



Conquistador HOA

April 2026

Newsletter

**CHA President
Renee Drentkiewicz**



As many of you start to begin your journeys back home, I wish you safe and smooth travels. May the memories of this season stay with you, and I look forward to welcoming you back again soon for another fantastic year.

Until then, take care and stay well.

Renee Drentkiewicz

**Manager's Corner
Bonnie Guenther**

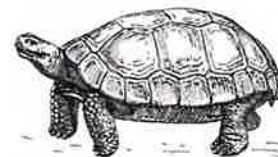
I cannot believe another season has already come to a close. Each year, I find myself saying—usually to the President, “This year will be less busy,” and each year I am proven wrong, much to the President’s chagrin.

Dear Neighbors:

As the 2026 season is almost at a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a truly wonderful time it has been. Thanks to each of you. Our community enjoyed a vibrant and successful season filled with memorable gatherings, friendly connections, and a shared spirit that makes this neighborhood so special.

I am especially grateful for everyone’s effort in keeping our community welcoming, respectful, and well cared for throughout these busy months. Your participation and consideration for one another helped to ensure that everyone could enjoy all that our neighborhood has to offer.

**It doesn't matter
how slowly you go
as long as you do
not stop.**



- Confucius

While the pace and scope of work can be demanding, it reflects an important reality. Given the age of the community, ongoing capital improvements are not optional; they are essential. Without continued investment in our assets, the associations risk falling behind both functionally and financially.

I am encouraged that the majority of the condominium associations have embraced a proactive approach to improvement. The buildings are not only looking better, but more importantly, they are becoming more sustainable through proper maintenance and long-range planning.

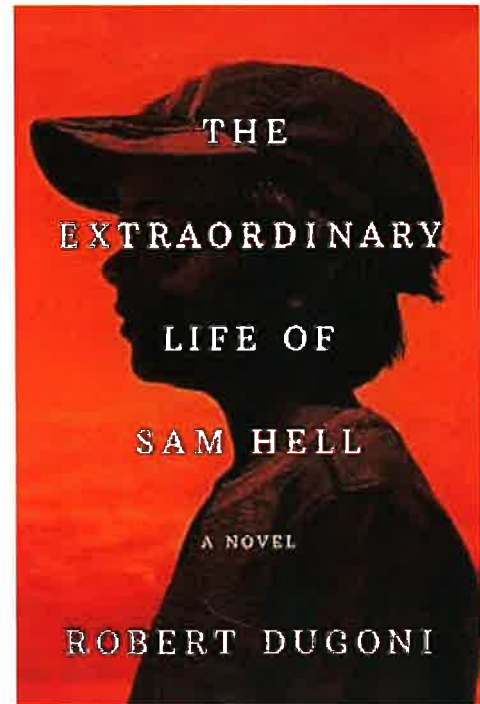
From both a structural and aesthetic standpoint, maintaining and improving the community is a clear advantage. By this time next year, the completion of the FPL street lighting project will further enhance the overall appearance and safety of the property. In addition, several infrastructure projects currently underway will strengthen the community's resilience during inclement weather.

Most importantly, the community has turned a meaningful corner. There is now a clear shift toward long-term thinking, sound planning, and responsible stewardship of the association's assets—an approach that will serve the community well for years to come.

Thanks to all who serve to make the community great. You are appreciated.

If you are departing, safe travels to your second home, and God bless you and your family!

BOOK CLUB Karen Thomas



Our April Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Cardroom. Please note this is the third week of the month instead of our usual second week. Our book this Month is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. If you are having trouble finding it at the library, it is available by paperback and kindle on Amazon. It's a feel-good book and an easy read. I hope you like it as much as I did.

Also, please text or email me your book selections for next season by April 8, Karen Thomas (**330-507-6655**) or karenthomas408@gmail.com. Please Include your name and the titles/authors of any books that you think our book club would enjoy reading. I will make a list of these books so we can vote on them at our April 15th Meeting and determine 5 Book Selections for the 2026-2027 Season.

Our next Book Club meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 6:30 in the Cardroom. I will post the 2026 book selections on the Living at Conquistador Facebook Page and also in the next newsletter. Enjoy the summer wherever you may be.

