



ISLAND REEF TIMES



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In 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic—an organization formed to recognize the brotherhood of American Civil War Veterans—designated the 30th day of May for “decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country” asking their members to “in their own way, arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect.”

Their hope was that memorial services would continue every year as long as any “survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades.” The Grand Army of the Republic was dissolved in 1956, but their legacy continues in our annual recognition each Memorial Day.

Today, organizations like Vietnam Veterans of America serve an important role in maintaining the sacred tradition of commemorating, honoring, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country.

This Memorial Day, VVA Leadership will be present at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for a ceremony of honor and remembrance, and thousands of communities across the country will host services and ceremonies.

This Memorial Day we join together in honoring the memories of those we have lost.

I remember when the first of our classmates from St. Francis de Sales School in Walnut Hills, Cincinnati OH died during the Vietnam conflict. Marty Mugavin was born October 7, 1946, and he was drafted into the Army, entering the service via Selective Service. He served during the Vietnam War, beginning his tour on January 13, 1967. He had the rank of Specialist Four. His military occupation or specialty was Light Weapons Infantry, and he was attached to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Headquarters Company, 48th Isp. During his service in the Vietnam War, Army Specialist Four Mugavin experienced a traumatic event which ultimately resulted in loss of life on February 23, 1967, just one month and 10 days after enlistment. Recorded circumstances attributed to: died through hostile action, multiple fragmentation wounds. Incident location: South Vietnam, Tay Ninh Province. Marty's name is engraved in Panel 15E, line 80 of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. It was a moving experience to find his name when the entire memorial was on display in Angel Fire, NM. Marty was awarded the PURPLE HEART AWARD. Marty, I will never forget you, your family, or your service . . .

Kay Maier, IRT co-editor

Day is Done; Gone the Sun . . . So proud of our youngest grandson, Carter Lindauer, who participated in TAPS ACROSS AMERICA on Memorial Day! For this rendition, they went to Walnut Hill Cemetery in Bellville, IL to



the Vietnam Memorial there. He is using the bugle that his great uncle used during his Civil War reenactment participation. Carter is a sophomore at Belleville East High School.

John & Kay Maier, 401H

This Memorial Day, I feel certain that we all know someone who was a member of VVA who passed this year from COVID or for any other variety of reasons. I am especially recalling **Scott Schurr**, general handyman here at Island Reef and a man of many talents! His deep resounding laugh will remain with me forever. Know that we are so grateful for your military service. Freedom is not free. We at Island Reef salute you especially this Memorial Day. We applaud you and are forever grateful . . .



WHERE IS SIESTA KEY HEADED?

Bonnie and Ed Rowley went to an open meeting the week of May 17 as they truly needed to get a handle on where this key is headed! The coalition to stop the hotels is just a short term fix. Making Siesta Key a township, or village, is the long term solution to having more control of our island and taking back some control from the government, as in traffic and enforced building codes. Bonnie writes: *“Just an FYI: The Village of Innsbrook, where we lived in St Louis, incorporated into our own township in ‘95 for all the same reasons. We had no tax increase but had more control over OUR village. We still used county fire department, police, water, etc. but supplemented it when necessary with volunteer fire fighters and roving security guards. This needs to be accomplished by September 1 of this year, so residents of Florida who are away for the summer need to get involved, at least filling out the questionnaire.”*

Thanks for all you contribute to our little spot in paradise! OUR CAUSE needs your support NOW. Take the survey which you will find below, and consider donating your time and expertise! The completed survey form needs to be returned to Davidson's Drug Store.

<https://www.savesiestakey.org/>

Bonnie Rowley. 406A

Greetings, fellow Island Reef owners!



Rick Wulterkens (left) President, IROA Board and the first mate with an amberjack caught on an Outriggers offshore charter

Summer is upon us here and so is hurricane season**. Be prepared, whether you are here or 'up north'. All of us need to remember the potential for damages caused by these weather phenomenons. First floor units are particularly vulnerable. The board recommends that especially those owners consider some type of electronic monitoring device in addition to regularly having your condo checker

examine your unit. These devices immediately alert you to problems and can significantly reduce devastating consequences.

Even though few of us are here, there is much happening on our property. The F building roof is complete! This is great news not only because we are now rid of the nuisance that construction brings but also because our new roof will reduce our insurance rates. The irrigation well on the gulf side has failed (like the one on the bay side did recently), and a new well must be drilled. That work will commence soon. That is especially important because we have had drought conditions lately. Soon also, carport roofs adjacent to the G building will be replaced, and that necessitates a lot of trees being sidelined, as many branches hang over our property and threaten the security of those new roofs. Once that project is complete, the bayside pavers will be power washed and resealed as part of our commitment to ongoing maintenance. Other typical summertime projects will then follow. Additionally, many units are being renovated, including mine.

