

MINUTES OF THE BON VIVANT ISLAND CLUB - SEPT. 16, 2006

A meeting of the Bon Vivant Island Club was held at 9:45am on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at the home of Ralph and Geraldine Blanchard in Melbourne, Florida. In attendance were Gloria Feinauer, President; Uranie Blanchard, Secretary; Marian La Place, Honorary Chairman; Geraldine Blanchard, Edward Blanchard, Richard Feinauer, Barry and Simone Greaux, Mary and Normil Berry, and Yvonne Perez. In Absentia: Joan Andrusko, Treasurer, who could not travel from South Carolina because of her husband's illness, and Mary Berry, Vice President, and Bob Berry, Photographer, who were unable to attend also because of illness. They will be informed of the details of this meeting.

Gloria welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their continued support. She commenced the meeting by reviewing some of the comments of the participants of this year's June function and emphasized that 98% of the comments were very complimentary. The members discussed all of the suggestions and made the following decisions: there will be a live band on Saturday night; Ray deLugo will be asked to assist with the map display; there will be no guest speakers or name tags as agreed at the first meeting of the club and again at this meeting; the starting time of the banquet will remain the same, which allows more time for dancing and socializing. Instead there will be a Friday night social which will allow everyone to blend and mix before reconnecting on Saturday evening. The dance floor will be located at the hotel's designation but the hotel will assist us with the best possible location. Because of fire regulations, a dance floor cannot be located in the middle of the room.

On the issue of door prizes, it was agreed that we would continue to provide lottery tickets to the attendees and that we would continue to have a 50/50 raffle. The door prizes will be given out throughout the evening as suggested. Yvonne Perez submitted other raffle opportunities which will be pursued with the assistance of Richard Feinauer.

Free beer will not be offered for our 07 function since most members attending the 06 party bought drinks at the cash bar and the beer was not utilized by many people.

Gloria then informed the group that the Club's Board had decided to make our 2007 function a three-day weekend affair. While the menus are still being worked out, she indicated we would have a Friday night cash bar cocktail party starting at 7:00pm until 10 PM. Hors d'euvres will be provided as well as music by a DJ. On Sunday morning, members will enjoy a full breakfast bar. All three activities will be included in the cost of the banquet with the exception of the cash bar.

Gloria then introduced Yvonne Perez who has extensive experience in the hotel/party organizing field and Yvonne shared with us the following data:

After researching several hotels in the Orlando area, the Sheraton Safari Hotel located in Lake Buena Vista was selected as the best choice. It has an intimate, tropical atmosphere which is perfect for our group. The hotel provides complimentary transportation to and

from area parks, and Yvonne has already arranged for group tickets to at least one park on Saturday at a significantly reduced rate.

The current hotel rate for June is \$165 plus taxes but the hotel has agreed to give our group a rate of \$79 plus tax for a single, a double, a triple, or a quad. These rates are good for not only the weekend event, but also for 3 days before and 3 days after our function. This will allow members to plan a vacation with their families. The members at the meeting applauded Yvonne's finesse in orchestrating such great bargains.

Gloria indicated that with a full weekend of activities, the \$50 price we charged at this year's function must be increased. After much discussion, it was agreed that although what we are offering is worth in excess of \$75, we would try to hold the price at \$70 for adults and \$35 for children ages 4-10. Children under 4 are free.

While some individuals, especially those with families, may find this costly, and may find it even harder to come up with the total amount at one time, the Bon Vivant Island Club is offering a plan that will assist families with the cost. Geraldine Blanchard has graciously volunteered to implement a "layaway" plan which will allow members to make monthly payments toward the total cost of the banquet and the hotel room. The money will be held in an account and Geraldine will issue periodic statements to our Club Treasurer (Joan Andrusko) indicating which members are using this budget program and the amount collected for each member. By using this special program, your cost will be completely paid by the date of our party. Geraldine uses this program with other clubs and it works very well. All money paid into this account will be totally refundable (by request) up until 3 days before the function. Hotel costs are refundable up to the day before the function but the banquet cost is not refundable unless the request is made 3 days before the party. This layaway service is provided free of charge—thanks to Geraldine, and members can start making payments as early as October so that the funds will be available by April 30th to the Club for payment of the function costs.

Regarding the issue of a stand for the three flags we display at our functions, Marian has agreed to look into this in order to find a suitable stand.

Regarding plans for the 2008 function, it was agreed that in an upcoming flyer which will be mailed to all members, suggestions will be listed for locations of future parties. Members will be able to send in their choices from the sites listed or submit their own choice of location, providing that individual will agree to be the coordinator for that function. This would involve researching hotels available for the function and willingness to work with our budget. The chosen site will be announced at our 2007 party. Yvonne Perez has contacts in various locations in Florida and is willing to assist. The officers of the Board will also assist with the coordination.

After these discussions, the group worked on the Club's bylaws which will be reviewed by the absentee board members before it is adopted.

It was agreed that Uranie would contact the Andruskos and the Berrys to inform them of this meetings transactions.

Gloria ended the meeting by thanking everyone for their time, suggestions, and continued support. She added that our club is stronger than ever because of all the wonderful people in our membership and their willingness and excitement to contribute and be a part of the Bon Vivant Island Club.

The meeting ended at 1:30pm