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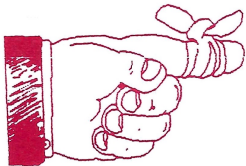
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 7PM

AT USF SUDAKOFF CENTER

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

JIM JACKSON

All are urged, **NAY**, commanded, entreated, begged, implored, prodded or whatever it takes to attend our year-end general meeting.

Our agenda will be a brief discussion of the events of the moment, the election of two new directors and our guest speaker.

We feel fortunate to have booked the popular Channel 40 personality **JIM JACKSON**. Come, listen to and meet Jim ... it promises to be a very interesting evening.

Don't forget that before and after the meeting, the art work of some of our neighbors will be on display in the lobby. After the meeting, we hope you will stay and enjoy a cup of punch and a cookie and get to know some of your neighbors.

HI NEIGHBORS

Well, here it is, as promised, the fourth and final newsletter of the year. I hope we have the funds to do it again next year.



I would like to take this opportunity to recap some of the events of 1994.

One of the first issues I can remember working on was a proposed ordinance that would control the location of "Drive Thru Restaurants". This one went back to the planning staff for revision and hasn't been heard of since.

In March we worked with the Ringling Museum on traffic control for the Medieval Fair. As a result, the traffic within the neighborhood was easier to live with.

In April we held our first ever "Concert in the Park". The Yellow Dog Jazz Band played for us and the event was a smash hit! I hope we can do this again.

On May 18th we held our spring general meeting with Majorie North as our guest speaker. We were very pleased with the attendance.

Along about this time and until it's passage on October 3rd, we were working very hard on the Adult Entertainment Ordinance.

In September we were all shocked with a whopping increase in our property assessments. We called a special meeting with the property assessor and the tax collector to seek some answers. We had a huge attendance, and the tax assessor went away knowing how we felt.

Also in September your association pledged, through the Adopt-a-Shores program, to clean the bayfront in our neighborhood. The first clean-up was completed on September 17th.

The City portion of the work on the Indian Beach project is completed. We now need to collect funds for landscaping.

We started working on the dual taxation issue in September. This will be a long tough campaign.

October saw our 7th annual picnic... and what a picnic it was!! We had one of our largest crowds, the music was great, the food was as plentiful as it was delicious and a good time was had by all. The North Trail Business Association outdid themselves by providing many great door prizes. Our own writer, artist, poet and all around great gal, Pegi Pearson was inspired to write a poem about the picnic. It is published in this newsletter....**THANKS PEGI !!!!!!!**

Our membership list for 1994 was closed before the picnic with 377 households. Our goal for 1995 is 500 let's do it!!

The next event will be the annual meeting on December 13th, with Jim Jackson as our guest speaker. **PLEASE COME.**

On behalf of Mariana and myself, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Bart Cotten
President, IBSSA

TUTORING
for: children in grades K-6
by: Bob Collins
certified, experienced teacher
(neighbor/Bay Haven parent)
#355-2538

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At our December 13th general meeting we are due to elect two persons to the board of directors. Terms for the two will begin January 1, 1995 and run through December 31, 1996. If you are interested in serving the neighborhood, contact one of the following nominating committee members. Eileen Linxwiler, chairperson, 355-2621 - Jane Kirschner, 351-2061 - Walter Verizzo, 953-7902.

A REMINDER

Don't forget your association has an account with the Sarasota Community Blood Bank. We need your blood donations to keep our account current, and also remember, if you might need blood it is available to you at no cost. The association account number is 168.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

DECEMBER 15, 1994 - 7:PM

A meeting will be held in Sudakoff Hall, on the campus of USF, for residents of Whitfield Estates, Ballantine Manor and IBSSA. The meeting will address environmental issues related to the proposed EXTENSION of Runway 14/32. Representatives from the airport, including staff and their consultants, will make presentations and answer questions from concerned residents. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.. Sudakoff Hall is located on the east side of the Tamiami Trail, south of General Spaatz Boulevard. Residents should park in the grassed area north of General Spaatz Blvd., and walk across the Boulevard to Sudakoff Hall if the main parking lot is full.

Bring any of your airport questions with you.

EILEEN LINXWILER

Neighborhood Watch News by Debbie Muller

The city of Sarasota has seen a 14% decrease in the number of serious crimes committed as of October 1994 and a 14% increase in the number of arrests made. We have had a number of auto and residential burglaries in our neighborhood. Many residents are very concerned by the numerous solicitors in our area. Most recently these have included magazine sales (after dark), yard work (no equipment) and requests for money to make car repairs or buy gasoline. Always ask for identification and let solicitors know that all suspicious activity in our neighborhood is reported to the police. Working together we can keep our neighborhood a very special and safe place to live.

