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Questions: Call 941.351.1920 www.ibssa.ws  suncircleartfestival

The fifth annual Sun Circle Art Festival, sponsored by the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association (IBSSA), will be held on Saturday, March 4, from 10:00am to 5:00pm in the Sapphire Shores Park (also known as the dog park). IBSSA organized the first art festival to highlight our resident artists in a juried setting. Currently, more than 65 visual and performing artists and craftspersons are registered to exhibit, perform, and sell their art at this free event.

The event includes art using a variety of media, live music from local talent, and entertainment scheduled throughout the day. The park and trees are “yarn-bombed” (wrapped with knitted material) giving an extra whimsical touch to the atmosphere. The Art Festival is a family-friendly event with food booths and a playground!

#### How Can You Help?

- ❖ Invite your friends.
- ❖ Put up posters at work or your favorite coffee shop.
- ❖ Volunteer: Help artists set up, sell water or t-shirts, direct traffic, etc. Monica Neligon is in charge of volunteers and can be reached at [svlivinggrace@hotmail.com](mailto:svlivinggrace@hotmail.com) or 941.355.5918.

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Are you a performer or know a performance group? We are looking to add just a few additional groups to our fabulous roster to entertain onstage. Please note that these slots may be filled before this Newsletter hits your mailbox.

The Sun Circle Art Festival is totally run by volunteers from the neighborhood. Initial planning for this annual Festival began in 2012. The first Festival was held in March 2013, with just 35 artists participating. It has always been a little different than most festivals: you can buy Sarasota Honey, from a neighborhood beekeeper; books written by local artists; children artists; and, of course, great paintings, jewelry, and pottery.

-Jane Nutter Johnson

 [suncircleartfestival](https://www.facebook.com/suncircleartfestival)

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*The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Newsletter is published four times a year for all 1,140 residences in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood. It will be mailed approximately late-February, mid-June, last week in October, and mid-December.*

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# President's Message

If you are reading this newsletter, I assume you are a neighbor. We mail to all households in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood. All neighbors (renters or owners) are invited to join our association for \$20 per year. Yes; you read that right, just \$20 to be counted as a member. As you know, many condos or home owners associations are \$600 plus **per month**. We do not mow your lawn, but we also do not dictate what color to paint your door. I cannot promise you a rose garden, but I can promise to look after your best interests by joining our neighborhood.

To join: Mail \$20 check (payable to IBSSA) to PO box 49673, Sarasota, FL 34230 or Online at [www.ibssa.ws](http://www.ibssa.ws).

As I write this, we have just completed the annual Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Yard Sale. WOW; what a great sale! We had 62 households open with good stuff. Monica Neligon organizes everything, along with many other helpers. Ads are placed in all publications and social media is alerted. The goal is to organize all sales on one weekend. The \$10 cost per household is a bargain. The traffic is incredible. My husband and I had to fight off the dumpster divers on Sunday afternoon, knowing the Goodwill Trucks were arriving soon. It is a very good event. Thank you Monica for spending weeks on this huge sale!



Mark your calendars for next year's yard sale: January 27-28, 2018. Contact me with questions or complaints. -Jane Nutter Johnson 941.351.1920 [janenutter@aol.com](mailto:janenutter@aol.com)

## JANUARY 28-29, 2017 Annual Yard Sale Update

It was a very chilly "burr" Saturday morning when dawn arrived for the annual IBSSA yard sale. The chill seemed to keep away the larger crowd of early morning (prior to the 9am start time) shoppers. But as the day progressed, the temperature rose to the mid 60's, which was just perfect for yard sale sellers and buyers. I



once again went throughout the neighborhood

and felt the good, friendly vibes of our "hood." The number of households participating was 62 this year. Late sign-ups did not make the map, but buyers were able to follow the yard sale signs leading them to the houses. I want to thank Jack Wooster for designing this years map to include our logo and a great map to identify our area; it gave us a very professional look. Customers always comment that ours is the best neighborhood sale.

I was not able to control the weather on Sunday, which started out rainy then subsided in the afternoon, but many sellers still set up and some hardy buyers came out to see what they could purchase.

