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BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

Board Report

President's Comments

John Bock opened the March meeting reminding everyone that the annual financial report has been sent to all owners. Copies of it and Board minutes are available in the office.

The condition of the carports and the roadways demand attention, he stated. In addition, concrete repairs in several buildings are needed. Postponement is not an option. Consequently, final bid negotiations for the needed work to be performed over the next two summers are now underway. "It will be expensive," he added, but the Board will try to minimize the impact on owners as much as possible.

Treasurer's Report

Finances

Treasurer **Margie Clarke** advised members attending the March Board Meeting that the status of our liquidity remained strong, at \$611,000.00. This was down slightly due to the \$20,000 cost of the new #2 well, the replacement of the #2-pool heater and some timing issues.

Yacht Club

Of note is the receipt of the final payment by the Yacht Club of its dock replacement indebtedness. The news was greeted with congratulatory applause.

Units Owned By Association

Past due accounts have been reduced to one unit, with \$1,786 owing. Unit M-204 is now on the rental market now that it has finally been vacated. The sale by Bank of America of L-207 is pending with closing expected to take place at the end of March. Our lawyer is taking the necessary steps to recover as much as possible of the sums owing to us.

Operating Committee

Other than the work of setting specifications and negotiating with contractors on the major roadway paving, carport design and concrete work, plumbing and drains occupied most of the Operating Committee's attention recently.

The team explored various means by which the drain pipes could be kept clear, concluding that the current procedure had disadvantages. As a result, we will now use pressure washing to clean the drains.

Outside the buildings, Aqua Plumbing was hired to flush the sewer throughout Exeter Drive. The process discovered several "wipes" that had caused backups in the lines. The material used in various types of wipes does not break up like toilet paper. (Please read separate article.) Wipes of any kind must not be disposed of in the toilet; place in the garbage.

After flushing, a camera scan of the drain lines showed them to be in good condition.

Co-Chairman **Ernie Giardano** also reported on the completion of the north well that had been dug to 420 feet into the limestone ledge with a case depth of 290 feet. Two more plumbing leaks (M-301 and G-201) occurred recently. Our staff made the repairs. Staff also rebuilt the kayak racks, now totaling 50, and placed shells on the ground behind the clubhouse where drilling had disturbed the area near the well.

Our flag at the entry, missing for awhile because of a halyard broken in a storm, has been replaced. The Longboat Key Fire Department used their ladder truck to facilitate the task. Otherwise, the plan was for **Murray Brooks** to shinny up the pole to make the connection.

Insurance Issues

Bob Clarke recently attended a seminar dealing with insurance issues affecting LBK residents. His report to the Board highlighted five significant items from the meeting:

- Universal Insurance, one of very few companies that will insure Key properties, will not cover rental properties unless the lease is for a full year.
- Flood insurance for “snowbirds” will rise by 25% per year in each of the next four years.
- Overall, insurance rates are expected to rise by 10% per year for several years.
- Be mindful that unless otherwise specifically contracted, flood insurance claims are paid on cash value not replacement value and most things depreciate very quickly, according to IRS depreciation schedules.
- Some companies will not insure properties in communities where the proportion of rentals exceeds 30 to 35%.

Owners should check with their own insurance companies regarding these matters.

DAMAGES – WHO PAYS?

Condominiums are a unique form of real estate ownership and often responsibilities in the case of damages are mixed. In Florida these responsibilities are defined by statute (718.111). As the law relates to insurance:

The ASSOCIATION is responsible to insure the building structure up to and including the surface of the drywall (not the paint, just the drywall).

The UNIT OWNER is responsible to insure the interior finish work of the unit. They are responsible for the floor, wall and ceiling coverings; built in cabinets, appliance, fixtures, water heaters, ceiling fans, windows, screens and window coverings etc.

In regard to the responsibility of the party causing the damage (i.e. water leaks from second floor unit to first floor unit), the unit owner below with the damage is still responsible to repair that damage.

