



ARBOR TRACE

The Arbor Trace Revue

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TOWER POINTE
AT ARBOR TRACE



JACK KELLER (a.k.a. Mr. Wonderful) 9-201

Jack was born in Williamstown, NJ and grew up loving sports, especially playing baseball. His first job (not kidding) was spending 18 mo. in Greenland working for RCA tracking radar, then he went on to work for RCA in Antigua and Cape Canaveral, FL.



He met his wife Betty in NJ and they married in 1963. They have two children, Trish and Jay, who both live in Raleigh, NC. Betty was a Realtor for many years and also an interior decorator. Jack was a N.J. State Trooper for 26 years retiring with the honor of having the most attending his party than ever in previous history. After that career, Jack managed distribution at a large wholesale florist in NJ for 4 years. He and Betty then moved to Lake Gaston, NC where they enjoyed boating and fishing. Jack managed and sold boats at a large marina there for 10 years.

They moved to Naples to Island Walk for the same reason we all moved here – it's Paradise. Not to be idle, Jack kept busy with navigating the boat at the Naples Zoo monkey island, driving the tram at Pelican Bay and working in security for 10 years for a Port Royal billionaire.

The love of his life Betty died in 2017 of Lewy Body Dementia. Jack felt lost without her. They had been married for 53 years. Jack began volunteering for the Alzheimer's Support Network of Naples helping to lead their Gentleman's Club.

He decided to try meeting someone new on match.com, which is how he met Joan Millon 5 years ago. She had also lost her husband Bruce of 41 years to dementia. They fell in love and had a commitment ceremony in 2019, and now both live in Arbor Trace.

Jack says of Arbor Trace, "The feeling of living here is so special, so warm." He looks forward to our excellent dining, ROMEO, swimming and he would like to start a poker group. And, if you have not already met Jack, be prepared as he always carries cookies as his way of saying hello.

- Joan Millon

BARBARA AND JIM BONGARD TP- 1108

Both Barbara and Jim grew up outside Philadelphia but met on a blind date in Cape May Pt., NJ. Barbara is a graduate of Wilson College and Jim of Villanova. They were married in Media, PA in 1968. They moved to Memphis in 1977 where Jim worked for a company involved in heavy transport of nuclear components.



Barbara was a K and 3rd grade teacher in Memphis at a private school which was a position she loved. Jim was also with FedEx and then Memphis P and L. Jim is a writer and used those skills in his different careers. He is a four time cancer survivor!

They have three children – a son in San Diego who is a senior computer engineer and two daughters. One daughter is a teacher in Ohio who has given them three grandsons. The other lives in Stewart, FL and has a dog who has become Barbara and Jim's Grandpup. She works in customer service managing doctors and the scripts they write for patients.

Barbara's parents retired and lived in Naples for over 20 yrs. so this area was a natural choice for Barbara and Jim to retire to. They first lived in Bonita Springs for 14 years in a home they bought from Barbara's brother. They found out about Arbor Trace from a woman Barbara volunteered with at St. John's Thrift Shop. And, like most of us, they looked at other retirement communities but none compared to Arbor Trace. They wanted to own their home, they liked the idea of having Arbor Glen right here and they wanted a beautiful view.

Barbara is a member of the Naples Quilt Guild, and as a guild member she makes quilts for the Children's Advocacy Center. Jim is a member of the Order of St. Luke which is a non-denominational prayer and healing organization. He hopes to start a Bible study here. He is also an avid Eagle's fan. They are both very happy they picked Arbor Trace where they find everyone so helpful and friendly.

- Joan Millon

Notes from the Director:



The Holidays are here, and a new year will be here before we know it. I'd like to talk about when residents get down to the last month of the year and then suddenly realize they have more meals left on their account than they can possibly use. The maximum number of takeout meals allowed per household, per evening will be six meals. We hope that everyone understands the rationale behind this policy as we try to offer the highest quality food and service.

As with previous years please look out for the Holiday Reservation form. Reservations for the dates listed will only be made with the form. No phone or email reservations available for those dates. Please make sure you are letting your guests know of our dress code policies for the dining room. The Colonnade requires a men's jacket for patrons 16 years and older on Saturday, Sunday, Cocktail Parties and Holidays. Everyday men are expected to wear collared shirts and slacks. Women are expected to dress appropriately in blouses, slacks, skirts or dresses. T-shirts, cut offs, ripped jeans and shorts are not permissible in the Colonnade room, including when picking up dinner. Also, note it is the unit owners responsibility to make sure all guests are dressed appropriately to avoid embarrassment or being turned away.

While we are on the subject of Food Service, I would like to take this opportunity to explain how meals work. January 1st of each year you receive your fully allotted meals for the year. The Accounting department bills you on a per month basis, instead of all at once. This is so you get the benefit of having all your meals to use as you like but also are not paying a large amount at one time. Meals are reconciled on a daily basis and then a Patron Activity Statement accompanies your Management invoice. The end of the year is where things get tricky... We bill on the 25th of each month and December 25th-December 31st ends up on your February statement, meaning if you ran out of meals you will incur charges on the February bill. Your Patron Activity Statement gives you the dates you were in the dining room and a table number (or pick up/delivery spot). At the end of the report there is an ending balance and Resident meals, which tells you how many meals you have left for the remainder of the year. Meals do not roll over, unless it is your first year here.

