

## President's Message - Charlie Sell

To me, the best thing about Dolphin Cay is the people. Everyone cares about how our property looks. We have been busy this summer making repairs and improvements.

- The gatehouse has been repaired and painted for the first time since it was built. A few more improvements are coming.
- The Butterfly Garden has been cleaned up and planted with new plants. ProCare will maintain it as part of their contract.
- Roof damage from Hurricane Irma has been completed. The damage was lower than the insurance deductible, so each building and Dolphin Cay had to cover the cost of repairs.
- The hot summer and rain have been great for the weeds. ProCare is keeping up with the weeds and sod replacement.
- The beach area has been cleaned up and leveled and it is the best it has looked in many years.
- The library exterior stucco was repaired and painted.
- Boards have been replaced on the walkways and we will continue to replace as needed.
- The mangroves are scheduled to be cut beginning the end of November for those areas included this year. We use a two-year plan in the cutting of the allowed areas.
- At the suggestion of our insurance company, we will be installing some additional handrails around the property.

Dolphin Cay, along with other associations in the Bayway Alliance, signed a new agreement with Spectrum, our cable tv and Wi-Fi vendor. This will go into effect on or about October 15<sup>th</sup>. Every unit is entitled to two Spectrum cable receivers and one modem at no charge. Wi-Fi and Showtime are included. Any additional equipment outside our bulk agreement will be an additional charge to residents. To start this new billing to your existing account or if you have questions, please call Spectrum.



## Community Association Manager – Ryan Howard, LCAM

Welcome back snow birds! If you've been away for the summer, there are several

things you should do to get everything back up and running.

First, let the office know you are back and feel free to ask us if there are any changes or updates on things happening while you were away. We had a great summer and accomplished several major projects, so don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Second, check your smoke detectors, run your water on all fixtures to empty the pipes, and replace the filter in your air conditioning unit.

Finally, hurricane season does not end until November 30<sup>th</sup>. We made it through September

without a scratch, but we still have two months to go! Please be sure you've taken precautions to secure your personal belongings, needed medications, and important papers. It also cannot hurt to make sure you are properly insured.

Our full-time residents do a great job contributing to the beauty of Dolphin Cay, but we also depend on our seasonal residents to participate in the community. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

## COMINGS & GOINGS

Joanne Crotteau

Departing Residents	Unit/Lot	New Residents
Hall	A-106	Emerson
Montalto	A-607	Ferraro
Allen	B-501	Blank
Huston	C-104	Beaulieu
Kujawa	C-204	Bonsper
Brodeur	C-305	Jardon
Hill	C-309	Pino
Saunders	E-107	Saunders
Taylor	E-110	Brown
Jobe	E-306	Brown
Erwin	E-310	Spiegelfeld
Elkin	E-510	Fell
Farmer	E-601	Iannello
Cheung	G-203	MacReynolds
Britt	G-401	Allen
DeSalvo	G-504	Snyder
Mayse	G-506	Hodge



## Treasurer's Report

The most current financial report of the fiscal year 2018/2019 began April 1, 2018, and the results of operations for the 5 months ended August 31, 2018, are:

Revenue amounted to \$518,918 as compared to budget of \$514,481 or \$4,437 over budget.

Operating Expenses and Reserve Funding for the 5 months ending August 31, 2018, amounted to \$519,251 as compared to the budget of \$514,481 or \$4,770 over budget. The cause of this variance is due to the timing of the actual payment for expenses as compared to the months in which they were budgeted.

<b>As of August 31, 2018</b>	
Total Operating Cash	\$230,513
Total Other Assets	60,058
Total Reserve Cash	535,133
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$825,704</b>



Dolphin Cay Property Owners Association (DCPOA) has signed an agreement with Spectrum for a bulk renewal discount. When calling Spectrum, be sure to tell the representative that there is a new bulk agreement for your association.

The agreement includes:

- Internet with WiFi (100 mbps) including modem
- TV Select with Digi Tier 1 and 2 including 2 basic receivers
- Showtime

Call Spectrum at 855-222-0102 for questions and changes to your current service. There may be charges for other equipment or installation. Make sure to specify that you are asking for the new bulk agreement with Dolphin Cay Property Owners Association.

# COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION REPORTS

## Architectural Review Committee - Cliff Allen

A reminder to all who are planning on doing some renovations this year - **PLEASE** fill out the proper forms in the management office located in the Casino. The office has all the necessary forms.