This is why it is so important for all unit owners to consult with an agent and carry their own insurance.

How to Reach Other Owners



One of the interesting things one learns in browsing through old issues of the INFO is that from the earliest days, the names and contact information of all owners was regularly published. The monthly INFO (yes, it was a monthly then)

welcomed new buyers by printing their names, contact data, where they came from, all in the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship.

That tradition continued in a modified form with the availability of an Owners’ List. This was especially useful for a wide range of uses and, in general, did not prompt objections.

The esteemed leaders in Tallahassee thought better of this convenience, however, and in 2010 ruled that owner’s other address, email address, telephone numbers, etc. could not be made available to other owners. For many of us this has proven to be disappointing and a nuisance.

Now, however, this information can be revealed IF THE OWNER CONSENTS IN WRITING.

You will soon receive a notice inviting you to give such consent to the disclosure of your phone number in Florida and phone number in your “other” residence *or* email address or all of the above items.

The office will, following receipt of these completed forms, prepare lists which will include the phone and email information only of those who have given consent. You are encouraged to agree as it has proven to be a useful facility for many years.

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 * **WELCOME NEW OWNERS** *
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 * I-201.- Tara and Patrick Kroger *
 * of Versailles, KY *
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THE FEDERATION OF
LONGBOAT KEY
CONDOMINIUMS



"Longboat Key is aging and needs to spruce up both its properties and its image — quick." That was how the Longboat Observer summed up the sentiment at a revitalization forum sponsored by the Longboat Key Revitalization Task Force and the Longboat Key Public Interest Committee on January 24th.

A panel consisting of an architect, a restaurateur, two real estate brokers, and a condominium association president discussed conditions on the Key. They made a compelling case for owners of all properties not to take for granted that Longboat Key will forever be the darling it is today.

The need for older condominium associations, especially, to bring their properties up to today's expectations was stressed by the realtors who added that those associations without reserves are punished in the marketplace. Indeed, it was acknowledged openly that many brokers simply will not show properties without reserve funds.

In February, the Federation meeting continued on the revitalization theme with a program in which an architect, a contractor and a landscape architect offered ideas and concepts, which might stimulate creative thinking. It is a customary advice, but again the panel stressed the need to have a vision and a plan as to how to implement it. Professional consultants in architecture, engineering and landscape can guide and usually, in the end, prove their worth.

The theme was continued with "How to Improve the Marketability of Your Condominium" being the topic of the March meeting. Four of the island's well-known realtors offered their observations. Reid Murphy, Developers Realty Company; Lynn Koy, Caldwell Banker Residential Real Estate; Sheryl Loeffler, Signature Sotheby International; and Ian Addey, Michael Saunders offered thoughts on saleability.

Perhaps the best of these recommendations was to think of the condominium as one would a house: curb appeal and making a good first impression. Thinking like this suggests prominent landscaping, a

dominant entrance, and perhaps including gates – the WOW factor.

What the buyer sees in those first few minutes tells the prospect a great deal about what they cannot see. Worn carpet or shabby landscaping, for example, suggests poor care everywhere.

Some prospects begin their search with the criterion that a building "must not be older than a specific number of years." But, "resistance to purchasing older buildings can be overcome if the community is well maintained without obvious failures," said one broker.

The initial impression extends to staff as well, one said. A welcoming staff speaks volumes about a community while "staff can kill a deal if not enthusiastic and friendly," said another.

Longboat Key is regarded as a luxury market regardless of the price. It is also a move up market. This means, that from the start, buyers are very conscious of the ability to resell. A sound financial footing of an association is high on the "check off list." All four brokers agreed that although full funding may not be necessary, reserve funding is essential today. Indeed, one broker claimed that in order to properly maintain an association's assets, reserve funding is mandatory.

There was agreement on one other issue, that of pets. It seems the ability to have pets is of growing importance. The wide-ranging discussion offered other desirable items to think about: a community web site, available WI-FI and even outdoor fitness stations if other fitness facilities are not available.

