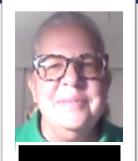
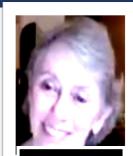
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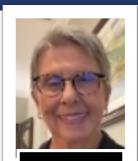




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First virtual Candidates' Night a Success!

For all of us who registered and participated in our first Candidates' Night over Zoom, including our neighbors in Canada, we learned about the great people who have stepped up to serve our community in 2021-22. Hopefully, their year of service will be easier than our current Board under the specter of Covid.

Please commend the people on

the Nominating Committee who participated and helped to make the proceeding smooth, timely, and informative.

Thanks to DEBRA PETERS. Chairperson, (center) and her committee members, (fr. left to right)

RHONA CAMPTON, DAVID KULICK, and timekeeper Joyce Marchette. Linda MACNEAL read the questions submitted by the residents and addressed them to the candidates.

Residents wrote in their questions, or asked online, to hear them answered. KAREN CLOUSER, incumbent running unopposed for Homes, was also there. Many landscaping questions were addressed to her. The entire process was recorded so we can go back and review what both the candidates and the

residents were proposing and asking at this important time. It was an excellent opportunity to meet and hear what the potential future

board members had to say.



NOW WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR ELECTION ON MARCH 3. We are lucky to have the new electronic voting system in place, along with our traditional absentee ballot via drop-off box at the clubhouse or mail-in to the office. In addition, from 6:00-7:00 pm, in-person voting outside the theater. All social distancing, masking and Covid precautions will be in place for residents and Election

Committee volunteers.

We ask in advance for

patience if you are coming to vote at the theater. We will be taking one Villa and one Master voter at a time. Monitors

will direct you to the correct line. As soon as you have submitted your ballot to the locked ballot box, you may leave and go home to watch the Annual Meeting, the actual tally of the votes, and the announcement of the winners on Zoom (where you have preregistered).

If you haven't already done so already, please call or email KAREN WELLS (561-274-0868), kr19wells@gmail.com, and volunteer to be an Election Committee member.

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Celebrating Life



Celebrating her 100th birthday, RUTH RAZZETTI is feted in her garage by the Women's Club. The staff of the Beacon, Sue Riben, and I join in these happy wishes. Ruth is just as sharp as when she was Editor of the Beacon. Thank you, Ruth, for everything. She was also feted with cake by friends and neighbors on Valentines Day.

Tennis Club and Bike Club friends get together outside to wish our dear Dotty Abrams a Happy 96th Birthday. Daily tennis and weekly dancing keep our friend forever young. And her razzle-dazzle face mask keeps her safe. Dotty Abrams also got a surprise birthday party with cake, gifts, and song from her friends at the Tennis Center.



Wishing Good
Health &
a Quick Recovery to
All Who Suffer



From **Janet Eisenman:** Thank you, in advance, to my fellow residents of Rainberry Bay for your consideration of our hardworking board members when you run into them at any of the activities that we are so lucky to be able to enjoy. They are off duty!!! Stay well.



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We Remember . . .

- My dear cousin and our neighbor, SHELDON CHACE, 78, who passed away on February 11th after weeks in the hospital in Michigan. Sheldon and his wife, Kathy were snowbirds and he leaves his daughters, Samantha and Maya, grandson Logan, sister Barbara and cousins KAREN WELLS and STACEY SCHWARTZ.
- TONY VELTRI, 102, one of our original owners, lived in his villa until a few days before passing, when he went into hospice. What a rich life this long term Florida resident had here at Rainberry Bay. He actually watched his villa being built.

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From the RB Board Presidents

Lois Wiesler, Master Board President

As I wind down my time on the board, I look back and feel like we've gotten a lot done! I know things aren't perfect but they likely won't ever be perfect to all of us. As those working on the Archives keep telling me, "Everything old is new again." The Capital Contribution project was brought up ten years ago but finally was put in place. The attempt to add internet to our bulk contract was brought up years ago and it is now in place, saving us money. Additional pickleball courts were added, new night lights for both pool #5 and the tennis courts have been approved, the bocce area has been spruced up, and landscaping has vastly improved.

All three boards worked for 18 months to get the Documents ready for print. Please vote as soon as you can if you have not already. We made it through Irma, the first real hurricane to hit in my 14 years here. And then COVID! The board deliberated about the best way to keep the community safe and healthy with little direction from attorneys or our government. The board attended many webinars with tons of information to sort through. The year 2020 was more complicated than my first three years!

All in all, I feel like we're making slow and steady progress with the roads project approved. I am anxious for it to begin. I will support the incoming board as they continue to finalize the projects in the works. Surely there will be other projects to follow.

I want to thank those that have been on the board during my time. You know who you are. I want to thank those who served on the committees that keep Rainberry Bay going – you serve a most important role in our community. Many of you went above and beyond. If you have the time and inclination, please volunteer. We all have something we can share and a way to help.

I may be going off the board but I intend to keep active and involved in Rainberry Bay. I hope to continue the Friday eblasts and I am willing to share what I've learned. I'll see you around the neighborhood!

NEW COMMITTEE FORMING

Karen Clouser, Homes Board President

As those of you who attend our Homes meetings know, we have discovered the need to create a new committee, **PREVENTIVE**MAINTENANCE INSPECTION FOR HOMES, designed to facilitate members of our community who are unable to check out the outsides of their homes on their own. Residents who will qualify for this help are wheel-chair bound, are blind, or are those who cannot walk on uneven ground (this last one will require a doctor's note).

The purpose of the committee is to walk around the homes of those who are not able to do so and look for the following potential problems:

- 1) Cracked stucco
- 2) Erosion of the ground
- 3) Tree roots growing under the house
- 4) Tree branches hitting the roof
- 5) Overgrown property that is endangering their home or neighbors home if they are a patio home
- 6) Anything else that would cause damage to the home

We hope that, most of all, this action will save us all money on repairs! We want to catch the problem before it is a major problem.