More than 20 members of the Interior Design Society Sarasota Chapter donated items to be sold in an effort to raise money for *Project Also*. The ALSO YOUTH drop-in center on Boulevard of the Arts is badly in need of a make-over. LGBTQ youth, their families, and allies go to the center for Advocacy, Leadership, Support and

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## CITY OF SARASOTA

# Taking Care of our Parks

Thank you to the City of Sarasota for taking care of our parks. It is nice to see the following friendly faces in the Sun Circle Park.

Tony Freeman (upper left) applied a fresh coat of paint to all the metal benches in the park. He is in the process of painting all the light posts and benches throughout the city. Tony works for the City of Sarasota in the Utilities Department.



Tracy Hooper (bottom) and Shaun Schweitzer (upper right) have been trimming the shrubs and trees and maintaining the landscape in the park. They work for the City of Sarasota in the Parks & Recreation Department.

The Parks/Landscape Maintenance Division of the City of Sarasota Department of Public Works plans, designs, builds and maintains parks, streetscapes, landscaped medians, and other public facilities landscapes for the use and enjoyment of the citizens and visitors of the Sarasota community. -Lisa Lee-High



## MARCH 2, 2017

# Invitation to Learn About STOP!

A representative of the civic group, STOP!, will be at the March 2, 2017 IBSSA Board meeting. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. Board meetings are at Light Of The World Church, 3809 Chapel Drive.

STOP! was formed in response to the large, looming buildings in downtown Sarasota constructed right next to the road. Members come from all parts of the city. Their chief goals are to stop increased traffic, stop narrow sidewalks, and stop excluding citizens from development decisions.

You can learn more about STOP! at their website: [www.forqualityprogress.com](http://www.forqualityprogress.com). -Suzy Hagglund

An advertisement for WSH Wicked Smart Homes. The background is a modern house at night with a swimming pool. The text at the top reads: ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS | LUTRON LIGHTING &amp; SHADING | SECURITY | SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS | HOME AUTOMATION. The WSH logo is in the center, with 'WICKED SMART HOMES' below it. At the bottom, it says 'LIVE SMART' and provides the website 'wickedsmarthomes.com' and phone number '941.928.0343'. A vertical license number 'LIC #EST12000930' is on the right side.

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Outreach ... a safe space where they can express themselves and be free from bullying. This sale raised \$1,333.95 in one day. Others may join the project by visiting [www.gofundme.com/project-also](http://www.gofundme.com/project-also).



Start collecting now for next year's yard sale to be held on Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28, 2018. Thank you to all who participated in the 2017 yard sale.

**-Monica Neligon, IBSSA Yard Sale Chair**



Darian Hoyt Miller and Arthur Boyce at the sale to raise funds for *Project Also*.

**PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

# The Secret Life of Trees

One of the primary reasons my husband and I purchased a home in IBSS is its trees! The mature overhead canopy of gorgeous green stirs my soul in ways that brick and stone can't, regardless of the size of house erected. Trees and living landscapes, wisely planted decades ago, give character to our streets and make a house feel like a home. When exploring the IBSS neighborhood, tree-rich yards and streets topped our consideration list. Tree-less houses left us feeling a bit sad (maybe more than a bit) for the void.

I mourn the loss of the trees on our street and am devastated by the irreversible character their removal has caused to the enjoyment of our home and neighborhood. Some neighbors have paid fines for cutting trees, but a fine and a sapling cannot replace the multi-generational living treasures that nurture and beautify our streets.

Since moving to IBSS two years ago, we have witnessed six large, mature trees (some categorized grand trees by Sarasota County) cut on our street alone. These trees were stately, irreplaceable living icons to the historic nature of this neighborhood. They offered wildlife habitats, shelter, and shade from hot Florida summers. At no cost to the homeowners, these trees added curb appeal to

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yards and an aesthetic value to properties that can't be measured with money. They contributed to the reputation of Sarasota's high environmental quality, a resource Sarasota tries to maintain through its environmental protection division.

