

THE BINNACLE

ALL THE MAIN NEWS!
OCT 2022

SPANISH MAIN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the many friends and neighbors who are returning, or planning a return, to their Spanish Main homes. I had expected to share with you benign tales of the idyllic, tranquil and mild summer here – and then Ian arrived.

For 72 fear-filled hours our homes felt in extreme peril and reports that 100 Floridians died because of the hurricane show how real that threat to us was. As you know, thousands of displaced residents just a little south of us are still struggling and our hearts go out to them.

It is difficult to celebrate our deliverance in the shadow of such loss but we can rightly celebrate the resilient spirit and kindness of our little community. The courage, energy and organization that sprang into action to secure all homes and take care of neighbors was magnificent. Our Board leadership quickly harnessed the communication resources available to keep members informed and to coordinate inspections, clean up, and insurance issues.

There are so many amazing people for us all to thank, residents and staff who pitched in diligently and selflessly with their time, expertise, ideas, and muscle!

I hope you can relax now and enjoy this issue of your Binnacle. I'm delighted to introduce your board members in their own words (pgs 2-4). And of course, we have a storm section (pg 20 & 21) along with the history of the legend that we like to believe protects us (pg 13 & 14)

Enjoy every moment in this paradise.
It's gratitude season and we have much to be thankful for.

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sincerely, Tam Morrison (editor)



From The Helm

JOAN SHERRY
BOARD PRESIDENT



Greetings Spanish Main!

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm retired and enjoy spending time with my family and friends as well as volunteering with local organizations. During my 32-year professional career, I worked for a Fortune 100 business leading both domestic and international operations. I have experience in technical operations, program management, finance, contract management, and ensuring client success. Leveraging these skills will help me address many of the issues we face as the world continues to change around us. I understand the importance of maintaining fiduciary integrity as well as responding to the needs and goals of the residents of this community. I believe in transparency and am a "straight-talker"—please don't hesitate to reach out to me with an idea, concern, or even just to chat. I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you, especially our new owners, and deepening my relationships with friends and neighbors I already have the pleasure of knowing throughout our community.

It's hard to believe that it's been nearly 25 years since we first put down roots here. Spanish Main Yacht Club (SMYC) and Longboat Key have held a special place in our hearts for more than three generations, starting with my father, who was active throughout the community. I love Spanish Main and truly believe we live in paradise.

My love for this community makes the honor of serving as the appointed President of the Board this year that much more special. I'm excited to be joined by an incredibly talented Board and group of committee members who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience coupled with immense enthusiasm to their roles. We are actively working to achieve the best outcome(s) for all who reside or work here.

Fundamental to our success is the need to listen intently, work together, and recognize the greater good for all. I encourage you to share your ideas and get involved, either through committee participation or by attending our community events.

Whether you live here full-time or visit seasonally, we all get to share in enjoying a beautiful beach, marina, pool, and regular visits from our dolphin and manatee friends. Those things alone make living here a treasure; however, what truly makes SMYC a piece of paradise is our community's steadfast culture of concern, connection, and enthusiasm.

I look forward to continuing that legacy and ask you to help us build upon it.

Meet Our Board Members

Mike BlankenBecler - Vice President



I was born and grew up in Tampa and spent a lot of time boating in and around Tampa Bay, and especially enjoyed the area around Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key. I moved to Ohio later in life and was miserably being boat-less, but I did meet the love of my life (Kelly) and we eventually made our way back down here. For several years while living in Ohio we owned a trawler that we docked in Cortez which was our “floating condo”.

Eventually, we sold the trawler and purchased 557SDN in late 2018. Having recently retired from the CPA firm I founded in Ohio, I decided to spend some of my new free time contributing to this wonderful community. I volunteered to fill a vacant position on the Board several months ago and have been continuously amazed at the willingness of the residents and Board members to maintain and improve our community. We have truly amazing residents and a Board that genuinely cares for the residents. I encourage and welcome residents to reach out to me or any Board member about their concerns or ideas for how we can keep SMYC the special place it is.



Margaret Dugan
Treasurer

I grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY and now live in Pittsford, NY when we aren't in Longboat Key. I have been going to Spanish Main Yacht Club for many years, initially to visit my Dad. My children have been visiting since they were young and now, they come with their children! I purchased 671 Spanish Drive South in 2005 and was fortunate to find a place on the marina in 2016 (903 SDS) where I love to watch the boats, manatees, dolphins and other wildlife.

Before my retirement, I worked for many years at Xerox Corporation where I held many positions in Finance, Sales Administration and Customer Service. I have also been involved with the YMCA of Greater Rochester for several years and have served as the Corporate Board Chair and Treasurer.

Longboat Key and Spanish Main Yacht Club have changed a lot over the many years I have been visiting and now living there. I look forward to being part of the future of our beautiful community through volunteering on the Board and working with the amazingly talented community that we have.

Eric Gietl



Eric discovered SMYC when his mother Francine bought 645 SDN back in the 80s. In 2002 Eric and his wife Kirsten purchased 573 SDN and sold it in 2015. In 2012 they purchased 911 SDS and decided it would work as a nice retirement home when they got toward their (much) later years. Around 2010 Kirsten's parents, Dick and Sandy Beyer purchased 741 SDS. In 2020 Eric and Kirsten both retired and started to remodel with the plan to spend time here in the winters. Eric's favorite part of owning in SMYC is being able to step out the back door and see the water. He decided to run for the board after talking to many owners in the community who expressed interest in seeing change. As SMYC moves to the future Eric would like to see our community update our rules to be more consistent with the mindsets of the current owners.

