



Who Said 13 Was Unlucky. A Great Season Has Begun.

Oh.....it is so good to be back in paradise! What a great season we are going to have; there are so many new things happening this year. If you can't find something to do at RCR grab a calendar and check it out. Lots of things new and old have been happening already. We kicked off the season with the annual Halloween Monster Bash. It was a day of fun starting with the scavenger hunt throughout the park. Residents and campers searched for objects and locations with a lot of laughs. We then had a site decorating contest and trick or treat. The evening capped the day with the Monster Mash Dance. All were welcomed to the clubhouse by Spook, Luke, Gook and Toot; the ghostly four and family. DJ Laurie Colvin got everyone dancing to their favorite songs. There was everything from a scallywag pirate to an outhouse dressed to attend. Great prizes were won for all events.



Arrgh! Avast there mateys.



Old Stinky



OK Folks, Come & Get It.



Half of 260 Well Fed Souls!

In November the Thanksgiving Dinner was another well attended event with turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings anyone would want. 260 Residents and guests attended. The Big/Brother Big/Sister Party took place to start everyone off with the holiday spirit. Again another wonderful event and giving back to the community from the residents' hard work at RCR. Most of the activities have returned and are in full swing for the upcoming season. Card playing, bocce, bingo and the tennis courts are full. The list goes on and on.

Lori Lilly

Coming Attractions

GERMANFEST 2013--FEB. 2nd.

Good food, free beer and, most importantly, the outstanding ALPINE EXPRESS will ensure that Feb. 2nd will be a night to remember. Tickets go on sale Thursday, Jan. 10th. Because of the tremendous demand for tickets, the following procedure will be used for Germanfest tickets: EACH COUPLE LIVING IN RCR MAY ONLY BUY A MAXIMUM OF 4 TICKETS. Mark Jan. 10th and Feb. 2nd on your calendar now!!

VARIETY SHOW 2013--SHOWBOAT

It will be a real challenge to match last year's incredible, unbelievable, etc. Vegas Show; but, we have accepted that as our MISSION. In order to reach our goal, we hope that new volunteers (minimal talent required) will come forward to perform or to help backstage.

Our first organizational meeting will be Monday, Jan. 7th. in the Rec Hall at 1:00.

Peter Crich



News Around the Park



Canadians Contribute

At the conclusion of the Winter 2012 Season the Canada Day Committee voted to donate surplus revenue from its Spring Event to the RCR Advisory Board Activities Fund. Richard Kent, current Canada Day Chairman, turned over \$400.00 to Kerry Gonnam, the RCR Advisory Board President. This money will join funds donated to the fund from the Pancake Breakfasts and other sources and will be used for the greater good of the resort residents. For information on how these funds can be utilized contact one of the board members.

Kerry Gonnam

Grandma's Attic open for 2012-13 Season

We are very lucky here at RCR to have available to us Grandma's Attic, a handy service to borrow needed items when our northern families and friends come to visit. Run on a volunteer basis by Dale and Cliff Baker at Site #64 this is the place to go for bikes, toys, pack-n-play cribs, and other assorted items needed for those guests.

However, when using this service it is very important that we show some responsibility and common sense and abide by the rules Dale and Cliff have established. The rules are designed to provide for the safety of all residents and guests in the park and to maintain control over their inventory. Failure to follow these rules could result in a serious accident bringing personal injury to someone and also could jeopardize the existence of Grandma's Attic itself.

You will be provided a complete list of Rules & Regulations when you borrow something; but, the most important are: 1. Do not re-lend the items to anyone else, especially non-residents. 2. Keep your young guests under supervision at all times. Just don't turn the kids loose to ride the park roads by themselves. 3. Please make sure all bike riders 17 or under wear the furnished helmet at all times. 4. If any item fails or breaks do not attempt to repair it yourselves. Bring the item back to Site #64 for repair or replacement.

This is a very valuable service and we need to be responsible residents to ensure it remains in service.

Kerry Gonnam

Computer Classes for 2013

Below is the current schedule for Computer Classes in 2013. Sessions are 1-3 PM in the Clubhouse. Sign-up sheets will be in the lounge on the wire rack. We try to bring current and relevant technology to the residents in a fun way. If you have any suggestions for other classes you would like to see please contact Al Santini. We still have a couple of open dates where we can schedule a class. Electrical power will be available for your computers and the Clubhouse is equipped with WiFi. Hope to see you in class!