Beyond the shade, beauty, and natural aesthetic contributions, trees contribute much to our day to day existence, personally, locally and globally. According to calculations by Walter Schauburger, son of the famous visionary forester, Vicktor Schauburger:

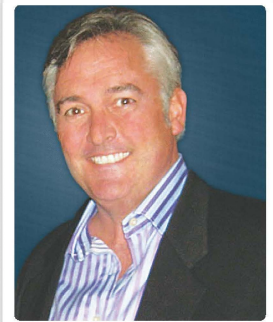
- Trees serve as air-conditioners. Trees protect us against extremes of climate by militating against the greenhouse effect. A 100-year old tree draws from its roots right up to its crown (against the forces of gravity) and evaporates into the atmosphere at least 2,500 tons of water. Every tree continually supplies and recharges the atmosphere with water, and if it is cut down, this amount of water is lost.
- For each and every one of us, trees are needed for human respiration. During the course of its life, a single 100 year old tree makes available 6,600 kilograms of molecular oxygen, supplying a member of society with oxygen sufficient for 20 years.

Sarasota city and county ensures protection of our environment and natural resources, including trees, through reviewing permits, conducting compliance and monitoring, and encouraging citizen stewardship of our trees. A permit is required to remove or relocate any tree (other than citrus) greater than four and one-half inches in diameter at breast height and most palms.

Before cutting trees in our beautiful neighborhood, please ask for guidance from Sarasota's Senior Arborist, Mark Miller, [Mark.Miller@sarasotagov.com](mailto:Mark.Miller@sarasotagov.com) or [941-365-2200 ext. 4344](tel:941-365-2200). And please; talk to your IBSS neighbors before cutting down your trees. They impact the quality of life for us all. **-Linda Wright-Wooten**

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JANUARY 31, 2017

# Real Estate Update

We are well into the New Year and things are rocking! The number of properties for sale has remained stable and a bit on the low side. Today we have 32 houses available in the Multiple List Data base and one For Sale By Owner, to my knowledge. These opportunities range from \$219,000 up to \$8,700,000, which is a typical range for IBSS.

But what has to be acknowledged is NOT ONE of these properties is "distressed." Currently, there are no Bank Owned Properties or advertised Short Sales. That's sort of like your gastroenterologist saying "we" may not need another colonoscopy for a few years. Whew. Is it really all behind us?

Eight properties are Pending and five have Sold since our last report generated on December 2, 2016. This data shows an expected seasonal uptick in contractual activity and greater interest in the higher price ranges.

While our neighborhood remains one of the most dynamic places to find homes under \$250,000, we continue to see more activity and interest over \$500,000. In fact, one recent sale approached \$3,000,000.

Recently, mortgage interest rates jumped from the high 3% range to the mid 4's but quickly settled back at 4.25%. Changes like this tend to get people "off the fence," so I would anticipate the continuation of a busy spring buying season. On top of this, we have a "Real Estate Guy" in the White House who may suggest "inflation is a friend" to those who make their living owning and developing Real Estate.

This possibility could have many more people trying to *quickly* take advantage of (still!) historically low rates before new fiscal policies are implemented.

Does any of this matter more than tree canopy and having a beautiful morning walk along the Bayfront? I don't think so. Get outside. The next several months of weather are why people have been coming here for centuries. **-David Jennings**