*For info. about Neighborhood Watch,
contact your coordinator:*

- Sapphire I (58th St. to 47th St.)
Debbie Muller 355-5743*
- Sapphire II (47th St. to Myrtle Ave.)
Paul Hoyt 355-6324*
- Sapphire III (Myrtle Ave to Indian Beach Dr.)
Don Kraft 359-3576*
- Sapphire IV (Indian Beach Dr. to Whitaker Bayou)
Bill Zuk 955-1708*

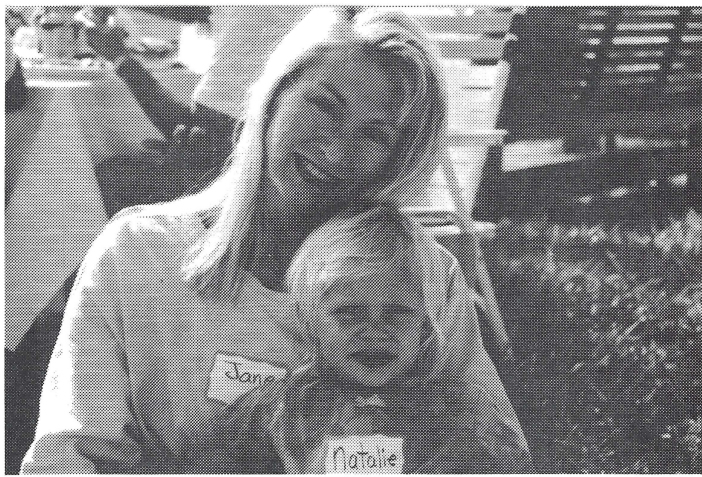
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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE PASSES

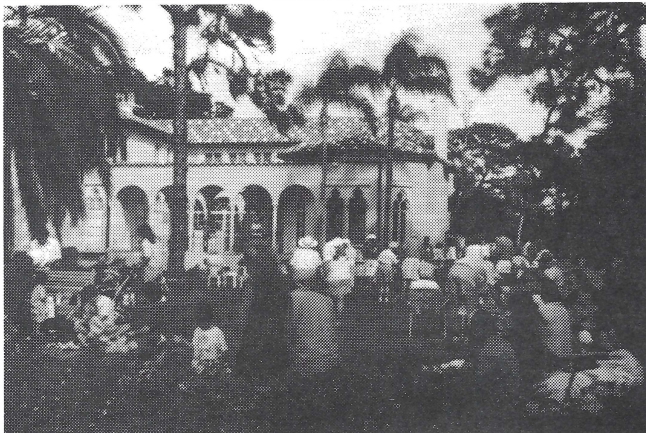
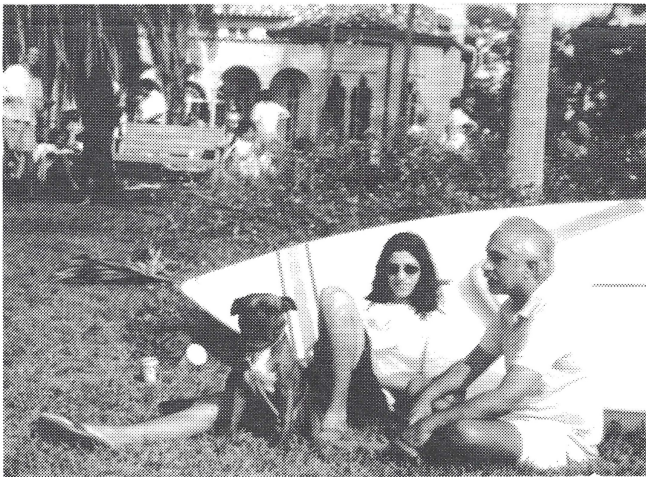
On October 3rd, the second and final reading of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance was passed by a 4-to-1 vote by the Sarasota City Commission. At one point during the meeting, it appeared that the Commission would consider increasing the distance required between these businesses and residential properties. It was quickly pointed out by the City's planning and legal staff that such a change would, in fact, eliminate all possibilities of ANY adult businesses operating within the City. While this is a situation we would all like to see, the ordinance would surely be overturned in court for "violation of the First Amendment rights". Finally, after much discussion and legal counsel, the original ordinance was voted on and passed intact. It requires all, except one, of the existing businesses to close within one year, and ALL adult businesses must comply with the other regulations of the ordinance within 90 days. The one business which presently complies with the ordinance is located at 2092 17th Street.

