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Harbor Isles Community Newspaper

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#### ORGANIZATION (HIHO)

##### SOCIAL BOARD

###### Board Meeting

meets 1st Wednesday every month

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

###### General Membership Meeting

meets 2nd Thursday every month

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Jerry Chilson . . . . . President  
Term ends 3/15/25

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Term ends 3/2027

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Term ends 3/20/26

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Term ends 3/15/2025

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Term ends 3/20/2026

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Term ends 3/20/2026

Sheila McMurtrey . . . . . Director  
Term ends 3/2027

Ramona Pettit . . . . . Director  
Term ends 3/2027

Jerry Widrick . . . . . Director  
Term ends 3/15/2025

## HARBOR ISLES

### CONDOMINIUM

#### ASSOCIATION (HICA)

##### GOVERNMENT

###### Board Meetings

meets 2nd & 4th Thursday every month

9:30-11:30 AM.

Jim Spiers . . . . . President  
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Term ends 3/5/2025

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Term ends 3/5/2025



All gave some, some gave all.  
Remember them this Memorial Day.



## AMERICAN FLAG

The American flag for the month of May 2024 is being flown in honor of the fathers of Mike and Carol Waters. Walter Waters was a Marine in the Pacific during World War II. He was awarded a Purple Heart when the ship he was on was destroyed. He became a Harbor Isles resident in 1985 and passed away in 2005. Carol's father, Stanley Melton, was in the Navy for 23 years. He was a bombardier over Europe in World War II. He passed away in 1966. Mike and Carol have both been very active residents in Harbor Isles since 2008.

The American Flag at the front entrance is proudly maintained by the Harbor Isles Vet's Club. All resident Veterans are urged to join our club and be part of the activities that we enjoy. Many of our residents fly their own flags and we Veterans encourage that they be lit at night or be taken down. If anyone has a flag that is worn or tattered please contact Rick Micoli for its disposal. 941-483-6737@466 Sharks Point.

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## HIHO President's Message

It is sad that the 2023 - 2024 season is over. It went so fast and was a fun season with things back in full swing, with all the card games, bingo, bocce, pickleball, shuffleboard and more. Theater was back after a few years with "Momma Won't Fly" and all the cast and stage hands worked hard. It was a lot of laughs for all. Thank you, Gloria and Ann. All in all it was a great season and I hope everyone enjoyed it. We even added three new activities: Inter-Park Pickleball, Cornhole and Monthly Dance Party. We now have 101 activities for all to enjoy.

Please welcome the 3 new HIHO board members - Ramona Pettit, Shelia McMurtrey and Jerry Widrick. We also welcome back Susan Phillips. The new liaison assignments have been made and everyone is working hard to keep activities rolling and ready for the summer activities and the 2024 - 2025 season. All the directors are busy preparing for the 2024 - 2025 season, lining up bands for summer, fall and New Year's Eve dances and getting acquainted with their assigned activities and activity Chairpersons.

Please work with your activity liaison and make sure your activity is in the event calendar. Pat Muise is our new event scheduler. Thank you, Pat.

During the month of April pictures were taken for our new Harbor Isles photo directory. It is so nice to have a photo directory with names and pictures of our Harbor Isles neighbors. Thank you Deb Clay, Jeanie Compan, and your team for all your hard work to make this happen.

HIHO purchased a new 55" TV and mobile stand for the Rec Room, a new CD & Bluetooth speaker for pool exercise classes and new paper shredder for the HIHO office.

Wishing you all a great and safe summer.

*Jerry Chilson*  
HIHO President

## Very Grateful

As I recover from knee replacement surgery this week, I realize just how important a kind, caring, and supportive community is to my well-being. Cards, visits, food, phone calls and just general acknowledgement, makes so much difference in our outlook on life. I am blessed to live in a neighborhood of caring souls. Thank you all so much. Negotiating health care as a single person is quite a challenge. This was a big hurdle for me.

I will continue to sell HIHO MEMBERSHIPS from home, so if you or a neighbor do not have one yet, give me a call. I will be servicing the sign board, also. There are still some phone books left, so please call to get one. I will leave some in my golf cart, as usual. If you are not in the book or need to change your info, please go into the office and fill out a form.

