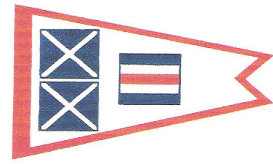


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Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is June First, the beginning of Hurricane Season. We will soon have warmer, more humid days. We can look forward to our daily rain storms. That will give us time to fish, golf, play tennis and pickle ball and get things done around the house in the morning. In the afternoon we can nap or read.

On the bright side, the population on our island has decreased by two thirds due to our seasonal residents returning north and vacationers seeking other options. As a result, traffic has markedly decreased. Publix, Wynn Dixie and Costco are not packed with customers. You typically do not have to make reservations, days in advance, to go out to dinner. Golf course and tennis reservations are also easier to get. The movie theaters are open again and spending an afternoon at the movies with dinner to follow is a fun outing.

We all are concerned about a severe storm hitting us here at our piece of Paradise. However, I think that the Calusa Indians knew something when they chose this place to inhabit. It

seems that we seldom get hit with a very bad storm. They tend to miss us. Our last major storm, Irma, was 2017 and before that Wilma was 2004. So, our chances of having a summer without a bad event are pretty good. Despite that, pay attention to weather reports and if it looks like we might be in the path of a hurricane, prepare your home and possessions for the worst and get out of town if you are requested to evacuate.

Bocce Ball has ended. Many of our discussion groups are taking a summer hiatus. However, there are still golf leagues in progress. Please go to the golf page in this newsletter and see who you need to contact if you wish to play in any one or all three summer leagues.

Our **Installation Coed Luncheon** at **Smith House** was well attended in May. The food was excellent. A big "thank you" to **Dave Tobiasz** for setting it up. **Tim Clune** will host a special Father's Day Dinner at Verdi's. Check out the flyer and sign up. Room is still available. **Glen Davis** is hosting our June theater excursion at

the Broadway Palm Theater. The play is **Beehive**. Sign up is now **closed**.

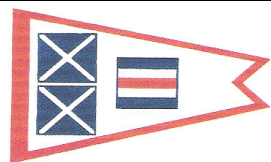
Those who have registered will have a fun time. In July, we will celebrate Bastille Day at Café Normandie.

Our General Meeting this month, **June 10th**, will be held at **CJ's on the Bay** restaurant. It will begin at **11AM**. We will not have a speaker. However, it will serve as an opportunity to have a "Men's Only Luncheon". To encourage attendance, the Board has decided to offer one **free Bloody Mary** with each lunch that is ordered. You may choose anything on the lunch menu if you plan to stay for lunch; however, you are required to pay for your own lunch and any other alcoholic beverage that you may choose. Because of staffing and seating for the meeting and for serving and cooking the lunch, I will need a "**head count**" on how many of our members will attend the meeting. You do not have to stay for lunch if you do not want to do that. Please send me an e-mail by **Monday, June 7**, if you plan to attend the meeting. Also indicate whether you will be ordering lunch at CJ's. My e-mail address is:

grswiacki@comcast.net.

We are still seeking a venue for our July meeting. In August we return to Mackle Park.

Jerry Swiacki



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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Contact **Charlie Erker** at 239-259-8054

Or charles.a.erker@gmail.com.

Computer/Technology Club typically meets the 3rd Thursday at the Community Room at The Mutual of Omaha Bank at 10:30 a.m. This is an informal round table discussion group. Beginners, experienced and in-between are all welcome.

Reservations are not required. Just show up.

Meetings are suspended until further notice due to lack of meeting space because of Covid-19.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP



This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment

raised by those present is conducted. The discussion group meets at 1:30PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We are moving again. Back to a shade tree. We will meet at a shade tree at Mackle Park. Bring a chair. **Contact Don Koppel Ph:856-906-4318. Meeting status will be through an e-mail blast the week before the meeting.**

TRAVEL DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Travel Discussion Club meeting will be on the 1st Wednesday of October (10/6) at 10AM. Location to be determined. In the meantime, it is recommended that you watch any of the Rick Steves' videos on Netflix or Prime. They focus in on Europe and are a wonderful balance of culture, history, food, etc. You can also get Rick Steves on PBS through his website. Another good TV show is American Treasures which highlights US National parks. Lastly, another one of our favorites is Legendary Cities which gives another look at cities around the world. Netflix or Prime. Let me know if I can help in any way. Contact **SILKY SULLIVAN** marcosilky@yahoo.com or 239-404-3249

BOCCE BALL



Look for a call for teams in the October newsletter. If you have any questions contact **Warren Uhl** at 727-247-5167 or

MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman JERRY DEFIBAUGH, RICH CARLSEN, DON LALLY AND DON KOPPEL.

MMC HATS AND SHIRTS.

Since we are not yet holding general meetings, Men's logoed apparel can be ordered on-line.

The order form for Hats and Shirts is available on-line on the MMC Website, under the MISCELLANEOUS & ACCESSORIES header. Click on CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES to obtain Order Form and Instructions.

SPORTS UPDATE

Sports Chair Pat Wright will take a look at future sports events as information becomes available. Contact **Pat Wright** at pwright44@msn.com or 518-369-6441

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

I am sad to report the passing of longtime club member Gerry Gibbons. Gerry passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. A Mass was said for Gerry at San Marco Catholic Church on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gibbons family.

Please telephone **George Vitta** at 586-942-8056 or email golflover3@yahoo.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. George will notify the MMC board.