Eric and Kirsten are avid MotoGP fans, traveling to different races whenever they can. They are currently sponsoring 2 young Americans to help them someday achieve their goals. Their sponsorship is done under the name www.threechihuahuaracing.com.

My wife Marva & I are from Reading, PA and still reside there for 6-7 months of the year. We purchased in Spanish Main in 2013. We typically spend a portion of the fall and most of the winter here in Florida with occasional trips here in the off season as well. I have been employed at Brown Engineering Co. for 50 years and although semi-retired, have served as president since 1998. As a wholesale distributor and manufacturer, our company deals in technically oriented products serving a wide assortment of manufacturers in eastern Pennsylvania.

My mechanical engineering background is by education and experience. I am not a Professional Engineer. My experience was acquired over many years working with industrial manufacturers in the application of a wide assortment of products including power transmission, fluid power, plumbing, metalworking, industrial lubrication, and material handling.

My approach to serving on a board of directors is to represent the community as a whole and without bias, focus on issues that have a significant impact on all the members of the community. Due to the age of Spanish Main, we have a number of those issues that will have an effect on our day-to-day activities as well as significantly impacting our operating budget. My experience might best serve the community by being involved in the FPL underground electric and the pending potable water line projects.



Gene Brown



Safety and Security Committee Update

Crime at Longboat Key has never been a major concern for most of us. One look at the "Cop's Corner" section of the Longboat Observer shows how little serious crime we endure.

But we are not immune to crime. In June, Spanish Main was the target of car burglaries. These were mostly crimes of opportunity given that the cars burglarized were unlocked.

The Safety and Security Committee spoke with the LBK Police and they said we can expect more of this type of crime in the future. The best prevention is to diligently lock our homes and cars, but other steps are warranted if we want to stay ahead of the possibility of more property crimes.

The Committee met in June and discussed two possible mitigations.

First, Spanish Main could become a gated community like others on the island.

This would be a major change for our community. It would require the installation of a gate, an automated system for entry, and procedures for vendors, contractors, and deliveries to enter. It was also the consensus of the Committee that most residents like the open feel of our community.

We have signs against trespassing, we prohibit solicitors, and most of us are diligent about reporting violations. It was the Committee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that we do not install a gate at SMYC. In fact, a gate would not have stopped the recent burglaries. LBK Police believe the perpetrators entered our community on bicycles.



Second, install closed circuit cameras viewing the entrance and exit to SMYC.

This step was recommended by the LBK Police. They noted that any crimes against property they have been able to solve have been with the assistance of community cameras.

Spanish Main already has cameras in the maintenance yard and at the marina. Installing two cameras at the entrance of our community would be less intrusive than a gate and LBK Police feel that a sign indicting the use of cameras would reduce the likelihood of crime in our community.

The Safety and Security Committee recommended to the Board the installation of the cameras at their meeting on July 26. Installation will take place in late August or early September.

Video from these cameras will be stored on a secured hard drive and accessible only by the Safety and Security Committee or the Board. We will erase all video every few weeks if there is no reason to retain it, such as crimes in the community or other reasons to review the video with police.

We believe this is a prudent and proactive step to protect our community. As everyone knows, video cameras are ubiquitous. Installation of them at Spanish Main is overdue and is the least obtrusive way to increase the security of our community.



If you have any questions about the cameras or safety and security please feel free to contact Jeffrey Love at jeffreylove1@verizon.net.

Renovating in 2023?

Save More on Green Home Improvements

Tax credits for energy-efficient home improvements are extended and expanded by the Inflation Reduction Act.

Starting in 2023, the credit will be equal to 30% of the costs for all eligible home improvements made during the year. It will be expanded and updated as well.

In addition, the \$500 lifetime limit will be replaced by a \$1,200 annual limit on the credit amount (the lifetime limit on windows will go away, too). So, if you spread out your qualifying home projects, you can claim the maximum credit each year. The annual limits for specific types of qualifying improvements will also be modified - and for the better. They will be:

- \$150 for home energy audits
- \$250 for an exterior door (\$500 total for all exterior doors)
- \$600 for exterior windows and skylights; central air conditioners; electric panels and certain related equipment;
- \$2,000 for electric or natural gas heat pump water heaters, electric or natural gas heat pumps, and biomass stoves and boilers (for this one category, the \$1,200 annual limit may be exceeded).
- **Roofing and circulation fans no longer qualify**

The current Residential Energy Efficient Property Credit also gets a new name under the Inflation Reduction Act. It's now called the Residential Clean Energy Credit. The credit, which was previously scheduled to expire in 2024, is extended through 2034.

In addition, the Inflation Reduction Act also boosts the credit amount. The credit amount jumps to 30% from 2022 to 2032. It then falls to 26% for 2033 and 22% for 2034. The credit will then expire after 2034.

High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebates

This program, which was added by the Inflation Reduction Act, will provide rebates to low- and middle-income families who purchase energy-efficient electric appliances. To qualify for a rebate, your family's total annual income must be less than 150% of the median income where you live.

(EDITOR NOTE - 2019 LBK = median income of \$115k)

Qualifying homeowners can get rebates as high as:

- \$840 for a stove, cooktop, range, oven, or heat pump clothes dryer;
- \$1,750 for a heat pump water heater; and
- \$8,000 for a heat pump for space heating or cooling.