## PROPERTIES: Active, Active w/ Contract, Pending, and Sold (Dec. 2, 2016 - Jan. 31, 2017)

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Sqft	Price
ACT	3722CHAPELDR	2	2/0	1,348	\$219,000
ACT	847 41ST ST,	3	2/0	1,248	\$229,000
ACT	3734IROQUOISAVE	3	2/0	1,659	\$234,900
ACT	851 40TH ST	2	2/0	1,210	\$240,000
ACT	1004 22ND ST	2	1/0	800	\$249,900
ACT	978 TENNESSEE LN	2	1/0	1,011	\$269,000
ACT	1006 24TH ST	3	2/0	1,682	\$329,750
ACT	913 TENNESSEE LN	2	1/0	1,011	\$369,900
ACT	1044 VIRGINIA DR	1	1/0	720	\$374,900
ACT	3830 SARASOTA AVE	3	2/0	1,776	\$379,000
ACT	2318 HICKORY AVE	3	2/0	1,427	\$398,000
ACT	4796 EASTCHESTER DR	3	2/0	1,727	\$399,000
ACT	4 RUS EN URBE CT	2	2/0	1,822	\$399,900
ACT	2434 HICKORY AVE	3	2/0	1,764	\$429,000
ACT	669 45TH ST	3	2/0	1,785	\$480,000
ACT	480 ACACIA DR	2	2/1	1,479	\$493,000
ACT	5037 REMINGTON DR	4	3/0	1,908	\$495,000
ACT	462 N SHORE DR	3	2/1	1,959	\$525,000
ACT	910 VIRGINIA DR	4	3/1	2,482	\$549,000
ACT	650 INDIAN BEACH LN	5	3/0	2,904	\$745,000
ACT	512 SAPPHIRE DR	3	4/0	3,011	\$815,000
ACT	3970 BAY SHORE RD	3	3/0	2,300	\$829,900
ACT	602 BELLORAWAY	3	2/1	2,344	\$921,000
ACT	612 BELLORAWAY	3	2/1	2,696	\$1,080,000
ACT	5151 SUN CIR	4	5/1	3,376	\$1,230,000
ACT	580 BELLORAWAY	3	3/0	2,957	\$1,250,000
ACT	3021 BAY SHORE RD	4	3/1	2,276	\$1,390,000
ACT	710 INDIAN BEACH CIR	5	5/1	3,084	\$1,749,999
ACT	916 INDIAN BEACH DR	5	3/0	3,216	\$2,495,000
ACT	3133 BAY SHORE RD	4	3/1	3,554	\$2,695,000
ACT	305 RINGLING POINT DR	4	4/1	4,997	\$2,795,000
PNC	3920 SARASOTA AVE	2	2/0	1,236	\$245,000
PNC	567 45TH ST	3	1/1	1,599	\$255,000
PNC	4616 LEETA LN	3	2/0	1,571	\$298,900
PNC	828 MYRTLE ST	3	2/0	1,210	\$335,000
PNC	4911 BRYWILL CIR	4	3/0	3,043	\$679,000
PNC	4907 EASTCHESTER DR	3	3/0	2,472	\$719,000
PNC	426 ACACIA DR	4	3/1	3,090	\$795,000
SLD	4917 REMINGTON DR	4	4/0	3,024	\$165,000
SLD	863 41ST ST	2	1/0	1,033	\$185,000
SLD	663 CORWOOD DR	2	2/0	1,229	\$207,000
SLD	636 INDIAN BEACH LN	3	3/0	3,392	\$900,000
SLD	325 S SHORE DR	3	2/1	2,655	\$1,050,000
SLD	3049 BAY SHORE RD	4	5/1	5,215	\$2,862,500
EXP	3315 BAY SHORE RD	6	7/2	10,871	\$8,700,000

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# Neighborhood Watch News

With hopes for a happy, healthy, safe 2017, the new year seems an appropriate time to review the meaning and goals of Neighborhood Watch. It is defined as a program involving the joint efforts of the police department and the community designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community’s power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors.

The objective is to reduce the incidence of crime by: 1.) Developing an action program where neighbors help watch each other’s property, remain vigilant, and are ever cognizant of what’s going on in the area. 2.) Immediately reporting all crime and suspicious activity to law enforcement. 3.) Increasing residents’ awareness of neighborhood crime (burglary, theft, robbery, etc.) or the potential for crime (suspicious activity, unknown persons loitering in area, walking through yards, looking into windows, trying doors, opening mailboxes, unfamiliar vehicles cruising streets or parked for no apparent reason, aggressive solicitors, etc.) through a continuing information program. Communication is essential! After first calling the police, please remember to inform your Neighborhood Watch coordinator and neighbors so all residents can be alerted to any crime or potential for crime in our neighborhood. 4.) Providing recommendations in the means of better property security (locking doors of homes and vehicles, not leaving valuables in plain sight or unsecured, using motion or sensor lighting, keeping record of serial numbers, photos or videos of valuable possessions, never leaving weapons, keys, garage door openers, or anything of value in vehicle). 5.) Practicing the concept of concern, awareness, and communication when at home or away. See It, Hear It, Report It!

We know, all too well, that crime occurs no matter how cautious we are. We also know that our participation in Neighborhood Watch lessens the opportunities for the criminal element and decreases the community’s vulnerability to crime. The meaning and goals of Neighborhood Watch are best defined and

demonstrated by the concerned residents of our IBSS neighborhood.

