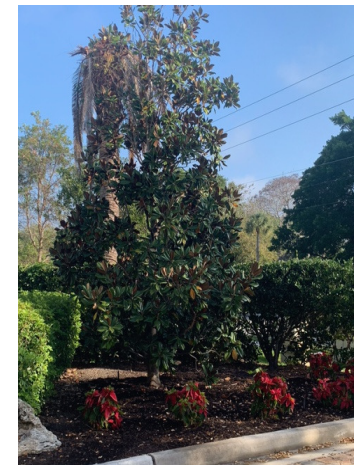
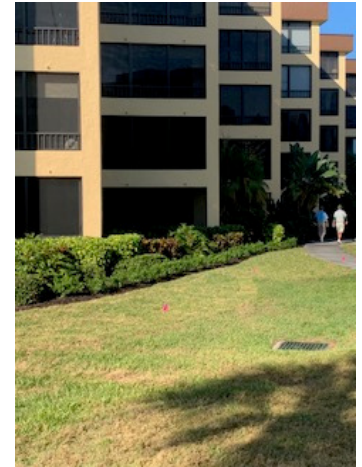




ISLAND REEF TIMES



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Our IR Landscape Committee has been hard at work making major improvements to our property. You can easily see where turf was replaced by decorative stones, and edging was added Bay-side. A dying Jatropha was removed, and white stones and grasses were removed from the fountain area in front of the Club House, so that we can actually see the beauty of the fountain! Some future plans may involve replacing the tree and adding a bench near the fountain. Lots of changes are in the making! And, quite an amount of new sod was added in areas where the grass was deficient. Notice our lobby Christmas poinsettias have been relocated to the Gulf-side under the magnolia tree.

A Thank You from our friend Tom Gallahue (406H)

I would again like to thank all members of the Island Reef Community for their thoughts, prayers, meals, and for the amazing video tribute. Our community is truly special!



*Kindest regards,
Tom Gallahue
(& Claudia & Tommy)*

On April 1, work was begun on replacing the F-Building roof, completing the contract for the 3 roof replacements Bay-side. There's never a dull moment here at Island Reef! Photos courtesy of Marge Tichy, 302H, Board Liaison for the Landscape Committee; the chairperson is Ralph Fieber, and committee members are Joe Caltagirone, Kathy Giloy, Bob Jamieson, and Shawn Stevens. Thanks, one and all, for your beautification efforts on our campus!

April/May 2021 IR President's Message



Rick Wulterkens
President, IROA Board

Pictured at the left, Diane and I join fellow IR owner Ann Krause volunteering at the Celery Fields planting native grasses and wildflowers.

Well, we weathered another 'season' in the sun here at Island Reef, although it was one far different than others in the past thanks to the virus. Too many of us have suffered multiple blows to our desired and treasured way of life here, and we all need a break from the seemingly relentless onslaught of negativity. So let me tell you a happy story, a true tale of how Diane and I ended up at Island Reef.

We met at Stanley-Boyd High School, both hired to teach - her social studies and me English. We married soon thereafter and began a family. When our two oldest sons were five and three, Diane literally begged me to travel to Florida and stay at the condo that her parents had recently purchased. I was opposed and argued that our kids were too young. Thank goodness, she was persuasive!

Ray and Marjorie Genisio (Diane's parents) had bought the unit we now occupy sight unseen, as the building didn't yet have even a foundation at that time. He told the realtor that if he could get the end unit on the fourth or fifth floor he would buy.

We flew into Orlando from our Wisconsin home late at night, rented a Camaro, and arrived at Island Reef in the dark. I'll never forget opening the car door and the immediate positive reaction to the overall ambiance. It was quite warm (this was summertime, when as educators we were off work), super humid, and the scent in the air was completely unique to me (I later learned, of course, it was salt laden).

Anyway, I basically fell in love with this place almost instantly. Not just Florida and the climate and all the unique and interesting flora and fauna, but also 506H and Island Reef and all of its amenities. We thoroughly enjoyed our vacation and vowed to return often, which we did.