To qualify to be on this Committee, you must be able to walk on uneven ground. You may be a snowbird since you will only have to walk around the home three (3) times a year, making your own schedule. You must be able to communicate clearly and considerately with the homeowners. You will advise the homeowner to put in a work order, or put the work order in for them, and have the office send you a copy for follow-up.

The Committee (PMIH) will choose their own chairperson from the group attending the first ZOOM meeting. I would like to see this committee formed as soon as March 9, 2021.

Please email me at <u>K.C.Homes2019@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in being a good neighbor by joining this committee. Send me your name, your phone number, your email address and whether or not you are a snowbird and I will set up a Zoom meeting. Snowbirds are welcome.

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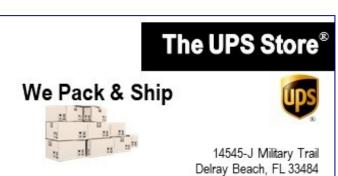
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PHYLLIS BERKE

Phyllis Berke

This is the month that I celebrate my ninetieth birthday. Too bad it's during a pandemic. I'll have to have a subdued celebration. Fortunately my sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Rich, live nearby. At least we'll have our traditional cake and candles and song.

The wonderful thing about turning ninety is that people don't expect normal behavior from us. We can say and do whatever we feel and we're pardoned because of our advanced age. We can wear whatever we want without following current trends. Some people treat us with respect and others just ignore us because they don't expect anything worthwhile from us. The other day, when a friend, Jeanie, and I were having lunch at Brighton Beach Bagels, I asked a friendly looking customer. who was walking by, to pick up a lid for my clam chowder container. Jeanie said, to warn me. "He doesn't work here!" I said. "I know. But when you're ninety you can ask anyone for help." The friendly man responded in disbelief, "You can't be ninety!" Wasn't that sweet of him? He brought me the lid on the way back to his table.

Can you believe that people in their twenties never heard of Jack Benny or Jimmy Durante? Too bad for them. When I start reminiscing about the old days, the eyes of my younger listeners glaze over. So, now I socialize with people closer to my age.

After fifty-seven years of marriage and seven years of widowhood I met my second husband, Conrad, right here in Rainberry Bay. He was a recent widower and I set my sights on him. For me it was love at first sight. When we met, he said to me, "My friends call me Connie." I nearly fainted! He considered me a friend! We clicked. Before long, we were having alternate overnights in each other's homes. Who wanted to sleep alone? I said to myself, this is a Florida marriage and it worked for me. But then Conrad proposed! What could I say? For years I felt that I would never marry again so I hesitated, but not too long. We set a date but not before I declared that I didn't cook or clean and that I hated



Dancing together through the rest of their lives, Phyllis and Conrad celebrate their wedding with their friends in Rainberry Bay.

shopping. Conrad was still agreeable because he didn't believe me!

For twenty years, I was my first husband's caregiver. He suffered from all the bad effects of diabetes, including becoming blind. His main recreation was eating out. The result was, I forgot how to cook. I had the cleanest kitchen in Rainberry Bay. For the seven years after he died, I had befriended a group of widows who ate out frequently. Here's how I didn't get fat. Doggie bags became my alternate suppers. I became intimately acquainted with every local restaurant which featured early bird specials. Who needed to cook? I did, after I moved in with Conrad.

Conrad's freezer held loads of pizzas and frozen dinners. The list of chemicals on those containers would have been more at home in a drug store. My rebellion against frozen foods ended with a compromise. We'd eat out a couple of times a week and we'd cook together the other days. The pandemic eliminated our eating out but thanks to The Boys for their wonderful home-cooked meals, our problems were solved. Another marriage saved!

We had lots to talk about in the old days before the pandemic. Conrad played ping pong, coordinated home delivery of the Beacon, and sang and danced on stage with Rainberry's musical theater group. I played bridge and canasta and volunteered at Delray Medical Center. Together we participated in the Current Events Discussion Group and we danced, ballroom style. Most of those activities disappeared a year ago when the pandemic began.

What I miss most of all is ballroom dancing, just the two of us. Conrad was a kinder Professor Higgins to my Eliza Doolittle of My Fair Lady. We danced every day in the clubhouse after the card players went home. We were Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. We floated and flew above the auditorium floor and flirted with each other and embraced and felt no pain. We were ageless! Conrad would show up at the clubhouse promptly at four every day. Oh! We can hardly wait for the clubhouse to re-open.

Teaching canasta was another fun thing that I did. A few years ago canasta players were in short supply. So, I started a canasta class on Mondays from 2 to 4 pm in the clubhouse. It turned out to be popular and Rainberry gained many new players. I always advised them to not take the game too seriously. One of my students graciously joined an experienced threesome to play as their fourth. At four o'clock she came back to our table and said, "They yelled at me!" I ask you, what else should they have expected from a beginner? Beware of those people. I'll tell you who they are!

Anyway, every Monday at the end of my canasta class, Conrad, my Prince Charming, would arrive with our CD player to take me with him to the clubhouse auditorium. We left the world behind.

Rainberry Bay enabled my wonderful life. As the song from My Fair Lady says, "There's no place on earth where I would rather be."

NOTE FROM PHYLLIS BERKE:

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JACKIE GIURATO remembers her in-laws, GENE AND MARILYN GIURATO



Everyone seated at the Easter dinner turned their heads and stared at Gene in disbelief when he announced his intention to move to Florida. He had always sworn that he would

never go to what he called "the cultural wasteland" of Florida. And here he was, making this pronouncement.

When Gene made up his mind about something, he moved swiftly, and before we could process it, my in-laws had given up their prized apartment in Stuyvesant Town in lower-Manhattan and left for Florida. For a while they lived at Sandalfoot in Boca Raton, but when they realized it wasn't a fifty-five and over place, at the urgings of their close friend Jerry, they moved to Rainberry.

Rainberry was perfect for them. Both Gene and Marilyn loved tennis and quickly became members of the tennis teams at Rainberry. They both represented Rainberry Bay in the Palm Beach County Senior Tennis League. In 2007 when Gene played on the men's team, and Marilyn played on the women's team, both teams came in first. In 2004, the men's team won second place. Through tennis, Gene and Marilyn made lasting friendships.