Contact me for more information about our Neighborhood Watch Program. **-Debbie Muller 941.355.5743**

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- Sarasota Police Department:**
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  - Deputy Chief Pat Robinson ..... 941/ 954-7006
  - Officer Danny Robbins (Crime Prevention/Home Security Surveys/ ..... Citizens’ Police Academy) ..... 941/ 954-7056
  - Michelle Rinaca (Civilian Volunteer Coord.).... 941/ 366-2845
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  - Animal Services** ..... 941/ 861-9500
  - Code Compliance**..... 941/ 954-4125
  - Narcotics Hotline** (anonymous)..... 941/ 954-7050

**IBSS CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31**

(Approximate totals)	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Burglary / Structure .....	16	16
Burglary / Vehicle .....	44	16
Motor Vehicle Theft .....	04	05
Robbery .....	01	02

Note: 36 vehicles burglarized were unlocked and 8 had windows broken to gain entry.

2017 (January 1-31): 5 auto burglaries (unsecured)  
1 residential burglary

2016 (January 1-31): 3 auto burglaries  
1 residential burglary

**REMINDER: Speed limits:**

15mph: all school zones & 25mph throughout our neighborhood

**See It! Hear It! Report It!**

Report all crime and suspicious activity ... IMMEDIATELY!

- Call the Police **316-1199** or **316-1201** or Emergencies **911**
- Inform your Watch Coordinators    ■ Alert your neighbors



## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

# Joel, Meera, & Tessa Werth

My wife, Meera, and I moved to Sarasota in early December. Our timing was perfect. Only days after we had left our home in Chicago's Hyde Park community, the temperature dropped below zero. Here it was in the '60s and '70s. But the weather was not the only reason we ended up in this slice of paradise.

Meera is from India and I grew up in Chicago. For many years, we had been thinking about retiring to a warm climate and made some forays to places around the country. We had been in Sarasota a few times in the past couple of years: first with our grown children on vacation and again, living in Gillespie Park as snowbirds last winter. Our brief trips here had convinced us that this is where we wanted to retire. It came down to: 1. Where could we feel a sense of community like we had experienced in Hyde Park and, even better, find a university community? 2. Is the community dog-friendly and will our countless dog-walks be appealing? 3. Will we find a core of friendly and like-minded souls in the neighborhood; will it respect the diversity of backgrounds that had originally attracted us to Hyde Park? 4. Will we be near the water, as we were in Chicago? Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores was a perfect fit.

I shouldn't understate the importance of our dog, Tessa, in influencing our decision to settle here. As a new friend said to me recently, "If it wasn't for my dog, I wouldn't know anyone." (This, from an IBSS resident who has been here for 30 years.) When I was a mere snowbirder last year, I was walking our dog by the Van Wezel and was greeted by a fellow dog walker. We found common ground and common interests. Soon we were walking our dogs regularly. In this way, I was introduced to IBSS and then to the Uplands and Caples. In a short time, I was invited into the social and cultural world of my new friend—and to her Sunday brunch group as well. And all because of our little pooch. And on and on, it has continued.

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It's been two months, but I am still surprised by the magnificence of the birds and the trees; the seemingly unabated sound of leaf blowers; the wide variety of architectural styles in housing; the disproportionate number of artists in IBSS; the number of people who are emigres from so many places in the U.S. and around the world; the impressive and varied talents of the people whom I am meeting; and being called "sir" so often by people in the business world, particularly young men.

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Walking down Brywill Circle on a late Monday afternoon, Meera and I saw a group of people walking. One of them shouted out to

us: "There's music and dancing at the Museum. It starts at five. If you're interested, it's (straight ahead)." She pointed north on Bay Shore Drive to the Ringling Museum. I love to dance and what a way to sashay into our new lives here in Sarasota. I had become a member of the Museum when I was here last winter; I looked forward to returning there. As we walked on, sure enough we heard music coming from the direction of the Museum; it was unmistakably '70s oldies. I could even make out the tune that was being played. It took us only minutes to drop off our doggie and join the fun. As we were getting ready to leave, I was thinking: This is exactly why we came here. Here we are, simply walking our dog down the street and a total stranger invites us to join them dancing. This is *Martha and the Vandellas* come to life!

