



ARBOR TRACE



TOWER POINTE
AT ARBOR TRACE

The Arbor Trace Revue

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Jim and Babs Brock 2-306



Jim, a native of Norfolk, VA, met Babs, a Navy junior, whose father was stationed in Norfolk during the fifties. Babs had graduated from Mary Washington College, and met this sailor of a different sort — one who actually sailed sailboats and

raced them on the Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes and the Bahamas. Jim received his degree from Old Dominion. After a three-year courtship, and many riotous boating mishaps and victories, they married in 1964. Sailing was a major part of their life. Jim worked for several companies in Detroit. Then they moved to Charlottesville, VA (home of UVA) and after a short stint with a small company they bought distressed rental properties, remodeled and rented them, which became a very lucrative business. They purchased a larger boat and would go on long sailing expeditions lasting eight or nine months and being cat lovers, they took them along.

How did they happen to come to Florida? They came to attend a friend's Millennium party and anchored their boat near the City Pier here in Naples. Two days later Jim was rushed to the hospital for emergency gall bladder surgery. They ended up buying a condo here (Babs says he was still on post op drugs!). They first bought in Arielle, in Pelican Marsh and later moved to Les Chateaux, also in Pelican Marsh. Shortly after settling they placed their boat in charter and three years later sold it and picked up tennis racquets.

While in Naples, both Jim and Babs became very involved with tennis, Jim played on the Pelican Marsh USTA 3.0 team that won the regionals in Daytona and went to USTA Nationals in Arizona twice. Babs also became involved in the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church as a deacon and was active in the Feed 5000 food collection program for the local needy. She also did volunteer work for the Junior Leagues of Detroit and Norfolk VA. Babs and Jim are still getting settled in their condo, along with their current rescue cats, Stella and Malta. Jim has already joined the pickleball brigade and is an outstanding player especially at the net where he is deadly with his quick reflexes and long arms. As a couple, they are very social, energetic and lively, and will fit in beautifully with the many activities here at Arbor Trace.

- Mary DePrisco

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MARY (FREDI) VERDESCA T-1403



At age 12, "Mary" and several tomboy girlfriends adopted non-feminine names. She was then Fredi and has remained so ever since. She was born and raised in Somerset, southeastern MA; She went to college at Massachusetts College of Art in Boston and found her first job at Filene's as a fashion illustrator.

Fredi married Edward in Boston and they lived in Detroit, Dallas and Los Angeles. With their two boys, 1 dog, 1 cat they traveled the country in a motor home and found Naples in 1970. They lived in the Moorings for 25 years and their daughter was born there. Then Gulfshore Blvd and Cove Towers before she came here.

In 1972 they purchased a small shop and upgraded it. It grew over 40 years to 17 shops. Those of us who have lived in Naples for some years know their beautiful shops as "Jami's", named for their two sons, Jay and Michael. Men's clothing was included for some years but they learned that men don't shop!

They retired almost 6 years ago and actually chose Arbor Trace as a future home 5 years ago. But Edward became ill and together they couldn't move. He passed away last April and she found an opening. So here she is at last.

She is very enthusiastic about our activities and wants to do chair yoga, art, lectures and the book club. She loves our food.

Enjoy many years here Fredi.

-Merle Bauser



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Director's Notes:

Congratulations to the following residents who were elected to the Arbor Trace Condominium Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on January 15, 2020. Carole Armstrong and Blake Lynch were each elected for a two-Year term. For 2020, Bill Foote will serve as President, Virginia Govoni as Vice President, Marion McKee as Secretary, and Carole Armstrong as Treasurer. A special thank you to Lou DePrisco and Kit Carson for their past service on the Arbor Trace Board. Tower Pointe will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020, to elect its new members. I will post the results in the March newsletter because the deadline for this article is January 20th.