Sadly, Diane's dad passed at an early age, and when he did, her mom was going to sell. We told her she couldn't do that to us because we loved it, but she was unmoved. Then out of nowhere Diane said, "Then we'll buy it!" Say what?! How in the world were we going to finance that? Her mom told her that was dumb idea and I pretty much concurred, but Diane had a plan, a vision of how we could make it happen. And her plan was sound, and it worked.

We made payments to her mom and rented when we could and renovated as the years went on as much as we could afford, with the eventual plan being we would move here in retirement. And here we are, living the dream.

We have made many improvements to our unit since moving in full-time and will be doing a complete kitchen renovation this summer, including removing walls to create the now popular 'open' concept. Diane and I both love our unit and Island Reef and look forward to spending many years in our own 'little slice of paradise'.

Rick Wulterkens, 506H
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BOOK CLUB

Island Reef Book Club

The Book Club's last meeting of the season will be on **Wednesday, April 21 at 4:30 pm.** As in the past, participants are asked to bring a beach or lawn chair as we will meet outdoors by the entrance to the C- Building.

This month's book is **Born a Crime** by the late night comic Trevor Noah. It is a series of vignettes about growing up in South Africa during apartheid. Son of a black mother and a white father, Trevor is raised by a determined mother who wants a child but not a man who will run her life.. As Trevor tells it, the doctors reached into his mother's belly and pulled out a half-white, half-black child who violated any number of laws, statutes, and regulations - I was born a crime."

Since this is our last meeting in 2021, readers are asked to bring book suggestions for next year's meetings.

Kathy Caltagirone (404B) [caltonekathy@mac.com]

Speaking of being 'holed up' with a good read,

here is a pic taken by owner Chris Cotton (402A) as she is sitting in the sun in front of her storm door at home in Massachusetts. Obviously no palm trees and warm beach in sight! Chris added that she was waiting until she gets her vaccines until she travels, hoping it's soon. "I miss everyone there — enjoy the sun!" The picture was sent February 21, and Chris did eventually make the journey to IR. The 'rest of the story' is that she arrived March 27 after getting her 2 COVID vaccines at home in Osterville, MA.



Chris exclaimed, "I am so happy to be here, now reading on my lanai with an ocean view!"

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Remaining dates of BOARD MEETINGS in 2021—
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Wednesday, April 14 at 1:00 pm
Wednesday, October 13 at 1:00 pm
— Budget Meeting
Wednesday, November 17 at 1:00 pm
Annual Meeting



In the event of a Board Meeting, the agenda will be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Membership or Special Meetings will be noticed and posted following Florida Statute 718 requirements.

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You will notice in this edition that several of our **RENTERS** are featured. Although IR life is now at a much slower pace and missing many of our favorite events and gatherings of the past, I think we can learn a lot from those who rent here and have taken it upon themselves the challenge to explore beyond what we have at Island Reef. I've discovered — and I am truly convinced that *"there is a story within each of us, just waiting to be told!"* Many thanks to all who shared in this edition, giving us all food for thought about places to go and things to see in this beautiful part of the country. We are indeed blessed to be here and in the company of such great renters! *John & Kay Maier, editors*



1) Beach Daisy. I'm not sure this is a true daisy, but it's certainly generally related! One of the small flowers that thrive at our beach.



2) Mullet fish. This is group of mullet feeding on the algae in the water. Lots of game fish, pelicans, ospreys and other animals eat them; they're a foundation of the food web here.



3) Sunset palms. Ho-hum, just another Florida sunset...



4) This is one of our Florida herons. This particular one lives in our mangroves in the dock area and you can see it routinely down there. It's called a "crowned night heron" since it's one of the heron species that will feed at night while most heron

species rest, you can also see it active and feeding in the day time though. It's less common than some of the other herons, so it's nice that we have a resident one!



Thanks, Malcolm Teas (204F), for capturing the flora and fauna of Island Reef. Phenomenal photography!