Moments later, we joined other Boomers dancing the night away on a beautiful night—with the sun setting behind the silhouetted skyline of Longboat Key. And just like that, I was able to prove to myself and Meera that my three-month old left knee was just fine. No pain at all in jitterbugging, twisting and turning, stopping only when we had swirled enough this first time out on the dance floor to avoid collapsing.

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In one of our innumerable unprompted chats, I struck up a conversation with a jolly neighbor and, boy, did he have a history prior to Sarasota. He had been in the energy business most of his professional life, seemingly all over the world, but particularly the mideast. His entrepreneurial ventures included developing a seafood business in

Angola, Africa before he was driven from the country. So how is he spending his hours relaxing here in IBSS? Check out the seafood counter at Publix on the North Trail and there you will find our neighbor running the show. Looking at him behind the counter in his hair net, you catch a glimpse of what makes Sarasota tick: a bunch of folks, coming here from all over the country and, indeed, the globe, taking a risk at doing something that they have always wanted to do but were too encumbered to attempt in their earlier lives—or simply acting on an impulse. I seem to run into folks like this most every day: retirees who are anything but, and they all have a story to tell.

More than anything, coming to Sarasota means flexing your muscles (or better yet, stretching those muscles), starting over, creating a new space. There is an unmistakable joy in meeting new people, sharing personal stories, having fresh experiences—and, as Marlin Perkins used to say, "Enjoying the great outdoors." At the end of January, Meera and I were intent upon seeing "Lion," the new film about the little orphan boy in India, trying to find his birthplace. "Let's wait for a cloudy day," Meera said, "Why waste a sunny day inside?" Ah, but now we know better. These sunny days just keep on coming. But isn't that the reason that we moved here, after all? **-Joel T. Werth**



*We are not in Chicago any more!*

## SUN CIRCLE PARK

# Memorial Plaques: Part II

There are 18 memorial plaques placed throughout Sun Circle Park. Thanks to Betty Boylan, other neighbors, and online searches we compiled information about the individuals honored on these plaques. Nine of the plaques were featured in the December 2016 issue. This issue continues with the remaining nine, including information about one plaque that was destroyed.

### Corrections and additions to Part I:

\* Bart and Mariana Cotten. (Their last name was incorrectly spelled Cotton.)

\* During the holidays, Norma Kwenski and her family discussed the family tree at the location of their plaque. At the time of the December Newsletter printing, they estimated the tree was planted in 2000. Now, they are certain that it was Christmas 1998.

\* Frank and Anita Zimmerman noted that two sculptures were placed in the Sapphire Shores neighborhood: 1. Bart Cotten saw the sculpture "The Buck" by John Type, liked it, bought it, and had it placed on the island south of South Shore as a gift to the neighborhood. 2. Alan Lillie placed a modern sculpture, "Synergy" by Linda Howard, on the island between Bay Shore Road and Mecca Drive in honor of his wife, Isabelle.

If you have additional information/corrections for what is printed below, I will add it to the Newsletter posted on the IBSSA website.

-Lisa Lee-High

## ROBERT BELL

### **ROBERT (BOB) BELL**

South Shore Drive

Note: A memorial plaque was originally in the park

(one tree to the south of Karen Zittel's), but it was destroyed and eventually removed.

*Bob and his wife, Rose, lived on South Shore. They were both active in IBSSA, the neighborhood, and the Theater. They later moved to The Meadows.* -Anne Jackson

*Bob was on the IBSSA Board when I went on in 1995 (in fact Bob asked me to join the Board). As a Board member, he was very instrumental in pushing through the creation of Sapphire Shores Park. Alan Lillie told me Bob raised money from the neighbors to add to the city funds donated. The Park existed when Anita and I moved here in 1994. We used to go dancing at Payne Park with Bob and Rose.* -Frank Zimmerman

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF  
MARGUERITE SAXE BREED  
1912 - 2003

### **MARGUERITE SAX BREED**

(1912 - 2003)

605 Indian Beach Lane

This plaque is located beneath the bench just

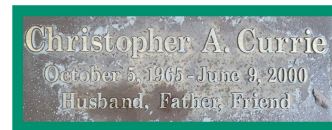
north of the playground.

