sunday, March 5th, we enjoyed a lovely BBQ at the club house (thanks go to the Heaphy's and Amenta's and crew), the Duck Squad got all their "ducks in a row' and the races were on!! It was a great day for a race and we had some pretty "lucky ducks" winning some great cash prizes.



(Backrow: Doug Sutton, Trevor Fry, Rex Pranger.... Middle Row: Rita Sutton, Stephanie Fry, Susan Pranger..... Front Row: Kylie Fry and Emilie Fry) Missing from photo: Sandi Mouseau



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# LOOKING BACK

nce again, reminding you to please submit any "old" photos from Boca Ciega's past!

Well, Mary Gilmore guessed The Hopkins Family photo from last month!! The year was 1991!



Here's a tough one!!





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<u>This month we'd also like to share a pamphlet from 1970 compliments of Mary Strobl!</u> <u>Enjoy!</u>



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RESIDENTS ENJOY INFORMALITY, LACK OF "BIG CITY" PROBLEMS, HIGH STANDARDS, AND GUARANTEED RENTALS

> By Art Beckerman, editor Sunshine State Senior Citizen

Regular readers of this magazine know that your editor has spent the past ten years driving everywhere in our pretty Sunshine State, visiting housing for retirees... and our regular readers also know that we have spent an ever increasing part of our time reporting on new mobile home communities... for mobile home living is surely the most popular style of living to come along in Florida since the condominium apartment swept the nation some years ago.

In fact, the spectacular growth of mobile home community development has made it all but impossible for your editor to fully "cover the territory"... sometimes it seems developers are moving faster than your editor can. even though he drives over 50,000 miles each year to see them all!

One of the rules we have formulated is that we can rarely, if ever, come back to visit a mobile home community for the second time ... we just have to concentrate on the new communities as they open.



Mrs. Marion Davis is typical of the friendly, happy residents of Boca Ciega Estates.

However, there is always an exception to the rule ... and this report ... number 273 in our current series, is an exception well worth making. We say that because our original story, written in March, 1969 as new Boca Clega Estates Mobile Home Community was about to open in Largo, Florida, made a prophecy ... and a prophecy that we simply had to review a year or so later to see if our analysis had been correct!

At that time, we stated our personal feeling that the public would respond to the concept of Boca Ciega Estates . . . a smaller, family owned and operated mobile home park . . . developed by folks who would live right in the community and who were first - time mobile owners exactly as were their new residents and friends.

June 1969

Now, in mid-summer of 1970, we were back again in Largo ... the friendly little city that lies just north of St. Petersburg and south of Clearwater on the Gulf Coast of the Sunshine State ... back again at Boca Ciega Estates ... and how pleased we are to see and report that our predictions were correct! Come along with me on a person-

al visit to Boca Ciega Estates . . .









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we'll review each of our predictions of last year and then see how Russ and Shirl Morgan and family have lived up to and exceeded the success we felt sure was to come!

**Driving to Boca Clega Estates is** even more pleasant than before, because we see so many new shopping facilities that improve this already excellent location! We would normally drive along Alternate 19 . . . either south from Clearwater or north from St. Petersburg . . and just south of Ulmerton Road, which runs from U.S. 19 to the Indian Rocks Beaches . . . we come to Walsingham Road, which is actually 118th Avenue, North. We turn west on Walsingham (118th Ave. N.) for a minute and we are at the attractive entranceway to Boca Ciega Estates.

As we approach Walsingham, we see that shopping, medical facilities, entertainment, restaurants and relaxation are all literally within minutes of Boca Ciega Estates. To the south a minute or two is the Seminole Shopping Center which has expanded in the past year to become one of the largest coveredmall shopping areas in the state. We see how close by the bank is, the post office, Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital, movies, golf, fishing, boating, the beaches, churches of all faiths . . , and how truly convenient it is to visit the heart of either downtown St. Petersburg, Largo or Clearwater.

In fact, by taking the newly being built addition to Interstate Highway 4, you can be anywhere in Florida rapidly and easily... from new Disneyworld near Orlando to Daytona Beach or Miami. It's quite obvious that each year will make this location a better one!

Back to our tour! We drive west along Walsingham . . . past the 40 acres that is being planned for a major shopping center . . and as we drive we notice that this entire area is quiet and peaceful, away from the hustle-bustle yet, as we saw before, so convenient and so close to the necessities of the city.

We turn into Boca Ciega Estates, and slowly drive along past the median strip that is planted so heavily with colorful trees and shrubbery. If we look over to our right, as we enter, we will see the waters of Lake Springtime ... the private lake that is now providing such good fishing and boating for residents. Two and three pound bass are being caught more and more



Mobile homes are carefully selected by Russ and Shirl Morgan. Park maintenance is excellent.

residents are planning to buy little prams to sail along the waters and those fortunate folks who rented the waterfront lots are basking in luxury!

As we drive and look, we see how attractive the mobile homes at Boca Giega Estates are, their pretty pastel colors accentuated by the bright green of the lawns and the blues of the waters. Every mobile home is carefully selected by Russ and Shirl Morgan and is offered to you proudly. Russ and Shirl know what their residents want and as soon as you meet them you'll understand why.

Meeting the Morgans is easy ... as soon as you take the first little curve along the main street you will see their own personal mobile home ... because the Morgans are fellow residents and friends ... not just "landlords" who show up only when the rent is due.