Island Reef has seen an uptick in off-season rentals, too, a consequence of the pandemic, which thankfully has diminished due to preventative measures and vaccinations. These rentals, when arranged through our program, provide additional funds for running our campus, a welcome windfall.

Your board of directors and our management company are working diligently along with our staff to make IR a place all of us can be proud of. I wish the best for all of you this summer and will look forward to seeing you when season begins and we can hopefully return to our typical busy social schedule.

Rick Wulterkens, 506H
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** Hurricane season in Florida typically lasts from June 1 through November 30, although it's not uncommon for tropical storms to form as early as May.

RICK'S PICKS!



Top row (left) - A picture of our Memorial Day tree dedicated to the "good ol' USA!" (right) - The youngest of our 3 sons, Benjamin, with a nice trout caught off our dock.
2nd row—Diane and I are 'bookending' our son Ben and his girlfriend Jen on the IR beach. They caught this glorious sunset on one of their final days here at Island Reef.



Please contribute pictures from the past as well as the present. Pictures tell a story, and we'd like to hear your stories too. Reminiscing is always lots of fun!

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Thanks to ALL members of our Island Reef Community who contributed news, articles, photos, etc. for this current issue. Credits are given for each submission. Neither the editors nor the IROA are responsible for material submitted for publication or copied from other sources. Articles may be edited for clarity and length. **The deadline for our next edition of the ISLAND REEF TIMES will be Monday, September 27, 2021. We are grateful for your submissions.**

The 2020-21 Board of Directors of the Island Reef Owners Association, Inc.

			Term Expires
President	Rick Wulterkens	(506H)	2021
Vice President	Marge Tichy	(302H)	2021
Secretary	Jean O'Connell	(104A)	2022
Treasurer	Roger Rossi	(206A)	2021
Director	Richard Hummer	(402F)	2022

Remaining dates of BOARD MEETINGS in 2021 — location to be determined

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.

ISLAND REEF MISSION STATEMENT Island Reef is a privately owned, residential condominium complex designed to meet the living, recreational and social needs of both individuals and families. While not a resort property, Island Reef provides a casual and friendly atmosphere and strives to maintain the highest standards for facilities, landscape, care and service in order to sustain owners' enjoyment and protect property values.

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Be sure to read even more **GOOD NEWS** on Page 8...



Meet the latest newlyweds, **Linda & Tom Berger**. Congratulations!

Linda Nottestad is pleased to introduce her new husband **Tom Berger** to our IR community. He is a former resident of Lakewood Ranch and Innsbrook (where Bonnie and Ed Rowley (406A) lived before coming full-time to IR). Linda and Tom were married May 19 in St Louis, and they now call Webster "home." Bonnie and Ed were friends of Tom and his former wife Carol and of Linda and her former husband Ken (whom many IR residents fondly remember too), both in St. Louis and in Florida. Bonnie admits that she "kind of got them back together!" Both couples were neighbors with their spouses in Webster, MO when their kids were growing up, so they have a past and now a future in the making! They are trying to find a place to rent at IR in March or April or even May of next year. Hoping to see and meet the newlywed couple then! **Best wishes, Linda and Tom Berger!**

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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.)

Board Secretary reports Board Business . . .



Allow me to introduce myself. My name is **Jean O'Connell** and my husband Bob and I own **104A**. I was elected last fall to the Board of Directors of Island Reef. My past experiences serving on boards or volunteering made me realize that members of any organization want to know what is going on. Therefore, I volunteered to write an article that lets everyone know what

the Board of Directors is doing to keep Island Reef a place of friendship and activities, as well as making sure the grounds and facilities are well-maintained.

The insurance committee began reviewing the service we were getting from Brown and Brown, our insurance broker, to see if there was an opportunity to reduce our insurance cost. Late last year, we challenged USI, another large insurance broker in Florida to see if they could reduce our flood insurance costs. They were able to get us \$22,000 in insurance savings. As a result and after a number of discussions with both USI and Brown and Brown, the decision was made to appoint USI as our sole insurance broker going forward. It was also decided that the decision be reviewed every few years to ensure that no opportunity to reduce our costs was being missed.

Another topic for discussion was the removal of one shuffleboard court to be replaced with a Bocce Ball Court. An estimate was obtained for the cost of a complete removal of a shuffle-board court to be replaced with a high - quality Bocce Ball Court. The cost was \$25,000. Seven months have past since this request and the board felt at this time there was not enough interest in the project. We voted to table the action until we had proof that it is truly wanted.

Just as that vote ended, there was a malfunction of the Zoom call and we all lost contact. Apparently, our management company was sharing Zoom connections and another agent had booked the 2 p.m. spot. Eventually, we were reconnected and the meeting continued. However, we lost about 10 of our owners as they were unaware of what happened and how to get back on.