Lanai Sliders

If you are planning to replace your lanai sliders please be sure to check with Sabrina in the office before you contract for the work. Concrete repairs are needed at various locations in some of the buildings and the repairs should be completed before you have new sliders installed.

Remember, too, approval of the Operating Committee is necessary for all window replacements and a building permit is a must.

Board Water Heater Policy Adopted February 20, 2013

In recent months there have been a number of flooding events attributable to leaking hot water tanks and other plumbing failures. This, of course, causes inconvenience and expense to individual Owners. It also results in costs to **all** owners because repairs to portions of the building, which are the responsibility of the Association, are needed. The Board feels these expenses are largely preventable with reasonable precautions.

Consequently, at the February meeting the Board established a number of policies which it felt could reduce these costs. Moreover, those who fail to take proper action in accordance with these policies will be held accountable.

The following policies were approved:

All owners must insure and make their renter (if any) aware that:

1. Their unit's main water and hot water heater valve must be a functioning ball valve type.
2. If occupier of a unit (owner or renter) intends to be absent for a period of three (3) days or more, the main valve must be closed prior to departure.
3. All water heaters must be replaced within: a) twelve (12) years of the date of manufacture for units being used as a part-time residence or b) eight (8) years or up to the manufacturer's warranty if greater than eight (8) years for a full-time residence.
4. All new water heaters must be installed with the following:
 - a) a pan
 - b) a water leak alarm
 - b) an automatic shut off valve
 - d) UL appliance cord connection
 - e) functioning ball valves, if not existing.
5. All existing water heaters and newly installed ones must be registered with the office provid-


ing the following information:

- a) date of manufacture
 - b) manufacturer's warranty, and
 - c) certification that functioning ball valves are installed.
6. All plumbing and electrical work must be done in accordance with Longboat Key Building Codes.
 7. Tankless water heaters and electric vehicles are not permitted for lack of sufficient electrical service.

Note: Fire regulations now require a smoke alarm (battery operated) in each bedroom according to the Longboat Key Fire Code, as well as the hard wired ones that were required previously

Owners not complying with these policies will be subject to fines and possible law suits for negligence if damage should occur.

Approved by the Board of Directors

TYPICAL BALL VALVE	
	The ball valve functions by moving a lever either to the all on (in line with the pipe) or all off (perpendicular to the water line). It is Simple to use, it must be moved every two or three months so it does not become stiff.

Pipes and Floods

In the Longboat Harbour community, serious harm and considerable expense is being caused by improper disposal of material in toilets.

Toilets are designed for human waste and the **minimum** quantity of paper. Other materials put into the toilet can and do cause flooding. That includes the so-called "flushable wipes."

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Some companies producing flushable wipes make many promises. One claims their wipes break up like toilet paper and another says their flushable wipes are safe for sewers.

But **Consumer Reports** has a different opinion. They put three popular wipes and ordinary toilet paper through a disintegration test to simulate what happens when flushing.

Would you believe that toilet paper disintegrated in about eight seconds, while the wipes, after 30 minutes, still had not broken down?

There are a number of products that simply should not be tossed in the toilet: cleansing wipes, incontinence pads, disposable washcloths and the like. These products are harmful to our plumbing systems. They become stuck in the piping and are known to cause backups and flooding. These items have been found when the cause of flooding is determined.

The only suitable use of the toilet is for human waste and toilet paper. **Owners need to share this information with their house cleaning people as well as care givers who come to their home. Please keep a copy of this available for them to read.**

PLEASE, do not dispose wipes of any kind, including hand wipes, in the toilet. They must be bagged and placed in the garbage.

Entry Gates Approved

After several years of research, consultation and planning by the Operating Committee, at the February meeting the Board approved the installation of entry gates. **John Greer**, project lead, had discussed the gate proposal with a large number of owners to ascertain the kinds of circumstances likely to be encountered by Owners and their visitors. He and other committee members having heard many "What happens if ..." questions ensured

specifications were in place to reflect many of the owners' concerns.