The City, our association, and many others have worked very hard to get something on the books that would control these businesses, but the battle will not be won until the ordinance has stood up to a court challenge. One of the major points the courts would consider is whether the business creates any "adverse secondary effects". The most obvious adverse effect of our close proximity to these businesses would be a decline in our property values and the reluctance of potential buyers to invest in our neighborhood. We, who live up here, have long endured these negative comments reflecting just such reluctance, and of course, these unsavory businesses play a big part in that. In the likely event that the ordinance is challenged, it would be well for us to have such documented information on file to protect our position. You, especially you neighbors who are realtors, can help by writing down any such comments you hear, citing names, dates, places and as much specific information as possible. Send it to the association or call it in to your president or any board member, and hopefully, when the time comes, we'll be ready for the challenge.



Annual Picnic Was Fun For All!

Over 300 neighbors attended the October 7th IBSSA annual picnic. Guest dignitaries included Commissioner & Mrs. Gene Pilot (they won the \$50 door prize and will donate the money to the United Way). Also attending was Director of Public Safety John Lewis. A big thank you to the major food donors: Mel-O-Dee, Old Hickory, Chef Paul's, Subway, Capt' Brian's, Jim Byram's Texaco and Publix!



Photos courtesy Martin Arons



AND THE BAND PLAYS

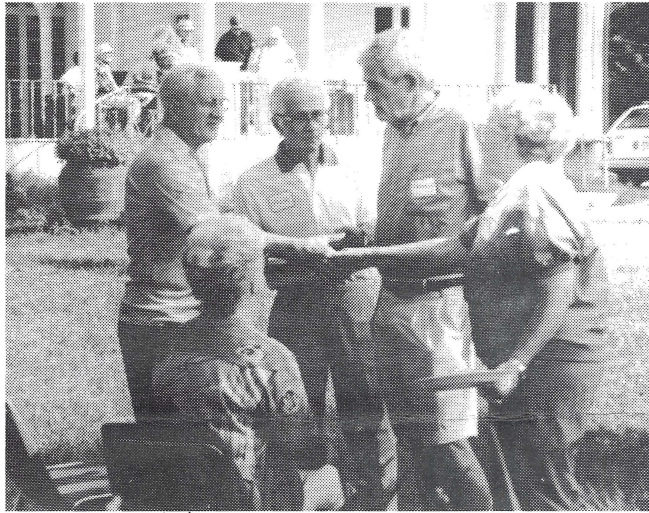
A POEM BY PEGI CLARK PEARSON

"Not the kind you see in the movies..."
 but it is like an old MGM musical set
 sun sparkling but not sizzling
 just enough breeze to make palm trees sway
 to the music the band is playing
 from the old mansion verandah
 people blanket the lawn
 rolling down to the water where
 windsurfers skim against the sun
 and the band plays
 "nothing but blue skies do I see..."

Our neighborhood picnic once again
 to remind us of all the friends
 all the neighbors that live near
 "you're a lucky boy...I am lucky too..."
 The band plays reminds us
 we are part of this our lives are good
 in spite of the six o'clock news when fear
 and headache remedies split air time.

The good ladies of the Association
 stand before yards and yards of food
 while the band plays
 "I like it ...how about you?"
 saw-horse tables groan beneath the load
 casseroles and covered dishes
 cakes cookies lotsa chocolate
 'seconds?' 'go ahead' 'be good to yourself.'
 Clowns cavort and little clowns
 with painted faces lick chocolate fingers
 "Aren't you glad you're you?..."
 Old women tap their feet and canes.
 Give the producer and directors a hand.
 Let's hear it for the cooks.
 It's better than MGM better than yesterday
 "...its the best band in the land."





! DANGER !

While trying to update our mailing list, we have become aware of a potentially dangerous situation. We found that the numbers on many houses are difficult to locate; some have numbers on the mail boxes only, and some do not have numbers anywhere. A county ordinance requires that numbers be placed on the residence in full view, be of a contrasting color and be at least 4 inches high. The ordinance provides for a fine for failing to comply, but what really concerns us is whether the police, fire or rescue service could easily find your house in case of an emergency. As you know, the house numbers in our neighborhood do not necessarily follow in sequence, making it all the more difficult to locate a residence. Drive by your house, as an emergency vehicle would, and see if your number is readily visible. Remember that seconds could mean the difference between life and death.