After that, the new business included a request and presentation by owner Ann Krause (303F) to create a dog park on the bay side of the property. There was much discussion of the pros and cons. The board members received many calls and emails regarding this "hot" issue. After everyone had a chance to voice their opinions, the issue died due to a lack of a motion.

The final votes concerned requests from boaters. One was a vote that approved dock boxes for three boaters, and the other one was for permission for new boaters to have the option of hooking up to the power at the dock. IR recently installed a new electric hook up and the board approved the cost of \$10,000 at the previous meeting. Any additional cost of hooking in, will be a cost to the boat owner.

For those that do not listen to board meetings, I hope this report keeps everyone informed of what we are doing.

Until our next board meeting, scheduled for October 13th.

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with any questions or
concerns OR email me
at mgr@islandreef.net.

IT'S SUMMERTIME HERE AT ISLAND REEF, time to greet our summer guests and families of owners. This summer will be a bit different with more rental reservations than usual which makes it fun! Please remind your guests of the IR rules and regulations while enjoying their summer here.

- We have lots of projects coming up in the upcoming months.
- ◆ We will be sealing the Bayside pavers and all notices will be emailed and posted on the bulletin boards outside the elevator lobbies.
 - ◆ The Australian Pines adjacent to the clubhouse/tennis court will be sidelined.
 - ◆ The long G carport will be replaced.
 - ◆ As a preventive yearly maintenance, staff will be dousing bleach to the condensate line, and for the first time, we will be dousing Bio-Enzyme liquid to all first floor units to avoid any future back-ups.
 - ◆ Just a reminder to all owners, if you are considering renting your unit, please call the office (941-349-2844). We have a great software in place to do the work for you, and an overflow of tenants whom we haven't been able to place. We take care of everything for you, collecting taxes, cleaning the unit. It is a peace of mind that the tenants will be coordinated through the office, and you don't have to worry about a thing!

Recently, we have had a lot of new owners — 402C (Reedy), 203F (Lombardo), 103G (Clapp), 305G (D'Amato & Parry), 401G (Temple), 503G (Albini), and 304H (Dreabit). We hope to feature them in upcoming issues of the **Island Reef Times**.

As most of our owners are away from their condo, please make sure you have a 'checker' for the condo to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

Thank you to the Board of Directors, the staff, and all owners for their help in making Island Reef a great place to enjoy.

Have a great summer . . . until we meet again! *Meryem*

Thanks, one and all for your contributions to the IRT! We LOVE our community here on the west coast of FL!

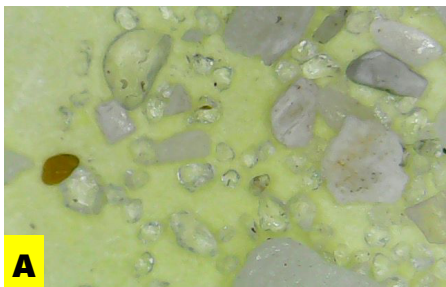
Malcolm Teas (204F) has a new accessory to enhance his photos! He now has added a "drone" to his photographic equipment, and he submitted his marvelous photography of IR and environs for this issue.

Photos at right: 1) The Building F Roof, a vertical shot from 240 feet up showing the roof progress May 14. 2) The Island Reef Complex, the perspective view from around 230 feet above ground over the edge of the Bay that shows the entire Island Reef Complex, Bay Side. 3) An aerial view of the mangrove spit and the channel near it.

The next two pictures (4,5) are of the Morning Glories, which are in full bloom at sunrise and closed by mid-morning. The first picture is of them facing the rising sun but backlit and the second is a front view of them facing into the morning sun.

(6) is a photo from a different angle on some of our cabbage palm trees.

Read on about the interesting photos Malcolm submitted below!



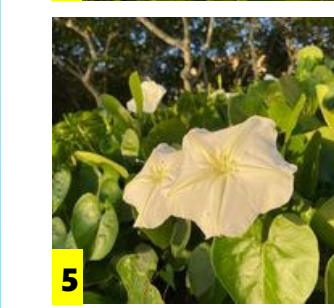
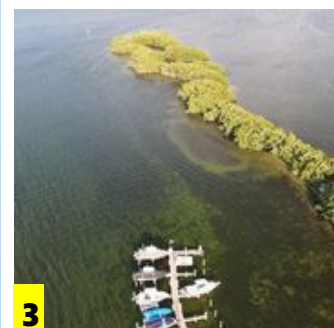
Inquiring minds want to know . . . All of Turtle Beach was replenished at least several times now. To do this, sand is pumped up from places they find off-shore —last time it was about 7 miles off-shore. But the original sand of the beach isn't replaced; the sand in and around the vegetation has never been covered by pumped up sand.