Gates are thought to be useful more as a means of control than security. The Board is of the belief that gates could be useful in decreasing number of illicit tenants and unauthorized contractors as an example.

Confident it had provided the technical means to alleviate concerns, it approved the installation in February.

The matter did not end there, however. Several owners who remained opposed reiterated their objections at the March meeting. As the meeting was ending, Sharon Gerber (N-101) surprised everyone with a challenge to the Board. Citing a provision in the Florida statute covering condominiums, "on the advice of [what she called] her \$24.00 lawyer" she made a motion that the matter of the installation of entry gates be put to a vote of owners, using Florida Statue 718.3026 as a basis for her claim. Following a brief recess the Board was taking the matter under advisement.

As the INFO went to press, the issue was unresolved.

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Empty Boxes In the Dumpsters
Cost Owners
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If we filled a garbage container with empty boxes that weighed, let's say 30 pounds, it would cost as much to haul away as a dumpster loaded with 800 pounds of actual garbage.

Every haul costs
\$450.00 per dump!

Please break up or collapse cardboard cartons, big or small, before placing them in the dumpster. If possible, cut them into portions that will fit in the recycle containers as cardboard is eligible for recycling.

HARBOURETTES

FUNKY FASHIONS

When the colorful poster appeared on the bulletin boards asking for FUNKY, FEISTY AND FUN-LOVING WOMEN to attend the February Harbourettes Luncheon, I paged through my dictionary for the following definitions: funky = off-beat, unconventional; feisty = full of animation or energy; fun-loving = we all know describes LbH women. As the weeks progressed, everything was hush, hush about the detailsthe committee members were sworn to secrecy.

February 6 arrived and 54 women entered the Rec Hall whose tables had been decorated with beautiful and funky shoes courtesy of **Maggie**. After we were treated to an array of munchies and punch, the fun began as **Maggie Edger** introduced our emcee,



Beth Waldman, who invited each guest to choose a prize of various types of jewelry made by **Maggie**. The Surprise Fashion Show (such as you have never seen before) began. Fashions were created by the committee, models were LbH women and the commentator was **Beth Waldman**. Guests were asked to identify the fashions from yesteryear, with the winners receiving various sorts of prizes.

Maggie Edger – appeared in a black dress, adorned with many watches and plaid patches. Can you identify her outfit? - Did you guess “a black watch plaid dress”? Good for you!!

Donna Greer – was hardly visible as she bounced in covered by an array of balloons. This one was easy –“a balloon dress”, of course.



Clarise Pellegrino – sported a skirt decorated with many pencils – “a pencil skirt” – How long did it take the committee to attach all those pencils ?

Alice Jorgensen arrived wearing a coat from which hung bags that had once been filled with frozen peas – No, she wasn't a bag lady! It took a while to identify the “pea coat”. If you need any peas, call members of the committee who have many in their freezers *sans* bags.



Marcia Deitrich looked very chic in her Trader Joe's bag which fit perfectly – you guessed it – a “sack dress”. I remember those !!!

Sharyn Ford- completed the line-up wearing a hat topped with vials of pills and flared pants which jingled when she walked – You had to see it to believe it!! Do you remember “pill box hats and bell bottom trousers”?

Just when we thought we had seen everything, there was yet one more – **Beth** wearing a “jewel necked sweater”. But wait, who is this feisty male coming into the Rec Hall clad in a rain-coat. Is it a streaker or is



it just **Ken Comeforo** coming from the pool to crash the party?



After the show, we were pleased to see the buffet

Ethel Athanas, Lorraine Brooks and Pat Geraci

table filled with tasty tacos and all the trimmings. As we were eating, the door prizes kept coming – colorful cell phone cases created by the talented

knitter and crocheter, **Lorraine Brooks** ; beautiful tote bags made by **Maggie** the seamstress and jewelry maker and a gift card from the Dick Gregory Salon.

