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BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD REPORT

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike McNeil advised the Board that operating results year-to-date were adversely impacted by building repairs and uncollectible maintenance fees. The accumulated three month operating loss from operations was \$20,757. The March loss resulted in a 10% decrease in liquidity to just over \$300,000.

A total of \$31,558 of the \$40,000 building repair budget for 2010 has already been expended and there appears to be no immediate improvement in the building maintenance problems. A lanai has been identified as requiring new support posts that may cost approximately \$14,000 to repair.

The persistent failure of four units to be current in their obligations for the payment of maintenance fees that now exceed \$30,000 has prompted the Board to institute foreclosure of the Claim of Liens and collection costs for outstanding fees, special assessments, and late fees. Units E-206 and M-204 are the first of the owners to be affected by this more aggressive action. Another unit, F-207 has been brought current but the Board is prepared to start proceedings in this case as well if the account falls behind again. As for the fourth delinquent unit, Country Wide, the first mortgage holder, has instituted foreclosure proceedings.

These actions reflect the Boards resolve to address delinquencies aggressively.

Operating Committee

Throughout this spring, a season of lower than normal temperatures and persistent winds, our maintenance team continued its work in maintaining and improving the grounds and facilities.

Fencing, similar to what is around the barbeque, was in-

stalled at the walkway to the office in order to hide the A/C units and present a more pleasant curb appeal for the entrance to the office. In addition, a small pond was installed beside the walkway – thanks to all who have complimented the installation of the pond.

In his remarks, Ernie thanked the Recreation Committee for



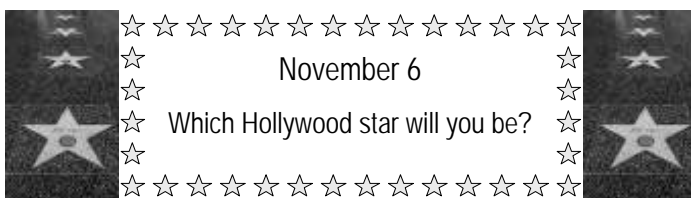
its generous donation towards landscaping improvements at the north entrance to the clubhouse as well.

A new Bar-B-Q was installed in the area near the Recreation hall. **Ernie Giordano** mentioned at the Board meeting that in the 30 years he has been here the fountain located near the Yacht club's storage has never worked. Well, it is now is operational, repaired by our staff.

The Rec Hall air conditioner/heater replacement is complete. Cost of this work totaled \$1,600. Roof leaks in the Administration/Gym/Rec. Buildings were repaired at a cost of \$5,200.

In Building "C" a break in the main water line required the water in the entire community be turned off while repairs were done. A new shut-off ball valve replaced the gate valve so if further repairs are needed in building "C," the water to the entire community

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will not have to be shut down. (Cost: \$1,700) The age of our buildings suggests that action be taken to minimize such disruptions in the future. Therefore, over the course of the summer, our maintenance people will replace, where needed, the old gate valves with ball valves. Also in "C" building - the landscaping improvements are now complete.

Repairs to the fascia around the gym and many other routine but important items were completed.

The Operating Committee is well aware of the strain on our budget because of uncollectible maintenance fees and the cost of building repair issues that have arisen during the first four months of 2010. The Committee advised that needed repairs be done and it will continue with our general enhancement program where the financial exposure is minimal and labor can be performed by the staff.

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Building Landscaping

The draw for the next building to have its landscaping modified was held at the April Board meeting and the winner is: "K" Building. Ernie quickly reminded everyone that it may not be done right away but "K" is, indeed, next.

Renting

The Board announced that the Fining Committee had determined that there had been a violation of our rental rules and recommended accordingly that the owner of Unit H-103 be fined for failure to submit an application to rent prior to allowing the use of the unit

President Kasden also disclosed that one of this year's renters, a consistent violator of our rules, will not be permitted to rent at Longboat Harbour in the future.

One benefit to owners of the application requirement is protection from tenants who violate our rules.

The Board, on the advice of the Rental Committee, will recommend to Owners that the period in which no more than two rental be allowed be changed from "twelve months" to "calendar year" (January 1 to December 31).

IN MEMORIAM

We note with sadness the death of Chuck Allen. Our condolences to his wife, Janet, and his centenarian father, Stuart, a former long time resident of Longboat Harbour in C-204.