The first (A) is a microscope picture showing the small grains of quartz (like Siesta Beach), and the larger bits are of ground-up shell. The second (B) is of our replenished beach sand, and it is a microscope view of the sand that was pumped up from off-shore and put down to fill out Turtle Beach. It looks and feels quite different!

And now you know . . . Thanks, Malcolm, for sharing you photography and the facts you've researched!

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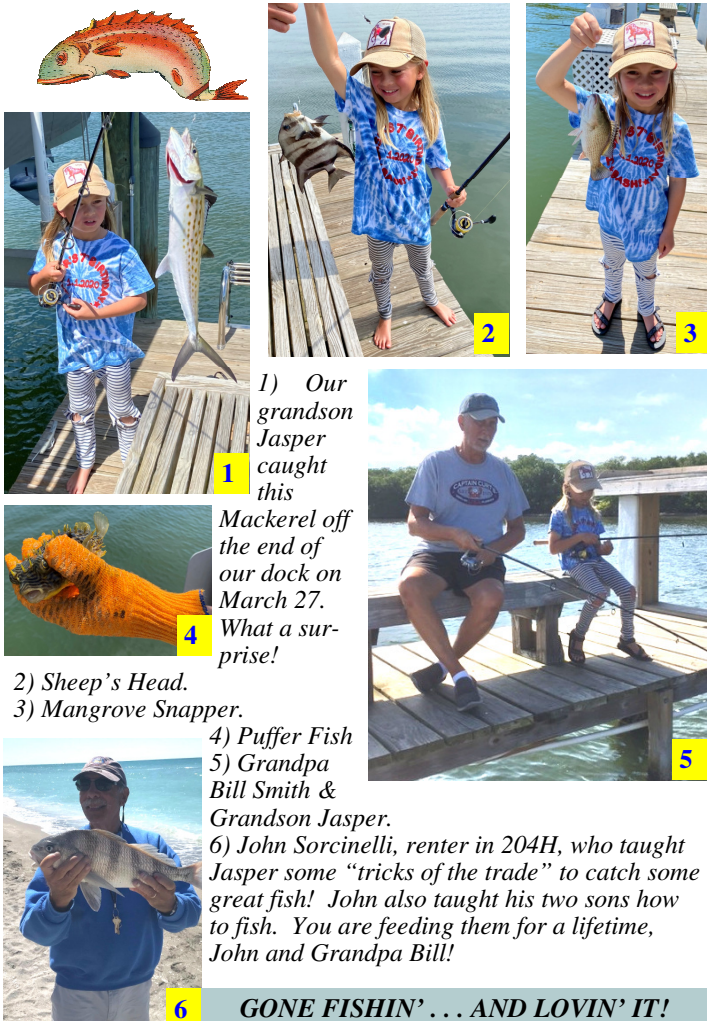
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Give a man (or a boy) a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man/boy to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime . . . *by Bill Smith, 203H*

Our son Ryan and grandson Jasper came to Island Reef for a visit. Jasper was interested in trying out the fishing from the dock, so he and Ryan grabbed the fishing gear and headed on down. I told them I would be down in a few minutes. When they arrived, our winter neighbor, John Sorcinelli (pictured below), renting with his wife in 204H) was there fishing. He showed Ryan and Jasper that instead of casting out, the fish were abundant right under the dock and in the shadows of the boats. He showed them how to drop the bait directly down and just reel up from the bottom slightly. He also loaned them some fresh shrimp bait. By the time I arrived, Jasper and John were catching mangrove snappers with regularity. When it was time to head back up to the condo, Jasper was not quite ready and wanted to try one more time. He dropped his line in the water just off the north end of the dock, and when he started to reel it in to check the bait, he got a humongous strike. The pole bent over and the drag needed to be tightened as the fish was headed out for open water. Jasper kept reeling and finally we got sight of a large fish. He was able to pull it up on the dock without losing it! When he held it up, we determined it was a mackerel — a nice sized one at that! Ryan filleted it and they grilled it for dinner that night.

And that's the story. *And this is no 'fish tale' (editor's comment!)*



1) Our grandson Jasper caught this

Mackerel off the end of our dock on March 27. What a surprise!

2) Sheep's Head.

3) Mangrove Snapper.

4) Puffer Fish

5) Grandpa Bill Smith & Grandson Jasper.

6) John Sorcinelli, renter in 204H, who taught Jasper some "tricks of the trade" to catch some great fish! John also taught his two sons how to fish. You are feeding them for a lifetime, John and Grandpa Bill!

GONE FISHIN' . . . AND LOVIN' IT!

