

Pelican Bay Women's League Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Beverly Wernette

I can't believe that I'm writing about February events already! January seemed to fly by with all the activities of The League. A highlight of the month was the opening of our Women's Speakers Series with Myra Daniel's fan club filling the room to its capacity. She is such a role model and her talk was so inspiring. We also had terrific speakers for the rest of the month – Lynn Esmay, Elaine Christian and Gloria Maher. We are so fortunate to have such interesting, talented women in Pelican Bay who are willing to share their stories and expertise with us! We will continue the series every Monday afternoon through March, and you can bring your female Pelican Bay friends with you whether they are members or not.

In addition, the trip to the Norton Museum and Morikami Gardens, arranged by Irene Martin, was outstanding. Our luncheon with Karna Bodman at Pelican Marsh, organized by Roberta Patton and Susan Calcagni, was first-rate. Our New Member Coffee, chaired by Alison Beckett, was extremely successful and special since we introduced new members to each other and the benefits of the League. Did you know that we had 165 new members that were invited? This is a real sign of the League's growth.

If you like day trips, you will definitely want to consider going with the League to Gulfstream Park Race Track and Casino on February 12. The racetrack is one of the most elegant in the United States (similar to Saratoga). We will have front row seats and a private buffet. If you don't want to watch the races, there is a non-smoking casino and a shopping center with stores like Crate & Barrel and The Container Store. You can also bring one guest, female or male. Reservations must be made with Trendy Tours by February 5.

I hope you are also putting your tables together for our February Luncheon Event at the Hilton on February 24. The "Celebrate Florida" theme is so appropriate this year with all of the terrible weather the rest of the country has been experiencing so far this year. Put on your resort clothing and join us for dancing to the music of the Tropicats, a fashion show by Lilly Pulitzer, a free glass of sangria, tropical food, fun and a chance to win door prizes. You can invite female guests whether they live in Pelican Bay or not and reserve tables for up to 12 women. Complete information on "Celebrate Florida" is in the newsletter, but you must make reservations by February 17.

I also want to remind you that Irene Martin has secured a limited number of specially- priced tickets to the musical revival of the 2013 Tony award-winning show "Pippin" at Artis-Naples on March 25. There will be a private dessert reception for us before the show. Members can bring one guest, male or female. The deadline for reservations is February 18, so please make note of that and check the newsletter for specifics. It will be an entertaining evening in Pelican Bay that you won't want to miss.

I continue to enjoy sharing events with you and getting to know you better. Thanks for your enthusiasm for the League. If you want to get more involved, please let me know since we need new volunteers to help us with all of our wonderful activities.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Beverly

President, 596-8519, bfwernette@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP Joan Miller, 239 513-1574, jl1miller@comcast.net

Our membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st of each year. Dues remain the same at \$40.00 and, if you have not already done so, please complete a renewal form and submit with your check for \$40.00 made out to the PBWL.

Our activities are many with something for everyone. Most of our activities are open to Members Only and you will not want to miss out. Applications are available at the Commons or at the Pelican Bay Community Center.

Applications can also be downloaded on the Foundation website, www.pelicanbay.org. After logging in, click on "About PB", then "Foundation Member Organizations" and then click on "Pelican Bay Women's League".

If you have a membership question, a change of address, phone number, or e-mail address, please call or e-mail Joan.

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## **ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!**

**New Member Chair: Alison Beckett, [mimibeckett@gmail.com](mailto:mimibeckett@gmail.com)**

**New member Liaison: Mary Jo Chamberlin, 239-405-9080, [maryjo@maryjochamberlin.com](mailto:maryjo@maryjochamberlin.com)**

Since we now have 100+ New Members, we are happy to welcome Mary Jo Chamberlin to the position of New Member Liaison. Mary Jo will work under the direction of New Member Chair, Alison Beckett. Please feel free to contact Mary Jo, who can answer your questions, direct you to other members or refer you to someone who can provide the answers you seek.

## **2015 – 2016 Nomination Committee Formed**

**PBWL President, Beverly Wernette, has announced the formation of a Nomination Committee to create a slate of nominees for consideration by the membership to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2015 – 2016 Season. The election of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting, April 8, 2015 at Audubon.**

**The Committee members are:**

**Roberta Patton, Susan Calcagni, Marge Canning, Lois Sabatino, Joanne Hobin, Linda Sanfilippo, and Donna Owen.**

## **SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EVENT REGISTRATION:**

Once you've chosen an event to attend, please send us a check so it arrives no later than *one week prior* to the luncheon. Without your timely registration, we cannot seat you.

