



Vegas — A Smash Hit

Thousands...well at least hundreds...went home raving about RCR'S 2012 variety show. With better lighting, a more reliable sound system and two black-suited stage assistants, who amazed everyone with their speed afoot, the show was a great success. Mention must be made of a very talented cast that kept everyone on the edge of their seat.

Thanks to the audience's generosity we were able to contribute \$1,000 and 663 food items to a local food bank.

Next year's theme will be SHOWBOAT 2013 and we love variety. Circle March 9th & 10th on your 2013 calendar. You will not want to miss it!!!

Peter Crich



Ron Cournoyer, Larry Falcone, Frank Gawkowski and Dave Jones brought back memories as the Four Seasons.



The audience cheered as the cast filled the stage at the finale.

Mary Bilheimer Remembered

Friday, February 17 was the 11th anniversary of the planting of the red berry weeping holly tree in honor of Dr. Mary Bilheimer, RCR's golf guru who gave free golf instructions to over 100 students here at the park. The plaque hung in the veranda also honors her.

In the photo a group of her former students, gathered by the putting practice area, remember her with great affection.

Maureen Norton



l-r Pat Bryson (now of King's Gate), Maureen Norton, Bev Hinds, Nancy Moffett, Elaine Rubin, Judy Poutre, Lynn Cooper and Doris Finn



News Around the Park



Regina Kelley
Activities Director

As the season draws to a close we are still very busy with our daily activities - be sure to check the April calendar for ending dates. Our Easter bunny will greet children on Saturday, April 7, 10 AM at the Bandshell. That same day is the last Pancake Breakfast of the season 7:30-9 AM; children under 12 may receive a free pancake breakfast before hunting for eggs.

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New events next season:

October 27 - Halloween Weekend - decorate your site for prizes, age group costume contests, and music by Lau-

rie Colvin.

January 19 - Hippy Reunion - bring your hippie duds and 1960's photos to show at the dance.

Don't forget to plan ahead for Senior Games registration on January 28, 29, and 30. Registration forms available online at RCR website News page. During the summer be sure to check the website for Event Show and Party dates!

It is with sadness that this will be my last month at RCR as Paul and I will move to Palm Beach County to care for ailing mothers. The Activities Office will be in the capable hands of two new directors starting in the fall.

Regina Kelley

Harmonica and Friends Show

Our very own harmonica expert extraordinaire, Tony Johnson, masterminded and diligently worked months to fine tune a wonderful evening of music and fun. We clapped to upbeat music, laughed at Tony's great jokes, answered tricky questions for harmonica prizes and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

make this last harmonica show a success: Norma Weller and her fantastic chorus; the RCR dulcimer trio: Jan Nowosad, Kaye McMillan and Jill Cross; Anne Brown and Linda Rogers for their magic on the piano; Paul Vrakas and his great ensemble; Dick Lee and Bob Townsend – our sound men; Stan Cross, technician and tape man; Jim McMillan, video camera; Lou Leedham and Dick Waughtal, photography; Marty Nowosad and his great set up crew and Bea and Stefan Haag for being funny!!!”

Bravo to all those great folks. Maybe we can entice Tony to do another show in a few years!! Oh, oh, better cover that with Gloria first!!! Anyway, we love you, Tony, and again thank you for all your efforts.

Bev Hall



Tony and Paul Vrakas Ensemble



Tony and Dulcimer Trio

The sound system was so overcome with excitement that it squawked and squeaked and finally collapsed in hilarity...fortunately at the end of the program.

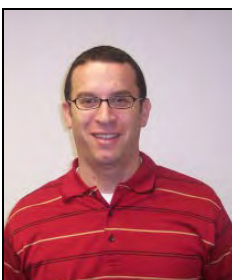
We are so fortunate to have so many talented folks who are willing to give their time for our pleasure.

In Tony's own words, "Many thanks go to those wonderful people who gave so much of their time to

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Message from the Manager



Jason Rosenberg
Park Manager

It is hard to believe that the season is almost over. I hope that each of you enjoyed the 2011/2012 season as much as we did. It is our pleasure to assist each of you and we really do look forward to our time together.

As yet, I do not have a finalized 2012 Capital Improvement Plan, but expect to have corporate input soon. I will be staying in touch with your Resident Board throughout the summer as this process unfolds.

It is imperative that pet owners keep their dogs/cats on a leash at all times--- use a muzzle as needed to prevent bites--- clean up after pets (please keep animals out of yards as it is impossible to “clean up” urine) --- keep their pets in doors if the owner(s) has to leave the resort (no animals are allowed to remain unattended)--- barking dogs must be kept quiet! As I said, we have to be more considerate and put the shoe on the other foot—think about your neighbors and their guests and how your pet can adversely impact their stay.

