



THE LISTENING POST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Were you dreaming of a White Christmas? Sleigh Bells Ringing?? Winter Wonderland?? Why??

We came to this Florida Wonderland to escape that kind of weather, and so now it's Golf Carts, Roller Blades, Boats and splashing surf sounds that lets us know Saint Nicholas is around. Did you enjoy the Lighted Boat Parade? The rain held off so it could be enjoyed.

THE GULF TO BAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE RECREATION COUNCIL WISH YOU THE VERY HAPPIEST NEW YEAR. THEY HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE ISSUE OF THE LISTENING POST.

For those of you who remember Floyd and Dorothy Crankshaw there is a greeting from Dorothy. She lives in Michigan now since Floyd died, and wants to hear from you.

WISHING ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS.

Dorothy Crankshaw
1068 Leroux Rd.
Muskegon, MI 49441-4431

Irene Stevenson will not be able to be in the Park with us this year, but she wants to wish everyone a very Merry Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Joy.

Thank You, Gulf To Bay.

Paul and GeeWee Schurman would like to thank everyone in Gulf To Bay for all their help and good wishes during GeeWee's recent hospital stay and recuperation

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT...

Have you noticed the new SONY Tape/CD player /Radio in the Rec Hall ??? It was purchased for the Park by the year-rounders with monies left over from summer activities. It's an added attraction for our gatherings, and we know it was a pleasant surprise to George and the Rec Council. Enjoy! Year-Rounders

SPECIAL LISTENING POST "THANK YOU"

My first published "Mostly Manatees" column was August 16, 1995 in the Englewood Sun Herald (the special Wednesday edition). Since I've had help from plenty of Gulf to Bay folks, I'd like to take this time to thank them: Audrey and Andy Grant; Rick and Ruthanne MacFarlane; Freeman and Etta Crosby; Sophie Szopski; John and Marie Miller; Jim Neff and Cathy Magill; Marie Genest and her grandson Adam Boutin. Thanks to you for all of your sightings and taking the time to tell me your nature stories. If you want to get YOUR name in print just keep your eyes open, then call me at 475-4686 to leave a message. I'll be more than happy to interview you and get the whole truth—nothing but the truth. Thanks again—you help give the column just what it needs! By the way, it looks like there will be columns more than bi-weekly, so the rest of you watch the papers to see your friends and neighbors in print!

Grace Gilbert

OOOOH, It was soooooo Good !!!!!

A lovely time was had by all the Street Reporters at a "Thank You" luncheon held in the hall by Phyllis Crosby, and catered by Sue Taylor.

Phyllis chaired a "brainstorming" session for our ideas for our newsletter.

Your Street Reporters

Thank you, Sue Taylor, for a very professional job of catering our little "business" lunch. It was delicious.

Phyllis Crosby

LOOKING BACK:

There were many Christmas Activities and some Gulf to Bay Business activities in December.

It started with decorating the Rec Hall, a dinner trip to Cypress Gardens, our annual Christmas Party at the Rotonda Elks and Christmas Dance on Sat. Dec 16 with Bruce Heacock in the Rec Hall.

A special Gulf to Bay Board of Directors meeting was held on Fri. Dec 15 to vote on Budget issues. The regular Board meeting was held on Mon. Dec 11. Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, luminaries were lit at dark, Santa cruised through the park, the Dock Tree was lit and a buffet Finger-food party was held in the Hall with a Sing-a-long.

Everything was enjoyed very much. And of course The Annual Christmas Day Dinner on Mon. Dec 25.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26 it is probable that everyone rushed to the stores for the after- Christmas returns and bargains. Ha Ha.

New Year's Eve Dance with BYOB and BYOS(nacks) and a late supper dish to pass. Jim Bishop provides the music.

New Year's Day, Monday, Jan 1996 will probably be spent watching football and recovering from the New Year's Eve Party.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual Christmas Day Dinner was held on Mon. DEC 25, 1995 at 1:00 PM. About 66 dinners were served. The committee prepared and served a delicious meal, topped off with a superb home-made pumpkin pie. Yes, yummy pumpkin pie prepared in our own kitchen by Martha Cross and Mickey Wagner. Our compliments to all the chefs who worked on that dinner.

Chaired by Ginny and Gene Plume, the committee members were:

Martha and Dude Cross : Mickey and Bob Wagner ;
Etta and Freeman Crosby;
Shirley and Blaine Van Hoosier

The beautiful and unique decorations were created and donated by Etta Crosby and Laura Haag. One lucky winner at each table took their decoration home.

Door prizes:won by:

Christmas Cactus Plant — Bev Sternbergh
Box of Candy.....Delores Smith
Fruit Basket.....Dot Kerber

Meals on Wheels received \$79.00

The 50-50 drawing of \$21.50 was won by Dude Cross.

Greeters were Dorothy and Vaughn Nighswander who were celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary. They were married on Christmas Day. Bob Sternbergh gave the prayer.

The committee received a special Christmas After-Dinner Gift from the Clean-up Crew of Ruth Hicks, and RuthAnn and Rick MacFarlane.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY.

The Park looked so festive with the lights and decorations. The luminaries were a special treat, and the visit from Santa Claus was fun. The tables groaned with loads of finger foods brought in to enjoy...and enjoy we did. Entertainment was a sing-a-long and an unexpected treat was Jimmy J.oe Bishop singing and Beckie Oratto playing the clarinet.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

AWARDED TO ALL OF THOSE WHO
HAVE HELPED STEER GULF TO BAY COOP
SO WELL

WE HAVE STARTED OUR 5TH YEAR IN
EXCELLENT FINANCIAL HEALTH. THE
RESIDENTS ARE TO BE APPLAUDED FOR
THEIR DILIGENT CARE AND MAINTENANCE
OF THE PARK.