CRUISES



THE MMC “48th” CRUISE JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA MARCH 27 - APRIL 10, 2022

“FIFTEEN DAYS..FOURTEEN NIGHTS VISITING “9” PORTS OF CALL IN “2” COUNTRIES ABOARD CELEBRITIES 5 STAR SHIP “**SOLSTICE**”, TOKYO (YOKOHAMA), JAPAN....MT FUJI (SHIMIZU), JAPAN, KOBE, JAPAN, KOCHI, JAPAN....HIROSHIMA, JAPAN, NAGASAKI, JAPAN.....BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA...HAKODATE, JAPAN, AOMORI, JAPAN.....AND TOKYO OVERNIGHT ABOARD SHIP.

20 PEOPLE BOOKED TO DATE.

MMC WEB SITE CONTAINS FLYERS WITH DETAILED INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORMS FOR EACH CRUISE.

THE MMC “49th” CRUISE AMAWATERWAYS “MAGNA ON THE DANUBE” NOVEMBER 3 - 10, 2021

EMBARK ON A **7NIGHT RIVER CRUISE** ABOARD THE **MAGNIFICENT AMAMAGNA** FROM BUDAPEST, HUNGARY TO VILSHOFEN, GERMANY. VISITING --- BUDAPEST-----BRATISLAVA----- VIENNA-----KREMS-----LINZ----- PASSAU-----VILSHOFEN.

THE “**AMAMAGNA**” LARGEST SHIP SAILING DANUBE (BUILT 2019) LARGE BALCONY, UNLIMITED WINES, ELEGANT ACCOMMODATIONS.

14 PEOPLE BOOKED TO DATE. FLYER CONTAINS INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORM.

THE MMC “50th” CRUISE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND OCTOBER 22 - November 3, 2022

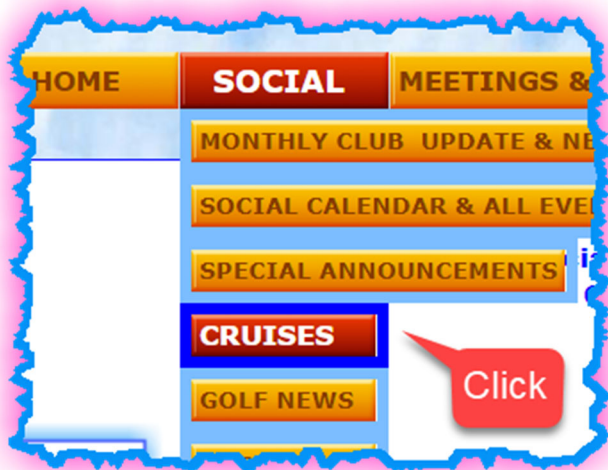
ABOARD CELEBRITIES 5 STAR SHIP, **THE ECLIPSE**, 15 DAYS, 14 NIGHTS VISITING 7 PORTS, “2” NIGHTS HOTEL TO ENJOY SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA TOURING SYDNEY AND THE COUNTRY, ON CLUB’S PRIVATE COACH. **THREE FREE CELEBRITY PERKS.**

THE CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE, SHIP GRATUITIES AND WI-FI. GUEST BOOKING SPACE BY JUNE 20, 2021, RECEIVE A CELEBRITY EARLY BOOKING BONUS PERK FOR A \$300 STATEROOM ON-BOARD CREDIT. SPEND ABOARD AS ONE WISHES!!

Please go to the MMC Website & use the Dropdown Menu, available on almost every page, for all the latest information on MMC **CRUISES**.

...or follow this link:

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Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

There will be no guest speaker at the June and July General Meetings.

Proposed Speakers for the coming year:

Geoff Fahringer: Situation Awareness

Craig Keeling: Nuclear Armament

Dr. James Faremouth: Medical Marijuana

Darcie Guerin: Understanding Finances

This is all tentative given start-up date and their schedules.

Peter Piro

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Golf News

Bob Winterhalter, Golf Chair
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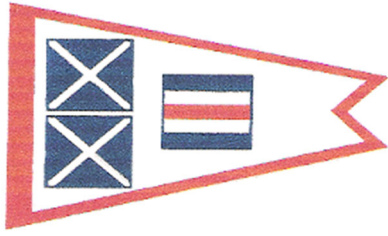
I would like to thank **Ron Bales** and **Ron Kelley** our May Monday and Friday coordinators.

As you can see below our most urgent need is a **July Friday Coordinator**, if we want to play golf then. If you can only help out for the 1st two weeks, I can arrange the rest of the month.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SPRING/SUMMER 2021

June	Monday	Mike Mueller	mikemfla@icloud.com	239-272-8695
June	Friday	Frank Sroka	fsroka74@gmail.com	239-272-4328
July	Monday	Tom McCullough	tamccullough@comcast.net	239-970-2088
July	Friday	need volunteer soon		
August	Monday	Bob Boland	RLBoland@comcast.net	239-595-8780
August	Friday	Chris Hansen	chrishansen16@icloud.com	630-674-5565
September	Monday	Bob Hansen	rhansen4@aol.com	239-394-7775
September	Friday	Tony Tomassone	tonytom_52@msn.com	610-937-2324
October	Monday	Bob Phelan	bobjphelan1@gmail.com	239-272-4820
October	Friday	Bob Winterhalter	robertswinterhalter@gmail.com	239-389-0825

Bob Winterhalter



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