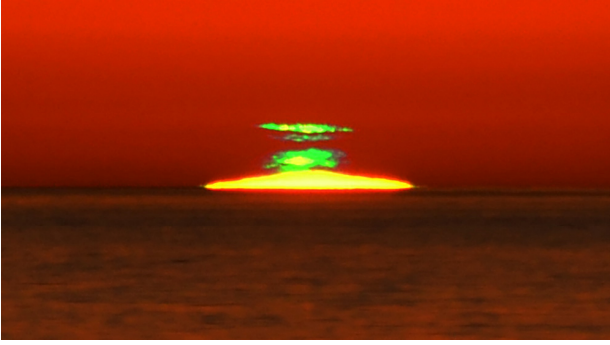
Important

KEEP I.R. ON YOUR RADAR!

How to stay 'tuned into' happenings at Island Reef:

1. Read the notifications posted on the bulletin board outside each lobby.
2. Check in on the website, www.islandreef.net (all important information, announcements — including events/dates, documents, newsletter, etc.)
3. Call the IR office for help (941-349-2844).

Have you ever seen the “Green Flash” as the sun sets?



In the “good ol’ days,” (pre-Covid), I fondly remember our pastor at St. Thomas More talking about “The Green Flash,” and on our frequent parish gatherings on Friday night (AKA “beach nights”), he so often spoke of seeing the “Green Flash.” I tried so hard to see it, but alas, I never did! So, I approached a scientist friend (and probably yours too!), Norm Duffy, who often rents here with his wife Marianne. Here is his contribution to this explain this elusive subject . . . *Note clip art at left.* Kay Maier

“Are you interested in science and do you have a hour to spare? **Google** the “Green Flash” or the “Green Flash Myth.”

I have seen it more than a dozen times: the momentary green flash just as the sun dips below the horizon at sunset. The conditions have to be just right; clear, cloudless and no haze.

Is it real or only in the eye of the perceiver? It has been captured on film.

Can it be explained? Oh, yes. There are many explanations, all deriving from the visible spectrum of sunlight (ROYGBIV)—R(ed), O(range), Y(ellow), G(reen) B(lue), I(ndigo), and V(iolet).

After reading all the explanations, if you see it, one emotional reaction remains: WOW!” [Author is Walt Drury]

To catch this phenomenon, 1) Gather on the beach at sunset, 2) Face west, and 3) Enjoy the show! See you at the beach at sunset! Your friend, Norm Duffy

Editor’s note: Three simple steps; sounds easy enough! If you are looking for me at sunset, I’ll most likely be on the beach, with my eyes peeled for the Green Flash! Co-editors, John & Kay Maier

Where in the world is Ochopee, FL?

Look at Page 7 if you’d like to see some fun places to visit. Renters for two seasons now, Kevin and Denise Mimm spent this season exploring the area and creating lots of great memories! They said to be sure to stop by Ochopee, FL which features our nation’s smallest post office (per historic information), and that’s where they connected with their airboat ride. Below, ready to enter the Post Office in Ochopee



is Denise Mimm, definitely excited about being in the smallest post office in the United States! Looks like a pretty cool Post Master flashing the peace sign in the window! If you want to experience some excitement on your Siesta Key (& environs) vacation, just hang out with Kevin and Denise Mimm for a day or so! Thanks again to the Mimms for being instrumental in putting this travelogue together for us! There really are lots of great places to see and enjoy . . .

OH, HAPPY DAY . . . FOR MOMS & DADS. GRANDMAS/GRANDPAS, AND ALL WHO NURTURED US ALONG THE ROAD OF LIFE!

If you would like to honor someone who was a mother– or a father-figure in your life, please give a shout-out to that person and let him/her know how significant they were in your growing up years. What did they teach you about life? Feel free to talk about your own parents/grandparents, your own children, etc. What are you most proud of? **Submit your comments to us by June 4 2021, the deadline for our next edition.** Pictures are always welcome . . .

Shout out!



Take the time to send a “Gratitude – Gram” for those who have shaped us and formed us!



Mandy Weible (at left), is the daughter-in-law of Bonnie & Ed Rowley, daughter of Nancy Doermer (pictured below, next to Bonnie), and mother of Olivia and newborn Ava. Mandy is married to the Rowleys' son, Todd.