When **Beth** asked the woman who had received the funkiest prize to identify herself, **Kathy Warren** held up the red fur handcuffs that she had received and was invited to select another gift. Just when we thought that the games were over, **Pam Euerle** walked through the room wearing a large poster containing various pictures which guests were asked to observe very carefully. Remember the kids' game of "Concentration"? Well, forget it !!! The question asked at the end of this game was " What color was the bracelet worn by **Beth**"? **Gerry Sullivan** proved her powers of concentration, as she came up with the correct answer and received a tote bag made by **Maggie**. The menu was completed with a tempting array of sweets.

To conclude the afternoon's festivities, our Harbourettes President, **Sharyn Ford** entertained us with some jokes, presented the prize for the funkiest outfit complete with faux tattoos to **Pam Euerle** and thanked everyone for attending.

Thanks go to **Maggie Edger, Beth Waldman, Herman Waldman, Gerry Sullivan, Connie Jones, Pam Euerle** and the aforementioned models. They promised to make us laugh and we sure did!!!

Pat Geraci



Pam "The Funkiest" Euerle, Connie Jones and Fran Bogue



"Blue Haired" Donna Winter and Joyce Mazurck

Luncheon photography by Pam Euerle

HARBOURETTES SPRING LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, our Harbourette Hostesses, **Lorraine Brooks, Lou Longo, Pat Geraci** and **Nancy Damm** (seated in photo), created a beautiful luncheon decorated in lovely spring colors. A pretty champagne punch was offered, as well as a non alcoholic punch, each of which were delicious.

Our luncheon table consisted of delicious gourmet seafood, vegetable and cheese wraps and sandwiches along with a raspberry vinegarett spring salad and a huge fruit salad. Thank you to **Delphina**, who is always there for us, and our many



Harbourette helpers – **Marge Geiger, Elvina Avalone, Donna Greer, and Eleanor Carnese**, standing behind our hostesses. Thanks also to **Margaret Demy**. While we enjoyed our coffee, and a scrumptious pistachio cake, made by **Pat Geraci**, and double chocolate brownies made by **Nancy Damm**, a few announcements were made by **Sharyn Ford**, our President:

- Our 2014 Fashion Show will present fashions from Chico's and Soma on February 11, 2014.
- Elections are coming up and we are hoping that we get volunteers to continue this worthwhile organization.
- Mahjong is coming to Harbourettes at the March 20th meeting. If you are new to the game, come and learn how the game is played.

Door prizes were plentiful including gifts from Design 2000, handmade purses, cell phone cases and jewelry by **Maggie**.

Marge Geiger

Book 'n' Buddies 2013



We have a couple of announcements to make regarding our club:

WE ARE OFFICIAL!

John Bock, President of the Longboat Harbour Owners' Assn., has welcomed us as an official LbH club. **Marge Geiger** will remain as chairperson and **Diane Vanderpoel** has graciously agreed to be our Vice Chairperson. (By the way, we never knew we weren't official, hehe) Thanks John and Diane.

As of January, 2014 it has been decided that our meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Reviews: The Outlander by Paula Gabaldon was a huge success.

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Settefield was a story within a story within a story. It was an arduous read, but an interesting one. It caused quite a fun and silly discussion.

Sadly, we have only two more meetings until the end of Book 'n' Buddies 2013:

3/27 - Wish You Well by David Baldacci and
4/4 - Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Due to a calendar conflict, our meeting originally scheduled for March 20th, has been changed to March 27th at 7 pm in the lounge.

Have a great summer!

Marge Geiger

Chicken Soup for the Soul



FYI

Owner **Terri Manzione** (H-103) has written several stories about her son **Stuey** and her family's challenges with autism. One of her stories, "**Joseph's Wish**," may be of interest to many of our owners and it will be published in the upcoming **Chicken Soup for the Soul: Raising Kids on the Spectrum**. The book will be available in book stores on April 2nd, which is Autism Awareness Day.