January 1996

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PINE NEEDLE BASKETS

Terry Phaneuf and Leda Dube are going to make Pine Needle Baskets. If you would like to make baskets call Terry at 474-3916.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 1996 CALENDAR

JAN. 6 SAT. Pancake Brkfst

JAN. 13 SAT. Carnival

JAN. 20 SAT. Caribbean Cruise

SUN. 28 SUN. SuperBowl

KITCHEN BAND

Find your instruments and start practicing. The Kitchen Band will be starting on Tues., Jan. 9, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

Due to vocal problems, Bev Sternbergh will be our pianist, and Sally Bailey will direct. We welcome new members,.

Bingo and Euchre players are needed. Mark your calendars and plan to come out and support these groups.

I LOVE A PARADE

CARNIVAL TIME

Sat. Jan. 13, 1996 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parade by Kitchen Band 10:30 a.m.

Time to clean your closets, sheds and car trunks for items to give to flea market. Bring donations to hall on Thurs. Jan. 11 and Fri. Jan 12 between 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Ladies —your crafts and baked goods will be greatly appreciated.



Super Bowl Party...

Sun. Jan 28, 1996

sign up in kitchen

Dick Jeff wants to

know how many.

Sign up in kitchen

On Sat. Jan 20, 1996, 32 Gulf To Bay Residents will fly from Ft. Lauderdale to Aruba to board the ship. Port Calls will be made at Dominica, Barbados, Martinique, and Curacao. We hope they have smooth sailing.

GULF TO BAY RECREATION COUNCIL
1995-1996

GEORGE GALLAHER President
SALLY BAILEY V. President
GINNY PLUME Secretary
CHRIS PEASE Treasurer

MEMBERS AT LARGE
CATHY SCHURMAN MURIEL LYONS

ACTIVITY LEADERS:

ART ----- Mickey Wagner
ALUMINUM CANS ----- Bob Nopper, Denny Flynn
 Wes Golkowski, Jim Reed
BINGO ----- Freeman Crosby
BRIDGE ----- Rita Teehan, Bill Mauck
CRAFTS ----- Etta Crosby, Laura Haag
EUCHRE ----- Vinnie Phaneuf
EXERCISE ----- Fay Downing
GOLF ----- Jack Spiller, Wes
 Golkowski
KITCHEN BAND ----- Bev Sternbergh
LINE DANCING ----- Norma Croteau
"LISTENING POST" ----- Phyllis Crosby
PANCAKE BRKFST ----- Ruth Hicks
PINOCHLE ----- Allie Golkowski
POKER ----- John Miller
SHUFFLEBOARD ----- Jack Spiller, Wes
 Golkowski
SUNSHINE LADY ----- Marie Wadlegger

MONTHLY ACTIVITY LEADERS

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|-------|--------------------------|----------|
| Nov. | George Gallaber | 474-3630 |
| Dec. | Chris Pease, Ginny Plume | 474-7366 |
| Jan. | Recreation Committee | |
| Feb. | Cathy Schurman | 473-0061 |
| March | Sally Bailey | 475-2916 |
| April | Muriel Lyon | 475-8878 |

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Band Practice ----- Tues ----- 10 am to 12 noon
Bingo ----- Mon. and Fri ----- 7 pm
Bridge ----- Tues ----- 7 pm
Crafts ----- Dates to be announced
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Euchre ----- Thurs. ----- 7 pm
Line Dancing ----- Tues. ----- 7 pm
Pinochle ----- Sun. ----- 7 pm
Poker ----- Wed ----- 7 pm



A GRANDCHILD'S VERSION OF
CHRISTMAS AT GULF TO BAY PARK

We always used to have Christmas at Grandpa nd Grandma's house. They used to live in a HUGE brick house with a big fireplace. When Grandpa got retarded from his job, he and Grandma moved to Florida. Now they live in a place called Gulf to Bay Park with a lot of other retarded people.

They all live in little aluminum trailers. They walk around in a kind aof slow motion and stand in small groups and talk about their grandkids. They all treated me real nice, but Mom says I should not be fooled as they are trying to buy their way into heaven.

Christmas Eve we all went to the building they call the Wrecked Hall, but they musta got it fixed 'cause they had it decorated real pretty. Most of my days were spent swimming and fishing. I loved it at the beach. Grandma must have forgotten how to swim. She would stand out in the water with her funny hat on and talk to other retarded women with funny hats and white stuff on their noses.

Grandpa took me fishing at the Liar's Dock. He said he hated to to go there 'cause the first guy never has a chance. My Grandpa was right. We were always the first one at the dock and we never did catch any fish. My Grandpa is soooo smart.

My Grandma used to be a good cook , but since she got retarded I guess she forgot how. She does not cook anymore. Mom says they go out all the time and eat the early bird. I don't know what they are , but I think they are those funny looking turkeys I always see at the fish cleaning bench.

Every night we always went to the Tea-Key to watch the sunset. All they talked about was the Green Flash. I never did see him. I think he used to be a power ranger when Grandpa was a kid. Maybe next Christmas Grandpa will give him to me to add to my collection.

ADAPTED FROM AN ORIGINAL
SUPPLIED BY MURIEL LYON

