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BOARD MATTERS

OWNERS' MEETING - NOV 19



In an Owners' meeting that may have been the best attended ever, the proposal to fund reserves was overwhelmingly defeated. While in some years the estab-

lishment of a quorum is barely met, at the November 19th meeting more than two-thirds of the Members (234) were present, either in person in a crowded Rec Hall or by proxy.

The vote was two-to-one in favour of continuing the pay-as-you-go basis, which has been the practice since Longboat Harbour was formed. Full funding of reserves received only 32 votes and partial funding 23. Other than two abstentions, the announcement that the remaining 177 Members were opposed to the full funding motion brought a rousing cheer from the audience.

The proposal to authorize an increase the borrowing authority was defeated by the owners at the owners meeting.

BOARD MEETING - November

The Board, following the announcement of the vote, began its regular meeting at which Treasurer Mike McNeil reminded everyone that there are very significant cash requirements early in the new year. Consequently, there remains a need to build liquidity. An insurance premium of \$235,000 is due in January. We have been able to stage this payment in the past, but there is no assurance that this will be continued. The objective, therefore, is to accumulate a sufficient amount of cash by the

30th of November in each year to be able to make these lump payments when due.

Borrowing Authority

At present, the Bylaws specify that to borrow any amount in excess of \$10,000 the approval of at least two-thirds of the members must vote their approval. Treasurer Mike McNeil and the Board strongly believe that to provide appropriate financial flexibility in today's environment, this amount needs to be raised. The experience of the last few years has made it clear that surprises are inevitable. Unexpected increases in insurance premiums, acceleration of due dates for the payment of premiums and other events sometimes created temporary operating cash shortages that were very difficult to manage. The Board feels that there needs to be some maneuvering room in the event of unforeseen emergencies. To that end the Board feels the borrowing authority needs to be increased to \$200,000.

Although this motion failed at the January 16 meeting, the Board feels that Owners did not completely understand the nature of the request or the seriousness of the need. Consequently, the Board intends to reintroduce the measure.

Careful readers of the INFO will recall this need was explained in the November issue as well.

Operating Committee

The replacement of deteriorating wood in the soffit is down to the last two buildings. The replacement material is pre-treated.

Pool #4 requires some remedial work by the contractor. It is expected that it will not be necessary to lower the water level to make the repair.

Negotiations with cable television suppliers, Comcast and Verizon, are ongoing. Comcast's contract has been extended for one year while the bidding process continues.

BOARD MEETING - January Turnover

Hank Airth, Florence Harr and David Filkins, all having completed their terms as Board Members retired at the January Annual Meeting. President Kasden thanked them for their contribution to the community and gave Florence and David, who were in attendance, a memento in appreciation.

Jan Falcone (G-Building) and **John Troup** (K-Building) offered their names in candidacy and were elected by acclamation at the January meeting.

There still remained a vacancy as an insufficient number of individuals had volunteered to serve. A search committee was established and President **Steve Kasden** announced the appointment of **Carol Meredith** to fill the remaining vacancy on the Board. Carol and husband, Ed, are H-Building residents. Their northern home is in Taylor, Michigan,

MANAGER'S REPORT

Repairs and Remodeling

If work is being done in a unit, either by a contractor or by the owner, please ensure the common areas, such as the carpeting outside and near your unit and the elevator, if used to transport materials, are properly swept or vacuumed at the end of each day. This will help prevent having to send a housekeeper back to a building to re-do a job she has already completed.

All owners should be aware that the dumpsters are not to be used to dispose of building materials or furniture. If you are an owner doing your own renovations in your unit and need information on how to dispose of large items that should not be put in the garbage bins, please call the office for assistance.

Remember, however, commercial contractors hired by you must remove all scrap and surplus material.

Owners are responsible to advise all contractors

they hire that they must not use our dumpsters to dispose of their building materials but do you know why? The extra weight of these materials can cause serious damage to the dumpsters. When this occurs, the association has to pay for materials and labor to repair the dumpsters and in most instances new dumpsters have to be purchased because they have been so abused.