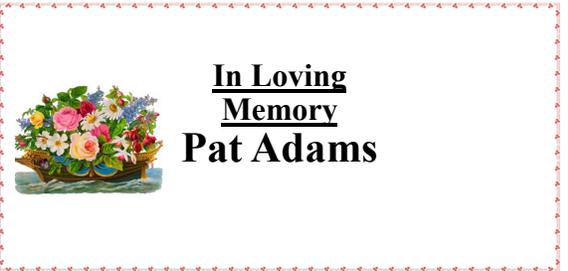
In addition to the Condominium Boards changing, The Tower Trace LLC Board also elected new officers for 2020. We welcomed Bill Fischer who replaced Bob Chambers as a new Manager to the board. Earle Gates was nominated to be the new President, Dr. Mayer Schwartz was nominated as Vice President, Bill Fischer was nominated as the new Secretary, and Ginny Dill will remain the Treasurer. Thank you, to Bob Chambers for his past years of service on the Tower Trace Board.

Now that the Holidays are over, we will once again begin our Arbor Glen tours in February for our residents who want to learn more about Arbor Glen. The tour will be on the third Wednesday of the month on the 19th at 10:00 am. Please sign up with Jody at the front desk as the group will be limited to eight residents. Don't worry if this date fills up because we will continue these tours every month on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am, until there is no longer a need. Hope to see you there.

Just a reminder to residents especially to the newer residents to please keep your doors unlocked between 5:30 -6:00 pm when expecting a meal delivery. The delivery person will knock and then enter to deliver your dinners. This will help speed up the delivery process and help ensure that the meals will be delivered warm and not cold. In closing, there has been a lot of confusion about when complementary alcoholic beverages are served in the Colonnade Room. Complementary Alcoholic Beverages will be served at management cocktail parties, holidays, and some special events only. On all other evenings you may bring your own alcoholic beverages. You may also bring your own wine, two bottles at a time and we will put your name on the bottles and store it for you for future use.

Yours truly,

Kevin J Cooney
Executive Director



Colonnade Room Etiquette

- It is required for all gentlemen, including guests, to wear a sport coat in the Colonnade Dining Room. No shorts are permitted for dinner or brunch.
- Reservations **MUST** be made for **ALL** Dining Room seatings. To make your reservation call 598-2929.
- **HOLIDAYS & COCKTAIL PARTIES:** Reservations must be finalized 2 days prior to event to ensure accommodations. Failure to make a reservation will result in delayed service or possible non-admittance.

*Daily standing reservations do not apply for parties or holidays.





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February Calendar Notes

Sunday, February 2nd: It's Superbowl Sunday! Please sign up for this event at the Gathering Place by turning in your money to the Purdy/Mills folder in the Tower Pointe. The party begins at 5:30pm!

Tuesday, February 4th: Ann Fisher will host the Care Support Group in the Clubhouse Conference Room at 1pm. Please join us if you could use some support.

Friday, February 7th: We are delighted to welcome Pianist Fred Moyer back today to perform at the Top of the Pointe at 3pm. With his special projector, come see his hands as they amaze us with his amazing talent. The bus takes off for the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre for "Grumpy Old Men" at 4:30pm for those signed up to go.

Tuesday, February 11th: Ladies Bible Study will be meeting today at 2pm in the Clubhouse Conference Room. All ladies are welcome to join in! Great Decisions starts today at 2:30pm in the Gathering Place to discuss the first topic, Climate Change. For those signed up, please read your book prior to class.

Friday, February 14th: Grab your sweetie or your friend and come enjoy an evening of fun at the Valentine's Day Management Party in the Colonnade starting at 5:30pm. Please make reservations at the Clubhouse.

Monday, February 17th: We will be wishing all our residents with a February Birthday a special birthday and blessings for a great new year at 5:30pm in the Colonnade. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, February 19th: Start your morning out right with a walk! Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:30am, and join our Blue Zones Walking Group! Sign up to participate in the Arbor Glen Tour at the front desk at 10am. The Arbor Trace Condo Association will gather at 3pm in the Clubhouse Activity Room for the monthly meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, February 20th: Join us for Signature Lunch today at noon in the Colonnade. Please make reservations at the Clubhouse.

Friday, February 21st: ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) is heading out at 11:45am for a fantastic lunch. Please reserve your seat on the bus at the Clubhouse as soon as you receive this newsletter. Book Club meets at 1pm today in the Gathering Place to discuss *The Girl with Seven Names*, by Lee Hyeonseon.