Rebates for non-appliance upgrades will also be available:

- \$1,600 for insulation, air sealing, and ventilation;
- \$2,500 for electric wiring; and
- \$4,000 for an electric load service center upgrade.



Kiplinger News Letter – August 17, 2022

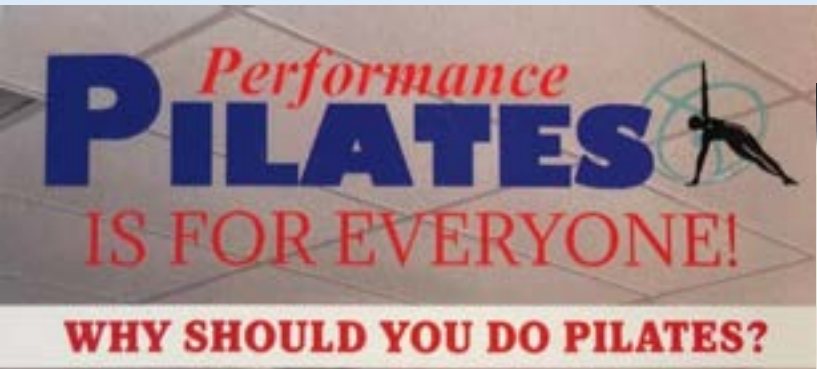
by resident realtor Kim Freiwald

REMINDER -always seek professional tax advice based on personal circumstances

GOOD HEALTH

Stay Strong - Stay Local

Pilates and Yoga are two great ways to stay strong, reduce stress, and build fitness and flexibility. We are lucky to have 2 fabulous studios close by. Take an introductory class and maybe you'll start a new, healthy routine!



New at Whitney Plaza!

6850 Gulf of Mexico Dr.
Longboat Key, FL 34228
(941) 962-8875
PerformancePilatesFL.com



A family owned and operated bright new studio, offering Pilates to everyone. Motivating and fun instructors with a wealth of experience whether you are a beginner or advanced. Many machines and classes to meet you where you want to start - and take you where you want to go! For ALL ages. Many SMYC residents already love this studio. Call soon for your FREE first class!



At Bradenton Beach, Salty Buddha opened a year ago upstairs on Bridge Street. It's a super friendly yoga studio. Many all-level yoga classes are offered by welcoming and extensively trained instructors. A treat for body and mind.

119 Bridge Street Bradenton
Beach FL

SaltyBuddhaCo.Com



**Come
Join
us!**

Winter is Coming!

Mark your calendars now

The 2nd Annual Super Bowl Sunday Polar Plunge will take place at SMYC!!!

Same procedure as last year for our brave participants.

Willing victims will meet outside of 596 Spanish Drive North to toast the Polar Gods with some authentic Norwegian "water of life". Time to be determined. A signup sheet will be available after the new year.

Participants and cheering onlookers will head to our beach for "the plunge".

After the plunge, all active participants are welcome back to the start for a warming hot toddy.



**Sunday,
Feb 12
2023**



**This special event is coordinated and sponsored by
Sandy Brut-Christensen and husband, Jon.**

Enjoy
Life

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The Paradise Center by Sue Reese



Here's a convenient and enjoyable place to go if you want to keep active both mentally and physically. Located right here on Longboat Key, you'll find it at The Paradise Center. It's at 546 Bay Isles Drive, on the right side, just before getting to the U.S. Post Office.

This non-profit organization, originally called Aging in Paradise, began in 2008 at Longboat Island Chapel, but outgrew this space and later found its present home in the Tidewell Foundation Building connected to a large parking lot. Recently additional space and remodeling have taken place inside to meet growing needs.

What's the purpose? What makes it so popular and worthwhile? It excels in upbeat programs, mostly weekly classes with a wide variety of healthy exercise classes, discussions groups, card games, afternoon movies, plus numerous educational programs and workshops. You can select from weekly classes that include Pilates, Stretch & Strengthening, Qi Gong, Zumba, Tai Chi and Meditation. Discussion groups and Mah Jongg are also popular. Seminars and special events are continually offered, such as a fantastic guided trip to Cuba in March 2023.



Thai Chi



Stretch & Strengthen

Programs are free with a yearly membership or \$10 per class for non-members. Most events are held in the newly enlarged Activities Room, while others may be held outside, weather permitted, surrounded by refreshing shaded areas. Now their new medical suite, right next door at #544, is introducing a variety of specialized medical services by appointment only.

For more information, hours and an up-to-date calendar go to www.theparadisecenter.org

Or simply stop by and meet
Suzy, Donna or Mary Ann (pictured right)
- all friendly and most helpful...you'll be glad you did!

enjoy!