A "shout out" to Bonnie Rowley for all she does so quietly behind the scenes: water aerobics, scrapbooking, organized the Video Tribute for Tom Gallahue and our New Year's Eve events, and so much more! We are fortunate to have Bonnie as an integral part of our IR Community!



Bonnie and Ed Rowley introduce their brand new granddaughter, Ava Grace Rowley! Born March 21, Ava weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces. Bonnie exclaimed, "Nana & Papa love her to pieces already!" Beneath Ed's photo are the Rowleys' first three grandchildren (Gabriel, Olivia and Jonah).



What Is A Grandmother

A grandmother is a remarkable woman.

She's a wonderful combination of warmth and kindness, laughter and love. She overlooks our faults, encourages our dreams, and praises our every success.

A grandmother has the wisdom of a teacher, the sincerity of a true friend, and the tenderness of a mother.

She's someone we admire, respect and love very much.

A grandmother will always have a cherished place in our memories and in our hearts. She's someone for whom we want every happiness in return for the joy she always brings.

A grandmother is all the dear and precious things in life...

When she's a grandmother like you.

Author: Unknown



Step Number 1: Become loving parents, and that's just what Bonnie & Ed did! They are pictured at left with daughter Tiffany Rowley Kilper and their son Todd.

In the photo above, Tiffany's two children, Gabriel and Jonah Kilper, are the 'bookends' with their first cousin, Olivia.

Happy 
Mother's
Day

Sunday, May 9, 2021



Sunday, June 20, 2021

*How would you describe
GRANDPARENTS ??*

Cool Beloved Warmth Laughing Young Integrity Creative Unconditional Funny Dependable Security Horses Fun Joy Fabulous Love Special Cheerleader Respect Delight Accepting

Happy Present Alive Bestest Tender Loving Kind

Interesting Cookies Present Alive Bestest Tender Loving Kind

Rockstar Peace Family Life-lover Healthy Handsome Smiling Memorable Goofball Crazy

Integrity Creative Unconditional Funny Dependable Security Horses Fun Joy Fabulous Love Special Cheerleader Respect Delight Accepting



Sunday, March 14, 2021
Mr. Ed Rowley, Commissioner
Subject: Gratitude and Thanks
Island Reef Golf Club
Siesta Key, FL

Dear Ed and Fellow Duffers,

I am sincerely humbled by all of the kind comments and truly funny responses I have received from you guys and other Island Reef folks regarding my recent hole-in-one. Of course, isn't that what makes Island Reef so unique?

Just when I thought all of the fun was over, we arrived at Bent Tree last Friday and I could tell Ed had something up his sleeve. I was overwhelmed with the presentation of the engraved plaque, a signed congratulatory card and a group photo (see below). What an honor! You are the best golf group ever, and I really mean that.

For those of you that have not had one yet, keep trying. It took 38 years after my first one to card the second one!

Stay safe and healthy and thanks again.

Jim Walsh



There to celebrate Jim Walsh's HOLE-IN-ONE!

Thanks for the wonderful golfing memories, members of the Golf Team! *Left to right:* Nick Manolukas, Rick Chap, Bob Nahmias, Bob Jamieson, Bill Smith, Paul Stromborg, Bob Kelly, Ray Cherniske, Jim Walsh, Harry Schmidt, Ed Rowley, Mick DeMello, Bob Gasterini, and John Smith. It was a day for the record books, without a doubt! Jim, the tallest one in this picture, is proudly displaying his plaque presented to him by Ed Rowley, golf coordinator.



At the right is a photo of part of our **Pickleball gang**. Keith Klein took the picture for the ISLAND REEF TIMES. Pickleball is a growing sport everywhere, and Island Reef is no exception!

Back row, left to right: Bob Jamieson, David Geller, Judy Jamieson, Bill Snedeker, Len Schiller, Paul Stromborg, and Louis Tilton

Front row, left to right: Mary Kay Shaw, Warren MacLeod, Nancy Whooley, Alice Schiller, and Linda Tilton

A few words from our readers . . .



Kevin & Denise Mimm had a delightful dinner at Blue Heaven Restaurant in Key West during their recent stay in Island Reef. They enjoyed their time of 'adventure' here in Paradise!