Russ and Shirl Morgan and their two sons, Russell and Mike, came to Largo from Chicago . . . they were determined to get away from the problems of big northern cities, away from the cold and the dirt . . . and they decided that a mobile home community would be ideal for them . . to develop and to live in!

Russ and Shirl learned about mobile homes and mobile home communities the "hard way" by learning from experience. They did most of the labor on development themselves . . . and when Boca Ciega Estates was ready for occupancy, they purchased their own mobile home for the first time and moved in ... so all the things you will experience as a new resident is understandable to them ... they went through it, too ... and best of all, they love it!

Russ and Shirl will sell you your mobile home personally . . . and help you pick out just the right rental lot on which to place it. They are happy and easy going and relaxed . . . and full of justified pride in the success of their "dream park!"

In just a little over a year, 52 mobile homes have been sold and lots rented . . . not bad for a couple of "amateurs!" The second section of 70 mobile homes is going rapidly . . so please do not delay any longer!

As we drive through the now complete section 1, we see that the gently curving roads and the spacious lots provide a charming setting ... lots are a minimum of 46'x70', with others ranging from 46'x72' to 46'x120'... large enough for the 12-20-24 wides that are in residence... large enough for you to enjoy privacy and the sight of a verdantly green lawn.

Certainly one of the reasons for Boca Ciega Estates' success is the fact that all utilities are underground ... city water, city sewage, natural gas. Oh, yes ... mentioning "city services" means we should also tell you that you have excellent police and fire protection along Walsingham Road. And we should tell you that the newest section will be "all electric"... a popular choice by popular demand!

Driving down the main street, we see another promise fulfilled



folks are relaxing in and by the handsome swimming pool . . , ask about the therapeutic jet system in the pool that will keep you fit as a fiddle! In the evening, residents all come out, enjoy good conversation and a cool drink by the pool and the scene is one of good fellowship.

A little further on, we see still another promise kept ... the Boca Ciega Estates' Club House .... now completely renovated into a charming meeting place ... air conditioned and heated ... with a meeting and party room, a lobby and lounge wood burning fireplace, pool table, men's and women's rest rooms and rapidly nearing completion ... a laundry with 6 washers and 2 dryers.

The club house is in regular use ... bingo, get togethers, parties, pot-lucks, barbecues ... and ... Christmas Thanksgiving, and New Year parties will be enjoyed by all. Mention a party or good eating and



Relax at poolside or enjoy shuffleboard

Russ Morgan's eyes light up . . . so you can tell that good times are welcome here.

By the way, we should tell you that Boca Ciega Estates is an "adults only" mobile home community . . , and there is a pet section for your little friends.



This magazine's certification plaque our strongest recommendation is on display at Boca Ciega Estates. Be sure to look for it. As we continue to drive, we note the huge mercury vapor lights that make Boca Ciega Estates so safe and so well lighted and we see . . . as promised . . how well maintained the entire development is, and how nicely the lawns are kept . . . at no additional expense to the residents. (Edging and trimming is an optional extral)

This is the perfect time to visit the mobile homes... and to see that Russ and Shirl have kept to their word that the profit on the sale of mobile homes would not be their primary objective... because there are outstanding values available!

Currently on display are 12 wides ... 20 wides ... and 24 wides ... every one completely furnished, carpeted, draped ... ready to move in right now. And the quoted price of a Boca Ciega Estates mobile home also includes raised screened porch, carport. utility room, decorative skirting, planter, full sodding, a palm tree and sidewalk. There are no hidden "extras" ... unless you ask for them.

As of this writing, you can purchase a 12'x50' model, one bedroom, one bath, with all we described before . . for under \$7,500!

You can purchase a 20'x42' model, two bedrooms, bath and a half, with all the features we mentioned before. for under \$9,500!

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Adding to this already value-wise picture is the very modest rental structure set up at Boca Clega Es-

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tates . . . in section two standard lots rent for \$40, while the corner lots are rated at \$42 . . . and this includes water, sewage, garbage removal, park maintenance, use of all recreational facilities and the lawn mowing we mentioned earlier.

Best of all, Russ Morgan's truly unique method of helping you plan for your retirement is still in effect ... and still causing the same favorable comment!

If you are 65 or over ... just one member in each family has to be over 65 ... Russ will give you a written guarantee that will insure your rent remains at the same level for the rest of your life .... You are protected! Be sure to ask how this plan works, because it is one of the best we've ever seen!

In fact, if you are 55 instead of 65. Russ has a plan that can keep you from rental increases for a period of 5 to 10 years. Be sure to ask about that, too!

Well, now ... no wonder this magazine is pleased to report for the second time on Boca Clega Estates and to remind our readers that our "Certification Plaque" is on display at the office ... certifying that we have inspected the park and that we certify advertising as truthful, location, lot sizes, maintenance program, recreation, lakeside living, quality of mobile homes, the developer's guaranteed rental plan and the high ethical standards of Russ and Shirl as offering excellent value. Our strongest recommendation and one not lightly given!

Come to Boca Ciega Estates as soon as possible . . . or write to Russ Morgan at Boca Ciega Estates, 11200 Walsingham, Largo, Fla. The telephone number is A. C. 813-392-8239. They will answer very promptly.

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