Drains

There have been a number of kitchen drain stop-ups recently. Please avoid using the drain for the disposal of kitchen waste. In particular, avoid peelings and starchy foods that tend to accumulate on the pipe walls.

Hint

If the second bathroom in your unit is not used frequently, it is important to run the water in the tub and sink and flush the toilet on a regular basis. This will help discourage bugs and ants from entering the bathrooms via the plumbing pipes. As well, this will ensure that the trap remains filled with water to prevent sewer odours from rising.

Laundry Breezeway

Owners are reminded to keep the doors to laundry rooms closed, especially in cool weather. Our native rodents tend to seek the warmth of the interior when the weather chills. (Just like us.) Once they are in the building, we need to bring in the exterminator to deal with the infestation.

Garbage Bins

In season, the garbage bins fill up quickly so it is imperative that we all take the time and effort to break down boxes. That way, they will not "consume" extra space within the bin.

*Sabrina Wengerd,
General Manager*

Cell Phone Usage

PLEASE have regard for others! Limit cell phone use at all pools for emergency or very important calls and moderate your voice if you must receive a call. Your co-operation is appreciated.

RECREATION AT LbH



The recreation committee, which consists of 12 members, meets monthly to review and plan new activities. In addition to this committee, many of our residents volunteer to host certain events while others do whatever is necessary to make these

events happen.

Our treasury is solvent. When extra money becomes available, we help fund items that are needed plus updating items such as holiday and table decorations which have all been replaced in the past two seasons.

In 2007, the Recreation Committee planned 22 events consisting of dinners, cocktail parties, musicals and sporting events.

We also work with other organized clubs at LbH - lending them a helping hand if it is needed.

Longboat Harbour Residents are fortunate to have the facilities that give us the opportunity to have 12 recurring activities (some daily, weekly or monthly) to enjoy. These do not include all the other recreational benefits at one's fingertip.

In conclusion we want to express our appreciation to the Board of Directors for their cooperation, to our Manager, Sabrina Wengerd, and her staff and a very special Thank You to those of you who are always available when called upon and work hard behind the scenes.

A full schedule of events is planned by the committee. Keep checking channel 57 for details.

*Warren Conrad,
Past Chairman
Barbara Shelton + Maggie Edger
Co-chairs 2007/2008*

YACHT CLUB



The annual Change of Watch was held again this year at the Bird Key Yacht Club, with 82 members in attendance.

Past Commodore, **Mary Bock** conducted the swearing in ceremony of the year's officers pictured here: **Dick Damm**, purser; **Maggie Edger**, scribe; Fred Schwing, vice commodore; **Larry Bateman**, commodore; **Mark Longo**, dock master and **Ed Davin**, past commodore.



LBH Men's Club News

Twenty-five members attend our next-to-last meeting of the '06-'07 season, Apr. 10th. **Warren Conrad's** trivia questions asked for the first names of four professional sportsmen, e.g., Tiger Woods. This turned out to be pretty tough. Two out of four was the best score and **Don Livingston, Bill Holland, Hank Gitzen, Len Trudell, and Mel Chesner** tied for first. All members present received the two-page copy of the "LBH Men's Club News including meetings from Nov. 14th, 2006 through April 3rd, 2007. Copies have been reserved for those who could not attend and will be made available next fall. **Dr. Don Schwing** shared his "Letter to a Young Doctor" in lieu of one of his MASH stories. There will be one more gathering before breaking for the summer. Meetings will resume in November.

Men's Club meetings resumed on Nov. 13th with 16 present. Due to added costs, the luncheon, etc. will be \$7. It's really quite a bargain. **Warren Conrad** shared the history of Armistice Day including that President IKE effected the change of the name to Veteran's Day in 1954. Warren's trivia contest required matching NFL logos to the team's names. Getting all the right answers were: **Paul Carnese, Bill Coughlin, Fred Fillmore, Bill Holland, Paul Schmiedicke, Len Trudell, and Bart Wassmanskorf**. There were 18 present for the Nov. 20th meeting. **Bill Coughlin** served in Warren's role including the trivia contest regarding Thanksgiving. **Fred Fillmore** got all the answers correct. Bill offered a salute to veterans and, with the help of **Joe Longtin** who provided music for Taps, read the three verses of the hymn. Due to a heavy schedule involving the officers, the meeting on Nov. 27th was cancelled. A note was left on the door. Apologies were offered to those who came only to find nobody there. Attempts will be made to phone the membership in such cases in the future.