**LYRICS TO
"OH SPANISH MAIN"**

(TO TUNE OF "OH SPANISH EYES")



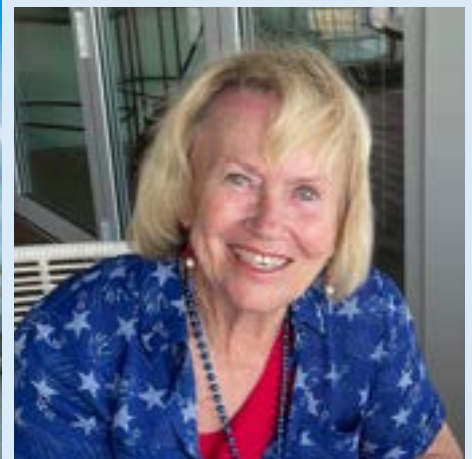
**OH, SPANISH MAIN, PRETTIEST PLACE IN ALL OF LONGBOAT KEY.
OH, SPANISH MAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE JOYS YOU'VE GIVEN ME.**

**I LOVE IT HERE,
ON THE ISLAND THAT SETS MY SPIRIT FREE
PLEASE, SAY YOU'LL BE
THE PLACE WHERE MY FRIENDS WILL ALWAYS WAIT FOR ME.**

**OH, SPANISH MAIN, TIMES SO DEAR AND FRIENDS WE LOVE TO SEE
OH, SPANISH MAIN, WE PLAY, WE LAUGH, WE JOIN IN REVERIE.**

**SOON, I'LL RETURN,
BRINGING YOU ALL THE JOY THAT MY HEART HOLDS
PLEASE WAIT FOR ME,
SAY ALL OUR DEAR FRIENDS WILL MEET HERE ON THE KEY.**

SAY YOU AND OUR SPANISH MAIN WILL WAIT FOR ME.



**shared by
Sue Reese**

MEET CINCO

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THE POOP DECK!

As told to my mom Cari



Please allow me to (re)introduce myself. My name is Cinco, which is Spanish for the number five, my mom's lucky number. My human parents are Cari and Dave Aslan @ 706 South. It's kinda cool when people say "Hey Cinco De Mayo" but my actual birthday is September 14th. I am 8 years old in human years. My mom and her daughter Kate bought me from a store when I was eight weeks old. The photo below of me and my lambchop toy are what won over their hearts. I lived with Kate until I turned four months and then my mom adopted me because Kate was too busy with work and school. I was housetrained within four days. My mom would take me out in the February snow every four hours to train me, even during the night when my dad was working at the firehouse.



We moved to SMYC six years ago when both my parents retired. Let me say, right off the bat, that I love it here! The only two things I miss about our old home up north are the big backyard where I had lots of room to run and play "fetch," or as my dad called it, "keep-away." I wouldn't bring the frisbee or ball back to them. It was too much fun to watch my human parents run after me to retrieve the toy. The second thing I miss is the snow. Man, I loved running in the snow.

So then became the question "What am I?" My birth certificate says I am a mini labradoodle, which basically means that one of my parents was a black Labrador and the other was a Poodle. I think it's my great genes that make me a non-shedder and, I'm told, smart. I do think I'm smart. I always know when people are talking about me and they know that I know because my eyes look right at them. My parents used to talk in code in front of me by referring to me as Babinki, instead of Cinco, so I wouldn't know what they were saying about me. But I knew.

I hear there's a rumor going around here in SMYC that there is no way I'm a labradoodle. People actually bet money on it. Lol.

What do I love about SMYC? I love how the grass is always clean when I am taken out. I know not to go on anyone's grass and to hold it in until we get to the community property area by the dock. I do have a bad habit of pulling a little when I'm anxious or when I see something that startles me. I know I've hurt mom's back a few times doing that. Since her spine surgery, my dad mostly walks me with his scooter. Dad has to use his scooter when he walks me so he doesn't fall. I love running alongside him when he drives his scooter a little fast. This exercise is great for me because I've been able to lose 5 pounds since I've been here. Plus, the retriever in me loves to run. In the house, mom and dad sometimes throw the tennis ball up a straight line from the sunroom to the front door. I usually bring the ball back to them (like real "fetch" and not "keep-away") because I know they both have medical issues that make it hard to run and bend down.



I would say I am a very well-behaved dog. I never beg for food or put anything in my mouth that doesn't belong to me (except outside sometimes). I consider myself levelheaded but sometimes I get super hyper when people come over. I start running around like a maniac and jump off and on the couch. It takes me a while to calm down. I'm on Prozac now to help my anxiety.

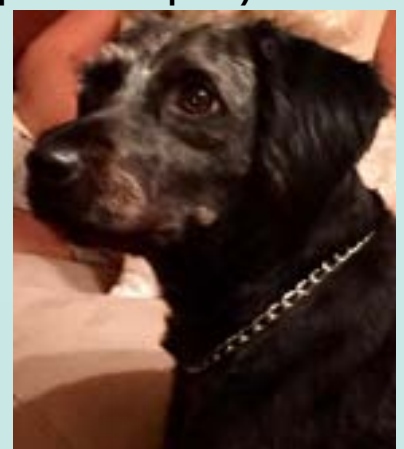
I wait for permission to be allowed to go on the couch to watch tv with them in the evening. I know I must wait until they are finished eating their dinner on their tv trays before I look up at them waiting for the okay to jump up and lay between them. I usually put my head on mom's lap, even though I have my own firetruck blanket they put on the couch for me every night to watch tv with them.

I am not part of the community dog-walk at 7:00 pm because that is late for the three of us. Don't get me wrong, I really like to see my neighborhood canine friends. But I only get to when we bump into each other during the day. Some of my best canine friends are GiGi (who I hold no grudge against that she made The Binnacle before me (lol), Henry (even though he moved from South to North), Bo (I love when Sue gives dad something she thinks I'd like) and my newest friend Daisy (she's a Brit, so cool). I do miss Bentley Fagan.