Please make your check(s) payable to PBWL. Since we receive many checks for many different events on a regular basis, **please note the event, event date and your phone number on your check.**

Unless otherwise directed, please mail your check to be received by the deadline date to:  
PBWL, c/o Reservations, PMB # 139, P.O. Box 413005, Naples FL 34101-3005.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Not all events have the above PBWL general mailing address. Please mail to the address noted in the article of the event you've chosen or check with the event host.

*Receipt of your check by the deadline date is a firm reservation.*

*There are no refunds after the deadline date, no walk-ins and payment cannot be accepted at the door.*

To expedite the process, when you arrive at the luncheon, *please check in at the registration table*, giving us your last name. We want you to be able to quickly join your friends in another wonderful Pelican Bay Women's League experience!

**BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG TO OUR EVENTS!**

## **AMBASSADORS WANTED**

**AMBASSADORS** Linda Sanfilippo, 595-1098, [lindasanfilippo@hotmail.com](mailto:lindasanfilippo@hotmail.com)

The Pelican Bay Women's League needs Ambassadors to fill empty slots in Pelican Bay communities.

### Job Description:

- Promote the Women's League and its activities.
- Welcome new ladies in your community to the League and introduce them to the benefits of membership and participation.
- Be an informational contact.

### Rewards:

- Making new friends.
- Being part of an exceptional group of women

### **The Following Communities Need Ambassadors:**

**Barrington  
Marbella**

**Barrington Club  
Glencove**

If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact Linda and join this elite group.

# **PBWL SPECIAL EVENTS, 2014-2015**

## **A CELEBRATION OF FLORIDA!**

### **FOOD...FASHION...FUN!**

Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 11:30 AM, \$45  
The Naples Hilton



**Registration Deadline: February 17**

### **OPEN TO MEMBERS, FEMALE PELICAN BAY RESIDENTS AND GUESTS**

**Beverly Wernette, [bfwernette@gmail.com](mailto:bfwernette@gmail.com), 596-8519; Blanche LeCausi, [blecausi@aol.com](mailto:blecausi@aol.com), 631-338-1912**

### **AREN'T WE FORTUNATE TO LIVE IN NAPLES IN FEBRUARY!!!**

This year we want to celebrate our tropical environment with a fun luncheon at the Naples Hilton. The highlight of the luncheon will be a fashion show of *Lilly Pulitzer* clothes modeled by League members and moderated by Cathy Stenza. Music for the show and dancing will be provided by the *Tropicats*. We encourage anyone who has Lilly clothing to wear it so we can really get in the BEACH MOOD.

The reception will begin at 11:30 AM with a Cash Bar.

Everyone will be treated to a complimentary glass of Sangria!

Our Florida menu will feature a green salad with tropical fruit and feta cheese with a honey-lime vinaigrette, grilled chicken breast with pineapple-kiwi salsa, baked baby potatoes, seasonal vegetables and Key Lime pie with red fruit coulis. A vegetarian option is available of the same salad, ponzu-glazed tofu, coconut-infused rice, seasonal vegetables and Key Lime pie.

The cost of the special lunch and show is \$45 per person, and reservations will be taken for singles or groups of 12 or less. Please send all checks in one envelope. Female guests of League members don't have to live in Pelican Bay.

Checks should be mailed to:

PBWL, PMB #139; P.O. Box 413005; Naples, FL 34101-3005. Please note the event on your Check and include your phone number. Receipt of your check, by the deadline date of

**February 17, is a firm reservation deadline.**

*PBWL PRESENTS:*  
**“A DAY AT THE RACES”**

*Thursday, February 12, 2015*

Reservations Deadline: Feb. 5, 2015; \$89 per person

We Welcome Members, who may bring one guest each, male or female.



Join the Pelican Bay Women’s League on February 12, 2015 for a day at  
**Gulfstream Park Race Track and Casino**

Gulfstream Race Track Park offers some of the best live thoroughbred horse racing in the U.S.! We’ll have front row seats for ALL THE ACTION! Our **“Gold Package”** includes a private buffet served at Ten Palms Dining Room. Ten Palms is located on the second level and features floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the track.

This is the way to see the races in style!

Seen enough horses? Gulfstream Park is a phenomenal facility, featuring a two-level, non-smoking casino with hundreds of popular slot machines. And, if gaming isn’t your bag, there is always shopping at The Villages at Gulfstream, which features stores such as Williams Sonoma, The Container Store, Crate & Barrel and many more!

**The price is \$89 per person.**

Price includes R/T motor coach transportation, breakfast protein bar/water

Departs Pavilion Shopping Center 10AM

Departs Gulfstream Park after last race, 6:30PM

**Reservations are a MUST!**

Please call *TRENDY TOURS* to reserve your spot at **449-9408**.