3 Months in Paradise . . . Our year of "adventure"!

This was our second season at Island Reef and we enjoyed every minute of our time here in 2021, in spite of the changes related to the pandemic. We did miss some of the normal social functions that were cancelled this year, but we maximized our time at the pools, which is a great way to meet our neighbors and make new friends.

Even with social distancing and use of the masks, we ventured out of Siesta Key twice a week with friends from Turtle Bay for golf and the experience of a variety of restaurants throughout the Sarasota area.

But 2021 was different for us this year. ***It was our year of adventure.*** In January we went shopping for extra summer ware, and then stopped for a late lunch at Captain Eddie's. One



night, we attended an Eagle's tribute band show ("7 Bridges") at the Riverside Performing Arts Center here in Sarasota. Our big adventure came at the end of February. We started with lunch in Everglades City and then an airboat ride in Ochopee (pictured above left). From there, we traveled

southeast to Key Largo for the night. Then we were on to Key West for 2 nights at our favorite B&B, The Mermaid & The Alligator. We had made reservations 7 months in advance to get in to this historic B&B. While in Key West, we attended a great outdoor "socially distant" art show along the waterfront at the Truman Annex. Dinners were booked at Louie's Backyard and Blue Heaven. Both excellent.

On the way back to Island Reef, we stopped for a few hours at the Bahia Honda State Park. We walked their beach and experienced the remains of a bridge from the Flagler Railroad. We then stayed one night at a waterfront Marriott in Marathon (see photo here).



They have a beautiful public beach area in Marathon.

In March we were able to attend the musical review "Vintage Pop" at the Keating Theater, Florida Studio Theater, Sarasota. With the warmer weather and the heated pools, we spent more time this year at the IR pools. We met an Island Reefer at the pool who told us about their adventure to Tarpon Springs. We put Tarpon Springs on our calendar to visit, before our departure date of 3/31/21.

We ventured into Spanish Point one warm morning in March for a walking tour, just the two of us. The gardens were in



bloom and the new butterfly exhibit was open. A knowledgeable volunteer filled us in on the varieties and life cycles of butterflies. We recommend that everyone should spend a few hours on the beautiful and historic grounds of Spanish Point.

We were able to spend a full day in Tarpon Springs. We shopped in the morning for sponges to take home and then ate lunch at an authentic Greek restaurant known as Hellas Restaurant. Excellent Greek cuisine! In the afternoon we took a nature tour boat ride out the Anclote River into the Gulf. A few miles out, we stopped at a small island, part of a Florida State Park. They gave us 30 minutes to go 'shelling.' Drinks were available on the boat with music. Good time!

Our parting words for this year are important to us: the people at Island Reef are "the friendliest group of people we have ever met" and we look forward to our return on January 1st, 2022.

Best wishes,
Kevin & Denise Mimm
Barnegat Light, NJ
See Page 4 to read about another exciting Mimm-adventure!

Original owners, Greg and Jane Maier (302C), have



passed their love of Island Reef on to the family's future generations! Here are pictured 4 of the five Maier children who

have been regular visitors at Island Reef ever since the late 70s. Even though Greg and Jane are now deceased, their IR legacy lives on through their children, grandchildren and 'greats'. Pictured here (bottom left, clockwise) are: Tom #3 and his wife Jane (South Carolina); Judy Connelly #4 and her husband Pat (Plain City, OH); Jane Otten #5 with husband Dave (Cincinnati, OH); John Maier #1 with wife Kay (now owners of 401H). Only sister Kathie Griffin and her husband Jack were missing. Lots of events were celebrated. Pictured was the retirement dinner at Cafe Gabbiano for the youngest sibling, Jane Maier Otten, who recently retired after many years as a cardiac rehab nurse in Cincinnati. The group celebrated with a 4-hour pontoon boat ride on Little Sarasota Bay and environs, birthdays, meals together, gatherings on the patio, pools, and much more! It was certainly a very memorable month of March for all the Maier Family! And, Jane and Greg must be smiling down from heaven!



Jane & Greg Maier

Featured in our last edition was Lori Dierker (3rd year renter in 205F)

She is always doing wonderful things here with friends!