In the afternoons, they would meet their friends at the pool and sit under the canopy nearest the pool's entrance to share stories, discuss current events, and trade information. On Friday nights, a group of them met at Edde's Pizza Parlor—Jerry had coupons—to enjoy further comradery.

Gene loved to "get lost" and explore new places, so whenever Peter and I came to visit with our two sons, he always had new places to take us, or places he recommended that we check out with the kids.



We went to crafts fairs, museums, parks and, of course, the beach. One of Gene's favorite places to go was The Dune's Café where we would have mimosas with omelets while looking out at the ocean.

Sadly, we lost Marilyn to complications caused by

Alzheimer's. A year later, Gene succumbed to a host of physical ailments, but I believe that without Marilyn he lost his will to live. He was lonely and depressed. Marilyn had been his wife and friend for over 66 years, and he was lost without her.

So, we inherited their home here. We made some changes: a fresh coat of paint, the bamboo floor Gene always wanted, and renovated the kitchen. But we kept many of the lovely items that were theirs. Now, we are starting our own adventures at Rainberry. Thankyou, Gene and Marilyn.

THE ROCK OF RAINBERRY BAY

Photos: Shelley Glass Story: Karen Wells





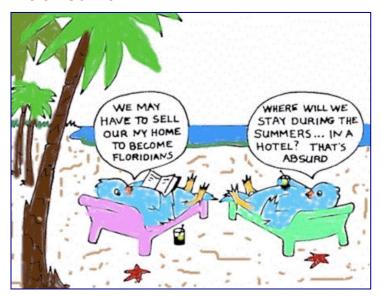
RUTH RAZZETTI is still very much with us, as seen in these pictures. On Valentine's Day, she celebrated her 100th birthday with new friends and neighbors in her driveway. Wouldn't you love to hear some of her memories?

She is a Rainberry Bay original, having moved here with her husband, Lawrence, in 1979, when she was just 56. She has always been active and at one time was the Editor of the Beacon. I learned a lot from her. We struggled with the beginnings of computerization here at Rainberry and she was wonderful with her Women's Club posters. Up until very recently, she was submitting articles for the Women's Club to the Beacon and creating their schedules.

She is a very special lady, with a very sharp mind. I also remember a few tongue lashings with her sharp tongue. She let you know when she was not pleased with something. She did it all with love for RB. Many happy returns of the day, Ruth. We love you.

Hurricane Education Committee

Helen Sohne



FOR SNOWBIRDS BEFORE YOU FLY AWAY

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- Change address with the post office
- Empty your refrigerator
- Unplug appliances
- Turn off water under sinks and to unused appliances
- Have a great summer!!

THE CORONAVIRUS SAGA CONTINUES:

PROTECTING EACH OTHER

Lois Fink, RNC, MA and Helen Sohne, LMSW

We keep hearing over and over again that 2020 was a year like no other. And now it is 2021, ANOTHER year like no other. We have begun to see a light at the end of a long and dark tunnel with the coming of vaccines to our arms and those of family and friends. BUT, we are not out of the woods by any means. "How can you say that, how can you be so negative?," you might ask. Here are some answers.

DO I STILL NEED TO WEAR A MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCE AFTER BEING VACCINATED FOR COVID-19?

The answer is definitely - YES. The vaccines may give people a false sense of security that masks are no longer needed. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The Pfizer vaccine is 95% effective and the Moderna vaccine is 94.5% effective. That is NOT 100%. That still leaves a small percentage that you could be harboring the virus and spread it to someone else while having no symptoms yourself or you could actually get the virus.

Also, full and effective immunity does not kick in for at least a week after your second dose of Pfizer and two weeks after your second dose of Moderna. Until then, you could still contract the Covid-19 virus.

AND, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and presidential advisor, recently said that close to 90% of the population needs to either be exposed to the virus or immunized to achieve "herd immunity," bringing the spread of the virus to a halt. Scientists are working to better understand this virus and its variants appearing worldwide, as well as learn more about the vaccine's efficacy (how well it works) and duration of immunity (how long it is effective).

We certainly understand why as a community we are so willing to believe that we are now safe and protected once vaccinated. We all long to return to a more normal life. We miss our friends and family. We want to go to the movies, restaurants, have parties and holiday dinners. We really need and want to believe in the magic wand (or shot) that will make it all go away and set things straight. Hopefully, as most people become protected the advice on restrictions might relax a bit. In the meantime, let's use common sense, science and caution as we travel together through "another year like no other."

THE TAKEAWAY

Even if you have been fortunate enough to get vaccinated, for now, please keep thinking of yourselves and your neighbors!

- WEAR A MASK,
- KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING,
- WASH YOUR HANDS!

Lois Fink has been a Registered nurse for 46 yrs.- now retired. Helen Sohne was a Medical Social Worker for 36 yrs.- now retired. Both Lois and Helen are also members of Rainberry Bay CERT.

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Joyce Poses

As of publication of the Beacon, the Clubhouse is still closed until future notice. For changes, check our website. Certain classes are being held virtually over Zoom. See the Calendar and check the information in this Beacon.



NIA CLASSES ON ZOOM

Helen Sohne

It's hard to believe that we are coming up to a year since our clubhouse closed. Friday March 13, 2020 was the last in-person Nia class that I taught here or anywhere.

There has been a silver lining. I learned the technology to teach classes on Zoom, and there is a wonderful group of people who dance together one, two or three times a week. New people have joined as well and remark that Nia is unlike any class they have taken. If you would like to learn more and experience Nia, please join our *Introduction to Nia* on Wednesday March 10th at 9:30 AM.

Ongoing classes are Tuesdays from 10:00 - 10:45 AM, Wednesdays from 10:00 to 10:30 AM and Fridays from 10:00 - 10:45AM (sometimes Fridays are a bit longer). There is an optional early "pre-class lesson" on Tuesday and Friday as well as an optional "post-class chat."