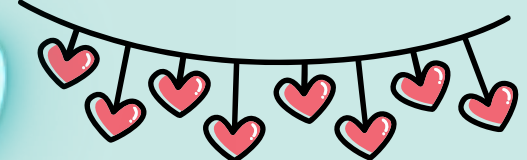
My favorite outing is when I go to the groomer. I have a whole lot of old and brand-new friends there. It's like a real play date. It's so funny because mom and dad try not to let on that we are going in the car to the groomer until the last possible moment because I get so out of my mind excited.

So, what am I most proud of? I have never had an indoor accident. I have never destroyed anything, and I never take anything that's not mine. I don't sleep with mom and dad (I respect their space). What are my faults? I hide under the bed whenever it's raining, or going to rain, and when I sense or hear thunder and lightning. When I'm bored or anxious I bite or lick my paws. I pant non-stop whenever I'm in the car. It's partly the anxiety of the unknown and partly the excitement that it may be the groomer we are going to. I don't even mind the vet. I love them there too. I have a high tolerance for my annual shots. I always get a good report card. They say I have great teeth. No need for crowns in the near future lol.



I love SMYC. I love my mom and dad. I know when they are not feeling well, and I give them all the time and space they need to feel better. I would do anything for them, and I know they would do anything for me. My mom and dad always keep me clean, and I am grateful for all they do for me. I love how my dad talks to me with his soothing voice even when nobody else is around. They really treat me like a grown up. It's like we have mutual respect, understanding and love for one another.

CINCO



The Legend of Sara de Soto

By George F. Chapline; Edited by Meredith Ellsworth

Based on a legend of the Seminole Indians, the origin of the name "Sarasota" makes for a colorful tale. George F. Chapline of Clarendon, Arkansas wrote down this version in 1900. It is believed by many (including the editor) to be the reason Sarasota is routinely spared the wrath of hurricanes.

Chichi-Okobee, the fleet and strong, heir by blood and physical prowess to the thousand tepees and stalwart warriors of Black Heron's Seminoles, stood motionless in the morning sun before the camp of Hernando de Soto. Two Spanish guards, with burnished helmets and shields, challenged him. With broad brown palm uplifted—the sign of peace—and with steadfast gaze, Okobee spoke to de Soto's guards: "Peace, I surrender to the warriors of the great white chief."

Deep into the Everglades Chichi-Okobee was borne by the Spaniards to de Soto. No murmur of complaint escaped the captive's stoic yet princely lips. He had beheld Sara, the daughter of the white chieftain—Sara, lovelier than all the maidens of the Seminole camp. He had given himself as a willing captive if only he might occasionally feast his eyes upon her.

But the confinement, the lack of the food of his fathers, the desire for the hunt, and most of all the unsatisfied heart-yearning, did their work, and Okobee fell sick.

The physicians of the Spanish camp could not save him. Sara De Soto asked permission to minister to Chichi-Okobee in his dying hour. Love's potion—more powerful than their medicaments—brought health and strength back to Okobee, but now Sara herself was taken ill. Okobee begged de Soto to allow him to go to his father's camp and fetch the great medicine man, Ahti.

Chichi-Okobee's long, lithe limbs had won him many trophies in the sports of his tribe, yet never sped he so fast. Still, one moon and yet another passed before Okobee and Ahti returned. Ahti kept vigil at Sara's bedside, uttering incantations and burning herbs, that the evil spirits of the Everglades might be appeased. Okobee stood mute outside, his eyes fixed upon the sick girl's tent. But Ahti failed, and Sara died.

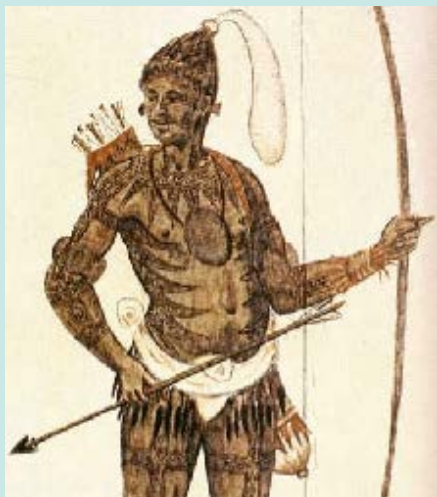
Okobee sought the presence of de Soto, and poured forth to the Spaniard the love he bore for the dead girl. He told of a peaceful bay, the most beautiful spot along the gulf-kissed shores of Florida, where he wished to bury her. De Soto gave him permission to gather his fellow warriors to attend upon Sara's last rites.

The next morning there appeared before de Soto's camp, winding in single file, 100 Seminole braves, at whose head was Chichi-Okobee. All were bedecked in full war paint and every quiver bristled with poison-dipped arrows. Okobee's war bonnet swept the earth. His jasper-tipped spear flashed in the sun.

Three canoes approached. In the first and largest of these Sara de Soto was tenderly laid, white bay flowers in her ebony hair, the feather from a black heron's wing in her hand. Her father and one soldier were the sole passengers, while Chichi-Okobee and six stalwart Seminoles paddled the canoe. Silently the braves took their places in the two remaining canoes. At midday they stopped in the middle of the fairest body of water the Spaniards had ever beheld. After Sara's remains were lowered into the deep, Okobee was rowed to the second canoe, where he mounted the prow.