Monday, February 24th: At 11:15, we are taking off to enjoy an afternoon at a baseball game. Come and join us as we cheer for either the Twins or the Red Sox! Please sign up at the Clubhouse.

Tuesday, February 25th: Enjoy the Mardi Gras Management Party in the Colonnade starting at 5:30pm today on "Fat Tuesday." Please make reservations at the Clubhouse if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, February 26th: Document shredding services will be available to everyone today courtesy of your respective condo associations. Tower Pointe residents can discard any unwanted papers from 10-11am in the Tower Lobby, while Arbor Trace residents can bring their papers to the Clubhouse Parking lot from 11am-12pm.

Thursday, February 27th: All Tower Pointe Condo Association members are invited to attend the monthly meeting in the Gathering Place at 10:00am.

Friday, February 28th: Our thrifty shoppers will take off at 10:45am for a day of hunting for treasures and a quick stop for lunch. Please sign up at the Clubhouse if interested. At 4:30pm, join us at the Top of the Pointe for a treat as the Dixieland Band Performs, featuring our very own Marty Krebs. Refreshments will be served. The bus will depart for The Artis Naples at 7:20pm for the next show in the Pops Series.



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New Year's Eve Bash

We rang in 2020 with lots of fun, dancing and bubbly!

- Sandy Steinbach



Reminder:
Valentine's Day
Management Cocktail Party Buffet
Friday, February 14th
*** Reservations Required**



Join us for a Mardi Gras Celebration
Management Cocktail Party Buffet
February 25th
*** Reservations Required**



Enjoy the Outdoors

This is such a wonderful time of year to enjoy the outdoors! On a typical Wednesday morning you can find folks playing tennis, putting on the green, or walking together! Look in the calendar of events to find the times, and come enjoy nature with us!

~Elsa McAvoy



Wii Bowling

Come join us for Wii bowling. We play on Tuesdays at 3:00 and on Saturdays at 1:30 in the clubhouse. We would love more company. No experience is necessary, just a great time to be together, cheering each other on. See you at the lanes!

- Peter Burwell





Christmas Eve Party in Arbor Glen

Christmas Eve was special for the residents in Arbor Glen. We had a lovely Christmas Eve party with a wonderful array of buffet food, champagne, desserts and a lot of laughs. But the best part about it was being together!

- Cheryl Gregson



Tower Pointe—White Elephant Party

“I want the two beautiful necklaces” was heard several times on the 9th of January on the 17th floor of the Tower. The annual “White Elephant Party” was a fun filled evening at which anyone who brought a wrapped present, could choose a gift from a large selection displayed on the festive gift table. After a “chooser” is called up to the selection table and opens his choice he can decide if he prefers a gift that someone else has already opened. So bottles of wine, Godiva Chocolates, a small purse and a yoga mat were some of the popular items that traveled around the room. In addition to the gifts, the crowd enjoyed so many delicious platters of food and desserts made by the residents. Many thanks to all the “Tower Chefs” for a great meal and to our “Tower Friends” for coming out to join in a happy evening of fun and laughter.

- Julie Egenberg



Barbershop Chorus

We were delighted to welcome the Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus Friday, January 17th at the Top of the Pointe. With a full house, they took us down a great musical road featuring some of our favorite songs, and a few they made into parodies, like “Summertime.” The joy of singing radiated off of these gentlemen and brought smiles to our faces. What a great afternoon!

- Sandy Steinbach

R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

WOW! We had 30 join us for our Jan 17th lunch at The Country Club of Naples. We arrived & were met by Olivia the Food & Beverage Mgr who directed us to our private dining room which overlooked the golf course. We were served our drinks while I introduced Mayer Schwartz as a first timer. I then reported the winner of our college championship pool, Frank Duane. We were served our lunch & it became very quiet.