If you are interested in the Introduction to Nia or any of our other classes, please call or email **HELEN SOHNE**: 561-376-9789 / Niadelray@gmail.com. I am happy to speak with you and/or send you some information about Nia with no obligation.

Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

- Marcel Proust -



I truly appreciate kindness.
I appreciate people checking up on me. I appreciate a quick message.
I appreciate those who ask if I'm okay. I appreciate every single person in my life who has tried to brighten my days. It's the little things that matter the most.



SHE SAID IT...

Compiled from the Internet in honor of Women's History Month, March 2021

The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The 2021 Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced." The theme celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future.

Every year March is designated Women's History Month by Presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. It began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, CA in 1978 and, in February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring National Women's History Week. He wrote,



In 1987, Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as Women's History M

According to *Marie Claire* magazine, here are statements from their selection of 12 women who changed the world.

- 1. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank
- "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou
- 3. "The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid." Jane Austen
- "Though the sex to which I belong is considered weak, you will nevertheless find me a rock that bends in no wind." Queen Elizabeth I
- "Power without a nation's confidence is nothing." Catherine the Great
- 6. "Truth is powerful and it prevails." Sojourner Truth
- 7. "I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free . . . so other people would be also free." Rosa Parks
- 8. "I tell my story not because it is unique, but because it is the story of many girls." Malala Yousafzai

- "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." Marie Curie
- 10. "That brain of mine is something more than merely mortal; as time will show." Ada Lovelace (1815-1852), an English mathematician and the world's first computer programmer. She was the first person ever to publish an algorithm intended for a computer.
- 11. "Women are very desirous of their being placed on absolutely equal terms with men. We ask for neither more nor less than that." Edith Cowan (1861-1932), Australia's first ever female member of parliament and a fierce women's rights activist. She pushed through legislation allowing women to be involved in the legal profession, promoted migrant welfare and sex education in schools and placed mothers on equal position with fathers when their children died without having made a will.
- "Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others." Amelia Earhart

Women are still standing up for their rights, just as they did when we were part of the Women's Lib movement, and we have made enormous strides since then. Here are some quotes from well -known women of today:

- "Whether I am meant to or not, I challenge assumptions about women. I do make some people uncomfortable, which I'm well aware of, but that's just part of coming to grips with what I believe is still one of the most important pieces of unfinished business in human history - empowering women to be able to stand up for themselves." Hillary Clinton
- "It is time that we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals. We should stop defining each other by what we are not and start defining ourselves by who we are." Emma Watson, appointed UN Women Goodwill Ambassador in 2014.
- "No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half its citizens." Michelle Obama
- 4. "If a woman never lets herself go, how will she ever know how far she might have got? If she never takes off her high-heeled shoes, how will she ever know how far she could walk or how fast she could run?" Germaine Greer
- 5. "In the future, there will be no female leaders. There will just be leaders." Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook
- 6. "If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman." Margaret Thatcher

SUSTAINABLE OR NOT?

Here is the situation: The way that we live on our land is directly at odds with our long term survival and quality of life. We remove plants without knowing what they are or what they can do. We replace them with plants that do not play a role in the local ecosystem. We irrigate instead of using plants that thrive on rainfall. We apply poisons without understanding their impact.

Here is the good news: You can have a major positive impact with Florida friendly native plant landscaping, saving yourself money because of minimal use of fertilizers and chemicals and water. You are also saving the food supply for us and future generations by supporting pollinators.

A sustainable landscape has lots of birds, bees, butterflies; uses no poisons; uses none, or limited, organic fertilizers; needs no or limited irrigation; has mostly native plants with no or limited turf, which all lead to feeding and sheltering wildlife.

Please, please, please, plant native. There are many landscaping professionals to help you find the right plant for the right space. Our community was treated to an excellent informational presentation in February by Dennis de Zeeuw from Sustainscape. We hope to offer more native plant educational sessions by Dennis and other South Florida native plant experts.

The Green Committee loves to talk "native," so give one of us a call. Or join our Zoom meetings: March 3, April 7, and May 5 at 4PM.

VERMICOMPOSTING

Worm composting utilizes worms to help process organic material and produce castings. The lowly worm gets almost no respect and is synonymous with an insult. This humble creature toils tirelessly eating the garbage of life producing natural, odor free compost that takes about 30 minutes a week to maintain.

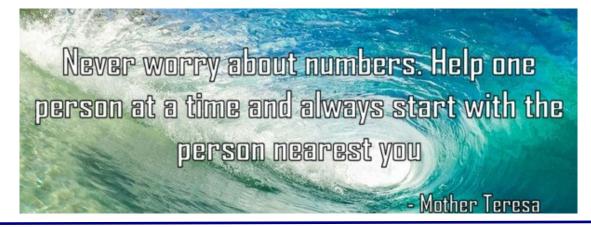
There are many types of vermicomposting bins available. A 4-tray worm farm is a good choice, providing an environment for much needed moisture, air, food, and darkness for our workers to survive. The lowest level collects liquid compost tea, which is easily drained and then given to your plants. The next level up is where their bedding is made. There are a variety of materials used for bedding including cardboard, coco coir, and soil. You can find suggestions from many online sites (Planet Natural, EPA, Uncle Jim's Worm Farm). Bins are fed from the top and the worms move up to the food to process it. Worms eat raw fruit and vegetable scraps but do not eat citrus, onions, and broccoli! Red Wiggler worms are the species used in bins.

The Green Committee hopes that you will give some form of composting a try. We have talked about indoor kitchen composters; the West Palm Beach Company, Let-It-Rot, that will collect your scraps; enclosed tumblers; and now vermicomposting. Composting is an easy, inexpensive, sustainable practice that helps to decrease the carbon in our atmosphere which then helps to slow down global warming. Karen (217-714-2342) or Vinnie (330-256-5822) are happy to answer any questions you may have.