After you have reserved your spot by phone, please mail your check, made out to *Trendy Tours* to: ***Trendy Tours, 3200 Village Walk Circle, Suite #104, Naples, FL 34108***

**March Luncheon**

*All Things Green and Irish*



**March 10, 2015; \$28**

**11:30AM – Reception with Cash Bar; 12Noon – Luncheon served**

**Quail Creek Country Club**

**13300 Valewood Drive, Naples, FL 34119**

**Roberta Patton, 564-1457, patton401@rdpatton.com**

**Members Only**

**Reservation deadline: March 3, 2015**

Maire Peters was born in Ireland. One of her early jobs was taking care of accounts for the Irish Language Newspaper. She then became a journalist, and this led to a job as a part-time TV show producer of an Irish language show, which ultimately became the longest running Irish TV show. She also worked at the Irish Dancing Commission until she received her green card to the USA. Here she became a publicist to help Irish artists who performed in the USA, such as Anthony Kearns of the Irish Tenors. She also designed the tour for the Celtic Nights. Having worked for the Clans of Ireland Office in Tipperary, she developed a huge interest in Irish Surnames, decided to start her own Clans of Ireland business in Naples.

The menu will be: Chinese Chicken Salad with mandarin oranges, grape tomatoes, hearts of palm, hoisin glazed chicken breast topped with crispy noodle garnish and passed miso vinaigrette. Dessert will be a berry cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream.

If you have any food allergies, please contact: Susan Calcagni (401) 255-9010 or email Susan calcagni@hotmail.com

Please send your reservations to:

PBWL, PMB #139, PO Box 413005, Naples, FL 34101-3005

**We must receive your check no later than March 3, 2015.**

Directions: Drive north on Tamiami Trail North to Immokalee Road, Turn right and proceed east approximately 4.2 miles to Valewood Drive.

ARTIS-NAPLES PRESENTS

**A MUSICAL REVIVAL OF  
THE 2013 TONY AWARD-WINNING SHOW**



**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

**PBWL has secured a limited number of specially-priced tickets. We Welcome Members, who may bring one guest each, male or female. \$94 per person includes a Dessert Reception, 6:30 – 7:30PM in the Kohan Gallery prior to the 8PM performance.**

**A cash bar is situated near the gallery.**

**Your tickets will be available for pick up at the box office on day of event and, more conveniently, prior to entering the Kohan Gallery.**

**Checks only, please.**

**Please send member and guest check in same envelope to ensure seating together and *please indicate which check is from the PBWL member.* Please also include phone number on each check and the event name – **“PIPPIN”**.**

**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PAYMENT IS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

**Reservations can only be accepted by mail.**

**Please make your check(s) payable to PBWL and mail to:  
Irene Martin  
545 Via Veneto, #102  
Naples, FL 34108  
Phone, if needed, is 239-566-8818**



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## RED SOX SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL

Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
JetBlue Park, Ft. Myers

**\$50 per person**, includes bus transportation, game ticket, driver's gratuity  
*Joanne Hobin, 239-598-1872, 239-595-3987(cell), [downbucket@comcast.net](mailto:downbucket@comcast.net)*  
**OPEN TO PBWL MEMBERS AND A SPOUSE OR GUEST**

***Boston Red Sox hosts Toronto Blue Jays. Game time: 1:05PM***

Lunch is **NOT** included...  
but, we know the park vendors will appreciate your business  
while offering you the flavor of this  
**GREAT DAY AT THE BALL PARK!**

**Please be at the Pavilion parking lot by 11AM.**  
**Bus departure is at 11:15AM SHARP!**

**Please make checks payable to PBWL. Mail to:**

Joanne Hobin  
816 Turkey Oak Lane  
Naples, FL 34108

**Reservations will be honored in the order in which checks are received.**



# ***PELICAN BAY WOMEN'S LEAGUE EXCLUSIVE TOUR!***

**Spectacular 2-night, 3-day Tour of St. Augustine  
April 7 – 9, 2015  
\$549, PPDO; \$779, single**

**We Welcome Members, who may bring one guest each, male or female.  
Reservations Deadline: March 26**



The Morse Museum houses the world's most comprehensive collection of works by Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933), including the artist and designer's jewelry, pottery, paintings, art glass, leaded glass lamps and windows.



Includes: R/T deluxe motor coach transportation, 2 night's accommodations at the NEW Hilton Doubletree in Historic St. Augustine, dinner at the famous Columbia Restaurant, private trolley tour with hop-on/hop-off all-day privileges, a historic ghost tour and St. John's river Cruise with lunch.