We realize how difficult it can be to get a contractor to commit to a certain date, but we need time to go over your request **BEFORE** construction begins.

There are three signatures that are needed before your project is approved - a building or homeowner representative, an ARC representative, and someone from Property Management. Some requests may need a committee meeting to take place before the request can be answered. Please keep this in mind when submitting your forms.

Work is allowed only Monday through Friday and not on holidays or weekends. If you should have any questions about improvements or the process involved, please contact the management office.

As a reminder, if you are having work done on your home/condo and you are not here to oversee the work, **PLEASE** have a neighbor/friend check in on the job. This can greatly reduce the number of complaints sent to the office. Such things as working too late, leaving a mess in the hallways or street, etc., are very disruptive to your neighbors.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Building & Structures Committee - Chuck Grimm

This committee works with the Dolphin Cay Property Owners' Association and our Property Manager to maintain and manage all building and structural issues in our community.

Our Hurricane Irma tile roof repairs have been completed. We thank everyone for their patience in the process and we are happy to have our buildings looking so nice again.

## Governance Committee

No Report.

## Landscaping Committee - Henri Tackett

The Bromeliad garden was refurbished and refreshed this summer. It received a major cleanup around the oak tree and reduction of overgrowth including the larger *Aechea Blanchetiana* variety. For those of you who remember, the original garden was designed and established by long-time Eleuthera and Curaçao resident, Fred Wolf. He used mostly donated material from Shelby Gardens where he was a volunteer and routinely maintained the garden for many years. There are at least 18 different identified bromeliad species in the garden, but over time the larger *Aechea Blanchetiana* became the one visible from the road. Bromeliads were his passion and the intent was to add a tropical feel to the property and offset some of the more formal plantings elsewhere.

Last August Kathryn Scofield from Curacao joined the committee. As a member of the West Coast Bromeliad Society, she provided her insight and Society contacts that formulated the overall plan. The renovation became a two-phase project, the first being the major cleanup. Over the years, plants became very overcrowded and unattractive. Removing the



various overgrowth, weeds, and vines was a huge undertaking. Clearing the larger Aechmea Blanchetiana would allow for viewing the back collection, and clearing/creating paths around the plant sections would allow close-up viewing. It took many man-hours to remove the dead material around the garden and in the large oak tree.

Phase two consisted of creating two smaller front sections of several Aechmea Blanchetiana plants that were saved then replanted. Other plants were thinned out, as was the oak tree. Additional top soil was added, sod installed to fill in the bare areas, then finished with pine bark mulch. Now it's much cleaner and more manageable for ongoing maintenance. Hope you enjoy the new look.

Another area receiving a major renovation was the butterfly garden. This was just completed the end of September. After reviewing conditions over the summer, the Master Board decided it best to reestablish the area to a Florida-friendly base. Overgrown plants, fallen trees, and numerous weeds were removed plus trees and sea grapes trimmed. Our maintenance crew pressure washed and painted the wall prior to the several new plantings. The remainder received sod and appropriate areas finished with mulch. At this point, ProCare will be able to handle ongoing maintenance.

Ruth and Charles Finzer, long time Antigua residents, dedicated many years cultivating, selecting, and installing a variety of plants to the butterfly garden. The garden became a haven for many butterfly varieties. Ruth and Charlie's volunteer work and hours spent were exceptional; we will miss their devotion and commitment. The dedication plaques remain in the garden as a reminder of their long-time devotion. Future plantings will also be considered.

The Landscape Committee works to help identify and address our needs providing input to ProCare regarding ongoing maintenance and enhancements that result in our beautiful

landscape. Landscape Committee meetings are usually scheduled the third Wednesday of the month in the Library and will be posted, so feel free to attend.

## Library Report - Teresa Johnson



Passing on a good book to share with others is what it's all about. Come see what residents have donated and what we

have purchased - the collection is constantly changing.

Please continue to bring your donations to the library when they fit the posted criteria. Our small operating budget is currently spent on filling gaps in the inventory, bringing the travel section up to date, and honoring unique special requests.

Mark your calendars: The annual Festival of Reading takes place downtown on the USF campus November 17<sup>th</sup>. It's an interesting and free event to listen to authors on their inspirations while presenting new works.