GREEN COMMITTEE DATES

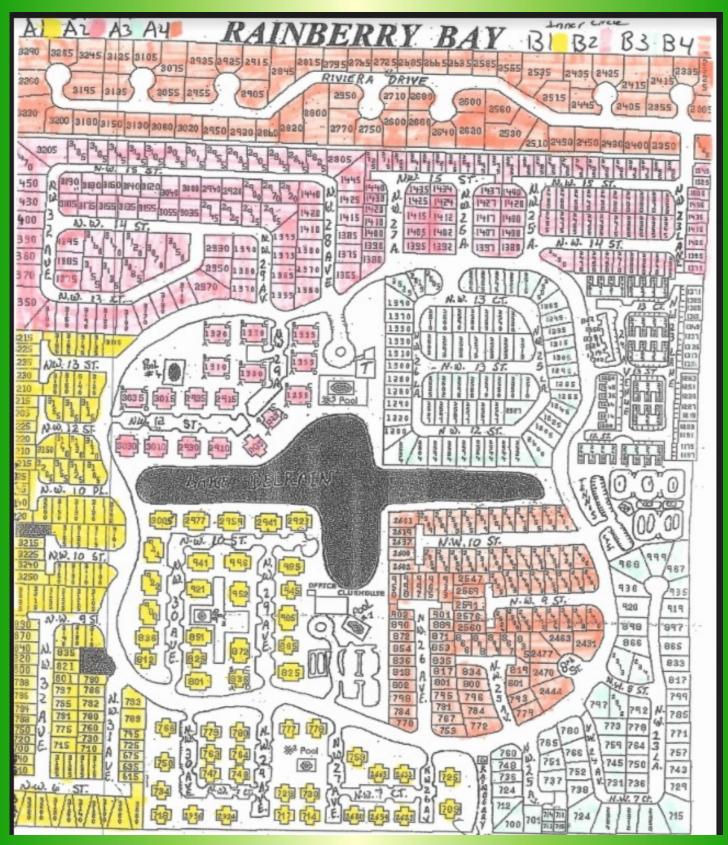
SATURDAY, **MARCH 13**, **10-12** at Theater; PAPER SHREDDING: bring all your paper to be shredded, there is no charge but donations are appreciated.

 Meeting Dates are the first Wednesday of every month at 4 PM via Zoom: March 3, April 7, May 5



ZONE LANDSCAPING

This map is set-up into Zones for trimming of hedges and shrubs. This does not include the perimeter hedges (Lake Ida, Davis Road, Lone Pine, Sable Lakes and the Canal). There is an inner circle area and an outer circle area. It will be announced every Friday as to where they will be the following week. It takes 2-4 days to do a section providing we have dry weather. Currently they have begun in "outer Pink A5."





Photos: Deb Peters Peter Giurato (pictured with fellow biker, Eileen Block) led intermediate bikers on a 34-mile roundtrip ride to Lake Worth's John Prince Park, including 10 miles around Lake Osborne.



Photos: Deb Peters

Peter Giurato, Bob Reich, Eileen Jardini and Deb Peters along with 3 unidentified RB bikers, break for lunch after their 15 mile trip to Deerfield Beach before heading back home, another 15 miles, to Rainberry Bay.



Pedal assist e-bike allows Deb to keep up with the intermediate bikers.



Photo: Shelley Glass

Even the deer in Deer Park are doing their civic responsibility and masking up.



Photo: Shelley Glass

The Beginners Pickleball class taught by Rosa Torres have graduated to Intermediates now. Do you recognize them with their masks on?





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Photo: Jessica Kurtzman

For all of you fisher persons. our really does contain fish. Check out what the blue heron caught the other day.

Photos: Deb Peters

The Bicycle Club out on a weekly adventure, this time heading through town down Atlantic Avenue.



The bikers walk out on the Beach in time to watch the sunrise



Crossing the street to Luna Rosa restaurant, they enjoy a leisurely breakfast and arrive back at Rainberry by 9:30 am.





Photos: Deb Peters RB folks love to dance, so Ed Willey played a Valentine's Day concert. Couples came masked and danced together in the parking lot, and sat around socially distanced.





Great view of the whole area, from the Willey patio through the parking lot, where people brought their chairs, their masks, the weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed the evening



Photos: Peter Giurato

Peter loves to go to Wakodahatchee on his bike with his camera because of the beautiful bird pictures he can take. He shared them with us. This is a Green Heron.



A shot of a red-headed woodpecker.



Beautiful blue heron. Peter, please keep sending us your pictures. We love them.

MARCH 2021

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Pool 5 6a-11a daily 12:30-5:30 daily 5:30p-7p T & Th Pool 2 1:15-3:15p daily ***ALL HOURS HEREIN SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE.*** At time of publication (FEBRUARY 2021), the following facilities remain closed: CH including Library, Gym, Classrooms and TH. Please refer to MyRainberryBay.com website calendar for latest changes.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10a NIA-zoom	3 9a Bocce 10a NIA-zoom	4 8:30a Tennis Clinic	5 10a NIA-zoom	6 9a Bocce 11a Bocce Mtg.
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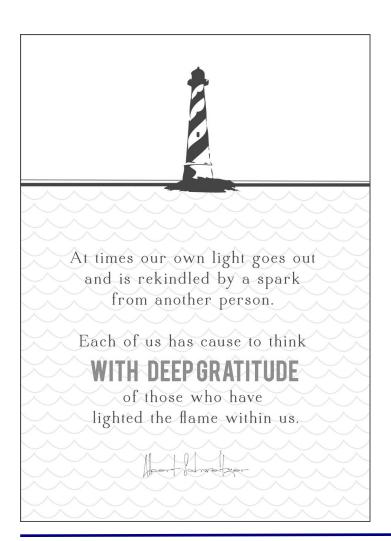
A Grateful Lady

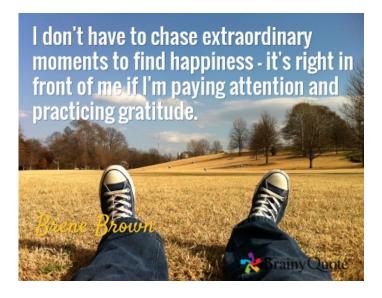
I am grateful for the people who make ocean bike rides, moonrise walks, outdoor movies, tennis, swimming, and pickleball happen, and for caring, wonderful neighbors, family, and friends who call, invite, offer, suggest, and cook, to help me through my mold situation. Thankful for the peaceful memorial garden and beautiful benches at the tennis center.