The Arbor Pointe Management Board met and discussed the fees for the 2023 operating budget. APM will be increasing the base fee by \$100.00 this year from \$1,250 to \$1,350. Also, going forward in 2023 the second person fee will increase from \$300 to \$350. The meal fee will remain at \$20.00 per meal.

In closing, our annual "Employee Appreciation Awards Ceremony" will be held on Thursday, December 8th in the Colonnade dining room at 2:30 pm. We hope to see everyone come out to cheer on the staff. Please note there will be no lunch on Thursday, December 8th to accommodate for the party.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whitten
Executive Director



In Remembrance:
Leslie Tanner

December Calendar Notes

Exercise Opportunities

- *Sandy's Exercise on Channel 99
- *M/W/F at 10:30 am Top of the Pointe Chair Yoga
- *Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 am & 10:15 am Aquacise at the Swimming Pool
- *Pickleball Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays at 8:00 am
- *The Blue Zones Walking Group meets every Wednesday at 9:00 am in front of the Clubhouse for an enjoyable walk
- *The gym at Tower Pointe is open to all residents and their guests

Ladies, join us today at 9:00 am and each Wednesday morning for a time of coffee, tea, and conversation in the Gathering Place.

The Colonnade will host Signature Lunch, featuring a lunch buffet and music on Thursday, December 1st at noon. Sign up in the Dining Room.

Friday, December 2nd come get in the Holiday spirit as we light the Christmas Tree with the Arbor Lake Chorus at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse Lobby.

Thursday, December 8th come give all of our employees a round of applause at our annual Employee Appreciation Party at 2:30 pm in the Colonnade. Refreshments will be served. (No lunch service today in lieu of the afternoon party)

Friday, December 9th sign up at the Clubhouse to join in a fun Christmas earring making session at 10:00 am with Maureen Nedved. For only \$5 you can make 2 beautiful sets of earrings to enjoy throughout the month! The New Chorale of SW Florida will perform in the Top of the Pointe at 4:00 pm, so come enjoy their Holiday program. The car will depart at 6:15 and 7:20 pm for the next Artis Naples performance from the Artis Series of the season. Please sign up at the Clubhouse if you need a ride to the show!

The December Birthday Party for all residents celebrating their birthday. Please RSVP to the Clubhouse Front Desk.

The December Management Party will take place on Wednesday, December 14th, with a Holiday theme! Come enjoy an open bar at 5:30 pm followed by a tasty dinner buffet and some great music to enjoy! Dress to impress!

Fred and Elsa Katz return Thursday, December 15th with a Holiday music lecture so join in the fun at 2 pm

On Friday, December 16th, the ROMEO guys are invited to enjoy a lunch outing. Please sign up at the Clubhouse. The Book Club also meets Friday, December 16th in the Gathering Place, at 1 pm so come join us.

For those celebrating Hannukah, let's join together on Thursday, December 22nd to dine together and share memories and traditions at 5:30 pm. Reservations Required.

For those celebrating Christmas, enjoy brunch today at 11:30 am or 2:00 pm. Reservations are required. Monday, December 26th, we will start the morning with Catholic Mass at 10 am in the Clubhouse Activity Room for anyone who would like to participate.

The Care Support Group, facilitated by Ann Fisher, will be meeting at 1 pm in the Clubhouse Activity Room December 6th and the 20th.

All Arbor Trace Condo Association members are invited to join the meeting on Wednesday, December 14th at 3 pm in the Clubhouse Activity Room. All Tower Pointe Condo Association members are invited to join the meeting on Thursday, December 15th at 10 am in the Gathering Place.

Halloween Party



50's and 60's Party



Veterans Day



What a wonderful celebration honoring all our Veterans. Our community partner, Avow Hospice came to assist in a beautiful, heartfelt pinning ceremony. Thank you all for your service. We are blessed to have you in our community!

- Sandy Steinbach



Golfers & Non-Golfers

How about coming out to the golf course next to the Clubhouse for one of our weekly putting Opens? We tee off at 9 am each Wednesday for two rounds of nine holes each. We have the clubs, balls, coffee and cookies. All you need to do is show up with a quarter for the greens fee. Men & women are invited! Individual handicaps are calculated to level the playing field. There is, however, a penalty for any profanity (one stroke).

Give it a try, it's a lot of (frustrating) fun! - Bruce Stryker (PGA #90)



The Best Christmas Ever



Think of all the memories you have of Christmases over the years --- of Christmas trees trimmed, of cookies baked and eaten, of Christmas carols sung. Was there a Christmas that was the best memory of all? I asked several friends who related these stories. Marilyn Wlodychak's son Steven loved books. When in first grade he visited the local library across from his school and told the librarian he would like to have a library card for his father. He took the card home, wrapped it, and gave it to his father Christmas morning, "I really know you're going to like this, Dad." And he did. The local newspaper published the story.