On Dec. 4th 16 men arrived. Before directing the members to the lunch line, **Pres. Bill Holland** announced the death of **Mike Baeckstrom**, who was a very loyal member of the Club. We will miss his sunny countenance. He was remembered with a moment of silence. **Warren Conrad** conducted the

Digital TV, LbH Comcast Cable, and You

Elsewhere in this edition of INFO is the updated **LbH/Comcast Line-up chart**. Up-dating the new line-up was more complicated this year. A few stations are providing digital TV (DTV) and even digital high definition (HDTV), along with the "old" *analog* signals. If you are like me, some of this is very new. When in doubt, I depend upon my old PC and AOL and start searching. If you, or a friend, use the Internet, type the following "quote," "eBay guides – What is High Definition Television" (*Use the quote marks.*) into the search dialogue box and click "Search." This will open lots of possible sources for you, but the one with this exact name was what I selected. It covers a number of FAQs covering the whole business of DTV, not *just* HDTV. For example, one question is: "Is HDTV the same thing as DTV?" The answer was, "No. HDTV is the highest quality *of* DTV, but it is only one of many formats." It went further in the explanation. The "page" of Q's & A's filled a page and a half. The article mentions that "Analog broadcasting will continue until the end of the transition period, which currently is set for February 17, 2009, just 12 months away! Most television stations will continue broadcasting both analog and digital programming until then." You will need an adapter to use an analog TV after that.

The new line-up chart shows analog, (digital) and {HDTV} numbers. For those of you *without* DTV, you should know that a dash in a number shows a digital channel. For now, you can just ignore those numbers on the chart. For those who *do* have DTV, I should warn you that when I checked the new chart using two DTVs, I got different number "behaviors" as I entered digital numbers. On one DTV, I got channels with numbers over 100-#, eight of them to be exact. On the other DTV, I got none. Go figure.

Good hunting on the Internet,

Dick Dilgard

trivia which involved Pearl Harbor and its locale. Having all four responses correct were **Dick Dilgard, Fred Fillmore, George Gruenbeck, Milt Harr, and Dave Kee**. We applauded when it was announced that member, **Alfons Reiman** was married a few weeks ago. It was pointed out that our oldest member, **Joe Giusti**, 93, has returned from his summer quarters. **Milt Harr** shared some very

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**LbH/Comcast Line-up
As of DEC. 2007* with
New (Digital Numbers.)*
Incl. a {few in HD*}**

<u>Chan.</u>	<u>Station</u>
2 (75-66)	ION
3 (75-3)	WEDU PBS CH 3
(3-2)	WEDU "V me" Spanish
4 (75-32)	WMOR 32 Ind. Tmpa
5	HALLMARK
6	SNN 24 hr Loc. News
7 (75-7)	WWSB ABC CH 40 {7-1}
8 (75-8)	WFLA NBC CH 8 {8-1}
9 (75-44)	WTOG Ind. CH 44
10 (75-10)	WTSP CBS CH 10 {10-2}
11	WTTA WBN CH 38
12	QVC Shopping
13 (75-13)	WTVT FOX CH 13 {13-1}
14	WGN Chicago
15	WVEA UNI Spanish
16	WUSF PBS CH 16
17 (75-29)	WFTS ABC CH 28
18	C-SPAN 1 Congress
19	Local Gov. METV
20	Local Edu.
21	Local Blab, Access
22	WCLF Ind. Clearwater
23	CH 50 Tmpa (Spanish)
24 (95-0)	T-V GUIDE
25	NICK
26	A&E
27	HEADLINE NEWS
28	CSS sports south
29	ESPN Sports
30	ESPN2 Sports
31	WEATHER CHAN.
32	CNN News, CNNI Int'na't'l
33	MTV Music etc.
34	USA
35	BET
36	LIFETIME
37	FOOD
38	SUNshine Net. MYTV {38-1}
39	CNBC Finance/Talk
40	HOME SHPNG
41	HOME & Garden
42	MSNBC
43	DIScovery
44	ANM Anml.Planet
45	TLC Learn.Ch.