I'm happy to report our team will be expanding. One can work alone in this capacity and it takes only minutes a day. Any readers interested in helping occasionally with our staffing needs at the library, please contact me.

## Social Committee - Stacy Stenholm

Almost time to say goodbye to Hurricane Season and those long wet and hot days of summer and get ready to enjoy the wonderful weather that comes this time of the year.

It has been a little quiet on the Social Committee front over the summer as a lot of

our members are away, however, we did get a few events in.

We held the last Movie Night of the season on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the movie was “The Post.”

Dolphin Cay had a Beach Cleanup on Saturday, June 30. A very special thank you to those who give back by helping to keep our coast line clean!

The Social Committee hosted a “Casual Cocktail” party on Friday, September 14, for those that enjoy our summers in Dolphin Cay. It was held in the Casino, and 20-30 residents took advantage of an awesome opportunity to meet their neighbors and make new friends.

The Social Committee has not had its “Kick-Off” meeting for next season, so there are no dates and events to share with you at this time.

The Social Committee will begin hosting movie night/bingo night the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the Casino in November. The Social Committee provides popcorn, soda, and all the set ups. Most of the movies are Blue Ray and closed captioning is provided when requested and available.

Check the flyer in your lobby or when you drive in the front gate for what’s happening that month.

The Social Committee continues to have both Men’s and Women’s Long Sleeve T-Shirts for sale for \$20.00. Contact Eileen Morello at 727-867-4872 to get yours today! We also have 10-Packs of Note Cards for \$10.00 in the Dolphin Cay Management Office.

If you would like to receive emails regarding Dolphin Cay social events and other information regarding the community, please let me know by emailing [sstenholm@aol.com](mailto:sstenholm@aol.com) and I will add you to our list. At the same time, if you currently receive the Social Committee emails and do not wish to receive them, then let me know and I will remove you from the list.

The Social Committee is always looking for new members. Call Tammy Allen at 727-866-0280 if you’d like to come and join us! I can’t

think of a more fun way to get to know your neighbors, but if the Social Committee is not your thing - Dolphin Cay has tons of other committees that can use your help, so get involved!

## **Health & Fitness Committee - Raoul Baumel**



The Fitness Center at the Casino is open daily from approximately 7am until 11pm. Please feel free to use our

equipment and updated facilities during those hours.

This is a very popular amenity with our residents and guests and we appreciate the management and maintenance staff for keeping everything tidy and in good repair.

## **The Damsels of Dolphin Cay - Mary Pat Byrne and Kathy Chucan**

The Damsels of Dolphin Cay is a social club. Joining the Damsels is a fun way to spend time with neighbors and explore our great city. Membership is open to all ladies living in Dolphin Cay and a non-member may participate one time at an event. After that, they must join the Damsels to attend future events. We have roughly 60 participants this year. Please call one of the members listed at the bottom of this article if you are interested in learning more about the group.

In April, Kate MacReynolds and Judi Donohoe hosted a docent-led tour at Sunken Gardens.



Over a century old, the Gardens “are one of the oldest

roadside tourist attractions in the United States.” The

group thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning about the history of 4 acres of botanical gardens. Kate and Judi provided an opportunity for the group to enjoy lunch afterward at Carrabba’s Italian Grill.

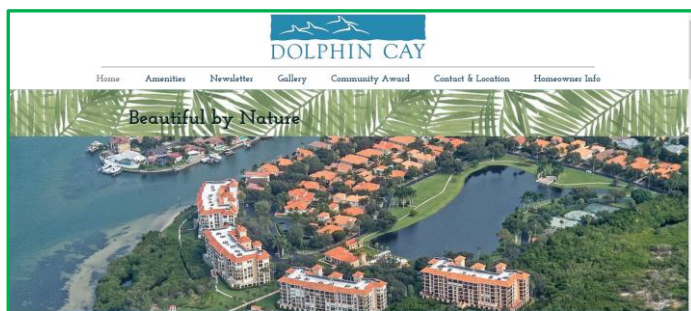


In September, Margot Woodrough invited the Damsels into her home for an information packed luncheon. We heard from one of the founders of Benchmark Botanicals and admired the hand-dyed fiber creations of an artist from Fab Fiber in Gulfport. Andrew Morgan, chef from Treasure Islands’s Middlegrounds Restaurant, prepared *Hot Browns* for the group. (*Hot Browns* are open faced sandwiches made famous by the Brown Hotel in Louisville Kentucky. Hot Browns are the traditional sandwiches served at the Kentucky Derby).