At a signal from the young chief every warrior sprang to his feet. A war chant lifted and swelled across the bosom of the bay. As its echo died away, the blades of 100 tomahawks smashed into the two war canoes. A moment of ripples, and all was still. De Soto gazed in astonishment upon the watery grave of Chichi-Okobee and his companions-at-arms.

The elders of the Seminoles believe the spirits of Chichi-Okobee and his warriors vie in eternal combat with the children of the storm god, holding the pass to the gulf and protecting the resting place of Sara de Soto. The sullen roar of the gulf as it breaks upon the beaches is but the noise of conflict, and the whitecaps which chase each other and break and tumble across the pass are but the wraiths of Okobee's braves, meeting the sea spirits in a never-ending contest for possession of the bay.



Note: The Florida Indians weren't called Seminoles until the late 1700s. The prince was likely a Timucuan Indian (pictured above).

In 1916 the first Sara de Soto parade was held in Sarasota, and continued through the 1950s.

Ports of Call



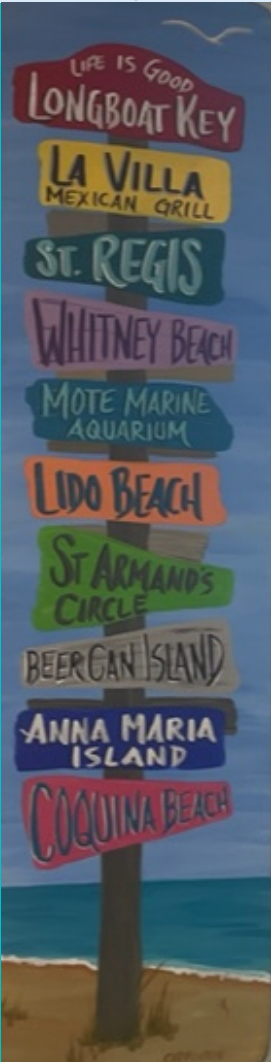
by Annie Bondi



La Villa Mexican restaurant, which finally opened August 27th, is the first Mexican restaurant on the Key. Owner Estella Villegas was met with many challenges and delays in building and permitting to bring this restaurant to our island.

La Villa has obtained their liquor license but continue to deal with staffing shortages like so many businesses today. I really enjoyed the fresh guacamole and smothered burrito but have heard from some of our SMYC neighbors that their experience was not as favorable.

Estella is an experienced restauranter and I am sure her Longboat Key location will improve and become an island favorite.



**6990 Gulf of Mexico Dr. Longboat
Key, FL**

**Open Monday-Friday, 11am - 9pm,
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 9pm**

**Happy Hour Monday - Thursday 3pm
- 5pm**





New!

by *Annie Bondi*



Hi friends! If you are looking for a unique made from scratch meal with a comfortable family-like leisurely atmosphere then Hugo II is sure to please! Owner Denisa Guttman runs her European style restaurant with the help of her mother, the chef, and her father. Their impressive locally sourced menu with European and American favorites changes every 10 days so be sure to check online for updates. Tempting options range from schnitzel, burgers, seafood and salads often prepared with fresh vegetables and herbs from the Cedars Resort Garden.



I have been told from several reliable foodies in our SMYC community that Hugo II has the best burgers around! Sunday brunch is sure to impress with a charcuterie style presentation of several favorite specialties to share or individual classics. Reservations are recommended and seating options are inside or outside overlooking the Cedars pool and Tiki Bar. Denisa also manages the Tiki bar serving fine wines, spirits and signature cocktails and a few light food options. Hugo II club membership is required to dine. Those with a Cedars Tennis Resort Membership can bring 1 guest for no additional charge. Non-Cedars Members can easily join Hugo II for \$10 annually. This is my favorite hidden gem on our island and don't forget to save room for dessert!

We may soon see a new Coffee and juice bar at Whitney Plaza - watch this space!





From The Galley of Sandy Brut-Christensen

You say tomato, I say tomahto,
You say coriander, I say cilantro!



The herbaceous plant known as both coriander and cilantro is a popular ingredient in a wide range of cuisines including Indian, Latin American, Caribbean, French, Greek, Caribbean, and North African cuisine. However, despite its global reach, this polarizing plant doesn't have a universal name worldwide.

Although coriander and cilantro refer to different parts of the plant in the US and Canada, in Europe and other international locales there aren't different names for the various aspects of the coriander plant.

If you are a big fan of cilantro as I am, you will love this salsa. Serve it with really crusty, artisan bread. Amazingly good!

Bread Dippin' Cilantro Salsa

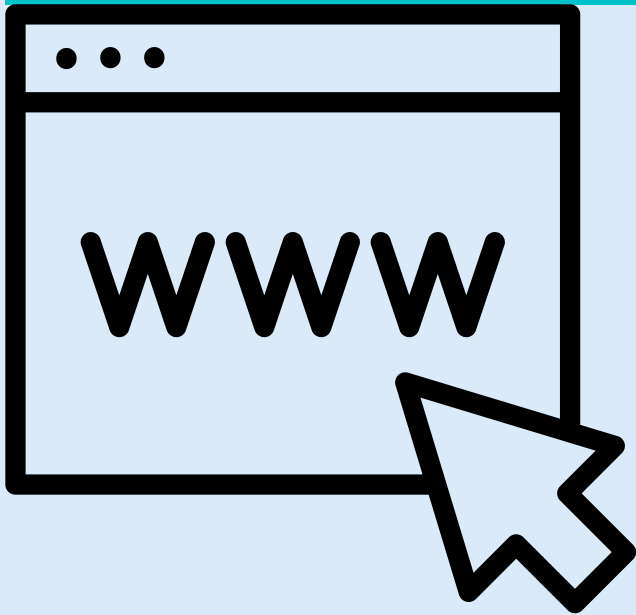
- 1 large bunch of cilantro, tough stems trimmed
- 2 green onions, cut into 2- inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon malt or red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons of good virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons of cold water