BINGO



Tuesday evening Bingo has been outrageously successful this year! **MaryAnn** and **Ken Simpson** promised to make it fun hoping to involve as many LbH residents and guests as possible for a time of social interaction, general merriment and of course, Bingo. Apparently this has struck a chord at LbH as attendance has increased to well over thirty each week as friends, neighbors and their visiting guests were all welcomed. The word spread fast.

Essential people made it work. **Donna Birnbaum** provided world-class treats prepared by her own talented hands. **Bob** and **Susan Silver** served as bankers and delivered the prizes. **Pat Geraci** was the official verifier and **Nancy Damm** filled the role of Vanna White as game board hostess.



Come join the Bingo Experience!

Ken Simpson

Bingo Banker and Cashier
Bob Silver!!

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt condolences to **Ron Northington**, C-106, on the passing of his wife **Rebecca "Becky" Northington** on Friday, February 08, 2013 in Memphis TN.

Our condolences and deepest sympathy to **Edith Morse**, A-102, and her family on the passing of her youngest son, **Geoffrey Hoyt Morse**, of Venice, on February 7th.

Our deepest sympathy also, to **Linda Beekman** and her family, daughter of **Janice Cronenwett**, I-307, who passed away mid March in Michigan.

Champagne and Dessert

CHEERS

To the sound of popping corks, the party began for 80 attendees on February 9th in the elegantly decorated Rec Hall!! After the champagne was served by **Beth Waldman, Dennis McIvor, John Bock** and **Bob Mazurek**, a toast was led by chairperson **Beth**.

We couldn't wait to partake of the mouth-watering array of gourmet desserts including tantalizing cakes, lemon tarts, nuts, Roche chocolates and strawberries. What a heavenly display for those of us with mouths full of sweet teeth! And indulge, we certainly did!!



Pat Marschke & Carol Pacheco



Sue & Jim Chatfield sipping champagne

When the music of the talented Daniel Fugazzotto began, the dance floor started to rock as couples sprang into action. Where did all these young'uns come from? This certainly was not the Seinfeldish stereotype of the Florida condo in "Del Boca Vista" where you might envision Senior Citizens dancing slowly to waltzes and fox trots. Oh no! LbH residents rock the floor to all the fast dances. Was it the flowing champagne, a sugar high or did someone find the fountain of youth on our property? I had visions of the pelicans, herons and residents of Sutton Place and Windward Bay dancing the night away to the music wafting from our Rec Hall.

Thanks go to **Beth and Herman Waldman, Mary and John Bock, Maggie Edger, Sharyn Ford, John Troup and Bob Mazurek** for a delicious and fun-filled evening. I wonder how many people had trouble getting up the next day!!!

Pat Geraci



Helen Schweyer & Dick Warren enjoying a dance



Deborah & Kevin O'Connor

Tennis Picnic



The annual tennis "picnic" was held on Sunday, March 17, 2013. Cooking was done by Dennis McIvor. During the event Dennis announced the winners of the tennis tournament. The women were **Jeri Howard and Carolyn Varnum**. The men were **Dennis McIvor and Ken Comeforo**.

Dennis announced that both he and **Russ Varnum** have been serving as President and Treasurer, respectively for the past three years and that each were relinquishing their duties this year. If anyone is interested in serving in these positions please contact Dennis.

A good time was had by all in attendance. Dennis you did a terrific job!

Russell Varnum



Jeri Howard, Carolyn Varnum, Dennis McIvor, Ken Comeforo



YACHT CLUB

FEBRUARY RENDEZVOUS

The Yacht Club held its second *Rendezvous* of the season Thursday, February 21, 2013, at Phillippi Creek Village Oyster Bar.

Fifty-two club members were seen lunching on a variety of menu selections such as salmon, mahi-mahi, ahi tuna sliders, clam or mussel pots, coconut shrimp, or New England fish fry. This particular restaurant was a new experience for many of the attendees.