**Reservations are a MUST!**

Please call *TRENDY TOURS* to reserve your spot at **449-9408**.  
After you have reserved your spot by phone, please mail your check, made out to *Trendy Tours*, to:

***Trendy Tours, 3200 Village Walk Circle, Suite #104, Naples, FL 34109***  
**Departs Pavilion Shopping Center at 7:30AM. Breakfast snack on board.**

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUPS**

**OPEN TO ALL WOMEN RESIDENTS OF PELICAN BAY**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** is our designation for some of the PBWL former Interest Groups whose purpose is to reach outside of Pelican Bay. Their activity positively impacts the greater Naples community and beyond. We're very happy to have them represent the League in these important ways.

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**PB KNEEDLERS** *Jeannette O'Connor, 594-8179; Lois Sabatino, 598-2369, [richloiss@embarqmail.com](mailto:richloiss@embarqmail.com);  
Hallie Devlin (593-1353)*

The League-supported Pelican Bay Kneedlers, always welcome others to join this creative and satisfying group. If you are accomplished, that's wonderful, but don't worry if you can't knit or crochet. We have patient master craftspeople who love to teach! Just come to the Community Center on Thursdays between 10AM and noon to join this good-natured group who enjoy helping others.

We knit, crochet and quilt wheelchair blankets for our Wounded Warriors recuperating in VA hospitals throughout the country, having given these deserving men and women more than 3,000 so far. While this is our major patriotic goal, we also make prayer blankets and shawls for nursing homes and hospitalized patients, and for outpatients undergoing dialysis in Naples. We have fun creating finger puppets and other toys for needy children and knit and crochet hats, mittens and scarves for youngsters. We recently created these items for the more than 200 children whose town was leveled by a tornado as winter set in. Chemo patients appreciate hats we give them, and we make other items as needs arise.

**DONATIONS OF YARN, NEEDLES AND PATTERN BOOKS ARE VERY WELCOME AND NEEDED.**

**Thank you!**

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**PBWL SPEAKER SERIES, WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE**, *Nancy Colodny, [ncolodny@aol.com](mailto:ncolodny@aol.com).  
Community Center; Mondays, 3 – 4:30PM; January - March*

The PBWL Speaker Series will be led off on February 2 with Nadia Artman, an Impresario Extraordinaire. She is a Russian borne lawyer, model, and producer of Tango and Opera among other endeavors. She will be followed on February 9 by representative writings from our own Writers Workshop. Lois Sabbatino will moderate a discussion among PB Foundation Board members on Feb. 16 to allow our members an opportunity to be informed of local issues and personalities. On February 23rd we are pleased to have Sarah Randt, who was the wife of the US Ambassador to China for 8 years, discuss her exciting and colorful life.

Note: We will be having the PB Foundation event on Feb. 16th!

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**SONGBIRDS** Ellen Al-Sarraf, 248-755-0704, [ealsarraf@aol.com](mailto:ealsarraf@aol.com); Dianne Russell, 325-8749, [dianne1003@aol.com](mailto:dianne1003@aol.com)

Do you like to sing? Come join the Songbirds on Thursdays from 9:30 -11:30am at the Community Center. We have started performing at assisted living facilities and rehearsing for the free, **Friends and Family Concert on, March 24, 2015 at 4:30 pm** in the Community Center. Save the Date!

The Songbirds outreach to individuals who have limited access to entertainment by singing at assisted living facilities and retirement communities in Pelican Bay and the greater Naples area. Dues \$6/meeting

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The Pelican Bay Women's League Presents



THE SONGBIRDS'

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CONCERT

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 4:30 PM

At the Community Center with a Reception following.

Come enjoy the Songbirds as they entertain you with Cole Porter's music and patriotic songs honoring this great country. You will walk down memory lane with golden oldies and leave with a song in your heart.

Open to Pelican Bay residents and their guests

Free, no reservations necessary

Please CARPOOL, BIKE or WALK!

INTEREST GROUPS

GROUP PARTICIPATION IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

INTEREST GROUP CO-ORDINATOR *Blanche Le Causi, 631-338-1912, blecausi@aol.com*

The League's Interest Groups are an extraordinary way for members to meet and to share their enthusiasm for a common interest. Members may contact the Group Leaders to learn more.