- 1. Rinse cilantro; drain, but do not spin dry. In food processor with knife blade attached, pulse cilantro and green onions until coarsely chopped. Transfer mixture to a small serving bowl.
- 2. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Cover and refrigerate if not serving right away.
- 3. Slice bread and serve with the salsa.

YUM!

[Please send your own recipes to newsletter@smyclbk.com](mailto:newsletter@smyclbk.com)



Your Website

www.smyclbk.org

sign up and register NOW

This method of communication proved crucial in sharing up-to-the-minute, important information to members before, during, and after Hurricane Ian.

Once you register your details are secure and private. It is the place to see the latest community information, together with historical photographs and event reminders. And much more.

The website will soon be developed further to take your monthly HOA payments and to update your emergency contacts. You can use it now to ask questions directly to the office or responsible Board member.

Please sign up today and help us stay connected and submit your Interior Storm Assessment form

[Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System.](#)

Hurricane Ian certainly highlighted the importance of the Alert Longboat Key emergency notification system. The Town was able to provide important evacuation, re-entry, and recovery information to residents as soon as that critical information was available. If you are not registered, please do so today!

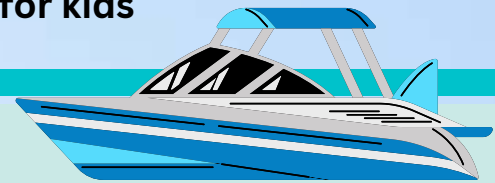
E-mail sphillips@longboatkey.org with your name, Longboat Key address, phone number(s), and e-mail address(es). Your registration will be confirmed by return email.

DONATE

A “Donation Station” pod has been set up in the Publix parking lot to collect much needed items for communities impacted by Hurricane Ian.

Please do what you can to help!

1. Basic toiletries - shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrushes and toothbrushes, body wash & soap
2. Clothing items - shirts, skirts, pants, hoodies/jackets, underwear, socks, and shoes
3. Blankets, sheets, sleeping bags & pillows
4. Nonperishable food items - peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soup, & cereal, nuts, etc
5. Bottled water, juice boxes
6. Storage bins and moving boxes so people can save what they still have
7. Drywall saws
8. Decon mold spray.
9. Comfort items like stuffed animals, books, and games for kids



FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

America’s Boating Club -City of Bradenton & Manatee County offers FREE Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) to all boaters in the Manatee County. “The Club’s certified Vessel Examiners will survey your watercraft’s safety equipment, such as life vests, flares, fire extinguishers, horns, lights, et cetera, to make sure that they meet current regulatory standards,” said Myles Gee, Commander of the ABClub – Bradenton & Manatee.

In addition, they will determine whether your vessel satisfies State & Federal registration requirements, Gee stated. “When your vessel passes inspection, you receive a VSC Decal that signals to marine law enforcement authorities that your boat is in compliance with Florida boating laws for the current year. If your boat doesn’t pass, the inspector will explain what needs to be corrected and will offer to return to certify your boat when corrections are made,” Gee said.

ABClub –Bradenton & Manatee encourages all local boaters to assure their boat or watercraft, regardless of type, is properly equipped and its equipment is in current good working order by emailing for a free Vessel Safety Check today. To schedule a free Vessel Safety Check, contact Matt Braatz at cdr2002@aol.com or Ed VanStedum at edvanstedum@yahoo.com This free service is available to all area watercraft owners, American Boating Club membership is not required.

shared by Margaret Patterson

Find much more local advice and Spanish Main information on our new website at www.smyclbk.org



Hurricane Ian



From the Board,

We want to express gratitude that we were spared the brunt of Ian's deadly and destructive force. The Board would like to thank the tireless efforts of the Storm Committee.

These neighbors and volunteers stayed behind to prepare the community while putting their own villa preparations and evacuations aside. Had it not been for their preparation and immediate response once the island opened again, the damage would certainly have been much worse than we experienced.

They are true SMYC heroes!

We want to remind owners that the 2022 storm season isn't over. Prepare by ensuring that your villa is secured and you have identified your villa watch person.



Some Advice From Ian

1. Ensure when you leave for the season (or even for a short vacation) that every chair, table, pot, grill, trash can, kayak and ornament is moved inside your villa or secured inside a storage area.
2. Appoint a Home watcher who is available all summer and assures you they are willing to check outside and inside your villa within 3-5 days of a storm event.
3. Ensure no meat or fish or smelly perishable products are left in your freezer.
4. Identify and speak to a contractor who will check your roof and air-con pipes after a storm.
5. Consider installing key-pad entry locks for ease of entry to your helper(s) if the office is closed.
6. Maintain your roofs, guttering, paving and landscaping all year round to reduce likelihood of wind damage to your own and to neighbors properties.
7. Know the details of both the HOA and your own insurance cover and deductibles. And know your responsibilities to maintain that cover.
8. Log In and register on the Spanish Main website to keep informed. Hurricane preparation rules and advice for securing your home and boat are also on the website.
9. Ensure the SMYC office has your up-to-date contact information. A cell-phone number, an email, and an additional emergency contact number are the minimum needed to make sure you can be reached.
10. Complete your responsibilities (or ask for help to do so). **The Storm Committee has a form on the website for ALL VILLA OWNERS to complete before October 16th.**





Close Haul

No need to travel far - Have fun and meet new friends right here!