Pizza Party 2010

On behalf of everyone who attended the last social event of the season, the Pizza Party at the beach house, a huge thank you to **Bill and Barbara Stamp and Eileen Gildea** for organizing this event for the fifth year. We know that Bill, Barbara and Eileen would like to thank **Barbara Shelton** along with those who served the salad and the pizzas, poured the wine, assisted in clean up and helped in so many other ways behind the scene to make the evening a great success.

Your Editors



Italian Night

A great time was had by all at our first Italian Night dinner on February 27th. The event was held at the recreation hall and co-hosted by **Richard & Clarise Pellegrino** with **Beth & Herman Waldman**. An Italian theme complete with Italian flags, oil skin table cloths, wine bottle candles, green and red balloons made for a festive occasion.



The evening started with beer, wine, and soda all served by our own "Dapper Dan" bartender, **Kenny Comeforo** with assistance from **John Bock**. Also available were "munchies". Preceding the entrees, Italian Wedding Soup (home-made by Herm) was served with salad, bread,

and dipping oil with spices. Our thanks to the servers **Maggie Edger, Sharyn Ford, Kathy Lee, Jeannie McIvor, Jane Stephenson and Nancy McNeil**, all of whom wore aprons made by **Sharyn Ford** from red and white check cloth



with white ribbon straps.

Carmine of Ciao's Italian Restaurant provided the main entrees. Thanks to **Bobby & Donna Winter** for their help in serving the entrée items - lasagna, eggplant, chicken marsala, and spaghetti with meat balls. During dinner the film "The Godfather" played on the big screen TV while accompanied by the music of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Thanks to **Joe Longtin** for setting up the sound system equipment. Finishing the meal was a dessert of cream puffs, spumoni, and pizzelles. Many thanks to **Eleanor Carnese** for making the delicious pizzelles.



After dinner we all had fun with games, door prizes, and drawings for gifts. As always thanks to **Christina Filkins** for her help as our official photographer for the event.

Richard Peligrino

BOOK 'n' BUDDIES

Hi Everyone!

I have been asked to let everyone know how our last meeting of **Book 'n' Buddies** concluded. Our discussion focused around **Water for Elephants**, which all enjoyed. One of the morals of this story: "whatever, whenever, go for it."

Some books for your summer reading:

Supreme Justice by Philip Margolin
61 Hours by Lee Child
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larrson
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk
Ya Ya Sisterhood by Rebecca Wells
Wish You Well by David Baldacci
My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
No Time to Say Goodbye by Linwood Barclay
Never Look Away by Linwood Barclay

If you like Florida writers, try
 Carl Hiaasen, *Skinny Dip*
 Randy Wayne White, *Black Widow*

I will continue **Book 'n' Buddies** next year; therefore, on or about November's INFO, I will post a list of recommended books for our winter meetings. Between now and then, I hope you will email or call me with any book you feel should be on our list for next year.

Have a wonderful time this summer; see you next year.

Marge Geiger

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Tennis at Longboat Harbour, 2010

Thirty-five tennis players managed to amicably organize around Longboat Harbour's single court for another year of play, culminating with a men's tournament which began March 8th. **Dennis Mclvor** and **Russ Varnum**, winners of the tourney, were recognized at the traditional tennis party on Sunday, March 28.

Sixty-six people, tennis players and friends, attended the party, with admission fee a few dollars and a favorite dish. Again this year, the meal was declared a winner with choices of hot dogs, hamburgers and brats prepared by Chef **Dennis Mclvor**, and appetizers, salads, hot dishes and desserts brought by the party-goers.

Special thanks to **George Duditch** and his committee: **Hal Henrikson**, **Gladys Henry**, **Judy Kolbert** and **Dennis Mclvor** for their good work this year. Dennis Mclvor and Russ Varnum have been elected as officers of the Tennis group this coming year (Dennis as Chair and Russ as Treasurer). Special recognition goes to **Bill Stieber** and **Marianne Baeckstrom** for their continued interest and efforts to make tennis available and popular in our community.

Hal Henrikson



YACHT CLUB



Review and Blessing of the Fleet

At 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 25th kayaks and boats entered the harbour in a long parade for this year's Blessing of the Fleet. Fr. Jerry Finegan from St. Mary Star of the Sea blessed the eight kayaks and 20 boats as they passed by the reviewing stand. There is something about "Sousa" marches, boats, balloons and flags waving that make us all feel good. After the parade ended a new tradition was started with the first kayak race. The winners were: **Bob Winter** in the men's category and **Deborah O'Connor** in the women's category.

The Officers thank all who participated in the parade.