Events for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter are being planned. As always, we want to thank Lois DonCarlos (Treasurer), Stacy Stenholm (Communications), and Barbara Leone (Damsels Tears and Cheers). Damsels annual dues are only \$20.00. If you have questions, please contact Co-Chairs: Mary Pat Byrne at 312-590- 2222 or [mpbyrne2222@gmail.com](mailto:mpbyrne2222@gmail.com), or Kathy Chucan at 847-212-8980 or [kchucan@gmail.com](mailto:kchucan@gmail.com).

## Public Communications Committee - Sue Carlson



Have you checked the Dolphin Cay website lately? We post photos, **Currents by the Cay** (current and past editions), a map with a link to area information, as well as a link to the Dolphin Cay/ Condo Associates website where you can check your personal account.  
[www.dolphincay.com](http://www.dolphincay.com)

We have also added the **Dolphin Cay Resident Information Packet** and **DCPOA Contractor Rules** to the website. Please use the links to find this important information.

Please consider joining our **Currents by the Cay** volunteer staff. We are looking for help in proofreading and learning how to create our community newsletter.

## Mah Jongg - Stacy Stenholm

Mah Jongg is a Chinese game that can be played with two or three, but usually by four people. We use the National Mah Jongg league



rules and cards for the version being played in Dolphin Cay. The game is similar to playing cards, but with Chinese tiles which are collected to make winning hands.

We have a great group of ladies who play Mah Jongg on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00/4:30 in the Card Room. If you are interested in playing Mah Jongg on Tuesdays, please email Stacy Stenholm at [sstenholm@aol.com](mailto:sstenholm@aol.com), or call her at (727) 698-1766.

## NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS

### Antigua - Steve McAuliffe

I hope all of you that were touched by Hurricane Michael are safe and secure. This was an unfortunate reminder of how quickly these storms can accelerate and should never be taken lightly. Please be sure the management office has your up to date contact information.

We look forward to installing our water pressure booster pump in the next several weeks. Many have noticed a significant drop in pressure over the past years and, after a tremendous amount of due diligence, 80% of the Antigua homeowners voted that it was the right thing to do for both the residents and property values.

We are pleased to welcome Al and Karen Ferraro (607) and Dennie and Janet Emerson (106) to the Antigua family.

We wish everyone a fun and joyful holiday season. The social committee will soon be decorating our main and first floor lobbies.

### Bermuda - Henri Tackett

We welcomed new residents as we bid farewell and best wishes to some long-time residents. Departures and new residents include:

Lou and Shirley Ceci sold to Laurel Naiser; Cliff and Tammy Allen sold to Mervyn Blank (the Allens moved to Osprey G Building); and upcoming, Katie MacReynolds (moving to Osprey G Building) sold to Betty Wells (from A Building), and Jack and Elaine Biller sold to Richard and Nancy Cohen (from the D Building.)

Sadly, we lost a longtime friend and resident, Cynthia Sampson-Disotell, on October 4, 2018. She served on the Bermuda Board and Master Board for many years; she will be missed. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes go out to all those facing health and physical challenges.

We welcome those returning for the upcoming winter months. Those of us who live here year-around enjoyed some leisure trips and visits to friends and family.

Several maintenance issues were completed over the summer. Carpets were cleaned, and the marble elevator floors were polished. The garage was thoroughly pressure washed along with the lower west and north sides of the building. We're happy to report the roof tiles and soffits were finally repaired and secured after the damage from last year's hurricane Irma. In the near future, the Board will be looking into refreshing our landscape and replacing the aging artificial plants throughout the building.

We remind all residents to please check with the office for proper procedures for any updates or improvements to their units. Also, please be aware of the condition and life-span of your water heater. Damage to lower units can be disastrous, so please check your system and be sure to turn off your water on extended leaves. We appreciate everyone's co-operation, and please remember to contact the office regarding any questions or concerns.



## Curacao - Susan Kuehn

This past spring Curacao welcomed three new members to their Board of Directors - Dave Brodeur, Chuck Grimm, and Steve Kuehn, who joined Bud Hildebrand and Bob Lachnicht. A special thank you to John Daniel, Angelo Romani, and Doug Watson for their years of service.