January 15th	What Should I Buy & How Do I Buy It?	Al Santini et al.
January 22nd	Smart Phone Review	Al Santini, Joan Cowan, Kerry Gonnam
January 29th	I Bought It, Now How Do I Use It?	Stan Cross
February 5th	Security & Maintenance of My Device	Stan Cross
February 12th	Tablets, How To Buy & Use?	Dick Lee, Ray Schilling, Al Santini
February 19th	No Class—Senior Games Week	
February 26th	Genealogy and the Computer	Kerry Gonnam
March 5th	To Be Determined	
March 12th	Digital Photography	Kerry Gonnam
March 19th	To Be Determined	

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Senior Games 2013

The games will be held **Saturday, February 16th thru Sunday the 24th** with much of the same activities, competition, and good food enjoyed in previous years. As in past years, the games will be open only to park residents and registered campers aged 50 years and over; and, a separate registration form will be required from each participant. Registration for this year's games will be held on **Tuesday thru Thursday, January 31st to February 2nd**.

An informational meeting will be held on January 9th at 1:00 in the club house. Please join us if you would like to suggest any changes or new games to this year's event. I hope to have the registration forms available on our web site by January 15th. If you know of anyone who wants to participate but will not be arriving until after the 1st of February, please let them know that they may print out a copy of the registration and either mail it back to me (as long as they arrive with payment before our registration deadline) or ask a friend or neighbor to register them. Actual registration forms and program will be available in the lounge on January 30th.

Dale Baker

Park Activities

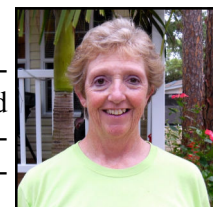
We have an exciting list of activities and services for this season. We now have a massage therapist on site every Sunday in the card room. Her name is MJ Mooney and she is a very good licensed therapist. You must sign up in the lounge to book your appointment, she charges \$50 for 1 hour session and \$30 for a ½ hour session. We also have Brian from White Cement Company with mulch deliveries this season. Brian and his team have done a super job bringing mulch to the park for purchase, and your mulch will be delivered directly to your unit for you. The delivery dates are preset and they will be returning again on January 5th from 8-12 in the front parking lot. Orders for the mulch can be signed up for in the lounge, with prices and colors that are available. Bentley's Ice Cream is back for another season. Their added service this year are pints and ½ pints. You must place your order for delivery to the park in the lounge on the sign up sheet. Several delicious flavors are listed offering ice cream, gelatos and sorbets; there is also a featured flavor for the month. You may also order ice cream cakes for delivery for that special event or celebration. Bentley's has given us at RCR a discount price of \$5.00 for a pint or \$3.00 for a ½ pint. He will also be selling sundaes and cones on the pool veranda beginning Saturdays in January.

Costco has just opened up a super new store located at US 41 & Beneva at the back of the Westfield Mall. They have offered our residents a discount on memberships. Costco has everything from optical, hearing and a pharmacy that can't be beat with price. Along with wonderful snacks and great meat, this store has everything! Please see me, Lori Lilly, activities director for your discount application to take to Costco. You must have the right application to receive the discount.

Free movie night is another fun event being added this season. There will be a movie shown in the Rec Hall on a monthly basis; please check your calendars for times and dates. It will promise to be a fun evening with popcorn and friends.

The Health Fair will take place on January 18th. A lot of new vendors will be there this year with great information. Something you won't want to miss! Casino Party will be on January 27th in the Rec Hall. A great time and a chance to win super prizes with your funny money; including the top prize of a \$1000.00 gift certificate from Affordable Golf Cars. Ladies Day Out on January 29th is also in the Rec Hall. This will be a fun day to shop and mingle with friends or get a massage.

So as you can see it is going to be a busy season and a great time for everyone at RCR. Do as much as you want or just relax at our wonderful pool. It is all up to you. This is the best cruise ship on land! Please remember to read the bulletin boards and watch the TV channel 195 on a regular basis.



Lori Lilly

*Thank you and have a safe and happy season.
Lori Lilly, Activities Director*



2012 Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas Party

The annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Holiday Party was held in the Rec Hall on Saturday, December 1st and our RCR volunteers played host to about 150 “Littles”, boys and girls ages 6-17 years old, and “Bigs”, adult mentors. It was such fun watching the Littles pose with our own Santa & Mrs. Claus as they received their gifts from our Angel Tree donors this year! Great big thanks to all the RCR residents who purchased gifts this year; you truly made a difference in the lives of these children who have so little, for most of them this will be the only gifts they will receive. To all of our ladies who made the blankets and afghans, please know that your hard work and effort brought bright smiles of joy to those who were lucky enough to win one in the afghan raffle!

We had a wonderful turnout of volunteers this year! The dozens and dozens of baked cookies and brownies were “gobbled” up by our guests and the kiddoes couldn’t get to the dessert table fast enough. Our policy is to limit them to only 3 pieces of dessert during the party and then bag the rest so that each child can bring some home to their family. Kudos and appreciation to all of our RCR bakers, thank you so much.