Moving on up . . . ONE FINAL HURRAH



Bill Roethel, 504H, has been a fairly regular contributor of articles to the IRT. Bill recently announced that he will be moving to Stuart FL the end of June to be nearer to his older sister Paula and her son in Hobe Sound, FL. Bill enjoyed his years here at Island Reef; he moved here December 30, 2007, relocating from West Bloomfield, a suburb of Detroit. Here he enjoyed golf twice weekly, and he loved his camaraderie in the IR tennis games 3 times each week. He also frequented the pool to complete his exercise needs. Bill was a veteran of the Korean War, having attended OCS (Officers' Candidate School). His specialty was artillery. At IR, Bill began a long and fruitful involvement with The Humane Society of Sarasota, and he was one of their most faithful dog walkers. His love of cats was his initial impetus in doing this volunteer work, and when his cat Ambush died, he got another rescue, a Calico named Yoko, whom he has to this very day. We wish you much success with your permanent move to independent living 'up north,' but know that you will be missed here at Island Reef, Bill (AKA Casper)! Here is Bill's final article for us . . .

It was only by chance that I was in the neighborhood that day, but at the last moment, I decided to stop and see what progress had been made. The Humane Society of Sarasota had been my "go to" place for a number of years. It has been a while since I was a volunteer there, but I was a regular for 4-5 years before that. All that seemed necessary at that point was to follow the hoots, howls, and barks of the many dogs who were patiently waiting for someone to walk them, but now an eerie silence prevailed in the facility. The original location had been on 15th St., and I remember the difficulty I had trying to find a place to park and then walking to the gate which allowed you access to one of the three pods of puppies/dogs as you were met by a chorus of dogs. You could sense their hope in being selected as the gate to the cages were opened and a puppy came bounding out, hoping he/she was the one you wanted!

In the 'old days,' our first duty was to sign in, then proceed to the front office to let the counselors know that you were there, read the charts, say my 'hellos' to the staff, and all of them in turn say hello to 'Casper.' Let me tell you why I was known as *Casper*. It seems that many years ago, I found a place to help me take the place of my cat Ambush, who was a significant part of my life for more than 21 years! I requested that I wanted to be known as 'Casper' to my co-workers and not as 'Bill.' I also had a well-loved horse named Casper, and I chose that name and immediately thereafter was known as *Casper*.

Things had really changed at the Humane Society as I pulled into what was now a paved, excellent parking space, making my way to what is now the entry door, no longer just a gate to gain access to sign in at this new and impressive structure. It was there that I was greeted by two ladies who very nicely asked if they could be of help. I asked if Kristin was still there, and the answer was she not there but she was still 'chair.' It was rather awkward from that point on, and though not invited to look around, it was obvious that the ladies were not inclined to let me look around, so I chose to leave.

As I made my way back to my car, I was still overwhelmed by what had taken place in the few years since I was spending the better part of three days a week there. I would be the 'first in', usually by 10 a.m, and never left until I could help load one dog or cat into a waiting car for a ride to their 'forever home.' So now I too plan to head on out to my next home for the next chapter of my life's journey, and I take with me many fond memories of my years at Island Reef. *Bill Roethel*



Sunday, June 20, 2021

How would you describe DAD, DADDY, GRANDPA, POP-POP, GRAMPS, etc.?

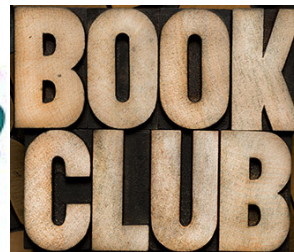


My dad was the best and always will be. He may be gone from my sight, but he is always in my heart.

Kelly's Treehouse

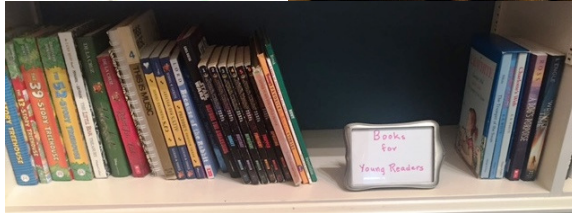


And for all of us who have lost our Dads . . . May the holes in our hearts be filled with wonderful, happy memories of the men who helped shape our lives.



Island Reef Book Club

There is a new addition to the activities of the IR Book Club. We have set aside one shelf (the lowest one, to the left as you enter) in the Island Reef library (H building) for our **YOUNG READERS**.



Children are invited to take books from this shelf during their stay at Island Reef. If they have not finished the book and it is time to return home, they are welcome to take the book with them. Likewise, if a youngster brings a book and finishes reading it while here, we would welcome that new addition to the lowest shelf.

Adult readers, please pass along the names of any books you have enjoyed this summer. Our group will reassemble in January and I would like to have a list of titles for next season. Enjoy those lazy, hazy days of summer!

*Kathy Caltagirone, 404B
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It's a Wrap! Water Aerobics '20-'21 Season #24 by Bonnie Rowley, 406A

While classes began with a very chilly (by Florida standards) January, we recovered to have 44 classes, with an average of 13 people attending each class.