Commodore Joe Sever asked the gathering to keep in their thoughts and prayers a recently-deceased club member **Becky Northington**. On a lighter note **Gordon Shaw** received birthday cheers and three members were the lucky winners of gift certificates to area businesses. Winners included **Harriet Barber, Henno Moenting** and **Carol Beddie**.

Joe Sever

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

Have you ever taken notice of the life rings at the pools and around the canal? Do you know how many life rings there are? Yacht Club member **Francois Bechard** and YC officers **Bob Geraci** and **Joe Sever** can certainly tell you.



During the week of March 4, **Bechard, Geraci** and **Sever** spent several hours replacing worn out life rings around the complex. It was noted by the LBH Operating Committee that the life rings had reached their useful lifespan and needed to be replaced in order to stay in compliance with state regulations. The Yacht Club was charged with doing the research to find a suitable replacement.

In its research the YC noted that there are two types of life rings: A soft shell and a hard shell. It was discovered that the hard shell life ring lasted longer and in the future one could easily replace a wornout throwline without the need of replacing the entire life ring, a definite cost savings. At its February meeting the Yacht Club officers voted unanimously to assist the Operating Committee by undertaking the monitoring of the life rings.

The Yacht Club purchased 50 life rings from West Marine.

Joe Sever



LbHYC REVIEW OF THE FLEET

The weather report was not encouraging but the LbHYC volunteers spent Wednesday setting up tables and chairs, erecting tents and enclosing the patio in colorful banners. During the night, the winds blew and rain fell but Thursday dawned bright and clear. There was still a robust breeze and an ominous chill in the air.

At 1:30 PM, enthusiastic captains and their guests boarded their vessels and lined up in the bay for the parade of the fleet! First to round the entrance to the lagoon were four kayak paddlers: **Ken Comeforo, Dennis McIvor, Pat Marschke** and **Deborah O'Connor**. Following the kayakers was the LbHYC fleet crewed by their captains: **Larry and Ann Bateman, John and Sue Troup, Don and Maggie Edger, Francois Bechard** and **Emilie Chauvet, Frank and Millie Perricone, Sharyn Ford, Ted and Barbara Janssen** and **John and Donna Greer**. The final boat, festooned with flags, was captained by **Past Commodore Ed Davin** and his wife **Jan**. As the boats passed the reviewing stand they were announced with individualized welcoming tones composed and played by **Ron Zicherman**, a salute from **Commodore Joe Sever** and a blessing by **Monsignor Gerry Finegan, Pastor of St. Mary's Star of the Sea**.

Let the party begin and it did with the arrival of 125 YC members and associate members who gathered

on the patio for the annual YC celebration. Luscious shrimp and chicken on a stick were followed by tasty burgers, hot dogs and sausages all washed down with lots of beer, wine and soda. Several door prizes were awarded to lucky ticket holders and **Jean Wassmanskopf** was the winner of the fifty-fifty. Most of the guests warmed off the chilly temperatures by dancing to the lively music of Patsy and Majella who were really cold and wishing they were playing in the Rec Hall instead of on the deck.

What a great party! So many people contributed to the success of the event: **Kathy and Commodore Joe Sever, Ron and Vice Commodore Carole Zicherman, Pat and Dock Master Bob Geraci, Yo and Purser Mary Kimura and John and Scribe, Maureen Shea**, all officers of the LbHYC. They were assisted by a Door Prize Committee: **Margie and Bob Clarke, Tom Vitro, Gerry Sullivan, Ted Janssen, Dick Damm and Pat Marschke. Maryann Thornhill** was the official "Margarita Barista". Others who contributed helping hands to the event were: **Deborah O'Connor, Carol Pacheco, Maureen Shea and Pat Marschke** for setting up, **Joe Longtin** for the sound system set up, **Maureen and John Shea** for the LbHYC 42nd Anniversary cake, **Murray Brooks**, YC Historian, **Jim Fox, John Bock**.