46	E! Entertainment
47	CMTV Cntry Mus.
48	TOON
49	GOLF
50	VH1
51	FX Movies
52	SPEED Mtr.Sprts
53	SPIKE
54	HISTory
55	FAM ABC Family
56	AMC Movies
57	<u>LbH INFORMATION !</u>
58	No signal
59	TBS
60	STYLE
61	TNT
62	TV Land
63	COURT TV
64	FNC Fox News
65	TCM Classic Movies
66	COMedy Centrl
67	SCI-FI
68	BRAVO
69	TRAVEL
70	Scrambled
(70-43)	NBC's "Storm 8" Weather
71	OLN Outdoor Life
72	FXS FL Sports
73	DISCH Health
(74-6)	Ch. 10's "Weather Now"
[Note: There are some 75-#'s above.]	
(75-38)	MY TV
(75-50)	In Spanish
(75-62)	In Spanish
[76 Through 88 No Signal*]	
(89-23)	NBC's "Weather Plus"
[90 Through 94 No Signal*]	
(95-0)	T-V Guide
[96 Through 98 No Signal*]	
99	Comcast Info-mercials

*Expect changes as more stations add digital & digital HD signals. (HD comes in digital. It's even better!) Transition from analog to digital is *currently* set for Feb. 17, '09. Until then analog & digital will be simulcast. Analog TVs will then need "converters" but should get better pictures than they get now. Hang in there! J

Update by Dick Dilgard

Annual Report of the Landscape Committee for the Year 2007

In the early part of the year landscape activity was limited due to concrete repair work in progress, and cash flow problems. Planting was done in a few conspicuously vacant areas created by removal of large shrubs to get at broken water pipes. By March we were able to resume some limited planting, and about one hundred new shrubs were planted in vacant spots, or in regions where unsuitable, overgrown, or dying plants had been removed. We concentrated on using drought tolerant plants such as Arboricola, Carissa, and Croton. Flowering plants, Gazania and Blue Daze were added to beds along the canal. All of the planting work was done by members of the committee.

Two beds of diseased and dying beds of Indian Hawthorn near G Building, and between D and E Buildings were removed, and sod was installed in these areas. The use of Indian Hawthorn, a standard landscape shrub, was curtailed because of losses of this plant throughout the Condo grounds due to fungal diseases. In its place we are using Ficus 'Green Island', a compact plant with glossy green foliage.

At the beach property many of the diseased Oleanders were removed, and replaced with various palms including Coconut, Areca, Washington, Chinese, and European Fan Palm. Several of the palms were transplanted from areas in the Condo where they had become obtrusive. Silver Buttonwood was planted in between the palms.

In the fall, Geraniums were installed in the entrance beds of the Condo. After an extensive survey of the grounds, a number of dead, unhealthy, or obtrusive shrubs and small trees were removed by the committee. Replanting was done by the landscaping firm Walle Lawn Care using Arboricola, Croton, Plumbago, Hibiscus, Juniper, Carissa, and edging plants Flax Lily, Foxtail Fern, and dwarf Crown of

Thorns. Two Foxtail palms, an Adonidia Palm clump, and an Areca Palm group were also planted.

Sincere thanks are due to **Charlie Rizzo, Dave Noyes, and Christina Filkins** for their work in planting flowers and shrubs, and for the difficult and backbreaking work of transplanting palms, and removing dead shrubs and digging up the roots to allow replanting to take place.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Adamsky,
Chairman

Committee Members
Dave Noyes
Charlie Rizzo
Christina Filkins

The Board, in a special meeting held January 22nd, reviewed with the Landscaping Committee certain reporting responsibilities that had been set out in the documents. In future, this committee will be reporting through the Operating Committee rather than directly to the Board. In this way it is expected there will be better co-ordination of staff commitments and greater efficiency. Bob Adamsky who has led the landscaping efforts for many years agreed that in this way he and his committee will be able to use staff for support more reliably.