If you are physically unable to apply the proper numbers, and are financially unable to hire someone to do it, please call one of the association officers. Maybe we could help.

TO DUANE & CREW

The association would like to publicly extend our most hearty thanks to the City's Duane Mountain for his expert care of our neighborhood landscape. Duane has always been responsive to the needs of our community. Our thanks also go out to the guys who get it done! They are Reynold Farrand, David Kiszak and Nate Pryor. We think you are doing a great job ... Your labors do not go unnoticed ...many thanks from all of us.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MARIANA COTTEN ... for the wonderful hand painted DOGGIE BAG DISPENSERS in Sapphire Shores Park. This wonderful idea is working great and adds so much class to our park. What lucky dogs we have!

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DUAL TAXATION

By Bart Cotten

DUAL TAXATION ... Two words you will be hearing often during the coming year, especially from this forum, as I have pledged to dedicate considerable time and effort to the issue. Since I think it is so important, what is the problem and what can we do about it?

Dual taxation can be made into a complex issue, but for those of you who are not familiar with the issue, I will keep it simple. The problem IS simple, but more often than not, the people who could remedy the situation make it very complicated to avoid doing what is fair for the residents of the City.

Dual taxation occurs in Sarasota because we, as residents of the city, pay the same county property taxes as county residents. We also pay city property taxes from which county residents are exempt. In other words, we pay our full share of county taxes but must carry the burden of operating the city alone.

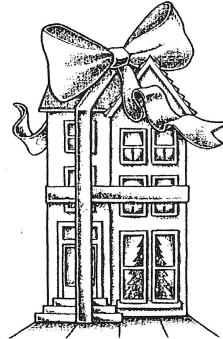
In past attempts, the inequity has been only partially resolved by the county maintaining some city parks and rebuilding certain regional roads such as Tuttle Avenue. However, the really big inequity still remains, and that is the County Sheriff's road patrol. We, in the city, pay the county about \$2.5 million each year for this service from which we get little or no benefit. There are a number of items in the sheriff's budget that we are happy to pay for, but the \$2.5 million is for the patrolling of roads only. In a court case the judge ruled that we benefited by the sheriff's deputies passing through the city on their way to patrol the county. To pass through our neighborhood, the deputies would have to be really lost.

What are the solutions? One would be to turn city policing over to the county. At times ordinances are confusing enough by themselves, but when you ask deputies to enforce two different sets, it may be asking too much. Besides, this is one more step toward total consolidation, which, personally, I am not ready for. I believe that our city government is more responsive to our needs simply because it is smaller.

Another solution would be to take the matter to the courts again. We have been down this road before, and it was not successful. Courts decide legal matters and this is not a question of legality .. it is a question of what is fair and just.

I think the simplest solution would be for the sheriff to make the cost of the road patrol a separate line item which would not appear on the tax bill of city residents. This may be too simple and we will continue to explore other ways in the coming year.

What can you and I do? In the past, efforts to solve this issue have been initiated by city government with the support of only a few from the public sector. This time we must turn it around and make it a public effort strongly supported by the city. The county commissioners are not unreasonable, but we must make them aware that we know an inequity exists, and that we care. Your job will be to make yourself aware of the facts, and spread the word to everyone who will listen. **LET'S GET IT DONE !!!!**



Tips For A Safe Holiday

December is a peak month for home burglaries, but many could be prevented.

- * Don't display gifts where they may be seen through a window or doorway
- * Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you go out, even for a few minutes.
- * If you have house guests, let them know about your security precautions and make sure they follow them.
- * If you go away, get an automatic timer for lights.
- * Have a neighbor watch your home for you and pick up newspapers and mail.



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THERE'S TROUBLE ON 58th STREET

For those who are not familiar with 58th Street, it is a small private street with 9 houses bordering on the south side of The University of South Florida/New College's west campus. It had its beginning as the drive to the estate of Charles and Edith Ringling situated on Sarasota Bay. It is for the most part unpaved and resembles a peaceful dead end country lane.

The tranquil life our 58th Street neighbors have enjoyed for so long now threatens to be a thing of the past. It seems that the proposed USF/New College Master Plan includes a scheme to develop a large "loop road" that would enter the campus from Bay Shore Road on the north, loop around in front of College Hall on the Bay and rejoin Bay Shore Road on the south side of the campus through what is now 58th Street.

