



EAGLES VOICE

Message from the Court Rep

Happy New Year!!

And what a year 2010 was. Eagles Preserve not only sold out but is fully occupied for the first time. We are fortunate so many people continue to see Shell Point as the place to be and this is particularly true for Eagles Preserve.

The Pavilion expansion project is just about to be wrapped up and dedicated. I encourage you to attend the dedication and open house this Friday, January 14. Many thanks to all of you who made this great day possible.

Kate Mondello and her Employee Christmas Gift Committee did a tremendous job in raising funds for last year's drive. I would like to especially thank Kate and Alan Roberts, the Eagles Preserve representatives for their dedication and hard work on this project.

Our new neighbors have remarked that they feel like they have just moved to a "college for seniors". I'm sure you can relate to that. With the concerts, programs, and the Academy, it is a college.

See you around the campus.

Jerry Ingalls



Holiday Celebrations at
Eagles Preserve
We were given a concert by the jazz
band in celebration of Christmas.

Nature Happenings

Have you noticed the number of  acorns falling everywhere this fall and early winter? Parking lots, sidewalks, hitting our cars, you name it, the acorns are here. There is a reason for this problem. The Laurel Oak and Live Oak mature in **1 year** and produce 1" acorns. The Red Oak produces 1/2" acorns every **2 years**. This year Mother Nature provided us with a very abundant acorn year. The Red Oak's 2 year maturing season just happened to coincide with the Laurel Oak and Live Oak maturing pattern and thus we had the unusual acorn invasion!

Boaters, watch out for those poor manatees who are swimming to warmer water at the Manatee Park. In 2010 in Lee County 11 manatees were killed by boats!

Hope you all had a very happy holiday.

Phyllis Ingalls - Spoonbill

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| 160 - Osprey | 165 - Heron |
| 161 - Spoonbill | 166 - Sandpiper |
| 162 - Egret | 167 - Mockingbird |
| 163 - Kingfisher | 168 - Ibis |
| 164 - Curlew | 169 - Pelican |



A New Year

We are all blessed. We have a new year to look forward to; a year filled with promises, expectations and hopes. But let's take a moment to put the old year in the past. 2010 was a time at Eagles Preserve where the talk of our new television provider was a daily event, the functioning of the entry gates took up a lot of attention, and new EP staff for us to meet. We all had individual sadnesses and excitements, losses, and gains. A year like most others. Personally, if we could keep the status quo for 2011 it would be more than fine with me. Eagles Preserve is now finally filled with people living in every unit. It's a place where strangers have become neighbors and neighbors have become friends, and for a relatively new community, well as I said before, we are all blessed. Happy and healthy new year to all.

Sheila Sklar - Editor
Herb Sklar - Designer

Retirement

Ah, the Golden Years of retirement! I thought these would be the quiet days; no pressure to be anywhere I didn't want to be. Days of sitting in the sun, reminiscing on earlier years and accomplishments. And then the reality hits me square in the face. I am at Shell Point.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday find me at the Health Center doing my two hour workout. Can't let my arthritic joints stiffen. Monday and Wednesday afternoon I'm in a Zumba class, trying to retain my "Gone-With-The-Wind" eighteen inch waistline. It isn't working yet but I continue my endeavors. Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday you can find me on the golf course playing eighteen holes of golf. Tuesday afternoon and Friday afternoon are reserved for bridge. And then, and only then do I find the time for my two very favorite pastimes; reading and cooking.

It was just recently I realized I needed a vacation from retirement. I just don't have time. Oh well I thought about my Grandmother as I considered my schedule. She was always at home and she was a wonderful cook (I learned many wonderful things at her side). I know she played bridge once a week and she participated in a monthly "literary club." I just could not picture her in this kind of retirement! My mother had a very similar retirement. Bridge three times a week. No gym, no Zumba, no Palates!

Friends want to make plans to go out in the evening. I'm just too tired! Now I don't think it's because I am older. Oh no. I think it's Shell Point and all the wonderful programs. So many selections and only so much time.

Now that the holiday season is over, I'm reminded of all the blessings in my life and the good health I enjoy. I shared the joy of Christmas and the miracle of Hannukah with all my friends. I hope the New Year finds everyone at EP facing the same decisions on which programs to participate in, and that all you wish for is realized.

Leslie Loscher - Sandpiper



Meet Our Court Representative Jerry Ingalls

Jerry was born and raised in the small town of Farmington, Maine. He learned to ski when he was three and spent his childhood on the mountains skiing. He was so good that as a High School senior, his team won the New England Championship.

He graduated from the University of Maine, Orono, spent two years in the Army on active duty and another six years in the Army Reserves. He relocated and went to work for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company where he became the Director of Field Claims. He then moved to Dayton, Ohio and became the Executive Director of the Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund. After 20 years in the insurance related business, Jerry moved back to Connecticut, married Phyllis and changed careers. He developed a real estate construction and management company.

In 1987, Jerry and Phyllis retired and moved to Mystic, Conn. They spent much of their time on their sailboat, GEMINI. (They were both born in June) and eventually sailed to the Bahamas and the East Coast of Florida. When wintering in Florida, they found themselves coming to Shell Point to attend concerts, programs, and to see friends. They bought into EP four years ago.

Jerry now finds himself volunteering his talents. He's our Court Rep, the Vice Chair of the Residents Council, Captain of the Susie-Q, plays trumpet in Jazz and Stuff, and works at the cardiac surgery unit at Health Park. He also represents SP residents at the Habitat for Humanity. When he has time, he plays golf, tennis, and takes short trips with Phyllis on their boat. We are so fortunate to have Jerry as our neighbor and Court Representative.

THE TOTTERING GOURMET



The Bratwurst House 15455 Old McGregor Blvd* Fort Myers*985-9468
This is the season for hearty food, so we tried some really hearty dinners. The new Bratwurst House in the Miner's Corners plaza is convenient, clean, bland and the place to go for a quick fix. I brought home half a \$ 9.00 lunch of two huge meatballs and excellent German potato salad. The crispy potato pancakes were very good. The dinner beef roulade was okay, but for sauerbraten, I would go to:

The Duke of Germany 3816 Chiquita Blvd.*Cape Coral* 540-2000
This is far enough away to be in another country and is very authentic. Small, kind of tacky, live German TV playing, German customers, and wonderful pork schnitzel and spetzle.

The Austrian-Oerman Pavillion 1499 Colonial Blvd*Fort Myers*936-8118
Situated on the back side of Royal Palm Square near Summerlin. It is quite charming and was very busy on a recent Saturday. A little more cosmopolitan, the menu includes some seafood, vegetarian and grilled meats in addition to Germanic fare. The liver dumpling soup and Hungarian Goulasch were pronounced excellent, and the schnitzel with roasted potatoes was quite good. The restaurant is a bit noisy as the kitchen is open and there is a lot of meat pounding in addition to ordinary clatter.

The prices at all three are roughly comparable, all ranging from about \$12.00 - \$18.00 for very generous dinners. You-know-who likes the cute place at Royal Palm Square but personally, I'd go all the way to the Duke just for the schnitzel.

Bon Appetit
The Tottering Gourmet.