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## **" NEW INTEREST GROUPS AND INTEREST GROUP LEADERS WANTED "**

**The Pelican Bay Women's League  
is an all-volunteer organization of women residents of Pelican Bay.**

**Events and Interest Groups are created, organized and executed by our members. We're always looking for members who would like to become more involved and offer their creative interests and talents to our members. It's a fun way to get to know the amazing Women of Pelican Bay and become part of our creative team!**

**We know there are many talented women in our group with a wide variety of interests in Pelican Bay. We would greatly appreciate having volunteers to share their interests and skills with other members in smaller venues. It's a wonderful way to get to make new friends and get connected in Pelican Bay!**

**If you have a craft to share or expertise in subjects like social media, languages, the environment, gourmet cooking, games, etc. Perhaps you would just like to meet other ladies for happy hours or a walk or a game of golf. Please contact our Interest Group Coordinator, Blanche LeCausi at 631-338-1912, [blecausi@aol.com](mailto:blecausi@aol.com).**

**AT HOME COFFEE** *Suzanne Rioux, [suerioux@gmail.com](mailto:suerioux@gmail.com), (207) 752-3305,  
Shirley Linton, [linton@cottagecountry.net](mailto:linton@cottagecountry.net), (239) 592-5336*

A huge "Thank You" goes to Jan Scott from Breakwater for hosting us in her lovely home for the January Coffee!! We appreciate you, Jan!

***Our February At-Home Coffee is scheduled for: Wednesday, February 18th at 10:00AM.  
Our hostess will be Deb McKay in Oakmont.*** We'd love to have you join us!

Reservations can be made by contacting Suzanne or Shirley. Space is limited so call right away if you want to be added to the list. Directions and information will be given when we reconfirm the week before the event. We meet monthly for coffee and conversation in the home of a League member. After a bit of socializing, we introduce ourselves and take two minutes each to talk about the pre-chosen "topic-of-the-day." What makes it interesting is that everyone has a different personal story or anecdote to share. This coffee is open to all League Members. Those who attend often return because they enjoy it so much. It's a great way to really get to know one another!

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BAY WIDOWS *Donna Owen, 239-594-1106, DonnaOwen5800@gmail.com. MEMBERS ONLY*

We are an active group of Pelican Bay widows with a required membership in the Pelican Bay Women's League. We meet from November through May on the first Tuesday of each month at 4PM at the Pelican Bay Community Center where activities for the month are discussed. Meetings are followed by an optional dinner. New members are always welcome.

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**BOOK GROUP** Marie Sweeney, [mariesweeney@comcast.net](mailto:mariesweeney@comcast.net); Brenda Berman, [brendaberman@hotmail.com](mailto:brendaberman@hotmail.com)

**MEMBERS ONLY**

The Pelican Bay Women's League Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Community Center, 1:00-3:00 p.m. We have varied interests and enjoy a variety of book selections. The Club is open to all Pelican Bay Women's League members. PBWL members do not have to "join" the Book Club, just attend our monthly spirited book discussions when you can.

**The remaining book selections for the 2014-2015 Season are:**

- Feb 12 *The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan* by Russell Shorto (416 pp) - Reviewed by Marie Kennard
- Mar 12 *Lessons in French* by Hilary Reyl (352 pp) –Introduced by Holly Towles and Reviewed by the author
- Apr 9 *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens - Reviewed by Jill Plaza

**BRIDGE, LADIES TUESDAY** Mary Keenan, 239-598-2530; Carolyn Reich, 239-566-9487

Ladies Tuesday Bridge is open to members of the PBWL who are advanced beginners to intermediate bridge players and like playing in a friendly environment. No reservations necessary. Just come and enjoy good bridge and great people! Warm-up at 12:30PM. Game begins at 1PM until 3PM.

**BRIDGE, ROUND ROBIN** Phyllis Payne, 594-5987; Ruth Campbell, 598-3426, [dwcrbc777@aol.com](mailto:dwcrbc777@aol.com)

**MEMBERS ONLY**

Hope everyone is enjoying our Round Robin season. It is a busy time of year but please try not to get behind on your monthly games. Congratulations again to the high scoring December team of Teri Pflaumer and Bonnie Roach

**CANASTA NEW!** Gloria Klaustermeier, 513-9076; Eleanor Brown, 598-3769 **MEMBERS ONLY**

We will be playing a form of Canasta known as "Hand and Foot" and we have directions for those of you who do not yet know how to play it. It is very similar to the various forms of Canasta that many of us played when we were kids.

We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 1 – 4PM in a public room at St Laurent condominium. Gloria or Eleanor would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

**CARDS NEW!** Wendy Powell, 203-560-7839.

Playing "Poker" or "Setback. Please contact Wendy if you're interested.

**CULINARY ARTS** Carole Pfeifer, [carole@darconte.com](mailto:carole@darconte.com); Geri Moser Cohen, [moco12@comcast.net](mailto:moco12@comcast.net); Angela Novarro [ranovarro@verizon.net](mailto:ranovarro@verizon.net)

- Feb 4, 2015--ROY's at BAYFRONT **SOLD OUT!** **ALL CULINARY ARTS EVENTS ARE CLOSED!**
- Feb 18, 2015- SEASONS 52 **SOLD OUT!**  
March 25, 2015-CAPITAL GRILL **SOLD OUT!** **NO MORE CHECKS ARE BEING ACCEPTED.**
- April 1, 2015--REAL SEAFOOD **SOLD OUT!**

Confirmations will be send to participants, along with details on times and dates.