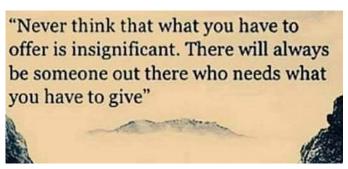
Thankful for the introduction to opera, Bach and Mozart. Thankful to all the club and committee volunteers, the Beacon and website staff, and members of the Board of Directors. **Lois Wiesler**, thank you for all your years of dedicated service to Rainberry Bay. I'm blessed to be a part of this special community with the sweet words of wisdom and hope that appear each day around our precious lake, and friends who will cut my hair, outdoors, at a moment's notice.

So appreciative to each and every one of you. You make this my special haven.

Debra Lesers







How Long Does It Take to Decompose?

PAPER TOWEL	2-4 WEEKS
BANANA PEEL	3-4 WEEKS
PAPER BAG	
NEWSPAPER	1.5 MONTHS
APPLE CORE	2 MONTHS
COTTON GLOVE	3 MONTHS
ORANGE PEELS	6 MONTHS
PLYWOOD	1-3 YEARS
WOOL SOCK	1-5 YEARS
MILK CARTONS	
CIGARETTE BUTTS	10-12 YEARS
LEATHER SHOES	
TINNED STEEL CAN	
FOAM PLASTIC CUPS	
RUBBER BOOT SOLE	
PLASTIC CONTAINERS	
ALUMINUM CAN	200-500 YEARS
PLASTIC BOTTLES	
DISPOSABLE DIAPERS	
MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE	
PLASTIC BAGS	200-1,000 YEARS

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION AS MUCH AS YOU CAN TO CREATE AWARENESS AMONGST PEOPLE THAT PLASTIC IS ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS RELATED TO THE GLOBAL GREEN HOUSE EFFECT.

PROPERTIES FOR RENT & SALE

OTHER CLASSIFIEDS

STEW'S CAR SERVICE:

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HOUSE FOR SALE \$265K: House on the lake, 3br/2ba, covered, screened patio and open patio. Call Naomi 561-246-2125. Buyer's agent welcome.

Local Rainberry Resident. Call for rates. (401) 855-2750 Stu & Harriet Resnick

VILLA FOR RENT: Large screened-in patio. Separate laundry room. Fresh paint / new carpet. S/S appliances. Included: All Rainberry Bay amenities, cable with HBO, wi-fi, water. \$2000 per month/year lease. No smoking. Call Vickie (631) 566-4945

ALTERATIONS:

Hems, seam repairs, etc.
Marianne Monteleone, Rainberry Bay Resident,
call or text: 610-333-5500, email: boutique@ptd.net

RB COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

OUTSIDE THEATER

- 1) Print clearly your information about what you are trying to sell or rent on a 3"x5" index card.
- 2) Add your name, phone number and/or address clearly so someone can easily respond.
- Indicate prices, if needed.
- 4) The ad will be placed on the board for 60 DAYS.

PLACE CARD IN BOX AND IRV SCHULMAN WILL PUT IT IN THE CASE.

APPLICATIONS FOR SALES AND RENTALS

Include the following forms with any application as well as a non-refundable payment for \$100 per person for background and credit check. These forms must be signed and notarized.

- Essential Information form: Age Verification Affidavit and the Form signifying that one person 55 or over will reside at each address,
- The Certificate of Interview/Approval

RENTALS:

We require a minimum of two (2) years of ownership BEFORE a unit may be rented.

- Rentals are allowed once per fiscal year (October 1- September 30) and must be for a minimum of three (3) consecutive months.
- Furnish Terms of lease.
- Landlords MUST furnish a copy of the Landlord Permit issued by the City of Delray Beach with the completed application and lease.
- ♦ Copy of signed Rental Agreement

PET RESTRICTIONS:

Community allows a maximum of two common pets, dogs and/or cats, with a mature weight limit of 25 pounds or aggregate weight of 30 pounds for both pets. Landlords may determine whether or not pets are allowed in the unit.

All forms can be found on the RB Sales Application. Check details and rules there.

Online, click here for Sales Application

Available on www.myrainberrybay.com

Keeping Us Informed

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Anne-Marie Blondin

ANNUAL COLLECTION

We are in our final month of our Annual Collection for Delray Beach Police and Fire and Rescue Departments.

In the past the Police and Fire departments have been able to purchase additional equipment that benefited us as Delray Beach residents. Some examples of past purchases are:

- Scuba suits for female fire fighters
- Bounce house for the Fire Dept Open House community fairs
- Enhanced software for firearm training
- Speeding detectors
- Professional size grill top stove for community events
- Two AED's (Defibrillator machines) installed in city buildings
- Decontamination sprayers for fire trucks (especially beneficial during this COVID crisis)

THANK YOU to all who have donated. However, our donation amount so far is much less than last year and we ask for your generosity. Please deposit your donation in the RED box located outside the Clubhouse. If you are homebound, give me a call and I will come by and pick up your donation.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Our next meeting is Mar 1 at 2 pm. Zoom details will be sent prior to the meeting. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

The RSPCA is urging people to "snip the straps" on disposable face masks after an ibis was found entangled. They say that throwing the masks away is not enough and they are worried that more animals will become entangled in PPE all over the world.



RB 2021 DIRECTORY

Char Lane

By now we should have received your Directory inclusion forms for the new directory. Thank you to all of you who have timely complied. If you did not complete and provide a form, your directory information may well be obsolete or erroneous. We have made every effort to contact residents, and in some instances called or emailed multiple times and left voice mails or reply requests.