*Pauline Morris*  
281 Harbor Isles Drive  
941-451-1524

## Letter From the Editor

Soon the community will have fewer people around. Many of us have left or will be leaving soon. Personally, I'm always sad to leave wherever I am, be it in Florida or Minnesota. Our lifestyle differs so much from place to place. In Florida, our life is centered around activities and friends here in Harbor Isles. For some of us, when we go back up north our lives are more family oriented, playing a more active part in our children's and grandchildren's lives by babysitting, attending school events and sporting activities. As I have stated before, I think that being in a community like ours helps us to live longer. Not having to hibernate in the winter's cold and snowy weather, and being able to be outside walking, doing sports, and socializing has been proven to keep a person's mind sharp. This also translates into a longer, high-quality life. So whether you're staying in Florida year-round or going north for the next few months, have a wonderful summer season.

Even though I'm several miles away, I will still be doing the Islander. The only difference is that the July & August issues are combined into one so all articles for July AND August need to be sent to me by June 12. Please call or email me if you have questions.

*Donna Lovstad, Editor*  
612-298-3600  
lovstdlj@gmail.com

## Another Successful Season

Grandmothers Club wants to THANK the Harbor Isles residents and our membership for making this season so successful. Our mission to raise money for needy children of Sarasota County is an ongoing goal. The support Harbor Isles residents gives makes this possible. We started the year with a Meet and Greet gathering and ended the year with an Appreciation Luncheon for our hard working members and board.

We accomplished many things during the season by providing hygiene items, clothing, Christmas gifts, Easter goodies, scholarships, blankets, swimming lessons, and summer camp experiences for the children. Not forgetting our wonderful sponsors we were able to provide free root beer floats, fun games and activities, delicious soups, tacos for dinner, HIHO dinner night, \$1,000 raffle and even a hunt for reindeer. Whew!! All of that in 6 months!!! Please know that we cannot do this without YOU. Our membership has grown to 76 members to date.

We would like to encourage all the lady residents of Harbor Isles to join in the fun and work! As the new president I'm excited to continue the efforts next fall. I do not want to forget our last project that is the April Undies collection for North Port Schools. Donations can be dropped off at coffee on Saturday mornings in April.

*Joyce Lee, President*  
Grandmothers Club



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## A Visit From the Bunny



On March 31st the Easter Bunny hopped into the Pavilion to brighten the day for some of our young visitors as well as many residents. Nancy Caron served her 'famous' strawberry cupcakes and Bunny, Patrick Sleigher, greeted the children who came at 3:30 and the adults who stopped by after 4:00.

Thank you to Nancy and Patrick, as well as their helpers for bringing so much sunshine into our community.

## Bocce Ball

Our 2024 Bocce season concluded with a great pizza party that was hosted by Randy and Rose Krueger and members of League Three. I felt that "A good time was had by all." The pizza was excellent, and we were treated to some wonderful donuts that were donated to the club by Jim Fawcett.

One of the highlights of the day was our annual Eight Ball Tourney. The winner of the event this year was Deb Shoquist. Lauren Comier was our runner-up and prizes were also awarded to Barb Strobel and Ramona Hill. Burt and Barb Strobel, who hosted the tourney for many years, were finally able to take part in the activity this year and they demonstrated their bocce expertise.

We were now ready to present the awards to our nine League Champions. Thirty-six players were given monetary awards for their outstanding play during the season. The final awards went to the Bocce Club champs: Diane Orav, Pat Miedlar, Gary Gould and Bob Kantz. Along with their monetary awards, they received the traditional Bocce Champions License Plate. I also want to congratulate the runners-up team: Walt and Carole Draime, Cris and Barb Harding.

Special thanks are in order for Mary McColl as she steps away from her duties as our Secretary/Treasurer. Mary has served us in this capacity for eight years. Other kudos go to Bonnie Sullivan, Booje Bussard, Matt Porter and all the volunteer flaggers for their efforts to make our Eight Ball Tourney run so smoothly.