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, on November 23, 2007 **June Williams**, C-306, died. A former teacher, she had been one of our representatives to the Longboat Key Association of Condominiums.

Gosta (Mike) Baeckstrom, the flamboyant Swede, passed away November 28, 2007 in Philadelphia. A longtime resident of A-Building, he was 92.

Harold Winer, an accomplished artist, was the creator of many of the posters and announcements that appeared on notice boards over many years. He passed away January 5th of this year. We will miss his wit and creativity.

FALL GOLF OUTING



Twenty-eight players gathered at the Bobby Jones American Course on the Monday following Thanksgiving to play a "Scramble." The test,

other than the usual farthest and closest was to see which of the foursomes could predict their score. The answer? Well, the foursome of **Jan and Ed Davin and Barb and Bill Stamp.**



It was an absolutely spectacular day. Warm, but not hot. Breezy, but not windy. Altogether, just right.



The players returned to LbH and gathered at the Main Pool area for a nosh. The set up was organized by **Joe Longtin** and **Ken Comeforo** or-



ganized the beverages. **Denis McIvor** not only made some spectacular sauerkraut but, along with **Don Edger,**



grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs for the 45 in attendance.



The awards for the longest drives went to **Barbara Watson** and **John Troup**, while those closest to the pin were **Mary Bock** and **Sandy Watson**. Lowest score for the day was posted by the group of **Barb Shelton, Bill Holland, Barb Watson and Sandy Watson.**



New golfers in the event were **Bob Harb** and **Sheila Weiser** who were presented with mementos of their initiation.



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fascinating observations during his extended trip in the East, ending in China. Big changes are happening in China, along with preparing for the Summer Olympics. Those who were unable to attend missed a very interesting presentation.

Thirteen were on hand for our last meeting in 2007 which was relatively short. Winners of the trivia contest regarding this year's Heisman Award were **George Gruenbeck, Milt Harr, Bill Holland,**

Dave Kee, and Charlie Schnell. President **Bill Holland** announced that our next meeting would be on Jan. 7th, 2008. It was reported that **Arnie Zieff**, former club member, passed away. With announcements by **Warren Conrad** and the door prizes drawn, we were wished happy holidays and sent on our merry ways.

*Dick Dilgard,
Reporter*

HARBOURETTES

Many familiar faces began to appear at the weekly Harbourettes luncheon once October and November rolled around. The tables of bridge and Rummikube started filling and by December 12th we were ready for the first of the season's luncheons,

Alice Jorgenson, Pat Warner, Nancy Damm and Trudee Trudell organized the December 12th Christmas lunch that featured punch, chicken pot pies, salad and desert. Many of our members helped in serving and cleanup for which thanks are in order

The January calendar featured on the 16th the annual Birthday Celebration at which 60 Harbourettes celebrated their birthdays.

The tables sported pink placemats with a centerpiece of a candle surrounded by cupcakes, each sporting a candle and decorated in rainbow colors. The little bits of "Greenery" tied with yellow streamers had everyone wondering if this was the promised surprise! Each table also sported a placard with the month on it so everyone was able to share their birthday month with others! April, July and August took over the number one spot with seven ladies each sharing birthdays during those months while November garnered the number 12 spot with three ladies!

Everyone, checked in and greeted by **Lil Toolan** and **Hazel Conrad**, enjoyed a glass of punch, made and served by **Elvina Avalone and Margaret Demey**, while **Delphina, Ophelia, Pat Warner and Alice Jorgenson** loaded plates with croissant sand-

wiches of roast beef with alpine lace cheese and roast turkey with provolone, tossed salad, macaroni salad, made by **Pat Marschke**, and green and black olives and green grapes! Our servers, **Lou Longo, Helen Ackerman, Nancy Damm, Rita Stormes, Madeline Raftery, Ann Winter and Jayne Forstenzer** saw to it that everyone had a plate and soon our ladies were munching happily away. **Pat Warner** took this time to thank all the ladies including **Carol Beddie, Helen Ambrose** and many long suffering husbands who set up the night before and folded and tied our "bits of greenery" for all their help!