LIBRARY NEWS

Shirley Reilly

April Newsletter 2026 Library Shirley Reilly Just like Spring, the library is in full bloom with new books and puzzles. Although the shelves remain full the candy bowls are always empty. To those of you who have donated some of these sweet treats, thank you very much.



During the summer months I will be culling books that have not been checked out for more than five years except for popular author collections to make room for new reading material. The nonfiction section will be upgraded and organized in a more user-friendly manner and new book club books will be purchased for next season. I will also be compiling a list of bestsellers that were borrowed but never returned. A huge thank you to those who have donated books this year. Your generosity is what makes our library so special. To those residents and guests heading home, safe travels.

To those of us who call Conquistador home year-round remember the library can always provide you great pool/ beach books or just a quiet retreat.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

SEE ATTACHED.

4/29 and 4/30 will be the last days for Pilates and line dancing. Thank you to Adrienne Scudero and Sharyn Kalinkewicz for your time and energy!

TENNIS

8:15AM on Thursdays on the courts. Be there!!!

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Ed Anzlover



The Men's golf league held their annual banquet on March 24th at the Clubhouse. About 40 couples attended, and a great time was had by all. There was an Italian Buffet from Michelina's and Music by 'My Brother's Band'. Two 18-hole champions were presented trophies: Mark Ryberg for Low Gross and Joe Koloski for Low Net. Joe Koloski also won The Joe DiLorenzo Fellowship Award. If you are a

golfer, please consider joining the league.

PICKLEBALL **Leo Calderone**

Conquistador pickleball continues in full force into April. As snowbirds begin leaving this month the activity will begin to slow down. The improvement in play this year has been great to see. I would like to make a correction to the results of last month's tournament, as Lori and Fred took the Silver medal and Lance and Beth took Bronze. I'd like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer. Keep working on your game.



Tip of the month: Return of Serve

- 1. Start far enough back from the baseline to move forward**
- 2. Be sure you don't leave too soon, jamming yourself up by being too close to the ball**
- 3. Use more height, not speed on your return so that you hit it deeper in your opponent's court--this will give you more time to get to the kitchen**
- 4. Start moving forward as you hit the return, pausing just before your opponent hits their next shot**

Best regards,
Leo



BOCCE BALL **John Calabro**

It has been a busy March!
Good fun and competition.
Next week (3/31 and 4/1) we will have the playoff for first place in both the Tuesday and Wednesday Divisions. We will wrap up the following week with the two first place teams facing each other in a roll off.
Come out and see what the fun is about.

SHUFFLEBOARD **Rich Stenseth**

Welcome back fellow shuffle boarders.
New Time - Thursday 1:30 to 3:00 pm.
Come anytime to get a game in (or two or three).
Questions? Call: *Rich Stenseth Bldg 11 at 312-406-2644.*

See you soon!

CRIBBAGE **Rich Stenseth**

Our Cribbage group meets every Monday at 1:30 pm. Join us all you seasoned players. If you have never played and think you would like to learn, it really is a lot of fun.
For more information:

Call Rich Stenseth Bldg. 11-108
312-406-2644

BINGO

Feeling lucky????
4/7 and 4/21 7PM

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME Pat Stenseth



An enjoyable, easier version of Canasta. Join us for fun laughs, and friendly competition. We play in the Cardroom Tuesday at 12:30 PM and Thursday at 6:30 PM. Come a little early. We sign up each week so please call. Want to learn or brush up? We're glad to teach you.
Contact: Pat Stenseth
815-545-0507
Bldg 11-108



4/13 at 5:30PM

BRIDGE NEWS Jackie Williams

The Duplicate Bridge group meets every Friday at 12:45 in the Card Room at the Clubhouse. We are always happy to have new people join us.

MAHJONG Virginia Callender

If you enjoy playing Mahjong, please come join us every Wednesday in the Clubhouse card room from 12:30PM - 4:00PM. We have a \$3.00 limit so be sure to bring your quarters, nickels and dimes. (If you lose your \$3.00, you still continue playing and possibly win your money back!)