It was a great shindig! We will do it all over again in 2025.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER**



**Pat Miedlar, Gary Gould,  
Diane Orav, and Bob Kantz**

## Follies 2025

The Harbor Isles Follies is scheduled for March 2025. We need a chairperson for this event. Rehearsals are January-March and the performances are March 8 and 9. This event is full of entertainment and laughs.

Call JoAnne Smith 941-275-3819.

Thank you.

## Thank You

We are so very thankful for the tremendous amount of love and support showered upon us since Bob's untimely accident and sudden passing. While Maine was where his heart was, he certainly enjoyed the twenty-nine years he spent here in Harbor Isles, first as a 'snowbird' and then as a Florida resident for the past several years. He thoroughly enjoyed riding his bicycle around the loop, taking care of his home and yard, daily visits to the pool and spa as well as being the official taste-tester for desserts of any kind. We appreciate every call, card, text, message, and visit. The gifts of delicious food kept us well nourished and the beautiful flowers brightened our days. We have been blessed with a plethora of wonderful memories to cherish and share. Thank you all for being part of our support team.

*Joyce, Greg, Janie Lander and families*



*Larry Sullivan  
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# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 . . . . . Natalie Pichea
- 3 . . . . . Nancy Carling
- 3 . . . . . Gary Flavell
- 3 . . . . . Ken Scaglione
- 4 . . . . . Edie DiGrazia
- 5 . . . . . Marcia Fryback
- 6 . . . . . Janet Chase
- 8 . . . . . Connie Knuth
- 8 . . . . . Dave Paulson
- 9 . . . . . Barbara Olzem
- 11 . . . . . Linda MacLaughlin
- 12 . . . . . Karen Dixon
- 15 . . . . . Jim Speirs
- 15 . . . . . Gary Poole
- 15 . . . . . Vinny DiClemente
- 16 . . . . . Rich Cudworth
- 16 . . . . . Tom Dudeck
- 17 . . . . . Alex Averse
- 17 . . . . . Beverly Chick
- 17 . . . . . Doug Westdorp
- 19 . . . . . Barb Strobel
- 21 . . . . . Linda Finsted
- 22 . . . . . Carol Scaglione
- 23 . . . . . Lowell Colbert
- 23 . . . . . Deb Wright
- 25 . . . . . Tom Kelly
- 26 . . . . . Don Barron
- 26 . . . . . Theresa Beasley
- 26 . . . . . Barb Rozek
- 26 . . . . . Jerry Smith
- 27 . . . . . Vicki Sebell
- 27 . . . . . Connie Valvano
- 29 . . . . . Bill O'Malley
- 30 . . . . . Jacqueline Grover
- 30 . . . . . Bob Nelson
- 30 . . . . . Jacqueline Grover
- 31 . . . . . Craig Carlton



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## ANNIVERSARIES

- 4, 1963 . . . . . Larry & Mary Sielken
- 5, 1962 . . . . . Sheldon & Mary Doherty
- 11, 1973 . . . . . Jerry & Diane Chilson
- 18, 1986 . . . . . Walter & Carol Draime
- 21, 1994 . . . . . Paul & Terry Schofield
- 23, 1953 . . . . . Tom & Donna Burke
- 27, 1956 . . . . . Joe & Norma LeBlanc
- 29, 1982 . . . . . Bill & Lil O'Malley



## Memorial Day Picnic



There will be a MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC with Music at the Pool.

WHEN: May 27, 2024

TIME: Noon to 2:00 pm

Music by our own Sue Phillips.

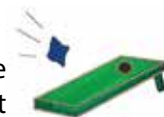
Hamburgers are on the menu.

Tickets are on Sale at Coffee or from Boojie at 85 Palm Harbor.

Call 731-437-9295.

*Boojie Bussard*

## Cornhole League



Since we started cornhole here at Harbor Isles, people have expressed a desire to have a league. I am willing to do that but have little to no knowledge about league play and how to set it up. I know there are people in the park who said they would help, and I need it!