We thank you for your continued support.

**"D" Divas**, (formerly "D" wine and whine) Judy Lindstrom, 596-2346, [jlinds1005@aol.com](mailto:jlinds1005@aol.com)

At our first meeting in January we voted on a name change and now are the "D" "Divas". We will meet on Monday, February 2 at the Marker 36 Bar area at 5:30 for conversation and sunset. Respond to Judy Lindstrom at 596-2346 or 919-4133 or [jlinds1005@aol.com](mailto:jlinds1005@aol.com)

**GLOBE-TROTTERS** *Judie Stratton, 596-8322, [judiestratton@yahoo.com](mailto:judiestratton@yahoo.com); Diana Abbasy, 514-4949, [dmabbasy@gmail.com](mailto:dmabbasy@gmail.com)* MEMBERS ONLY

Our next meeting of the popular Globe-Trotters will be Wednesday, February 11, at the Community Center from 9:30-11:30. Please join us for this very special program presented by Azar Rabii. Born and raised in Iran, she was the first woman to graduate from Tehran University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1978 she came to the United States to educate her children. Her husband then followed. During his visit the Shah of Iran was deposed and they were not able to return to Iran. Thus began their new life in America. All PBWL members are welcome. Please wear your name badge.

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HERBS AND GARDENS *Kathy Cambria, 734-355-5905, kcambria@yahoo.com* MEMBERS ONLY

We meet FIVE times each year on the FIRST Monday of the months of November through April, EXCLUDING January. We share in learning about and enjoying gardening, the ecology of Southwest Florida and the use of herbs. Each educational meeting or "field trip" is followed by a luncheon to promote friendship among members and to discuss the morning's experience. At the end of each season members begin to brainstorm the following year and form committees of five to six members who choose from the "brainstorm" list and plan the experiences and make luncheon arrangements. We welcome new members!

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**HERB STUDY GROUP** *Susan Skehan, [gradygrit@aol.com](mailto:gradygrit@aol.com), 594-1424* MEMBERS ONLY

The December Cookie Exchange was a wonderful success. We had so many different kinds of cookies; all with herbs and spices. Our first meeting of 2015 will be on Monday, January 26. The topics will be aloe and oregano. February's meeting, on the 23rd, is sure to be a popular topic: the Allium Family (garlic, leeks, chives and onions). Space is limited in some meetings so please call Susan for more information.

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LUNCH & LEARN *Barbara Wall, 254-1856, barbara.wall@gmail.com* MEMBERS ONLY

TOUR OF CORKSCREW SANCTUARY; Wednesday, March 4; 9AM Departure; \$35

One of our own Pelican Bay Women's League members will give us a tour of the Corkscrew Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 4th. The Audubon Society's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is one of the crown jewels of natural ecosystem protection in Southwest Florida and is celebrating its 60th year!

We will depart at 9AM from the Community Center parking lot. Please drive all the way around to the back of the lot where we will arrange carpools. Our tour will be from 10AM -12Noon, followed by lunch. Those who wish to can do the one mile walking tour at the sanctuary. For those who would prefer not to take the walking tour, there will be a video and discussion in one of the classrooms. We will then all join together for lunch. We'll even plan a little time to shop for handmade and unusual gifts in the nature store before returning to Pelican Bay.

To reserve your spot, please send a check for **\$35**, made out to PBWL, to:
Barbara Wall; 700 Nathan Hale Drive; Naples, FL 34108.
Please include your phone number on the check.

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**MAH JONGG** *Arlene Subin, 593-6874, [Insoup@comcast.net](mailto:Insoup@comcast.net); Diane Hahn, 593-4246, [DianeChahn@aol.com](mailto:DianeChahn@aol.com)* MEMBERS ONLY

To all experienced Mah Jongg players: *Exercise your brain and have fun doing it!*  
Join us each Friday from 1-4PM, all year long, at the Pelican Bay Community Center.

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MAH JONGG, BEGINNER'S *Jean Turk, 594-0292, jeanturk05@gmail.com; Joy Carren, 596-0952, joycarren@comcast.net* MEMBERS ONLY

Tuesday Mah Jongg is for beginners who know how to play and want to continue learning in a slow paced, relaxed setting. We meet year around at the Community Center on Tuesday from 1-4 PM. Due to the overwhelming response, we have a long wait list for lessons. 2015 Jan., Feb., and March classes are filled. We may have an opening for April 2015. Those who are interested and want to sign up early for lessons next season, please contact us and let us know which months you are available along with your phone number and e mail address.