Of course, this event would not be successful without the many, many volunteers who offer their help the day of the party—THANK YOU!!! Parking 70 cars is no picnic, although, our parking crew made it look so! Our beverage duo, Doris Fisher and Pat DeWitt, kept the guests refreshed with fruit punch and coffee, and our servers outdid themselves plating pizza and serving our guests. Thanks to Marty and his crew for setting up the tables and chairs, everything laid out perfectly as always. Special thanks to our Leaders: Pat Lang, Nancy Brown, Diane Goodman, Noreen Brezowski, Judy Spiller, Richard Kent, Peter Crich and Dick Lang.

Once again, our RCR volunteers helped to make a difference in the life of a child...Bless you all.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Caroline Goode

RCR Big Brothers/Big Sisters Holiday Party



Have You Ever Seen a Better Looking Group of Elves?



2012 Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas Party

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Angel Tree

Each year we have come to expect that around November 1st a Christmas tree with gingerbread gift tags will appear in the Encore office. Yes, it's the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Angel Tree, and each year our RCR residents very generously take the tags and purchase a gift (or for some, two or three) for a needy child in the Venice area.

Recently, a few residents have asked, "Are the gifts we, at RCR, purchase for the boys and girls who attend our annual holiday party actually going to them?" The answer is, "YES!"

This year each boy and girl received two gifts from our Angel Tree, one from Santa and one from a raffle. The Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Sun Coast Venice region includes Osprey, Nokomis, Venice and Northport, and the children from these communities come to our party.

Gifts are picked up from our office before the party, brought to the Big Brothers office in downtown Venice where the staff at Big Brothers sort them by age group. As they sort, they try to keep all the gifts from Santa around the same price range, and any gifts that may be more expensive (because we all like a good bargain and can sometimes get a good deal on an MP3 player or large gift) are put into the raffle. If you don't see your gift at the party, most likely it is still in a gift bag by Santa's chair because a child was unable to make it to the party. Any gifts left are brought back to the Venice office, placed in the conference room, and the neediest families in our communities are called to come in and "shop".

Please rest assured that any gifts you purchase are indeed given to a Venice region child.

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity when buying gifts for these children, it may be the only gift a child receives this Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Caroline Goode





News Around the Park



Does this man look 70!
Dick & Nancy Brown



Volleyball King Turns 70

If anyone has ever spent a morning watching the RCR volleyball players you would have had to notice Dick Brown setting the pace. Dick keeps everyone focused on their game. Well, recently the group paid him back with an impromptu birthday celebration. Believe it or not Dick turned 70 and was rewarded with an "Over the Hill" cake.

Besides his efforts on the volleyball court Dick uses his background in law enforcement to organize and administer our Citizens Watch program and has also written the RCR Storm Preparedness Guide which is available online at www.royalcoachmanresort.net and also can be seen in the lounge. If you run into Dick in the park wish him a happy 70th and thank him for all he does here at RCR.

Anglers' Club Sails Into 2013

The RCR Anglers' Club ended its season on April 2nd with a very successful charter on the Dock Oar out of Stump Pass Marina. Six anglers enjoyed a beautiful day on the water as they went after Red Grouper about 30 miles out in the Gulf. Five minutes into our first stop everyone seemed to be fighting a fish. Within 3 hours the group was close to the limit and broke it off as they had more than enough grouper to eat.



The club heads into the 2013 season with high expectations for another great year. Currently we have another long charter scheduled for December and will be planning other shorter charters. Check the RCR calendar for meeting dates and check out this fun way to enjoy the fishing in Florida.

Kerry Gonnam

www.royalcoachmanresort.net

Visit our website for more news and information. Current Monthly Calendar, Park Directory, Photo Galleries, important safety information, Activities Guide, and more are all available, anytime. Contact Kerry Gonnam or Al Santini to place your announcements or news on the site.



Residents Association News

The first thing that caught my eye when we arrived here in early November was how lush and green everything was. We have been coming here since 2005 and I have never seen it so pretty with the flowers in bloom. Jason and his staff have done an admirable job of keeping the park in tip top condition. More streets have been paved keeping with the 5 year plan to complete the project. Many trees have been trimmed or removed to curtail possible damage. Improvements around the pool area include a new retaining wall and landscaped area.

Things have been pretty quiet so far with early arrivals working on their units and just enjoying the weather; however, soon our superb volunteer organization will kick in and all the wonderful activities of the park will begin. If you are new to the park make sure you investigate those activities you might enjoy.

January is the month our Residents Advisory Board holds its Annual Meeting (Saturday, Jan. 26) and also holds its election to fill openings on the board. Serving on the board gives individuals a great opportunity to work

with others toward the betterment of the park for all. So please consider running for a seat on the board to serve your fellow residents.