My number is 401-282-9682. Please send a text or leave a message if you can help. We have 4 boards, bags and scoreboards.

Also, I thought we would start the league with 16 players. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in next year. I will start a list for next season. Like all leagues, we start in January and end in March. More info to follow.

*Thanks.*

*Diane Barber*

*241 Cutter Court*

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## 2024 Shuffleboard

The 2024 Harbor Isles Shuffleboard League had a fun and exciting season this year. Play started the first week in January for both the ladies and mixed leagues. A total of 10 matches were scheduled, with fierce competition between teams. There was a wonderful mix of new and experienced players on the courts every week.

The ladies league played nine matches, missing one due to rain. Connie Valvano lead her team to the first place victory this year! The team members included Connie Valvano, Kathy Chase, Cindy Dahlke, Diane Graham, Pauline Morris, Ruth Peters, Pat Worthen and Bethann Young. The ladies won 90 games and lost 70. The ladies tournament was held March 14th thru the 16th. Pat Miedlar and Nancy Carling tied for 3rd place. Gayle Perry won 2nd place. Carol Rowell won 1st place. Congratulations ladies for a job well done!

The mixed league played 8 games, two were rained out. Diane Orav's team took first place this year! Diane and her team Ken Bricault, Bob Cooper, Richard Dahlke, Gloria Kimball, Jay May, Chuck Smerdon, Roseann Toupet and Kathy

Rahm won 93 games and lost 67. The mixed league tournament was played on March 18th, 19th and 20th. William O'Malley won 3rd place. Gerry Fazio placed 2nd. First place was won by none other than Carol Rowell! Congratulations to all players! (Pictures of some of the winners are below.)

The shuffleboard party was held at the pavilion on March 28, 2024. Sixty players and guests were in attendance. Everybody enjoyed the Publix sandwiches and beautiful weather. The shuffleboard cake was a hit. All awards were presented and announcements for next year were made.

Fun shuffle will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the shuffleboard courts. If you would like to play, please be at the courts at 8:45 am.

Sign up sheets for the 2025 season for ladies, mixed, mens and a Thursday night league are at the shuffleboard courts. You can also contact Lorrie DeDomenico at 781-910-9242 to sign up. Also, if you prefer, you can email [HarborIslessshuffleboard@gmail.com](mailto:HarborIslessshuffleboard@gmail.com). Please include your name, phone number and the league you would like to play in.

*Lorrie DeDomenico*



## Daily Activities

### MONDAY

8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics-Pool  
 8:00 AM Soft Play Pickleball  
 8:30 AM Tennis  
 8:30 AM Line Dancing (Beginners)  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Ceramics-RH  
 9:00 AM Fun Shuffleboard  
 9:15 AM Line Dancing (Experienced)  
 1:00 PM Rummikub - RH  
 5:30 PM Billiards-RH  
 6:00 PM Men's Poker - RH  
 6:30 PM Pinochle - RH  
 7:00 PM Hand & Foot Cards CH

### TUESDAY

8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics-Pool  
 8:00 AM Experienced Play Pickleball  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Fabric Painting RH  
 10:00 AM Kitchen Bridge RH  
 10:00 AM Cornhole  
 1:00 PM Knitters & Hookers-RH  
 3:00 PM Bible Study RH  
 6:00 PM Bingo - CH  
 6:30 PM Pitch - RH

### WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Soft Play Pickleball  
 8:45 AM Ladies Fun Golf- The Cove  
 7:15 AM Aerobics - CH  
 8:30 AM Tennis  
 8:30 AM Line Dancing (Beginners)  
 9:00 AM Fun Shuffleboard  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:15 AM Line Dancing (Experienced)  
 9:30 AM Duplicate Bridge - RH  
 1:00 PM Army Rummy - RH  
 5:30 PM Billiards-RH  
 6:00 PM YOGA - CH  
 6:00 PM Men's Poker - RH  
 6:30 PM Bridge RH  
 6:30 PM Ladies Poker - RH

### THURSDAY

8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics-Pool  
 8:00 AM Experienced Play Pickleball  
 8:50 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Fitness Exercise  
 10:00 AM Corn Hole  
 1:00 PM Mah Jong RH  
 1:00 PM Quilting RH