Then it was time for fun and surprises! After lighting the candle on their cup cake and singing "Happy Birthday," everyone made a wish and blew out their candle. Then came the surprise! By pulling on the yellow ribbon the table favor turned out to be a dollar bill! The afternoon ended with the usual Bridge and Rummikube games.

Chairman Pat Warner wishes to thank everyone who helped make our Birthday Luncheon such a success. Her apologies to anyone who helped and was not recognized. She seems to suffer from more "Senior Moments" lately but is most appreciative of our wonderful Harbourettes who are always ready, willing and able to pitch in!

Upcoming events include:
Fashion Show and Luncheon, February 13
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, March 12
Installation of Officers Luncheon, April 16

*Nancy Damm and
Pat Warner*

LOUNGE LOBBYISTS UPDATE

Many, many compliments have been received about the new look in the lounge. We would like to thank you all for your kind words. With the help of **Donna Birnbaum** and **Ed Hulyk** we continue to look for affordable art that will further enhance the lounge and complete the decorating project.

You, the residents of Longboat Harbour, made the improvements possible by supporting our project.

Thank you.

The Lounge Lobbyists

MY SPECIAL FRIEND

I have a most unusual friend. We have never spoken to each other, never exchanged presents or pleasantries. I take an afternoon swim every day and there are 18 chairs around the pool. One day I noticed a salamander sitting on the arm of my chaise. He never moved from his spot when I sat down. We both eyed each other and I immediately name him Irving. Every day when I went to the pool – there he was waiting for me. Never in another spot! If anyone else came near the chair, he would scatter away. Sometimes he brings along a son or daughter (they all look alike). Irving seems to enjoy our visits together. Recently, they repaired our pool and removed all the pool furniture for about 8 weeks. When they were replaced, there was Irving looking up at me. I tried giving him a crumb on day but he ignored it, he only eats live insects. I truly enjoy his company.

*David Lichtenstein
November 2007*

PLAY READERS SEASON OPENER

Play Readers, sporting a slightly new format, had their "Opening Night" on Monday, January 14th. Those who attended the initial event of the season were enthusiastic and showed their willingness to take an active part in preparing, casting and presenting plays for the enjoyment of the group.

Sheila Weiser and **Pat Warner**, after welcoming returnees and new members, explained the object and format of Play Readers. They followed that with a short skit, an excerpt from "*The Cemetery Club*" after which a tour was given to introduce the group to our "warehouse" of materials.

On January 21st, we had our second meeting with more in attendance. They were treated to two offerings, "*The Man from Atlanta*" presented by **Gloria Stegmayer** and starring **Joe Longtin, Mel Chesner** and **Joe Callahan** and "*The Arts*" presented by **Marilyn Kaplan, Sally Caswell** and **Marge Geiger**. Both presentations were thoroughly enjoyed. We were very pleased that our new format seemed to be working.

We are looking forward to future events and hope that we will see more new participants enjoying the fun of reading and presenting plays.

The group meets every Monday night at 7:30 in the Lounge. Dues of \$10.00 help defray the expenses of purchasing new scripts and provide funds for the season's finale - our Wine and Cheese Party, held the last Mon. in March. Participation is open to all owners and renters.

Come join us to enjoy "The Best of Broadway" and take a turn in satisfying that little bit of "Ham" in all of us!

Pat Warner

A VISIT to the SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO

Super organizer Joe Longtin, and his trusty aides, Joe Callahan & Bob Winter carried out a well-planned bus trip to Tampa and the Seminole Hard Rock Casino, Thursday, January 31st. It all began when forty-four sleepy-eyed "ites" straggled into the Rec. Hall for a pre-trip continental breakfast at 8:45 a.m. They noshed on an array of goodies consisting of assorted, life-lengthening, oat bran muffins to be washed down by cool O.J. or aromatic hot coffee. At 9:30 (a.m. of course) the luxurious bus pulled out of our parking lot with all registrants contentedly aboard. Thankfully, no frantic telephone calls were needed to rouse late sleepers. The allure: anticipated monetary—winnings or, perhaps, a jackpot fortune that was lying in wait to pounce on a lucky claimant.