Dr. Greg Peterson remembered all past Christmases as wonderful while Karen Marrale said her best Christmas was when she received the gift of her faith.

Sandy Grady's story was of Christmas Eve in 1969 when their beloved golden retriever Patty decided to have her puppies. This excitement was in addition to Sandy giving birth two months earlier to her fourth child, Jim. It was a snowy night and the vet couldn't get there, so the family helped deliver nine healthy puppies. They named them after the reindeer, Dasher, Dancer Prancer, ending with the last, not Rudolph but Nicholas.

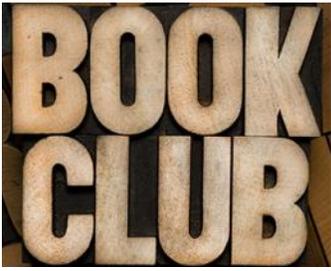
My best Christmas gift arrived when I was twelve years old, a beautiful silver and blue two-wheeler. I was thrilled. As a country girl, those wheels gave me the freedom to have many adventures with my best friend, Nancy. It was the best of gifts until years later when I gave birth to my oldest son, Tom on December 23, 1958. Now that was and is the best possible Christmas gift ever! - Shirley Woolaway

Toys for Tots

Last year the residents and staff of Arbor Trace donated a record number of toys to be distributed by the Salvation Army to the children of Collier County. Your kindness put smiles on the faces of many young people-thank you so very much!

The Toys for Tots collection boxes are already out in the Clubhouse lobby and by the Concierge desk in the Tower. If you have not yet put a toy in the box, please shop today and give the gift of joy to a young child this season. Just think what getting a new toy this Christmas could mean to a child who lost everything in Hurricane Ian. When shopping please remember the children who are a little older. They particularly enjoy sports equipment, make up kits, board games, art supplies, puzzles, books, back packs and small purses. Again, many thanks to the generous people of Arbor Trace! - Julie Egenberg





BOOK DISCUSSION AND BOOKS: Book discussions continue every third Friday at 1:00 pm in the Tower Gathering Place. It has been fun meeting with all our neighbors, making new friends and, of course, having lively discussions about a variety of books from month to month. Coming up: “West With Giraffes” by Linda Rutledge in December and in January “The Indigo Girl” by Natasha Boyd. Check with Sandy Steinbach or Karen Sexton for more info—or if you want some help finding a book. And....do visit our two libraries. If you’ve not checked them out already, you will probably be pleased with the number and variety of books you’ll find as well as what pleasant spots they are, thanks to our busy and faithful library committees.

CAM Corner

As a community, we share a *common interest* to maintain and improve the appearance and lifestyle of our community. Virtually no single person can do this by themselves that is why the Association hires skilled staff members. In addition, Condominium Associations, by design, encourage residents of the community to share in the development and operations of the community by serving as a Director on the Board or a Committee Member.

How can you help the Arbor Trace community? What are you good at? What experience do you have? What is your sphere of influence? What are you most heartbroken over? These are all good questions that volunteers ponder. By volunteering in our community, it makes you feel good about your contribution and appreciate more what others are doing behind the scenes to help the community.

By now, all residents should have received the First Notice of the Annual Meeting in the mail. In the notice, there is a call for volunteers as an elected Board Member. If you would like to run for the Board, please return the “Notice of Intent To Be A Candidate For The Board Of Directors” and an Information Sheet prior to the deadline:

- Arbor Trace – December 8th
- Tower Pointe – December 16th

Those interested in serving, as a volunteer, on a committee, should send the Community Association Manager an Information Sheet about their skills, experience and what committee aligns most with their interest. This information will be forwarded to the Board of Directors who will appoint volunteers to committees.

I wish to thank you in advance for your continued support to our community. If you are currently serving in a volunteer position, I wish to acknowledge and express my gratitude for your help. If your circumstances allow you to volunteer, I welcome your contribution. Together, we can protect, preserve, and enhance our community. Mark Loewe, Community Association Manager
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Humane Society

We are once again delighted to partner with the Naples Humane Society this Holiday season. Donate some of these items to help pets stay comfortable, healthy and happy; Toys and Treats, Pet Food, Paper Towels, Pet Beds, Bath Towels, Disinfectant Wipes, Cat Litter, Disposable gloves.

Thank you for your generosity!



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Our November Romeo was held in our dining room on the 17th. The 27 men who attended had a great time catching up on world affairs & meeting new friends. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by singing God Bless America. Jerry Meyers then said grace. Jack Keller was introduced as a first timer as a resident. Following lunch we had our raffle!

Christina, our Real Estate Broker presented a luncheon certificate to the winner Lou Knouse. Bob Boyden won a wine tasting certificate from Coopers Hawk, and also won a bottle of wine donated by Rodger Lundblad. Jack Keller won a \$20 gift certificate to Goldie’s restaurant donated by David Ray, who also volunteered to drive him there. Morris Binder won a magnum of Brut Champagne donated by our kitchen. The \$\$\$ winners were Art Heigl, Jack Keller & Tod Knouse, Lou’s son. The December luncheon will be on Friday the 16th at The Imperial Country Club, because of Jack Davisson’s membership. — Bob Bortz

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