That's a grand total of 570 people in attendance throughout the season! This was our 24th year having instructors at Island Reef! Next year we celebrate our Silver Anniversary. Thanks to Miiff Hendrickson & Dee Dee Thull for making us work to the best of our abilities. If you've never tried water aerobics, you should. It's a total body workout, low impact, but lots of cardio to keep us all strong and fit. And yes, we had 3 guys this year, so it's not just for the ladies! We use noodles and bands on occasion, and next year we're introducing balls and frisbees! Dee Dee will show us what to do with them...it should be interesting! Class will continue, without instructors, throughout the summer. We have some great downloaded classes we follow with a speaker, and it's free, so if you've ever wanted to try it, it's a small group, so now is the time. Just come on over to the Gulf-side pool at 10 a.m. M-W-F. Thanks to all who participated.

And, thanks to Bonnie for keeping our community in such fine shape so we can all remain fit and active in the coming years! Exercise is definitely a MUST!



IR bids "Farewell" to our friend Tom



**Thomas P. Gallahue III, Age 70
June 2, 1950 - May 25, 2021**

Thomas P. (Tom) Gallahue, beloved husband of Claudia Yates, passed peacefully at his residence in Sarasota, FL early afternoon on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

A native of Waukegan, IL, Tom was the son of Thomas P. Gallahue II and Mary Killoran Gallahue.

He graduated from St. Bennet Academy (Chicago, IL) and also attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from St. Norbert College (De Pere, WI).

In addition to his loving wife of 35 years, Claudia Yates, Tom leaves behind his only son, Thomas P. Gallahue IV (Frannie Whitaker) and their son Thomas P. Gallahue V, residents of Gulf Port, MS; sister Patty (Randy) Schiller (CA); his sister Terri pre-deceased him. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Jim (Deby) Yates and Thom Yates, all residents of St. Louis, and sisters-in-law Amber Scannell (Indianapolis, IN) and Kelly (Randy) Hauser, Kansas City, MO. Tom was also a cherished uncle and dear friend to countless people who now mourn his loss.

On January 30, 1986, Tom married the love of his life, Claudia Yates, who was at that time also employed by Sears. They have resided these past 10 years at Island Reef condo complex on beautiful Siesta Key, FL (Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota), overlooking Little Sarasota Bay.

Tom followed in his father's footsteps by taking his first job at Sears in 1973, eventually working his way up to DGM (District General Manager) of the Memphis, TN District; Tom retired from this position at the age of 55. He came out of retirement when he was hired as the VP of Operations at CPI in St. Louis in 2006, and worked at this job until he fully retired in 2012 (after part-time and again full time positions with this company).

Tom's primary residence was in Chesterfield, MO, but he loved his snowbird home on Siesta Key, FL. It was there that he chose to live out his final days, taking in the ambiance, peace, serenity, and beautiful scenery of Little Sarasota Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, his "little piece of Paradise." Tom loved his favorite past-times of fishing, boating, golfing, and walking. Claudia commented on what made Tom such a special person and friend to many in this final note she wrote to him: *"Tom, you are upbeat, positive, brave, smart, and funny; you were also a man of high morals and integrity You always smiled and had an interest in whatever your family and friends said. You never judged anyone, you were a great conversationalist, always very engaging! Thank you for all you are to me, Tom! You are so special to me. Love, Claudia"*

Final arrangements are private and are being managed by Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. Messages of condolence may be left at www.gendronfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's memory to the American Cancer Society (cancer.org) or to the charity of one's choice.

Happier times for Tom & Claudia at one of Island Reef's New Year Eve parties. We hold on to many of these special memories in our hearts! You are so missed, Tom!



With the suggestion of a permanent memorial for Tom Gallahue, Bonnie Rowley and Diane Harness suggested putting a plaque on the bench at the Gulf end of IR's property designating it as "Tom's Office." Tom conducted a lot of business at this spot, meeting friends for chats, working

out golf schedules, and more! 2011 is the year that Tom and Claudia first purchased a condo at Island Reef. One of his friends, Charlie Graney (a photographer) sent this picture below. It was taken early in the morning and the bench casts a shadow across the beach. Charlie exclaimed: "I think of it as Tom's spirit present at



Island Reef" This is the view that Tom now has of his slice of Paradise as he now soars on eagles' wings . . .



A SAD TIME IN OUR HISTORY . . . In 1970, I was an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Kent State University. I and about a dozen other Kent State faculty members served as Faculty Marshals May 2-4 during the demonstrations on campus against the war in Vietnam. Our goals at these demonstrations were to be a faculty presence, facilitate communications between various factions, and prevent our students from getting hurt.

The Ohio National Guard occupied our campus on May 2 as the ROTC building was burned down.