*Marguerite (Saxe) Maxfield Breed, a Sarasota resident who worked for numerous charitable causes, died Nov. 16, 2003 in the home where she had lived since 1940. She was 91. "She gave of herself to her family, friends, and the community," said retired Navy Capt. Ralph Styles, her devoted friend and companion. In 1944, she became Sarasota president of the National Catholic Community*

*Service. She helped raise money in 1947 for a new hospital. "She was a beautiful person. She supported many causes," said Dr. Fred Moffat, including serving on the original Sarasota Memorial Hospital board. In 1950, Gov. Fuller Warren appointed her to the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board. Breed was past president of both the Florida West Coast Symphony Association and the Founders Circle Garden Club, where she laid the groundwork for its first Distinguished Homes Tour in 1958. She co-chaired the first Action Auction for New College and was a board member of Happiness House, the American Cancer Society, the Heart Association, the Red Cross, and the Indian Beach Association. She was a founding member of the Field Club and helped start St. Martha's School. She was a member of St. Martha's Catholic Church. Breed was born July 18, 1912, in Milwaukee, where her father, John E. Saxe, owned numerous theaters and founded White Tower Restaurants, one of the country's first food chains. She married Alexander Maxfield in 1934 and they and their 2-year-old son, Tom, moved to Sarasota in 1940. Maxfield died in 1970; she married Robert W. Breed, also deceased, in 1974.*

### **-Excerpt from Herald-Tribune Obituary**

*Marguerite and Bob were part of a group of old Sarasotans, some of whom Bart and I also knew. Quite a few of them lived near us when we lived on Indian Beach Drive, but they are all long gone now. She was the sweetest, kindest person.* -Mariana Cotten



### **CHRISTOPHER A. CURRIE**

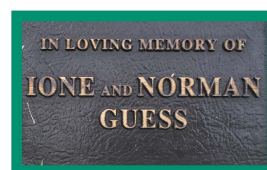
(Oct. 1965 - June 2000)

Corner of Beverly & Winchester

*Chris Currie and his wife Jennifer moved into the neighborhood in 1998. He died of cancer two years later leaving his young wife and two daughters who were still toddlers. He was only in his 30's and spent a lot of time in the park when he was battling the disease. It has been 16 years since Jennifer moved her young family away from IBSS.* -David Jennings

*Chris lived in the yellow house on the corner of Beverly and Winchester. I don't know much about Chris except that, as much as ten years ago, when he was fairly new to the neighborhood, he approached longtime resident and my friend, Margie O'Riorden to go flying with her. Margie was a pilot, had her own small plane, and taught flying. I'm thinking that Chris had already been diagnosed with cancer when he began taking flying lessons from Margie. She was very fond of him. There came the time when he was no longer able to go flying. I really think that it was she who had the memorial plaque placed for Chris. I always think of him and Margie when I walk past the house. Margie herself died of pancreatic cancer several years ago.* -Corrine Lawman

*I had the pleasure of working with Chris Currie at SunTrust Bank. Chris was a Trust Officer and he was always very kind and considerate. My son and I also lived in IBSS and on many occasions walked with the Curries around the neighborhood. We were close in age, and although I do not remember how old Chris was when he passed, he was too young to leave this world. He left a wife and a two year old daughter. I do think of them often and how short a life can be. Chris's wife moved back up to the Florida Panhandle to be nearby her family.* -Emily Every



### **IONE and NORMAN GUESS**

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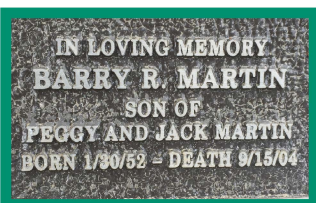
**ORVILLE JOHNSON**

(July 1925 - Aug. 2003)

5125 Stevens Drive

Orville was born in Baker, ND and came to

Sarasota in 1983 from Blue Bell, PA. He retired as owner and operator of Camerique Photography in Blue Bell. He graduated from Antonelli School of Photography and was a Navy veteran of WWII and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bradenton. **-Excerpt from Herald-Tribune Obituary**



**BARRY RHODES MARTIN**

(Jan. 1952 - Sept. 2004)