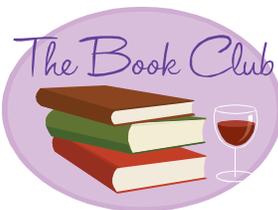
After lunch we had our raffle drawing. Manny Cabezas won the lunch donated by Jennifer Hoops from the R.E. office for the 6th time. Lou Knouse won a large bottle of wine donated by the Country Club. The lucky \$\$ money winners were Bob Boyden, Harvey Greenbaum & Dan Kellogg. The next ROMEO lunch will be on Friday Feb. 21st at the Barefoot Beach Club.

- Bob Bortz

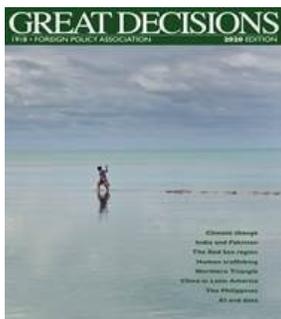


Let's go out to the Ball Game

We will be going to a baseball game between the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox at the Hammond Stadium in Ft. Myers Monday, February 24th. Our seats will have a great home plate view! The bus leaves at 11:15am and will cost \$23 per person. Come enjoy a great afternoon with us!



BOOK NEWS: “Where the Crawdads Sing” enticed a large number of readers to January’s book discussion. Our facilitator, Jan Grunewald, kicked it off and most joined in, highlighting different parts and themes of the book. Overall, the book got high marks; a few thought it was “just okay”. Alice Krebs will lead discussion of February’s, “The Girl With Seven Names” by Hyeonsoo Lee--a very different tale than we have shared recently. **All are invited: February 21, 1:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Place. Looking for good reads? Some recommended by other readers: “Seasons of Real Florida” by Klinkenberg and “A Corporal’s War” by Hayton.



Great Decisions 2020

We are looking forward to a new year of exchanging ideas together! The Foreign Policy

Association has released the topics for the 2020 class, which reflect the current topics of the world that are important to all of us. Please sign up at the Clubhouse if you would like to participate in this class, beginning Tuesday, February 11th at 2:30pm in the Gathering Place, and running each Tuesday, through March 31st. The beginning of each session we start with a 15 minute video which provides an expert view on each topic. Next we discuss the topic in detail as a group. Everyone brings their personal stories that you have gathered through your lives, which enriches our understanding of the topic.

The topics for 2020 are:

- *Climate Change and the Global Order
- *India and Pakistan
- *Red Sea Security
- *Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- *U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
- *China’s Road into Latin America
- *The Philippines and the U.S.
- *Artificial Intelligence and Data

Shredding Service

Dispose of your unwanted important papers and avoid Identity Theft.



On February 26th the shredding truck will be:
Between 10 am and 11 am— Tower Pointe Front Door
Between 11 am and Noon—Arbor Trace Clubhouse

Please bring your items during this time. This service is provided by your Condo Associations.



Spotlight: Arbor Glen

Arbor Glen has a wealth of services for the Arbor Trace community, with 24 hour nursing staff, its own dining room, with three dietician approved meals per day, and a wealth of activities. We have a plan to fit every need, from monthly contracts to short term respite stays.

Come see what we have to offer. Tours will be conducted, February 19th at 10am. Please sign up with the Clubhouse. Private tours may be set up by calling 239-598-2929.

- Jamie Scherer

Arbor Pointe Foundation Celebration

Come join us in the Colonnade Room on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm, as we celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Arbor Pointe Foundation. For those who don’t know, the Foundation was formed in 2015, as a not for profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of our employees by helping with education expenses and financial hardship situations. Over the past five years, the Foundation has awarded twenty-one college scholarships to deserving employees. We have also helped eight employees who have suffered a severe financial hardship through no fault of their own. Come and enjoy wine and hors d’oeuvres with the Foundation Board and hear more about how you can help us further our mission and continue to help those employees who are in need.

- Dan Edenfield

Reminder: Direct Phone Numbers

- Nick Hoops: For Condo or Grounds Issues 438-4685
- Donna Skroski: Housekeeping or Laundry Issues: 438-4681
- Dale Carnes: Maintenance issues: 438-4686 (Regular Work orders still go through Becky and Jody)
- Shannon Fitzgerald: Transportation to and from Clubhouse: 438-4656

Valentine Sudoku

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