On May 4, on my way across campus for lunch, I encountered a demonstration against the Guard's occupation of campus. I was nearby when the Guard opened fire on our students, killing four and wounding nine. I helped in evacuating a wounded student, calming the students who remained after the dead and wounded were taken away and communicating with the Guard to help our students leave the area peacefully.

The University was closed. We faculty "taught" the rest of the quarter by mail. Help sessions were conducted in church basements and meeting halls. Final exams were "open book."

It was a truly tragic event in our nation's history.

Dr. Norm Duffy, long-time IR renter



At the left, Norm is participating in a May 3 virtual candlelight vigil remembrance this year of the horrific tragedy at Kent State University 51 years ago in early May.



Good news — Celebrating happy times



Radiant then and still radiant today are **Ralph and Shirley Fige Fieber (201F)** as they shared fond memories of their wedding day on May 13, 1982, 49

years ago this year. Here is a recent picture of the happy couple, still beaming from ear to ear! They were married at the Ringling Museum in the Rose Garden, and Shirley exclaimed, *"We knew from the start that we had a great life ahead!"*

Barb and Jeff Weyeneth (302F)

enjoyed a special dinner out at one of their favorite restaurants to commemorate their 58th wedding anniversary on May 29. "We have so many happy memories . . . It's been a great journey and we hope to have many more anniversaries!"



Norm and Marianne Duffy, snowbirds here at Island Reef for six years now, were eager to return north this year to meet their



newest great-grandchild #9, Katherine (Kit) Rose Lemon, who joined the Duffy Clan the morning of April 30. The smile on Marianne's face here says it all — so proud of their 20 grandchildren and of all their nine GREATS, now totaling 6 girls and 3 boys! Congrats!

On May 2, **Jeff Newman (Bea's son)** forwarded this picture of Bea's two great-grandsons, Jack on the left and Connor Shannon on the right. Their mom, Jeff's daughter Laura, had purchased matching Cousins shirts for the boys who were going to a birthday party for one of their many cousins. Then, on May 4, Jeff texted me another picture (at right), this one



of Bea's granddaughter Laura Shannon and her husband Ryan with her two great-grandsons, big brother Jack and young Connor. This was taken on a day trip to the Jersey shore. *(continued in next column)*



*I get such a thrill when I visit **Great-Grandma Bea (407F)** as, with her I-pad in hand, she excitedly goes to Pictures and proceeds to show me the latest pix of her family. Grandkids are great but **GREAT-GRANDKIDS** are even greater! Kay Maier, co-editor, IRT*

From Tom & Nona Sbordone . . .

We wanted to share some photos (at right) with you of our son's wedding on 4/17 in Charleston, SC. We had an amazing time, both in Charleston and at Isle of Palms! The whole event far exceeded our best hopes and expectations.



We are happy to welcome our new daughter-in-law Chelsea Countie Sbordone into our family as she took our son Andrew William Sbordone in marriage. They just moved into a brand new home in Johns Island, SC (just outside of Charleston). Andrew was recently admitted to the South Carolina Bar Association to go along with admittance in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We couldn't be any prouder of them, and we welcome Chelsea's family into ours too!



We thoroughly enjoyed Isle of Palms and Charleston SC! Our elder daughter Julia Clare, second from left, joined us at our Wild Dunes Condo. Our other daughter Natalie (far left) shared our delightful bayside experience while 'home' was **402H** for most of 'the season'! We plan to be back in this same unit again next year!

We look forward to keeping in touch with you and hearing about all things "Island Reef"! Take care . . .

Tom & Nona Sbordone of Massachusetts



Jim & Marla Walsh share great news!

"Here is a picture of 5 of our grandchildren who graduated during the past year. Everyone got together on May 29th at our home in IL to celebrate the graduations of 5 of our grandchildren. **Colette Scheffers** (daughter of Todd and Cathy 106C) graduated from Trinity College - May '20, **Mary Catherine and Christina Dull** graduated from St Norbert College in

May, **Jim Walsh** graduated from Naperville Central High School (now on his way to Iowa State University) and **Claire Walsh**

graduated from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School and will be attending Naperville Central High School in the Fall. We had a great time sharing stories and watching our family enjoy being together!"



Editors' note . . . Isn't it terrific to be able to gather as family once again now that the restrictions of the pandemic are lifting? Loving hugs!



It's that time of year once again . . . While she was out and about early on her morning beach walk May 8, look what **Marge Tichy (302H)** encountered (**Photo 1**)! This large tortoise lives in the dunes right between Island Reef and the aqua house; he comes out most mornings to greet her on her walk. Marge and Betty Fuchs (201H), another early a.m. beach walker, have been observing him over the months. The other pic is our first turtle nest locally. It is on the beach about halfway down to the left of our walkway.