Keeping the directory current is an ongoing process and you'll need to update your information whenever you change telephone numbers or email addresses or other relevant data or circumstances.

Please remember that you need to OPT OUT (check the boxes) if you do NOT want your telephone number published in the print and/or electronic version and OPT IN (check the boxes) if you want your email address published in the print and/or electronic version.

Blank forms remain available on the kiosk at the clubhouse entrance, on the Rainberry website, or in the recent Beacons. FSR has also sent blank forms via eblast. Please continue to drop your completed forms in the lockbox on the Beacon kiosk at the front entrance to the clubhouse or scan and email them to RainberryBay@FSResidential.com or mail to the FSR Management office at the address on the form.

Thank you to my great crew of workers – BARBARA GOLDBERG, JOYCE KATZ, KAREN LAGOMARSINE, KAREN LEFEVRE, PAULA LIEBERMAN, and LORETTA TODER for all their efforts. Thank you to ALICE, TATSIANA, and MARK in the FSR office for their help. And a very special thank you to KAREN WELLS for all of her historical efforts and for providing a starting point and to JESSICA KURTZMAN and JEAN-ELLEN KING for their respective (and above and beyond) dedication to proofing and calling, the sheer volume of which was amazing.



MAKING GOOD USE OF APPLE CIDER VINEGAR, PT 2

Lois Wiesler



COOKING USES

Adding vinegar to the water you use to boil or poach eggs can help you produce consistently good eggs. When you're poaching eggs, you want the egg whites to firm up as quickly as possible so that the eggs keep their shape. Using vinegar when boiling eggs can also speed up the coagulation, or clotting, of the egg whites. This can be useful if the shell cracks while the egg is being boiled.

Another way to use ACV when cooking is to make a marinade. In fact, ACV is a popular ingredient in many steak marinades, as it gives the meat nice sweet and sour flavor. Combine it with wine, garlic, soy sauce, Worchester sauce, onion or cayenne pepper and marinate for 3 hours to give your steak a delicious flavor.

As a Hair Rinse or Dandruff remover

An ACV hair rinse is said to remove product buildup, detangle, add shine and possible rid your scalp of dandruff. Try mixing 1-part ACV with 1-part water and pour the mixture over your hair. Leave it in for a few minutes before washing it out. If you have sensitive skin, then you should try doing this with a weaker dilution first, as the vinegar is quite acidic.

AS A WEED KILLER

Another great use for ACV is as a homemade weed killer. Spray undiluted vinegar on unwanted weeds in your garden to get rid of them. You can also try mixing it with soap and lemon juice to

see if that makes it more effective.

TO GET RID OF FRUIT FLIES OR FLEAS

Fruit flies can be annoying. Pour some ACV into a cup, add a few drops of dish soap (so that any trapped flies sink) and you're good to go.



ACV may help prevent your pet from getting fleas. It's thought that spraying a mixture of 1-part water and 1-part ACV onto your pet will create an environment in

which fleas won't want to hang around.

Just Don't Do It

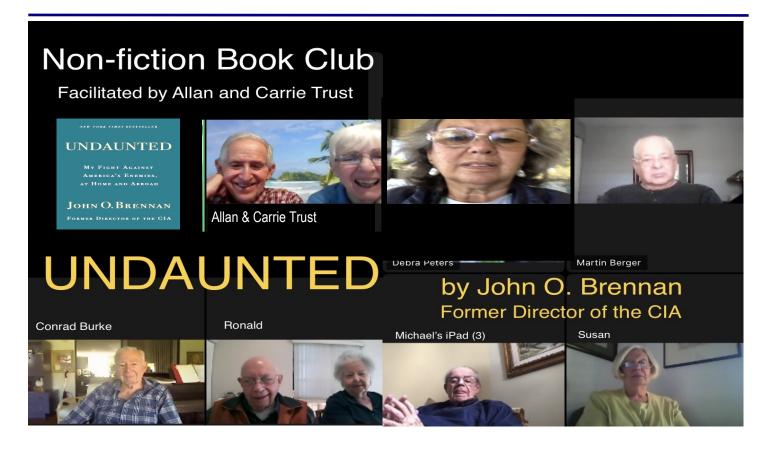
Flushing items that are not meant to be flushed, including those labeled "flushable", can create serious problems in the sewer system, at the wastewater treatment facilities, and in the environment.





DO NOT FLUSH:

- wipes (even if they labeled "flushable")
- paper towels or paper products
- facial masks
- medications or chemicals
- fat or grease
- trash or plastic items



RB BOOK CLUB

Allan Trust

Here is the schedule through June 2021.

- MARCH 4: "State Of Wonder," by Ann Patchett; presented by JUDY SPIVAK
- ◆ APRIL 1: "Born A Crime," by Trevor Noah; presented by Roz APPELL
- ◆ May 6: "Have You Seen Luis Velez," by Catherine Ryan Hyde, presented by JANET EISENMAN
- June 3: "The Vanishing Half," by Brit Bennett, presented by Nancy Effrain.

Good news that **JOLIE TRABIN** has agreed to have four copies of our future selections made available, courtesy of the Rainberry Library, starting in May.

Why Judy thinks you'll enjoy "State of Wonder:"

As Dr. Marina Singh embarks upon an uncertain odyssey into the insect-infested Amazon, she will be forced to surrender herself to the lush but forbidding world that awaits within the jungle.

Charged with finding her former mentor, Dr. Annick Swenson, a researcher who has disappeared while working on a valuable new drug, she will have to confront her own memories of tragedy and sacrifice as she journeys into the unforgiving heart of darkness.

Allen says he has about six copies of the book, so contact him for a convenient pick up/ drop off. All meetings start at 1PM via ZOOM.

SIGN IN INSTRUCTIONS:

TO SIGN-IN, CLICK ON LINK: https://us02web.Zoom.us/j/5771123789 Click Join

Meeting ID: 577 112 3789

Please join in at about 12:45 PM so meeting can start on time. Allan & Carrie Trust- 561-278-4416- 561-573-7053 OR, ctrust371@comcast.net.