The attendees then gathered bay side and what a pleasure it was to use our new benches and tables. The leveling of the shuffleboard court makes an excellent area for the band and dancing – thanks for these great improvements. The Master of Ceremonies, **Vice Commodore Len Trudell**, along with his wife, **Trudee**, drew names for many door prizes. **Gladys Henry** was the winner of the 60/40 draw. After everyone had their fill of the Grillman's sausages, brats and hot dogs, assorted ice cream treats and cookies were served. The festivities concluded with "Eddie's DRINK, dancing and just plain fun.

My thanks to all the officers, **Fred, Len, Bob, Carolyn** and **Jane** and their spouses, **Rita, Trudee, Pat, Russ,** and **Bob** along with **Ken, Dennis, Mark** and **Pat M**, all of



whom contributed so much to put this party together.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing all of you at the November Rendezvous.

*Maggie Edger,
Commodore*

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS

During a recent emergency it was necessary to turn off the water supply in the entire community. There was very little lead time to notify all the units but the office staff, along with building reps., did their best to reach everyone by phone. While doing so, it was discovered many of the phone numbers on record at the office were "not in service" and alternate phone numbers were either not answered or were also "not in service". As a result owners or their tenants could not be informed of this emergency. Owners who did **not** receive a phone call or a message at the time of this emergency, please advise the office of your current phone number so the Association's database can be updated.

Notification of such emergencies is also posted on elevator doors and/or each building's bulletin board so please check these locations regularly.

Owners Party 2010

A kayak in the pool filled with a lighted palm tree and surrounded by multi-colored balloons!! Was it a prank? No, it was the result of the creativity of the chairwomen, **Barb Shelton, Pat Marschke** and **Maggie Edger** for the annual LbH Owner's Party.



The evening, which had been advertised by a beautiful poster created by **Marsha Deitrich**, began when owners picked up their name tags from **Kathy Lee** and **Gerri Sullivan** at the Admissions Table. A delicious punch was served by **Barbara Stamp** and **Eileen Gildea**, beer served by **Bill Holland** and **Joe Longtin**. The wine stewards were **John Bock, Joe Callahan**

and **Bill Shelton**. Catered by Daniel La Porta from Cuisine On Call, 152 owners were treated to a tempting array of hors d'oeuvres from crab cakes to coconut shrimp to Caribbean skewed chicken etc. served by **Madeline Raftery, Ann Winter, Beverly Grimes, Judy Blair** and **Rita Stormes**. For those with a sweet tooth, desserts made by the Ladies of Longboat Harbour were served by **Sharyn Ford** and **Clarisse Pellegrino**.



Joe Callahan with Jean and Bart Wassmanskorf with their "Outstanding Service Awards"

As the festivities progressed, **Maggie Edger**, representing the Recreation Committee, presented the Service Awards. Congrats go to **Jean and Bart Wassmanskorf** for their work in publishing the "INFO" for so many years and to **Joe Callahan** for his contributions to the Recreation Committee, the Men's Club and for his yearly vocal selection of "Danny Boy" at the annual St. Pat's Party. **Barb Shelton** was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a "Thank You" for all her work.



Barbara Shelton with her "Thank You" flowers

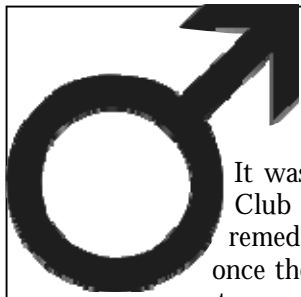
To add to the evening, we were treated to strolling musicians from the Bill Milner Trio. Dancing followed on the recently renovated shuffleboard courts.

As guests began to depart and committee members started to clean up, a young man, Matthew Smith, appeared in his bathing suit with scissors in his hand and a grin on his face. His job? – to pop the balloons and to help clean up the pool with his Mom and Dad, Kristin and Greg, for his Grandmother, **Barb Shelton**.

The committee extends its thanks to Sabrina, Lolita and Will and his crew, to **Carol Kasden**, the Treasurer of the Recreation Committee and to **John Bock** from the Operating Committee.

It was truly a wonderful evening, enjoyed by all. Even the weather cooperated this year!!

Pat Geraci



Men's Club

A Resume of Spring 2010

It was February 23rd before the Men's Club was able to convene due to the remedial work in the kitchen area. But once the Rec. Hall was available 33 stalwarts resumed their weekly convention. After lunch, President **Bill Holland** recognized **Warren Conrad** for his many years of creating the trivia contests and **Bill Coughlin** who has been filling in for him at times. It was Bill's job this week. The contest centered on points of interest regarding Longboat Key. With the only perfect entry was, who else?—**Warren Conrad!** Warren, being our usual emcee also covered announcements and reminders and then introduced member **John Kowal** who shared his very personal experiences in Haiti before and after the earthquake. Haiti ranks as one of the most poverty stricken places in the world. There were multitudes of orphaned children pre-quake which were compounded as a result of the quake. Yet John found the Haitian people to be somehow happy, friendly, and hopeful.