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**MAH JONGG, INTERMEDIATE** *Diane Johnston, 591-3141, [dianejohnston9@aol.com](mailto:dianejohnston9@aol.com); Radhika Sekar, 431-5186, [radhikaskasr@rogers.com](mailto:radhikaskasr@rogers.com)* MEMBERS ONLY

Thursday Mah Jongg welcomes all new intermediate players. Some players are still learning the game and we want to make them feel comfortable playing with us. We play year-round at the Community Center, every Thursday from 1 – 4PM. Please join us for a fun, casual game. Our only requirement is to be patient with our new players and help them enjoy the game.

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PLAY READERS *Julie Gilman, gilman_julie@yahoo.com, 254-9997; Ellen Norbom, norbom@comcast.net, 566-8682* MEMBERS ONLY

The Play Readers have started their first Act but more cast members are always welcomed. Join us every other Thursday at 2:00 at the Pebble Creek Club house. Have fun reading different parts of plays. Future dates January 29, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26.

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**WINE EDUCATION** *Kathy Mahoney, 592-1994, [KTM140@aol.com](mailto:KTM140@aol.com)* MEMBERS ONLY

We meet once a month from January through April from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM at the Hyde Park Clubhouse in Pelican Bay. Each session will feature a different wine region of the world and be taught by John Wernette, a wine educator. Sessions are limited to 25 women Session dates: Feb 17- March 24 - April 21, 2015.

**WINE EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR 2014, \$30 PER PERSON, PER EVENT.**

- Tues., Feb. 17 - **Wines from Chile**
- Tues., March 24 - **Wines from Spain**
- Tues., April 21 - **Wines from Australia**

Please submit a **SEPARATE** check identifying each wine session for which the check is written. Please include your **VALID e-mail address and phone number** on each check to confirm your reservations. Multiple checks for different events can be mailed together.

Please make all checks payable to **Pelican Bay Women's League** and mail to:

**Kathy Mahoney, 6835 San Marino Dr # 808, Naples, FL 34108**

Only reservations with valid e-mail address and phone number will be accepted. Upon receipt, checks will be held for cashing just prior to each event.

**We cannot accept cash or payment at the door.**

**No refunds. Receipt of your check is considered a firm reservation.**

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WOMEN OF WATERCOLOR Pat Mullen, 514-1498, mullenp50@yahoo.com MEMBERS ONLY

The WOW classes started on Jan 15th & 16th - the ladies are enthusiastically honing their artistic skills. They are also planning their pieces for the PBWL/PBF Art Show on March 6 -8 at the Community Center.



ANNUAL ART SHOW

The Community's favorite art show will be held March 6, 7 & 8, 2015. Sponsored by the PBWL & PBF, the show is open to all Pelican Bay residents. Entry forms will be available in the PB Post & from Gwen in Jan. We look forward to another exciting show!

WRITERS WORKSHOP Susan Westley, 594-7446, westley.su@gmail.com;

Shirley Linton, 592-5336, linton@cottagecountry.net MEMBERS ONLY

If you have always wanted to write, now is the time to start! Join our Writers Group and meet women who write poetry, memoirs, short stories and novels. We work to help each other hone our craft. We gather to bring our work for critique and to cheer each other on to publication if that is a member's goal. Meetings are scheduled at the Community Center every other Tuesday from November through April.

If you would like to join, please contact Susan or Shirley.

PELICAN BAY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

2014 – 2015 Activities' Calendar

Look for more details elsewhere in this newsletter. Please check monthly for updates.

2015

January

- 21 (Wed) New Member Coffee
26 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series, Gloria Maher, "From Minnesota to Broadway"

February

- 2 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series, Nadia Artman, "Impresario Extraordinaire: Tango, Opera and more..."
9 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series, *Writers Workshop Panel*
12 (Thurs) Gulf Stream Race Park, Fort Lauderdale
16 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series, *Pelican Bay Foundation Candidate Forum*. Lois Sabatino moderating
23 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series, Sarah Randt, discussing her exciting, colorful life as wife of a former Ambassador to China for 8 years
24 (Tues) Hilton; "A Celebration of Florida: Food...Fashion...Fun!" with *Lilly Pulitzer Fashion Show*

March

- 2 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series Mary Conley, MD "A Woman's Heart is Different"
6-8 (Fri-Sun) PBWL/PFB Art Show
9 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series Judge Ellen M. Heller "Drugs and the Courts: An Alternative to Incarceration"
10 (Tues) Quail Creek - *Maire Peters*, Clans of Ireland business, Editor of the Butcher's Journal at the Irish Meat Marketing Board and for the Chairman of Gael Linn.
16 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series Margaret Manda "PAWS Assistance Dogs"
23 (Mon) Women's Speaker Series Deb McKay "Overview of Continuing Care Retirement Communities"
24 (Tues) Songbirds concert - 4:30PM
25 (Wed) Artis-Naples - *Dessert Reception* followed by Broadway revival of *Pippin*.