SHELL & ROCK PAINTING

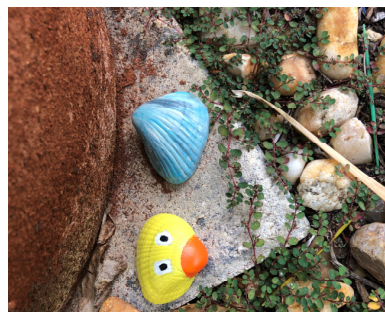
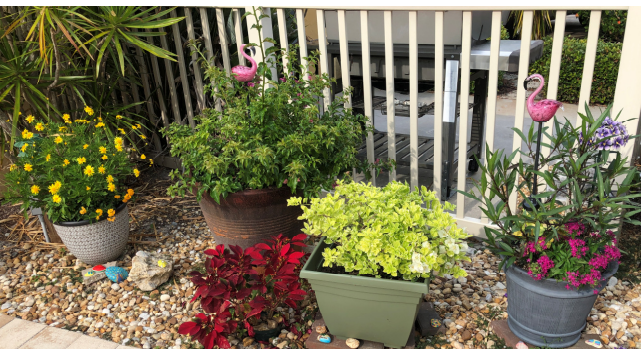
The peak season at Island Reef started out slow with COVID still in our midst and residents and renters still being cautious, and rightfully so. Even though it wasn't the typical season filled with activities,

socials, and parties, it was still better than spending my winter in snowy Illinois. With plenty of time on my hands, I had to get creative. I'm definitely not an artist, nor am I really creative, but I thought I'd try painting some shells and rocks. I enjoyed many mornings sitting on the lanai painting. As I painted them, I placed them by the Bay-side pool near the beautiful potted plants that have been added since I was last here in March 2020. They added some color, created some conversations, and I love knowing that there's something that I left behind for others to hopefully enjoy. Some of them even have a little message if you look hard enough. ***In a time that we could all use a little inspiration and encouragement, I challenge each of you to be the reason someone smiles today.*** Kindness is a gift we can all afford to give! Why not paint your own shells or rocks to add them to the others and also create an area on the Gulf side? I can't wait to see them when I return in 2022. Stay healthy, safe, and happy, my Island Reef friends!

By Lori Dierker, 205F, who rented here with her husband Mark (quite a devotee of Netflix!) and their puppy, a Chihuahua mix named Skittles. Lori, like Kevin and Denise Mimm (whose story is featured on Page 7), also had many adventures here at Island Reef during her 3-month stay with us!

Here are some of Lori's artistic creations:

Thanks also to Kathy Giloy, Colleen Martin, and Nicki Lawrence (all residents of F-Building) for beautifying this area by the Bay-side pool and keeping us focused on the positives!



Left-Brained? Right-Brained?

Lori's creative side . . . Here is a pic of Lori with her finished resin product, the result of a workshop hosted by Creative Resin-ations (held at The Mellow Mushroom on Tamiami



Lori Dierker

Trail) <https://creativeresinations.com/>. I think Lori is one of the most creative people I know! She also loves baking and sharing the fruits of her labor with friends like us here at IR!

Speaking of creativity, my sister Marie spotted this very clever idea posted on FaceBook. Have you thought about celebrating these furry little

creatures which are so abundant here at Island Reef? When your grandkids are visiting, engage them in creating some fun memories of their visit to Siesta Key. Here's an example of some 'grandkid fun' you can have in the kitchen! The little ones in your family will never forget fun moments like these!

Kay Maier (editor)



It is amazing how many people notice and comment on these positive messages! Kids love 'em!

Celebrating Family in this issue...

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Still concerned with the health, safety and well-being of members of our Island Reef Community, we've decided to stay with the e-mailed ONLY version of our newsletter until we are certain that Coronavirus is a thing of the past! So we present to you our fifth edition of the 2020-21 season. Enjoy the read, and know that deep down inside you, there is a story just waiting to be told! Contact IRTeditor@IslandReef.net to share yours. You'll be glad you did! *John & Kay Maier, editors*

**ISLAND REEF CONDOMINIUM,
 OUR (RENTAL) "HOME AWAY FROM HOME"**
(by Tom Sbordone – Renter of 402H, February/March 2021)

My wife Nona and I have spent part of the last five (5) winters at Island Reef Condominiums seeking to escape the cold, snow and ice of the Northeast. We reside the remainder of the year in Dartmouth, MA, roughly an hour outside Boston.