Remember to watch your speed in the resort!

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank my wonderful hard working staff for all of their help, long hours and never say die attitude. Each staff member frequently went beyond the call of duty, often behind the scenes and without fanfare, to make your experience as pleasurable and comfortable as possible.

As you know, the Activities Department takes a village to run and I think that Regina did an excellent job coordinating all of the events. ***Best of luck to Regina and Paul as they move on---you will always have a home here at Royal Coachman.

I would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. You have made our activities program the envy of the company---I have heard that from numerous managers. You are tireless and committed to our resort and your fellow residents and the RCR team thanks you!!! A special thank you to Gene for organizing all of the meetings.

Thank you once again and have a safe and prosperous summer. We really look forward to your return soon.

Jason Rosenberg

Residents Association News

Soon most of us will be closing up our park models, hitching up our fifth wheels or loading up our motor homes and heading north for the summer. Since the northern weather has been so extraordinarily warm this year maybe some of us will be headed back early. However it works out, on behalf of your RCR Advisory Board, I wish you happy traveling and a very enjoyable summer season. It's been a super year here at RCR and I'm sure the improvements Jason has planned for completion this summer will make the resort even better for us next year.

And, once again, I want to congratulate all the volun-

teers in the park whose tireless efforts keep the social fabric of this resort strong. Jason and his team provide the infrastructure of this resort; but, it's you volunteers that make RCR the 5 star resort it has become. So, head north and rejuvenate yourselves to be ready for the 2012-13 winter season here. I'm sure we can continue the fine traditions we have established.



Kerry Gonnam
Board President

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Anglers' Club Celebrates 6th Year

The RCR Anglers' Club celebrated its 6th year with its 5th annual season ending fish fry on Friday, March 9th, in the Pavilion. 24 members and their guests enjoyed fried fish, onion rings, hush puppies, and accompanying pot luck. The club had enjoyed 4 successful charters this past year and is looking forward to next year. Awards were given to Carol Santini as Angler of the Year and Cleve Crossman as the “Go to Guy”. Anyone interested in joining the club next year can contact one of the officers: Norm Jung, President; Fred Paulus, Vice President; or Carol Santini, Secretary-Treasurer.

Kerry Gonnam





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RCR Red Hatters Invade the Keys

At 7:00 AM on March 14 some 15 RCR Red Hat Jamboree members, including 5 spouses in tow, boarded the Key West Express in Fort Myers bound for Key West. The ship departed at 8:00 and it was smooth sailing for the four hour trip south. We played cards, made new friends, watched movies, and some of us even entertained others.



Docking around noon, we eventually found the shuttles that delivered us to our various lodgings. We took time to freshen up then boarded the Old Town Trolley for a tour of Key West and a search for a good restaurant; we found the Red Fish, Blue Fish. We continued the trolley tour, travelling by Smathers Beach which was jam-packed-filled with students on spring break, and arrived at Mallory Square for the “nightly sunset celebration” which happened around 7:30. The sunset was gorgeous (our Nokomis Beach sunsets are a real rival). There was much activity on Mallory Square – jugglers, musicians, and food. We took it all in, then found the shuttle for our motel where we crashed for the evening.

The next day we hopped on the Trolley, just missing a downpour and received complimentary plastic ponchos,

which we found use for again later in the day. We passed the southernmost point of the continental U.S. and after departing the shuttle, toured Hemingway’s House and Truman’s Little White House. From there we made our way to a delightful restaurant called “Kelly’s Caribbean Grill and Brewery” which serves a wonderful “doctored” lemonade. We spent the remainder of the day wandering around so much that one of us literally walked the heel off a shoe and was forced to buy a new pair.



Our final walk was to the pier where we boarded the ship at 5:00, departing at 6:00. The four hour cruise home was a rocky one. The dominoes game we had started was packed away after a bit and we all sat with barf bags in our laps. It was almost 10:30 when we docked at Fort Myers and another hour or so before we arrived back to RCR. But, rocky ride or not, would we do it again? You bet we would!

Mary Jane Franklin

Ice Cream Social

One of the things eagerly looked forward to by residents of the park is the monthly ice cream social. Grace Parker and Harlean Jordan, the only original members still working on the team, took over five years ago. Since then they have served, on an average, over 125 enthusiastic sundae makers each month, with the help of a team of volunteers.



Pictured at the recent ice cream social are: l-r Kathy Covell, Luanne Gogolin, Sharon Rautio, Grace Parker, Doris Fisher, Sue Sidelinger, Sue Rudy, Gert Bailey, Marge Jones, Harlean Jordan and Betty Sagdalen.