(Photo 2) Turtle nesting season in Siesta Key and Sarasota occurs between May 1 and October 31 every year, representing 6 months of activity where sea turtles emerge from the Gulf waters at night to lay their eggs on the white sand beaches on Siesta Key before they once again return to the sea. The female turtles come ashore a few weeks after mating, usually during high tide. They dig holes in the sand and lay their eggs, then cover the eggs with sand to protect them from predators and harsh temperatures. On average, they create around 8 nests during the mating season with each nest holding around 100 eggs. Once done, they retreat back into the sea, never to return again. After 55 days of incubation, the baby turtles break out of their shells (**Photo 3**) and instinctively scramble towards the sea to join their kin. At this stage, they are usually 2-3 inches long, about the size of a golf ball.

At least three of the seven species of sea turtles make their way to Sarasota's shores each year — the **loggerhead** (endangered), **green turtles** (endangered), and **Kemp's Ridley** (a very rare endangered species). Be sure you are aware of all regulations regarding turtle nesting season; ignorance is no excuse!



Photos by Heidi West, 403H

Were you out moon-gazing the evening of Monday, April 26? If so, you most likely saw the **PINK MOON**, a phenomenon in the night sky! Native American tribes across the United States have their own names for the moon, according to the [Western Washington University Planetarium](#). Many of those names are also associated with springtime signs, including the melting of snow and the return of geese after their journey south for winter. The Cherokee tribe of the East Coast calls it the "kawohni" or "flower moon," and the Creek tribe of the Southeast refers to it as "tasahcee-rakko" or "big spring moon."

HERE ARE THE FULL MOONS THROUGH THE END OF 2021:

- June 24—Strawberry Moon
- July 23—Buck Moon
- August 22—Sturgeon Moon
- September 20—Harvest Moon
- October 20—Hunter's Moon
- November 19—Beaver Moon
- December 18—Cold Moon



See you out under the moon and the stars!

Studies show, coastal air is different than air found farther inland. Coastal air is charged with negative ions causing the body to absorb oxygen more easily. Serotonin levels are more equalized, which decrease stress levels, and improves mood. Helping you to sleep more deeply and peacefully at night, causing a beneficial effect on your health and well-being.

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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 sixth 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 your story in the next issue. You'll be glad you did! *John & Kay Maier, co-editors*

Around our campus and environs



These photos at the left were taken by long-time renter, **Charlie Graney**.

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The first three pictures at the left are of the Great Egret and were photographed at the Venice Rookery. The egret is feeding her young, first as wee little ones, and in the third picture, when they have grown significantly.



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Pictures 4 and 5 are of the Roseate Spoonbill feeding her young at the Rookery on Sarasota Bay and an 'action shot' of the spoonbill coming in for a landing.



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The final picture (6) is of the Great Blue Heron and her young at the Venice Rookery.



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Charley has also made calendars featuring some of his wild-life action around these environs.



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Thanks, Charley, for your photos! Now with 7 years of renting at

Island Reef 'under their belts,' he and his wife Clarice still have their permanent home in East Amherst, NY, a suburb of Buffalo. So happy you spend some of your time and share your talents here with us!



SUNSETS! Thanks, **Colleen Martin, 304F**, for sharing these beautiful sunsets taken Bayside! Research shows that sunsets have many psychological effects that enhance long-lasting satisfaction in life, and physical benefits and have proven to relieve stress. So, next time you're having a rough day, drive (or walk) to your favorite spot and watch your worries fade away. It gives you a reason to go outside!



Capturing a moment in time . . .



Another bay-side photographer caught this picture of SpaceX Falcon taken early in the morning of April 23, one of the benefits of living in viewing distance from Cape Canaveral, just a 3-hour drive from here at Island Reef.

NASA and Elon Musk's commercial rocket company SpaceX launched a new four-astronaut team on a flight to the International Space Station on Friday, the 23rd, the first crew ever propelled into orbit by a rocket booster recycled from a previous space flight. The company's Crew Dragon capsule Endeavor, also making its second flight, streaked into the darkened pre-dawn sky atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket as its nine Merlin engines roared to life at 5:49 a.m. from NASA's Kennedy Space Center here in FL. Thanks, **Kurt Suhr, 505F**, for this historic photo!

Bonnie Rowley (406A) captured this awesome photo of a "Sun Halo" on May 1. A Sun Halo is caused by the refraction, reflection, and dispersion of light through ice particles suspended within thin, wispy, high altitude cirrus or cirrostratus clouds. As light passes through these hexagon shaped ice crystals, it is bent at a 22 degree angle, creating a circular halo around the Sun. The prism effect of light passing through these six-sided ice crystals also separates the light into its various color frequencies, making the halo look like a very pale rainbow, with red on the inside and blue on the outside.

Folklore tells us Sun halos can predict the weather. "Usually a ring round the Sun or Moon means rain or snow is coming soon!" (most likely, that would be RAIN and NOT SNOW here on Siesta Key!)