### FRIDAY

7:15 AM Aerobics - CH  
 8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics - Pool  
 8:00 AM Soft Play Pickleball  
 8:30 AM Tennis  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Woodcarving-RH  
 1:00 PM Darts - RH  
 5:30 PM Billiards-RH  
 6:30 PM Euchre-CH  
 6:45 PM Cribbage-RH

### SATURDAY

8:00 AM Experienced Play Pickleball  
 8:00 AM Coffee Hour CH  
 After Coffee HICT (3rd Saturday)-RH  
 6:00 PM Fun Rummikub - RH

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5	6	7	8 9:30 am HICA Board Mtg	9 7:00 pm HIHO Member Mtg	10	11
12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 9:30 am HICA Board Mtg	23	24	25
26	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> 12:00 pm Picnic, CH	28	29	30	31	



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**Eastern Caribbean Cruise**

The 2025 Veterans Club annual cruise will be a 7 night cruise of the Eastern Caribbean from **March 2–9, 2025**. We will be cruising on the Celebrity Ascent out of Ft. Lauderdale.

Introducing their newest award-winning resort at sea, **Celebrity Ascent<sup>SM</sup>**, the fourth and most innovative ship in their highly awarded Edge<sup>®</sup> Series. **THIS SHIP IS AN EXPERIENCED CRUISER'S ULTIMATE DREAM!** Celebrity Ascent features a new concept—**4 COMPLIMENTARY RESTAURANTS INSTEAD OF 1**—each with a different featured cuisine—**American, French, Italian and Greek—and they are all FREE!** On other ships you would pay lots of additional money to take advantage of these dining options! Ascent includes all the best of their Edge Series ships, from the inviting multi-deck Sunset Bar to the open-air Rooftop Garden where two cantilevered floating pools offer breathtaking views six feet over the ship's edge. The theater features 3 new production shows that are simply amazing! Also, you won't believe what you can do if you booked an Extended Balcony cabin!

**This cruise is suited for clients who are looking for top-notch service, entertainment, exemplary cuisine and the newest High Tech innovations in the cruising industry!**

The Ascent accommodates 3,260 passengers but is small enough to make your way around yet big enough that there are lots of places to explore! In addition to luxurious ambiance, superior food quality in a host of fine restaurants and almost unlimited places to just relax and enjoy Caribbean cruising, this cruise also offers lots of "extras" to further enhance your cruising experience. **Come join us for fun in the Caribbean!**

The cruise will make stops in: **Dominican Republic, St. Thomas and St. Maarten.**

In addition to a wonderful 7 night cruise you will get all of these "extras" included:

- **Free bus service to and from the cruise** plus tips for drivers and porters (valued at over \$150 per person)! **The buses will pick up and drop off right here in H.I.!**
- **All taxes and port fees** (\$151 per person) are **pre-paid!** Others charge extra!
- **Free Classic beverage package** including all tips (valued at over \$725 per person)!
- **Complimentary Wi-Fi** (valued at \$100 per cabin)!
- **TOTAL VALUE – Over \$1,050 per person!**

**ATTENTION VETERANS:** In addition to all of the extras that are listed above, Celebrity is offering you and your spouse an additional bonus:

- **A \$25/person reduction in your cabin cost if you book an inside or oceanview cabin.**
- **A \$100/person reduction in your cabin cost if you book a balcony cabin.**

For further information please check the cruise flyers that are posted on the Veterans Club bulletin board and in the Laundry Room by the pool or you can contact me at 574-773-3045. **We currently have 70 cruisers already booked** and we ran out of our original allotment of Extended Balconies but were able to secure 10 more with a small price increase. We also have 4 Inside and 10 Oceanview cabins left! Don't miss out on this exceptional cruise!!!

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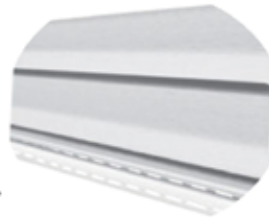


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