LANDSCAPING NEWS Peggy Weinand



Hi all !!!
Some of us are winding down and hopefully next season will be a better season for our flowers and landscape! Unfortunately the cold weather and lack

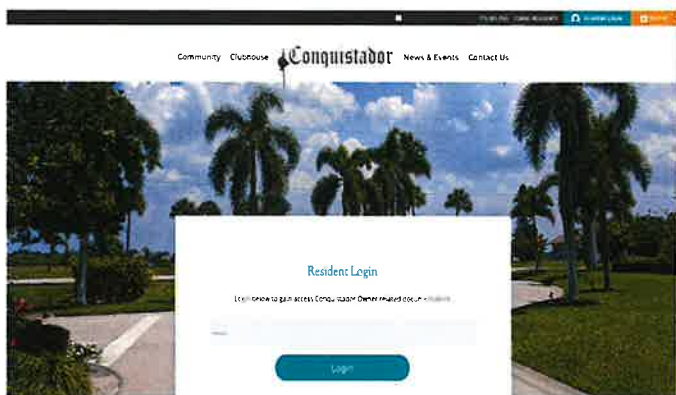
of rain was not conducive for our flowers! Let's hope all the bushes and trees that took a hit with the weather will come back and survive!

We did plant some new pink sunpatiens in the pots in front of the clubhouse entrance!!!

Enjoy your summer and see you in the fall!!! 🌻 🌻 🌻 🌻 🌻 🌻 🌻

CONQUISTADOR WEBSITE

www.Conquistadorliving.com



The Conquistador website is the only official site for all Conquistador news and information. Included on the site:

- Telephone/E mail directory
- Agendas and minutes
- Community forms, i.e. sales, lease, & Architectural Review applications, pest control request forms, etc.
- Governing documents
- **ProPay payment system link**
- Condo association webpages which include agendas, minutes, governing documents, reserve studies, wind mitigations, etc. for all associations
- And MUCH more

Contact the office or your Board for the password to the main resident page or to your condo association webpage.

ELEVATOR HELP



If you have an issue with the elevator in your condo building:

- Contact your Board President and the office to report exactly what is occurring with the elevator.
- **If someone is trapped in the elevator, call 911 immediately!** The Board President will then contact Bonnie in the office, TK Elevator, or the fire department.

Be Happy..

Enjoy every moment
of your life..

Life is too short to
waste on grudges..

Laugh when you can,
Apologize when you
should..

and let go of what you
can't change..



The lost and found basket is located just
outside of the Clubhouse office. Only
remove items that belong to you.

CONQUISTADOR NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

By Mike McPhillips

Greetings Conquistador neighbors. Earlier this month we attended the Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Civilian Intel meeting with Major Josh Foster leading the meeting. Major Foster highlighted crimes reported in Martin County over the past five weeks within the various patrol districts including burglaries of residence, business, vessels, vehicles, stolen vehicles and robbery. During the most recent period, citizens reported the following crimes:

- Jensen Beach – A residential burglary with entrance made by unknown means over a period where \$14k was reportedly taken or missing. A second residential burglary where entry was made through unlocked door and fishing rods were stolen. There were two stolen vehicles that reported one with a punched lock and the second included a 1988 Boston Wahler. There were no arrests.
- Palm City – Three residential burglaries and two stolen vehicles where arrests were made.
- Port Salerno – Golden Gate where two residential burglaries were reported with one arrest and two burglaries of vessels were reported where fishing gear was taken.
- Hobe Sound – Tequesta – A residential burglary with entry gained through unsecured door. A jewelry box with multiple items, dresses and purses were reportedly taken.
- Indiantown – no crimes
- Kanner Hwy corridor – Burglary of Vehicle where a window was broken and \$1000 in tools reported stolen

Over the past month Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has worked several thefts of boats from boat lifts and docks in the Jensen Beach and Rio areas. The MCSO requests that owners equip their property with cameras and sensors to help secure the facilities.



businesses, stealing large quantities of merchandise. Of the seven subjects, six are being held in Martin County Jail. Four subjects are illegal aliens who currently have ICE detainers in addition to multiple felony charges. In conclusion...stay safe and stay well.

In early February, deputies responded to a Stuart Beach location where a female reported that she was attacked by an unknown person who had fled. Three days later, Port Saint Lucie police responded to a welfare check where they were met by a subject who reported that he killed a woman at Stuart Beach. The subject was subsequently placed under arrest for attempted murder. You may have seen the report of this incident on the local news.