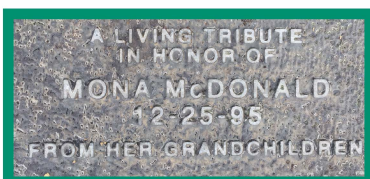
North Shore Drive

Barry Rhodes Martin was born in Charlottesville, VA and came to Sarasota in 1960 from Fayetteville, NC. He graduated from Sarasota High School in

1970. **-Herald-Tribune Obituary**

Peggy Martin (Barry's mother: 1931-2012). Peggy and Jack moved to Sarasota in 1960 with their four sons when Jack was offered a job as a business office manager with General Telephone. They both immersed themselves in Sarasota life and were active in the Jaycees and other organizations. They found their dream home in Sapphire Shores (on North Shore), waited until it was available for sale, bought it, and spent many years renovating and restoring it to its original Mediterranean design. Peggy had an amazing sense of style and eye for treasures. She spent many hours combing the local antique, thrift, and consignment stores for the period pieces. Her friends convinced her she should share her style with others and she worked for many years as a fashion model for several local dress shops, modeling their pieces during luncheon shows at local restaurants such as The Columbia, Long Boat Yacht Club, and Café L'Europe. According to one local model, "she practically invented table modeling." **-Excerpt from Herald-Tribune Obituary**

I lived next door to the west of Peggy, Jack, and Barry and was friends with them. Peggy and Jack had the plaque placed for their son. **-Anne Jackson**



**MONA MCDONALD**

(? - 1995)

4945 Eastchester Drive

Mrs. Mona McDonald was a dear lady and a resident of Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores

for many years. Her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren lived around the corner on Mecca. Mona worked in the gift shop at the Ringling Museum. She was a petite, reverent lady with a pleasant manner and had an inquisitive yet reserved, thoughtful personality. Mrs. McDonald was a wonderful neighbor, as was her extended family. **-Muller Family**

I lived next door to Mona on Eastchester. She was a sweet, quiet lady, and she liked plants and flowers. I put up a fence in my yard and between our houses. She wasn't pleased about the fence until she realized how nicely it highlighted her plants growing near the fence. **-Anne Jackson**



**SUSIE WEISS**

(Oct. 20, 1936 - Oct. 25, 2004)

452 Sapphire Drive

Susan was born in Munich, Germany and came to Sarasota in 1974 from

Pittsburgh. She was a homemaker and a former member of Temple Beth Shalom. She worked at the Ringling Museum of Art for many years and was a volunteer at the Asolo Theatre and other local theaters. Her service was held outside the Ca'd'Zan at the Ringling Museum. **-Excerpt from Herald-Tribune Obituary**

Susie loved flowers. When there were flowers blooming in a neighbor's yard while they were out of town, she would pick them and give to neighbors who were in town to enjoy. For that reason, I wanted Susie to have a flowing tree at her plaque and I arranged for a dwarf magnolia tree to be planted. **-Betty Boylan**

(Note: Her husband, Carl Weiss, had the plaque placed at the park. Carl passed on January 2, 2017 at the age of 85.)



**KAREN ZITTEL**

(? - 1999)

South Shore Drive

Karen was a dress designer and a great

seamstress. She was an interesting, artistic woman. One year Karen made beautiful aprons for everyone in our Bible Study Group. After Karen was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, I arranged for caregivers to go to her home to be with her and cook for her. Karen had a beautiful cat named Kitty. Karen left me a \$5,000 check to take care of her cat upon her death. I loved Kitty and when the time came, I brought Kitty home to live with me. A funny story is that one day Kitty disappeared and shortly afterwards Bob Nalven came to my door with Kitty saying that she decided to take a walk to his house, entered through the dog door, and visited with Bob's dogs. Karen was married to Bob Nalven for several years and, upon her death, Bob had the plaque placed in the park.

**-Betty Boylan**



**TAYLOR**

(Perseo Family Dog)

Ringling Point

Janet Allen and John Perseo lived at 321

Ringling Point. Taylor, a black lab, was their baby. Taylor loved to follow John through Sun Circle Park. They owned Nick's Italian Seafood Restaurant in the Quay and, while they were at work, Taylor would lie on the bench in the window of the stairwell waiting for them to come home. **-Betty Boylan**



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March 4, 2017  
Sun Circle Art Festival (see cover)

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Semi-Annual Meeting

May 25, 2017  
Deadline for June IBSSA Newsletter

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