Thirty-two men appeared on March 2nd. There was a bountiful table of great food and all had as much as they dared to eat. Emcee **Warren Conrad** recognized president **Bill Holland** for all that he does to gather the food each week—a *big* job. Warren announced the winners of the trivia contest dealing with the Olympics. Nobody got a perfect score, so a whole bunch came in "first." Warren went over the take-home quiz naming a bunch of symbols. **Vin Falcone** and **Len Lemanski** submitted the most correct answers. We welcomed three visitors with rounds of applause. Our speaker for the day was member **Art Rosen** who, as a member of the Foreign Service, served in China just after WWII. He shared a few of his experiences. He stated that nobody can claim to understand China. With the 56 nationalities represented in China, how could anybody make such a boast? Art displayed the book, *Honorable Survivor*, by Lynne Jainer (2009) and recommended it highly.

No one present went home hungry on March 9th. A small turnout of 21 was provided with food for many more. Dagwood would be in hog heaven. Emcee **Warren Conrad** introduced member **Leo Hutton** who shared one of his favorite sports--horseshoe pitching. He plays regularly at pits located about 10 miles north of LBK on Anna Maria Island. He reviewed how the game is played and passed around a horseshoe used for the sport. Warren then announced the winners of the trivia contest which required naming five "strange" items. The winners were **Ken Simpson**, **Don Schwing**, and **Bart Wassmansdorf**.

Twenty-three members arrived on March 16th. They chat-

ted, ate lunch, then emcee Warren announced the results of his trivia contest regarding St. Patrick. The winners were **Harris Barber**, **Leo Hutton**, and **Bart Wassmansdorf**. Warren then introduced member **Ken Simpson** who has expertise in the petroleum industry. He informed us of the twists and turns regarding the debates about drilling for oil off the Florida coast.

Twenty-two members assembled on March 23rd. Following lunch, emcee **Warren Conrad** covered the activities in the current calendar before announcing the winners of the trivia contest regarding titles of newspaper comic strips: **Dick Dilgard** and **Ron McReavy**. Warren introduced member **Don Schwing**, surgeon, who has spoken a number of times in prior years. Don has had numerous adventures including his time as a MASH surgeon. This time he shared his six weeks on the Micronesian island, Truck, as a temporary surgeon at the hospital there in 1990. Truck Island is the site of a WWII major destruction of Japanese ships in the island's lagoon. His talk was one more of his many stories which are always very interesting.

The March 30th meeting was attended by 25 members and guests. The winners were too many to list. Warren introduced our guest speaker, **Mr. Andy Lappin**, manager of the LBK Publix grocery store, who told us a bit about the company that has experienced remarkable growth. The employees are stock holders in the company. The LBK store is unique in a number of ways, e.g., it sells more wine than any other Publix store, business peaks in March but drops 30% the day after Easter and goes to a trickle in Aug. & Sept. There was a lively Q & A session following Andy's talk.

The last meeting of the season was attended by 21 members. It was good to see **Hank Gitzen** who, up until now, had been unable to attend this year. **Warren Conrad** announced the winners of the trivia involving last names of well known people at LbH who are known by their first names, but not by their last. Winners were **Harris Barber** and **Milt Harr**. We heard **Don Schwing** read another of his short stories about his days as a surgeon. A Christmas gift exchange party nearly ended the life of a grandmother when a gift rifle accidentally discharged, striking her in the abdomen. Don was called to the small-town hospital to remove the bullet and make repairs. The next Christmas there was a knock on the Schwing home's door. Don was surprised by the grandmother's family bringing gifts to thank Don for saving their grandmother.

President **Bill Holland** thanked the club's officers and sent us home with wishes for a safe journey to those heading north. Many thanks to our speakers for keeping us informed and entertained. See you next November.

*Dick Dilgard,
reporter*



Harbourettes

The Harbourettes held their annual birthday luncheon on March 24th. **Alice Jorgensen** and **Margaret Demey** were co-chairs. Lunch was a Chinese buffet consisting of beef with broccoli, garlic chicken, shrimp Cantonese, egg rolls, fried and plain rice. The dessert was ice cream cake which was wonderful. Punch, lemonade, ice tea and coffee were served. Our thanks to the hosts for the great job they did. Also thanks to all the volunteers who helped. One lucky person at every table won a very nice all purpose bag. There were also many door prizes that were donated.