Yep – we're snowbirds! We consider IR to be our "home away from home" and we look forward to our time here with great anticipation each year. The months of February and March can't come soon enough for us. We get a chance to reconnect with some awesome people and we truly love it here!

When we first considered an extended stay in Florida, we had two main concerns. First, we both have yet to retire so how would we adapt to working remotely? Second, how would we fit in amongst our neighbors here at IR and with Floridians, in general? Both concerns turned out to be unfounded and unwarranted. My wife and I are both in sales/sales management positions. Nona is a residential realtor back home, and I work for a large financial services business/bank (BMO Harris Bank), where I manage a team of salespeople spread across the U.S. With everyone working remotely this past year, due to Covid-19, we were able to stay put and "work the phones," as they say. The adjustments were much easier than we anticipated and I don't miss the business travel hassles.

We wondered, too, how would we fit in at Island Reef given our status as "renters"? Our concern over there being a "caste system," too, turned out to be unnecessary. We have met so many others here and made numerous lasting friendships with owners and renters alike. We have felt welcomed by everyone. Like everywhere else, relationship building requires effort on both sides and someone has to be first to engage. The one downside to renting, however, is the angst we have each year over being able to return to a unit we had previously thoroughly enjoyed. The IR management team is fantastic to work with, and they always go the extra mile to match renters with available condo units. Theirs is a difficult job. I call it "renter's roulette" but we're still here. We always make a point to treat our rental unit just as we would if we owned it. My wife is a cleaner and an interior redecorator, so she's always taking care of the place. We take pride in our rental unit and we fix 'stuff.' Over the years, we've left our share of items we purchased (pots/pans/utensils, beach chairs, new towels, Kuerig coffee makers, etc.) for others to enjoy. We're good (quiet, considerate) neighbors. We believe in "good karma"! It's served us well in life.

This is our first year renting on the bay/intra-coastal side of the IR complex. While it takes us a little longer getting to the beach, we can certainly use the exercise and it seems a tad quieter (less foot traffic making its way to the beach) during the day. We have a great pool and proximity to the courts. We particularly enjoy watching the sunrise on this side and then ending the day, with a glass of wine in hand, on the other side for sunset. IR has something for everyone. It's nice that things quiet down pretty much after say 9 pm each night. Folks respect one another's desire for peace and quiet. When we see three (3) generations of a family enjoying time together by the pool, beach or patios, we know that we're in the right place for us!

In closing, we absolutely love it here! Island Reef has everything we could possibly want. Thank you to everyone who has gone out of their way to make us feel welcome. We appreciate you!

Our special thanks go to:

- ◆ The wonderful couple who always invited us to enjoy wine with them each night outside their C-building unit. They've since moved a couple buildings away from IR, but we remain very good friends and always will be.
- ◆ The fantastic couple in A-building who took our family under their wings and taught us to play Pickleball; (the gentleman, however, is not very good at fishing! You can always count on him in a pinch though. A real mensch.)
- ◆ The lovely couple in the H-building who greet us warmly each day along with their canine, Chloe, and thoughtfully deliver our packages to our door every day. Everyone should have neighbors like these two!
- ◆ Meryem and Glenda for their support, guidance and friendship.
- ◆ Our fellow Massachusetts (Cape Cod and New Bedford) "partners in crime", for whom we traveled 1,500 miles to eventually meet up with and enjoy in SK. It's true that the beach provides a great setting to reconnect, socially. IR has a wonderful beach.

We mourn the loss of those we got to know and enjoy at IR who are no longer with us. May they rest in peace knowing how fondly they're remembered. (Dan Murphy).

Warmest Regards, *Tom and Nona Sbordone*
(with their daughter Natalie). 402H