Thanks to the LbHYC for another great day in the paradise of LbH.

Mary Bock

CONDO COPS

We all know or have discovered that condo living requires some of what our President calls, "shared sacrifice." Whether you agree with him politically or not, the issue is very real for condo residents. What you can do in your own home, on your own property sometimes requires restraint on property that is owned by three hundred people.

Here at LBH, Board Policy and rules have been developed over the years for the safety and comfort of residents. The Board Policies are presented and passed at board meetings and are available in the office for residents. A handbook has been developed and promulgated to owners (last update 2008) and a separate handbook is available for renters. All new owners and renters receive

the appropriate copy from the office when they arrive at LBH.

That is not to say that the handbook is read and there is no shortage of condo cops who complain to the office, building rep or board member when they observe a rule being broken. Sometimes a building rep or owner will politely (we hope) remind a new owner or renter about a rule. And sometimes, believe it or not, there are long time owners who forget the rules as well. Some of the things that really upset people are not even in the handbook but are just common courtesies.

So, every once in a while, it is helpful, I think, to remind owners, old and new, and renters about some of the things that are often reported as problem areas.

Daytona 500: In spite of the 13 mile per hour sign, we still have people driving through the complex at much higher speeds. Obviously, this is dangerous, especially in a community of senior citizens whose ears, eyes and reflexes don't always work the way they used to. **Please slow down!** If you see someone speeding, try to get the license plate number. They may not even be a resident. There is a roundabout by I, J, K, L buildings which is ONE WAY. It is well marked. Residents of those buildings have an expectation when backing out or walking that traffic will only be only going ONE WAY. Frequently, that has not been the case which sets up an accident waiting to happen! **Please obey the ONE WAY signs!** And by the way, don't honk at your neighbors if they are not backing out fast enough. Your day will come!

Kiddies: We all love our grandchildren and want them to have a good time. The problem is not everyone loves your grandkids as much as you do! Running up and down the building walkways playing hide and seek or tag is fun but after listening to the patter of not so little feet for an hour, it gets really annoying to some residents. The beach or the park awaits!

Walkways: There is a reason they are called "walkways". They are for walking, not for gardening, airing your shoes or doormats. Plants, beach chairs, shoes, etc. are prohibited not just because our rules say so but because fire regulations require clear walkways. And by the way, please don't hang stuff (bathing suits, towels, flags, decorations) from the railings. It makes the place look like a tenement.

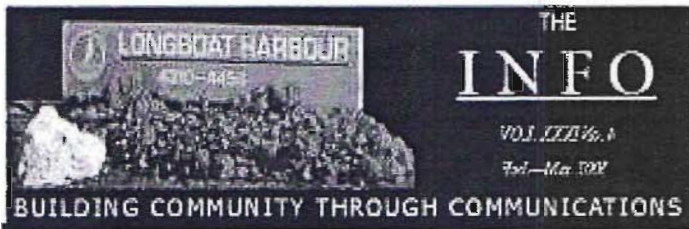
So, yes, condo living does require, "shared sacrifice". There are people that don't like condo living and that is why they prefer to live in a private home.

Mary Bock

Reminder: Carport Parking

Car port parking is for the exclusive use of the unit owners. Others should not use any parking space other than the one assigned to the unit without the written permission of the Owner. Further, that permission should be recorded in the office.

An Owner has every right to expect their parking space to be vacant on arrival.



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The **INFO** staff wishes to thank all the contributors to this issue and to invite you to share anything with us that you think might be of interest to the whole community.

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Longboat Harbour Recreation Committee 2013 Calendar

Apr. 10 - Wed	8 a.m.	Golf Outing
Apr. 13 - Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Calypso Night
Apr. 18 -Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Pizza Party

LbH BOARD MEETINGS are held the 3rd Wed. of every month At 7:30 p.m.

The last regularly scheduled meeting of this season will be **April 17**

Operating Committee meetings are held
Tuesday mornings at 9:30