After an uneventful sixty-five mile journey, the bus pulled into an underground parking stall and a bubbly casino greeter jumped aboard. She indoctrinated the riders with the proper mandatory and optional procedures and answered giddy questions as coupons and ID's were distributed to all. Minor confusion reigned as many struggled with a beaded necklace attached to a coiled plastic cord hooked to the ID card. This contraption, dangling like an elongated umbilicus, was necessary to play the casino games of chance.

Up one escalator and down another traipsed the eager throng bursting upon a humongous room with a spectacular display of the famous "slots," over a thousand strong. Formerly, slot machines were called "one-armed bandits." Currently, there were no "arms" to pull; just a button to push. However, they still deserved the moniker: bandit. Also, there were no slots for coins which were likewise obsolete. A horizontal slot accepted paper money (bills) or casino vouchers. At the entrance, everyone had received four of the latter: thirty dollars worth of monopoly money; two tens and a five for the bandit and a fiver for a lunch discount. Each machine read the voucher and, with the ID card hooked-in, the colorful gadget welcomed the player by name. Supposedly, losing money in such a personal way was heartening.

Guests could keep pushing the button until the machine indicated the player was out of loot...in which case, all buttons, lights and messages went into lock-down and turned dark as night. In case you wish to duplicate this experience, be aware that on a "5-cent machine," each time the button is pushed, nine nickels are spent. The ante can be upped to eighteen or twenty-seven which exposes the player to greater rewards while hastily depleting reserves. When flashing lights and arrows indicated a winner, often eight "points," it was cheering to know that only five cents was lost in that lucky encounter.

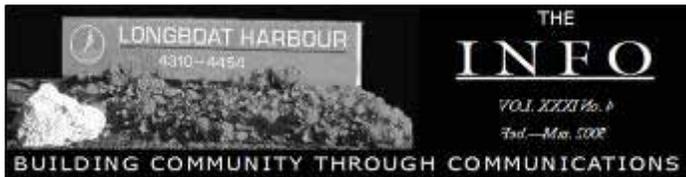
Most Harbourites lunched at the Fresh Harvest, an upstairs restaurant with a spectacular arrangement of buffet tables, and featured "all you can eat" dining at fifteen dollars per. By using the five dollar discount coupon and, happily, another five as a bus-ing perk, the net was reduced to a bargain price.

Subsequently, the 4:00 p.m. witching hour arrived. Joe Longtin's "all aboard" chant spurred the laggards and, significantly, everyone clambered aboard wearing the same shirt worn upon arrival and no barrels were needed. Losers joined winners in laughter and jokes...undoubtedly ecstatic over the anticipation of munching on the traditional baloney sandwiches on the homeward trek

Event chair Joe Longtin, plus able aides Joe Callahan and Bob Winter, are to be commended for organizing and conducting an all-day, enjoyable recreational activity.

P.S. This writer searched high and low for a Seminole to spice the visit and, perhaps, shmooze with a squaw or brave, but failed to see any...unless they had abandoned their feathered headdresses. Maybe, they were busily counting their mega-profits and making bank deposits prior to conducting a feast-laden pow wow.

*Warren Conrad,
Recreation Committee
Chairman Emeritus*



Your editors are indebted to the many individuals who contribute articles for the INFO. We, as editors, are compilers; most of the stories that appear are created by others.

More individuals are needed to report on events held in this very active community. We urge those who are responsible and chair any event to appoint someone as a reporter for the occasion. We will appreciate submissions, if possible, via email at jmwass@rogers.com . The INFO depends on the contributions of others.

As well, we would be happy to receive creative writing efforts.

To all those who helped make this issue possible we extend our thanks.

*Bart & Jean Wassmansdorf
Editors*

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FIRST CLASS

Thank You

I want to express my gratitude to my friends at Longboat Harbour who helped me "survive" my injury. I could not have made it without your generous help.

Sheree Zweigbaum

Washing Machines

The item concerning washing machine usage that appeared in the last issue of the INFO would have been missed by those owners and renters who are just arriving. So, we insert this reminder to use only high efficiency detergents (those with the “HE” designation) in our machines. Use only liquid bleach and softener.



HE Detergent Symbol

One other thing: using warm water and leaving the door open when finished will help prevent odor buildup.