Vera Giusti was honored as the oldest member in attendance and there were many others who were eighty-five and over.

An Installation of Officers luncheon was held on April 14th and **Barbara Watson** was hostess. Daniel catered the lunch consisting of Caesar salad, two kinds of sandwiches and ice cream with fruit and a cookie. Thanks to Barb and everyone who helped make it an enjoyable time.

The new officers are: President, **MaryAnn Melican**; Vice President, **Barbara Watson**; Treasurer, **Barb Shelton** and Secretary, **Nancy Damm**.

A lot of people have started heading north. It is getting quiet here. Till we meet again in the fall, have a great summer and a healthy one.

Nancy Damm,

Federation

Board Chairman, **Steve Kasden**, announced that the vacant position as a Longboat Harbour representative to the Federation of Longboat Key Condominiums has been filled. In response to the appeal made in the last INFO, **Kathy Lee** has volunteered to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **Barbara Hulyk**.

Next Board Meetings:

May 19 (subject to cancellation)
October 27

Would like to rent 2 bedroom unit on 2nd or 3rd floor of building L, M, or N. for six weeks (March 1, 2011 to April 15, 2011).
References furnished.
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LbH GOES HOLLYWOOD
November 6, 2010

Don't miss the first party of the season. Get creative over the summer. Attend the first party next season dressed as your favorite star. Who will you be? John Wayne? Marlon Brando? Helen Hayes? Liz Taylor? Shirley MacLaine? Richard Burton?

Details will be on bulletin boards in October.
**Don't miss this event -
it will be a good one!!!!!!**

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PRELIMINARY		
2010-2011 Schedule		
Longboat Harbour Recreation		
as at April 23, 2010		
Sat 06 Nov	TBA	LbH Goes to Hollywood
Thu 11 Nov	TBA	Rendezvous at Cafe Don Giovanni
TBA	6:00pm	Lighting of Docks & Reception
TBA	Noon	Harbourettes Holiday Lunch
Thu Dec 31	TBA	New Years Eve
Sat Jan 15	6:00pm	"Change of Watch" @ BKYC
Feb TBA	Noon	Harbourettes Fashion Show
Feb TBA	TBA	Yacht Club—venue to be decided
Mar TBA	Noon	Harbourettes Spring Lunch
Wed 24 Mar	2:00pm	Fleet Review & Reception
Mar TBA	TBA	Tennis Club Exhibition & Social
Mar TBA	7:30pm	Play Reader's Finale
Mar TBA	7:30pm	Bingo Finale & Social
Wed Apr ?	Noon	Harbourettes Installation Lunch
Fri Apr ?	TBA	Golf Outing
TBA	6:00pm	Owners' Party
Thu Apr 22	6:00pm	Pizza Party
Board Meetings every third Wednesday		
Tue Apr 19 - Passover Starts		
Fri Apr 22 - Good Friday		
Sun Apr 24 - Easter		

Seeking to Rent 2011 Season

After spending March at Longboat Harbour, we would be interested in returning next year for one or two months. If you have a two bedroom unit available please contact us at:
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Phil & Sue Martin, Hooksett NH



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

This very active community and we depend on others to report on events. We urge those who are responsible for 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.

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*

BINGO

This year, the brevity of the "busy season" was made more-so by repairs to the heating-air conditioning system in the Recreation Hall. This necessary evil delayed Hall activities until mid-February and Bingo became one of the victims. Nevertheless, after Bingo resumed, the usual attendees at the weekly games had an enjoyable run and profited by significant prizes in each of the Tuesday evening ten-game sessions. This was evidenced on the final night when a \$35.00 prize was awarded to a lucky winner.

The Recreation Committee appreciates the dedicated efforts of caller **Leo Hutton**, sellers **Madeline Raftery** and **Hazel Conrad** and verifier **Helen Ackerman-Reiman**. The agility of the latter was exemplified by her rapid response when a player shouted "Bingo!" Sometimes she had the winner's card in hand as echoes of the call bounced among the rafters.

You couch potatoes are missing out on a worthwhile Harbour tradition by avoiding Tuesday evening Bingo games. Resolve to modify your sedate winter habit next season and benefit from the healthy social intercourse provided on Tuesday evenings at Longboat Harbour Bingo!

Warren Conrad

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