Allan & Carrie Trust

We meet every Friday at 1 PM, via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in or listen to lively discussions of the important issues of the day.

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2020-2021 Season Plans ON HOLD DUE TO COVID-19 QUARANTINE

BOOKS TO READ DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Headstrong, Rachel Swaby

In 2013, the New York Times published an obituary for Yvonne Brill. It began: "She made a mean beef stroganoff, followed her husband from job to job, and took eight years off from work to raise three children." It wasn't until the second paragraph that readers discovered why the Times had devoted several hundred words to her life: Brill was a brilliant rocket scientist who invented a propulsion system to keep communications satellites in orbit, and had recently been awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation. The obituary—and its subsequent outcry—raised the questions: who are the role models for today's female scientists, and where can we find the stories that cast them in their full light.

Spinster, Kate Bolick

"Whom to marry, and when will it happen—these two questions define every woman's existence." So begins Spinster, a revelatory and slyly erudite look at the pleasures and possibilities of remaining single. Using her own experiences as a starting point, journalist and cultural critic Kate Bolick invites us into her carefully considered, passionately lived life, weaving together the past and present to examine whyshe—along with over 100 million American women, whose ranks keep growing—remains unmarried.

No Higher Honor, Condoleezza Rice

No Higher Honor takes the reader into secret negotiating rooms where the fates of Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and Lebanon often hung in the balance, and it draws back the curtain on how frighteningly close all-out war loomed in several parts of the globe. Surprisingly candid in her appraisals of various administration colleagues and the hundreds of foreign leaders with whom she dealt, Rice also offers keen insight into how history actually proceeds.

She's Not There, Jennifer Finney Boylan

By turns hilarious and deeply moving, Jennifer Finney Boylan explores the territory that lies between men and women, examines changing friendships, and rejoices in the redeeming power of family. Told in Boylan's fresh voice, She's Not There is about a person bearing and finally revealing a complex secret. As James evolves into Jennifer in scenes that are by turns tender, startling, and witty, a marvelously human perspective emerges on issues of love, sex, and the fascinating relationship between our physical and intuitive selves.



For those of you who haven't seen it, I highly recommend the Netflix series, *The Queen's Gambit*. Even non-chess players will get caught up in the excellent plot and characterization, as well as some insight into the competitive world of tournament chess. Like any other competition, chess can be mentally demanding and actually physically stressful.

Bridge, also, can be mentally and physically demanding. For the uninitiated, all the teams in a duplicate bridge match are dealt the same hands; the team that achieves the highest score, against all the other teams that had exactly the same cards to work with, wins. An oversimplification, certainly, but that might help to differentiate bridge—like chess—as a "competition," as opposed to a "card game."

In the good old days (before Covid!) our Rainberry Bay Bridge Club weekly games would average 6 or 8 tables of friendly competition. Hopefully, we will be able to resume some semblance of normalcy this fall. If things work out, we'd love to have some of you non-bridge players come and join us. It just might open a whole new avenue of challenge and enjoyment. Call it the *Rainberry Gambir!*

RB 2020 Real Estate Update

According to the Palm Beach County records from January 1, 2020 through December 31, there were 76 new deeds recorded in Rainberry Bay.

Forty-seven (47) single family homes were sold at an average selling price of \$233.5K and twenty-nine (29) villas were sold at an average price of \$172.5K. These numbers include both new residents as well as those homes that were inherited and occupied by sons and daughters or family of previous residents. You would never know that we were in the midst of a pandemic.

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SPORTS PAGE

BICYCLE CLUB

Monique Goudreau

IS AN E-BIKE RIGHT FOR YOU?

There are many reasons people buy e-bikes, but we found after talking to experts and riders that the main ones are for commuting, recreation, and hauling light cargo. Amid the pandemic, health concerns have been another driver of increased bicycle sales. If consumer demand tells the story, bicycles have been a good transportation alternative for urban and suburban commuters wishing to avoid using public transportation. They can also be a good form of socially distanced recreation.

Prices for e-bikes range from less than \$500 to thousands of dollars. For most consumers, the higher end of the scale will be about \$6,000 to \$7,000. According to NCSL, the average price for an electric commuter bike is \$2,000 to \$3,000, compared with \$1,000 for a conventional midrange commuter bicycle.

Micah Toll, who digs into the particulars of e-bikes and other battery-powered personal transportation for Electrek, a website focused on everything electric, says budget is an important consideration for e-bike shoppers. He advises consumers to avoid the extreme low end of the e-bike range, where cheaper components can affect overall quality. He also says first-time buyers might not want to get the most expensive models, to give themselves time to figure out whether or not they like riding one.

"The \$1,500 range is the sweet spot right now," he says. "Manufacturers are making good-quality bikes but aren't using top-shelf components. It's a good balance for people who don't want to spend a fortune but also don't want the bike to fall apart after a year or two."

By Benjamin Preston
December 18, 2020 From Consumer's Reports

WAKODAHATCHEE TUESDAY MORNING RIDES

Check the pictures on page 16-17. Meet weekly on Tuesdays, 7am at clubhouse. Return by 8:30am. Bring a facemask, water, and an eye for bird (and other wildlife) watching.

Questions: Debbie Peters 5one6-987-8618



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Diane Maxey

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It's been a hard year for the bocce family as we have mentioned in previous issues. Yet, another loss on January 14th left us stunned and sorrowful. PHYLLIS ZINER, known throughout the Rainberry community, was an integral member of the Bocce Club. Serving as "Event Coordinator," a self-imposed but well-

deserved title, Phyllis was known on the bocce court for her little orange purse. When that purse came out, everyone knew to reach in their pockets as she was collecting money for a bocce breakfast or dinner, a theater outing, or pizza party. The ultimate party planner, she could set up a birthday celebration with ice cream and cake complete with party decorations at the drop of a hat. Whenever a need arose, whether an illness, death, or a birthday, Phyllis always stepped up to help collect donations to honor and encourage our members. We miss you, Phyllis.







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