How can this happen? It seems that in 1969, the executor of Edith Ringling's will, through mistaken generosity, deeded 58th Street to New College, so, in fact, USF/New College owns the street. Owning the street, the University feels it must do "what is best for the University" even though it would destroy life on 58th Street as the residents know it, to say nothing of their property values.

The 58th Street residents and your association sincerely regret the loss of good relations with the university that have built up from the many years of living in harmony together. There has been one public hearing on the master plan, and two meetings between Campus Dean David Schenck and the 58th Street residents, with no change in position on either side. Your association has attended all of these meetings, and will continue to give all the support we deem feasible.

NEW MEMBERS

The following are new members who have joined since the last newsletter. If we have missed anyone please let us know.

Patricia Gawle & Bill Engel - 680 41st St.
Gerg Mazzuco & Kate Eible - 848 41st St.
Sandy & Burt Polishook - 3931 Bay Shore Rd.
Michael Furey - 4520 Guava Ct.
Kathie & Henry Goldman - 4836 Bay Shore Rd.
Igor & Carol Gruendl - 602 46th St.
James MacLean Jr. - 2833 Bay Shore Rd.
Gaia Paltrinieri - 4322 Sarasota Ave. #4
Mary Richardson - 420 Poinciana Dr.
William & Edith Roller - 4645 Ainsley Pl.
Ann & Richard Tazewell - 4801 Eastchester Dr.
Donald & Jenny Walker - 2019 Chippawa Pl.
Bob Azzara - 4104 Sarasota Ave.
Charles Purdy Jr. - 901 Windsor Dr.
Anthony & Dawn Cannavino - 5031 Winchester Dr.
Russell Kennedy - 4810 Eastchester Dr.
John Foster & Andrea Dimino - 605 46th St.
Jessica & Kip Koelsch - 831 Highland St.
Virginia Small - 662 Beverly Dr.
Mark Bethel - 936 Windsor Dr.
Lee Horbach - 1065 22nd St.
Anita Swift Miller - 336 North Shore Dr.
Frank Zimmerman - 336 North Shore Dr.
Joesph & Inez Zimmerman - 415 Sapphire Dr.
Alan & Loretta Schneegas - 425 Sapphire Dr.
Jeff & Christine Winsler - 320 Ringling Point Dr.
Don & Katie Herman - 3940 Bay Shore Road
Elizabeth Hinkelman & Horace Norvell - 512 Sapphire

MINI ART SHOW

We all know we have a lot of talented artists as neighbors, so your Association is going to give us a chance to see their work at our general meetings. Artists, amateur and professional, are asked to bring some of their work to our general meeting on December 13th. Call Mariana Cotten for details about the number of pieces that can be brought and how they must be displayed. Mariana's phone number is 351-3236. Association members only, please.

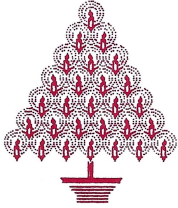
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LET THERE BE LIGHT



As the song goes, " 'Tis the season to be jolly", but alas, our neighborhood has always been amongst the most dismal, in the holiday decorating department, that we have ever seen. And so, to help you get into the Christmas spirit and show some holiday pride in our neighborhood, the association is sponsoring a "HOLIDAY LIGHT UP" contest. In an effort to offer something for everyone, there will be the following 5 categories: "Best Decorated Yard Tree", "Most Festive Entrance/Doorway", "Best Free-Standing Display", "Most Creative Mailbox Decoration" and "Best Overall". The Cottens will host a dinner at their house, prepared and served by the officers of the association, for all the winners. There will be a special category for "Best Lighted Block", and the association will honor the winners by making a donation in the block's name to the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Fund. All judging will be held shortly after Christmas by the Board of Directors and/or their spouses (who will not be eligible to win).

So get out those lights, put a wreath on the door, or a bow on the mailbox. Even the smallest of decorations lets people know you've got the spirit.....and who knows, you might just give it to someone else!

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DOG WALKERS

We have two young neighbors who have called in to offer a dog walking service. They are :

JESSA FISHER - 359-8476

MEG HUENE - 355-2867

We still need neighbors who wish to offer a baby sitting service. Please call 351-3236 to be placed on the list.



ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WE HOPE THAT 1995 MAY BRINGS YOU THE BEST OF EVERYTHING.



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