Kerry Gonnam
Bd. President

By the time you read this, you may have had an opportunity to try out the new park wide WiFi system. I hope the system is providing you with an easy to use service to hook up your laptops, tablets, and other devices to the Internet. Jason will have more to say about this below; but, this system should give all residents an easier method of signing on at a competitive price. If you are having difficulties contact Stan Cross or myself; or, come to our 10:00 AM Friday Computer Discussion Group.

And finally, WATCH YOUR SPEED AND PAY ATTENTION WHILE DRIVING IN THE PARK. Also, keep your vehicles and units locked for security.

Kerry Gonnam

Message from the Manager



Jason Rosenberg
Pk. Manager

A WiFi network has been installed and will ultimately provide coverage of the entire resort. Coverage is spotty right now as we are awaiting the installation of a new fiber optic network with a 10/10 channel bank (this represents the upload and download speed of the new zone). This will offer residents significantly better broadband access and an increase in the overall symmetrical bandwidth. We are currently awaiting bids to install the new fiber optic environment and should have the process completed by the end of

January, 2013. It is my goal, at that time, to offer a free trial for those interested in exploring other options. You should not cancel Comcast or Verizon until and if you feel comfortable with the new system.

I want to remind everyone that all renters must continue to sign in at the desk in the front office. It is critical that we are aware, especially during the summer, of any new residents/tenants. Also, if you rent your unit for 30-days or more, a criminal background check is required. This is for

your safety and security. It is also very important for you to make sure that your unit is clean and in good working order before you turn it over to a renter. I have had numerous conversations with unhappy guests who rented a unit either sight unseen, or after viewing pictures via email or snail mail. Please take care of your unit.

Also, Private Sales cannot be finalized until a Background Check has been performed on the prospective new residents. This is a Corporate Policy and we must adhere to it. Again, this protects you and your property and is necessary.

Please obey the park speed limit. I have seen far too many residents speeding through the gate, around corners or on straight-aways throughout the resort and it is both dangerous and unacceptable.

Remember to view the Resort News Channel (195) for updates! Have a great season!

Jason Rosenberg



More...News Around the Park

A Cruising We Will Go!

On November 5th nine RCR ladies set sail on the Carnival Ecstasy for Freeport, Nassau, and Key West. Among the gang were Diane Goodman, Dolores Samulski, Ellie Read, Scottie Hartman, Barb Brousseau, Kathy Covell, Sharon Tarnowski, Mary Jane Franklin, and Sarah Boehmer. After a scary beginning of trying to find a lost passport tucked between the car seats-and thanks to Mary Jane, we were finally off to the high seas. The ship was great with all the food you could eat-and boy we did! If you wanted breakfast in your room or just early coffee, room service was at your beck and call. Every night you'd be welcomed by a cute towel animal and a piece of chocolate on your bed. The staff was always willing to serve your every need. It was fun dressing for dinner at night with waiters waiting on you hand and foot and the choice of steak, lobster, or anything your tastes desired.



Freeport offered many new experiences; like feeding the beautiful yellowtail fish and sharks right from our glass-bottom boat. With the rocking of the boat

we thought we might end up as fish food ourselves! On shore we found a local guide that gave us a wonderful tour of the Island for just a minimal amount, and what a tour! Drinks on the beach and a free conch shell with each drink-cool souvenir! Our driver really shared the feeling of the island and how she and her family survive. It felt like we really left a friend behind when we left.

On to Nassau and another super tour. Our 1 1/2 hour tour turned out to be almost 3 hours with a good view of the island and its history. On both islands we saw the damage still left from the hurricanes of 2002 and 2004 (Wilma). It was as if everything was at a standstill. The reason- no money! No real damage from Sandy except beach erosion. We see the stark contrast between the very rich and the very poor in another feature of Nassau: the unbelievable Paradise Island with the Atlantis Hotel

(\$25,000/night), the lagoons, the dolphin swim, the aquarium dining area, casino, and the million dollar chair. Gotta see this on line!

Finally we were off to Key West for a third day of fun. Lots to see and do there, especially the cute Conch Train that tours the island. A quick stop for a Hurricane drink, some conch chowder, and a piece of Key lime pie-yum! Key West offered many interesting sites such as the Hemingway house, The Truman Estate, the Farthest point south, and Mallory Square. Lots and lots of shops on Duval Street and great places to eat!

The last day we spent at sea and had a ball onboard ship with all the fun things to do. We were glad to have the door to



door bus service to bring us home. Not only that, thanks to the great husbands that picked up us and our luggage and dropped us off at the bus when we left and at our doors when we came home - talk about Red Carpet treatment. A special thanks to Creative Travel for arranging a wonderful time with great friends! -but it's great to be home at RCR.

Sarah Boehmer