Major Foster informed the group that the MCSO had received a number of reports of fraud including a California woman who reportedly sent a text message to a victim advising that their T-Mobile rewards points were expiring. The victim was advised to access a fictitious web site and provided their card number which was subsequently used at Publix by perpetrator and male subject. Warrants were obtained for subject. Another incident involved a victim who was contacted by subject who claimed to be from Wells Fargo Fraud Department. The victim wired \$64,000 to three separate accounts, one of which was to the suspect. A warrant was subsequently obtained for the culprit.

Finally, we were informed that MCSO and 6 other Florida jurisdictions assisted in the arrest of 7 individuals connected to Organized Retail Theft. The group worked together to target retail

**Martin County Sheriff's Office
Non-Emergency and After
Hours:**

Phone: 772-220-7000

Phone: 772-220-7170

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Hello Conquistadorians!

February 2026 ended with the Creative Hands Arts & Craft Event on 2/28. The show was open from 9:00am through 2:00pm. This event was well attended with a steady stream of participants throughout the day. Beth Sherlock was the Event Coordinator and had a great Team collaborating with her to support this inaugural event for Conquistador.

There were thirty (30) artisans that shared their creative skills and innovative ideas through displays of jewelry, photography, candles, fine sewn articles, knitted and crocheted items, beautiful paintings, shell art, painted wood decor, dollhouse miniatures, handcrafted cards, original handmade angels and more! The Club House Ballroom was the perfect venue for the event.

Our neighbor Luanne Dwyer, a talented pianist, filled the Atrium with beautiful music. The Event included a Bake sale, 50/50 and artisan donations for raffle. Muralist Mary Ellen Chevalier created a mural on display. Our CHA community residents are so incredibly talented!

The Event Committee would like to thank Beth Sherlock for her idea of the Creative Hands Event, oversight, and coordination of a very successful event for our community!

Our thanks to all below:

- Event Coordinator – *Beth Sherlock*
- Decorating committee: *Jean Campbell, Lynn Galvin, Mary Hudson*
- Bartenders: *Ed Hale, Steve Groo*
- Coffee: *Jan and Joe Malloy*
- Calligraphy Name Tags: *Nancy Neirenberg*
- Baked Goods: *Adrienne Scudero, Jill Wheeler, Kathy Caputo*
- Raffles: *Carolyn DeMarco, Joy Hale, Martha Gorton, Sue Kitchen*



We enjoyed a Community Happy Hour at the Club House Pool on 3/1/2026. Our community band - Younger Days - entertained us. Adrienne Scudero led us in line dancing and was the cow bell queen. It was great to see the CHA neighbors enjoying the pool area of the Club House. More Happy Hours to come this season!

Murder Mystery Night at the Masquerade finally arrived on 3/12/2026. A Murder Mystery Acting Troupe entertained a sold-out crowd. The attendees were active participants in the show. We genuinely enjoyed watching everyone dress up and adorn their masks. Mask standouts – Martha Gorton and Mark Ryberg! Julie Fall, the Creative Director for the Event Committee, transformed the ballroom with her decorations and centerpieces. Of course, a photo opportunity was available and a specialty cocktail - Dark & Stormy. Many thanks to our bartender John Leandri for manning the “CHA BAH” and dressing for the occasion. Patti Cobb and Laurie Thor coordinated the food for the event.

We want to thank all the volunteers that assisted us with decorations, setup, food preparation, running, serving and cleanup - we could not do it without you!





Please join us for the upcoming March and April events:

- 3/25/26 – Trivia Night - *Sponsored Jackie Williams Bldg 4 – Ballroom 4:00pm*
- 3/30/26 - Fashion Show – *Sponsored by Bldg 1 – Ballroom - 12:30 pm*
- 4/6/26 – Events Committee Meeting - *Card Room – 9:30 am*
- 4/16/26 – Caribbean Nights – *End of Season Party - Sponsored by Bldgs 7 &10 – Clubhouse – 5:00pm*

Please contact Julie Fall for tickets - jfall.stuart@gmail.com; 603-781-1226

*If you are interested in volunteering any **2026/2027 Events**, please contact a member of the Event Committee below:*

- Patti Cobb - pattiv_99@yahoo.com; 845-489-8052
- Diane Encarnation - charlieanddiane@verizon.net; 401-578-7494
- Julie Fall -- jfall.stuart@gmail.com; 603-781-1226
- Faye Lizotte - flizotte5380@comcast.net; 954-812-6645
- Laurie Thor – thorlaurie@hotmail.com; 908-309-3548