EXCITING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES!

5pm Hump Day Happy Hour continues!
Outside all year long! An informal, regular social gathering for whomever turns up!
Bring your own drinks and snacks and meet other Spanish Mainers.
BYOCC (Bring Your Own Cooler and Cocktails!)



wednesday



SMYC Yoga group now meets at 10am on Thursdays in the Clubhouse and all are welcome



Romeo's!

RESIDENTS AND GUESTS PLEASE JOIN US!
RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT

THURSDAY



LADIES LUNCHEONS START NOV 15!

QUIZ NIGHTS AND BINGO RETURNING SOON TRIVIA NIGHT



BINGO				
2	21	32	46	66
15	30	44	58	70
5	29	FREE SPOT	48	74

Hosted by
Barry & Theresa Pollack

AND A NEW REGULAR 'LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER!'

Hosted by Phil Bondi



The social committee are planning events and have organized the following for our community!

- Fall Welcome Back Cocktail Party – November 10
- Regular Ladies Luncheon starts – November 15
- SIGN UP for -Thanksgiving Dinner – November 24
- Christmas Tree Decorating – November 30
- Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate & Decoration Walk Around – December 9
- Christmas Cookie Exchange & Tea – December 14
- Soup Night – January 19, 2023

As well as other activities on the monthly calendar.

WILL YOU HELP?

Possible Activities Needing Your Help!

1. Octoberfest Covered Dish – October 20
2. Halloween Party – October 31
3. Ladies Luncheons – Monthly
4. New Years' Eve Activity -December 31
5. Valentine's Day Champagne/Dessert Party/Dinner
6. St. Patrick's Day Party
7. Outing to Spring Baseball Game
8. Bunco / weekly?
9. Super Bowl Event – February 12, 2023
10. Kentucky Derby Party – May 6, 2023

Please volunteer if you can organize one of these events. Or another of your choosing! The Social Committee will help!



Please contact Donna bsndonna1@msn.com or Pat flmngo6@aol.com if you might volunteer to organize an event or help out.

October 12

Facing the Mountain Dan Brown

November 9

The Midnight Library Matt Haig

December 14

Carnegie's Maid Marie Benedict

January 11

Story Keeper Lisa Wingate

February 8

The Last Thing He Told Me Laura Dave

BOOK CLUB

Book for Oct 12th

2:30pm

Facing The Mountain by Dan Brown

BOOK CLUB IS HELD ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2:30 PM. OPEN TO ALL OWNERS, RENTERS, VISITORS, AND GUESTS.

CONTACT RUTH MYERS OR EMAIL ANLBKFLA@GMAIL.COM

FREE

GET FIT WITH FRIENDS!

3 mornings a week - all invited.
 A fun and friendly group work-out led by SMYC residents with modifications for all levels of fitness and mobility.



Special Day



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LONGBOAT KEY INVITES YOU TO OUR

— ★ ★ ★ —
**9TH ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY**
event

Featuring Guest of Honor,
Mr. George Hardy, Tuskegee Airman and
Major General Scott Gray, USAF (ret).



Live music will be directed by
Dr. Ann Stephenson-Moe.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | 11 A.M.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL ★ 567 BAY ISLES RD

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH WILL BE CATERED BY MISSION BBQ.



This event is complimentary and open to the public.
Space is limited. Registration is encouraged.

To register, visit longboatkeyrotary.org or call
941-554-4396 or 407-810-8564.



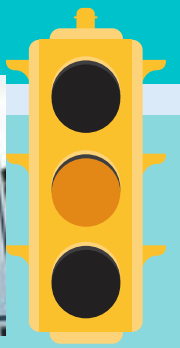
Donations are accepted and will support Combat
Wounded Veterans Challenge and Operation EcoVets.
Visit longboatkeyrotary.org for more info.

DON'T FORGET

1. USE THE NEW WEBSITE AND SUBMIT ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE FORMS ASAP.
2. NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ALL UPCOMING RENTERS
3. SIGN UP AT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER
4. CONFIRM YOUR CONTACT DETAILS, EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND HOMEWATCHER DETAILS



PLEASE....
ALWAYS
pick up
after your
fur
babies!



Please keep your speed to 15mph maximum on our community roads. And ask your contractors and visitors to do the same.

Happy Fall Y'all

Many thanks to the dedicated and talented newsletter committee, and this month's guest writers. New members welcome! Guest writers embraced! Write about what matters to you!

Get Involved!

Please send your submissions to

Tam Morrison at

tam@gtmorrison.net

I LOVE SMYC



Join our FACEBOOK private group for SMYC residents/owners.

Please join 'I LOVE SMYC' and share in community communication. Enjoy SMYC photos, keep up-to-date on events, share a beautiful wildlife shot, warn of traffic congestion or have a weather concern whilst away.

Your SMYC Facebook Community is here FOR YOU.

OVER 215 MEMBERS ALREADY SIGNED UP