In order to be more inclusive, committees have been formed to advise and work side-by-side; Finance, Fire, Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Social, Governance, Environmental, and Infrastructure with its sub-committees of Maintenance & Repair, Cleaning, Environmental, Landscape, and Decor & Design. Thirty percent of our owners have signed up for committees. Any Curacao resident wishing to join a committee, please contact Steve Kuehn at SLK108C@gmail.com.

We also welcomed a new cleaning company, TriGlo, with a savings of \$6,480 per year. Our new Treasurer, non-board member, Joe Ganci has moved our assets to high interest-bearing accounts which could produce an additional \$6,000 per year. Additional cost saving programs are being studied by the Finance and Infrastructure Committees.

In 2018, we welcomed Tim and Bernadine Bonsper in 204, Carol and Nelson Pino in 309, Lara and Rafael Jardon in 305, and Buzzy Beaulieu and Debra Turner in 104.

The Social Committee hosted Cocktails on the Breezeway in the summer, which was well received. More fun get togethers are planned for the fall to welcome our new residents and the return of our seasonal residents.

## Dominica - Laura Frimer

It's been a long, hot summer and we at the Dominica Building are looking forward to the return of our neighbors and the fall season.

Over the summer, we have been enjoying our newly redecorated lobby. Dominica's month-

end socials have been held in the lobby, so we can gather in our new surroundings and stay in the cool air conditioning. The socials have been great, and we look forward to moving back to the first-floor patio in October with more friends and neighbors joining in for great food and conversation.

Our recycling program needed to be modified to exclude cardboard boxes. There is not enough room in the bins to accommodate all the boxes. As a result, we are no longer accepting boxes, wine cartons, or anything larger than a cereal box in the bins. Please break down all boxes and place them in the dumpster for pick-up. Also, plastic bags are not part of the recycling program. With all residents following the guidelines, we can participate in the Pinellas County recycling program into the future.

Recently, there are lots of movements within the Dominica building. Our dear friend Taffy Annino has moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. We will miss her humor and positive spirit. Nancy and Richard Cohen will still be neighbors but are moving into the Bermuda Building.

New LED lights are being installed for better visibility and safety in the garage.

The Dominica Board reconvened in September after a summer break. Board members are getting ready for our next budget cycle starting with a workshop on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm following our regular monthly meeting that starts at 4pm. We encourage Dominica Residents to attend the workshop and meetings which we hold in the Library.

## Eleuthera, Fernandina, and Guadeloupe - Teresa Johnson

It's been a busy summer at Osprey Pointe. Our Association President reports on happenings: Osprey Drive received a fresh new center stripe after the street repairs were completed early this summer. When driving here, please be

aware of resident walkers and wildlife and do keep to the posted 15 MPH speed limit.

Roof repairs at Osprey were finally completed after hurricane Irma damage. The frames around our pool bathroom doors have been replaced and painted, and the bathroom interiors were repainted. Our outdoor benches have also received a new coat of paint.

Renovations finally slowed and allowed for a thorough carpet cleaning in our buildings. The lobby grout was also professionally cleaned over the summer.

Many thanks to our board member Don Neumann for making the LED conversion happen. All arcade and lobby lighting was updated to a clean look with LED bulbs. Further LED bulbs were added to stairwells.

A slip-reduction liquid was applied to Osprey's exterior tiled surfaces. A reminder to all residents, however, still be careful when walking on wet tiles in general.

On a personal note, Fernandina Building sadly lost three long-time residents this summer: Jean Gibson, Gloria Horan, and Suzanne Pews. Also, in Eleuthera Building, Shirley Wurts passed, and Mary Rohan in Guadeloupe Building lost her husband James Steen. They will all be truly missed and remembered by their many friends and neighbors.

The next mobile household and chemicals collection in our neighborhood is from 9-2 on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Gulfport. Left over paint? Old electronics? They accept many non-dumpster items during this free collection: Check out

[www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/PDF/mobile\\_collection\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/PDF/mobile_collection_schedule.pdf)

## Single Family Homes - Van Williams

No report.






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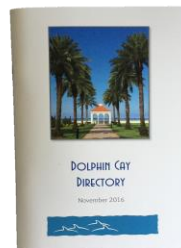
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