April

- 7-9 (Tu-Th) Excursion to St. Augustine with stop in Winter Park, Morse/Tiffany Museum
8 (Wed) Audubon; *Annual Meeting*, Suzi Weinert, author of the books "Garage Sale Mysteries."

May

- 6 (Wed) Tiburon - ABG World DVD on Naples and on the Russian Ice Skaters at the Olympics choreographed by Alex and Marina.

August

TBA

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUPS

Open to all women residents of Pelican Bay.

Please check your newsletter for more details.

Women's Speaker Series - every Monday afternoon, January – March

Songbirds – every Thursday morning, November - April

PB Kneedlers - every Thursday, 10AM (donations of yarn or checks gratefully accepted)

PBWL/PBF Art Show – March 6-8, 2015

INTEREST GROUPS

GROUP PARTICIPATION IS FOR *MEMBERS ONLY*

Please check your newsletter for more details.

At-Home Coffees - meets monthly on Wed. mornings

Bay Widows - 1st Tuesday, monthly, Nov-May, 4PM

Book Club - 2nd Thursday, monthly, Nov-April, 1 – 3PM

Bridge, Ladies Tuesday – Tuesday, Community Center, 1 – 4PM

Bridge, Round Robin - Begins in Nov.

Canasta – 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 1 - 4PM, St. Laurent Public Room

Culinary Arts – Cooking Demonstrations at various restaurants; Wednesdays; Dec.3; Jan. 21;
Feb 18; March 25; April 1

D Wine and Whine – new group, first meeting in Jan. Date TBA

Globetrotters - various Weds., once per month, Jan. – April.

Herbs & Gardens – 1st Monday of Nov., Dec., Feb. - April

Herb Study – various Mondays, Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., April

Lunch & Learn – Nov. 19; Jan. 9; March 4

Mah Jongg, Beginners – Tuesdays, 1 – 4PM, year round, Community Center

Mah Jongg, Intermediate –Thursdays, year round, 1 – 4PM, Community Center

Mah Jongg, Experienced – Fridays, year round, 1 – 4PM, Community Center

Play Reading – Thurs., Bi-weekly, 2 - 4PM, Pebble Creek Clubhouse

Wine Education – Jan. 20; Feb. 17; March 24; April 21, Hyde Park Clubhouse in Pelican Bay, 4:30 – 6PM

Women of Watercolor – Jan. – March; various classes Thurs. and Fri.

Writers' Workshop – dates during season announced in newsletter

Red Sox, Spring Training – March 2015, exact date to be announced

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

2014 – 2015 DIRECTORY: *Joanne Smith 598-465, lousjo2@gmail.com.* The 2014-15 Directory inserts were mailed in October. The inserts were mailed to the address that was designated as your place of residence in the month of October. Due to the prohibitive cost, inserts will not be mailed to members living outside of the United States. These inserts, as well as binders and tabbed dividers for new members are available for pickup. Please call Joanne Smith for pickup information.

FROM THE EDITOR, DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES: *Gloria Eggert, 978-502-2870, gloria@eggert.com*
Please submit **March, 2015** newsletter articles no later than **February 10, 2014** to Gloria Eggert, gloria@eggert.com or 10521 Carena Circle, Ft. Myers, FL, 33913.

All articles must be submitted in writing.

SUNSHINE PERSON: *Susan Westley, 594-7446. westley.su@comcast.net*

Please notify Susan of the hospitalization or death of any member or a member's family so that an appropriate card can be sent.

FROM THE TREASURER: Please send all Vouchers, with receipts, to *PBWL, Attn: Marjorie Canning, Finance Chair; 780 Bentwater Circle, #204; Breakwater; Naples FL 34108.* Please be sure to include all receipts. Thank you.

RESERVATIONS: All checks should be made payable to PBWL unless otherwise directed and should be mailed to arrive in the League P.O. Box **no later than one week prior to the event.** Please include your local phone number, the event and date of event on each check. Please mail checks to: **PBWL, c/o Reservations, PMB #139; P.O. BOX 413005; NAPLES FL. 34101-3005.**

Please note the name of the event on the outside of the envelope. Receipt of check is a firm reservation. No refunds after the deadline date and no payment can be accepted at the door.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The PBWL is a tax-exempt, non-charitable, not-for-profit organization. Our events are not tax deductible. Therefore, donations are not tax deductible by the donor. As stated in PBWL Bylaws, The League will not participate nor intervene in any political issue or campaign.