



Sounds from Sansovino

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Board President's Corner

A lot of you will be leaving us soon for the summer. We hate to see you go and very much look forward to your return in the fall. Last summer we did a lot of work on the Sansovino property including new shrubbery, painted the north and south sides of the building, sealed the parking lot, resurfaced the pool, and repaired and cleaned the pool deck. Then the hurricane came through and left us with cleanup and repairs to do. The Board has gotten a lot of positive comments about these projects, and we thank you for that.

This summer will be busy again with a major upgrade to both elevators and replacement of the two damaged carports. Both projects are scheduled to start in June and finish in August. If your parking space is under or near either of the two damaged carports, and you plan to leave a vehicle at Sansovino, you need to store your car elsewhere. You can either make arrangements with another owner to use their space for the summer, put it in one of the guest spots, or store your vehicle off-site.

In addition, before you go, please review the departure checklist on the website. In particular, please note that you must remove all beach and pool gear that is in the beach coral, and all bikes that are in the bike coral, and put them in your unit. Anything left there will be thrown out. This is also a reminder that nothing should be on the floor in the common storage closets on each floor. Everything in these closets must be on your assigned shelf. Anything left on the floor will be thrown out.

In a recent email, I notified you all that we will once again offer the summer unit inspections. Some of you that asked for the inspections last year have not responded. If you want us to check your unit once a month, please respond to my email, or just send me an email indicating your acceptance of the terms and conditions, along with your name, unit number and months that the unit will be unoccupied.

To those of you leaving us, travel safely. To all, have a great summer.

Jack Manning

President – Sansovino Board of Governors



Building Superintendent's Report

Ron Faas 941-485-5000

Ron has been “out” due to an injured back so no article from him in this edition. For your convenience, we are substituting the closing instructions for our units that are mentioned in Jack’s presidents report.

- Turn off the water supply.
- Turn off the following circuit breakers: water heater, range/oven, washer/dryer, dishwasher/garbage disposal, instant hot water devices.
- Leave refrigerator on but adjust settings to warmer. Turn off icemaker!
- Leave a frozen cup of water with a coin on top in the freezer.
- Leave air conditioner on: Recommend Temperature setting = 76-80 degrees and humidistat (If available) at 50%
- Close and lock lanai screens (west windows).
- Close and lock lanai windows (west windows). Ron can help if this is difficult. Consider placing a plastic cable tie around handles to secure.
- Close and lock any sliding doors and windows.
- Some Condos have fire alarms that plug into an electrical outlet. Be sure to unplug them before leaving.
- Make sure smoke detectors are in working order.
- Close all window treatments.
- Unplug cable connection to TV, Stereo, and Computers.
- Unplug all non-essential electrical devices.
- Cover toilets with plastic wrap and close lids.
- Consider 1-2 tablespoons of olive oil in the drains.
- Crack open cabinet doors and drawers.
- Crack open dishwasher.
- Leave closet doors open.
- Clean or replace air conditioner filters.
- Leave the washer lid open.
- Stop newspapers, telephone, cable, and internet service if desired.
- Notify magazines of change of address.
- Lock your storage room door.
- Notify the Post Office of change of address.
- Leave your emergency contact information at the office and a copy on your kitchen counter.
- Remove your bicycle from the bike room and place it in your unit.
- Place all outdoor items inside your unit (including corral items and bicycles).

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Sales, Transfers & Rentals

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SANSOVINO SALES FOR 2023

Unit 802 Sold to Judy Butrym and Tom Brown of Venice, FL
Unit 901 Sold to Barbara and John Funk of Venice, FL

SANSOVINO RENTALS FOR 2022-2024

Unit 206	Allan Zimmerman and Sunny Seabrook	09/01/22 to 05/31/23
Unit 206	William Hukill from Seymour, IN	06/01/23 to 09/01/24
Unit 402	Bill and Maureen Higgins	01/01/24 to 03/31/24
Unit 403	Michael and Marsha Salsman	01/12/24 to 04/12/24
Unit 502	Ron and Mary VanThiel	11/24/23 to 05/31/24
Unit 601	Terry and Harriet Pahn	01/13/24 to 04/13/24
Unit 605	Bruce and Conni Mazzoni	01/01/24 to 03/31/24

Anyone considering renting their unit for 2023-2024, please contact Tom Mack for the proper forms. Submit information to Tom Mack, Sales, Transfers and Rental Chairman, Unit 501, Phone 488-8055

NEW NEIGHBOR

Paul hails from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Pam from Ohio. They met in Kalamazoo and spent several years living south of Detroit before Pam was transferred by the E & J Gallo Winery to MA in 1986. Paul, who had worked in public accounting and banking, continued his career in the Boston area. They eventually settled in Marblehead, MA. Paul had lived within a couple hundred feet of Lake Michigan growing up and always enjoyed boating. Marblehead enabled him to continue his love of being on the water and sailing became his passion.

In 2006 Paul and a professional friend opened a bank in Cornelius, NC. It was successfully sold in 2021. In 2013 Pam retired from the Gallo Winery as a Director of Retail Sales for the Northeast.

In 2016, to escape the cold and snow, they moved to Chattanooga, TN. Settling in a golfing community with a home at the 7th green. The yard was a blank slate and Pam, always an avid gardener, was in her element.

They first visited Venice over 30 years ago and stayed at the Best Western which was replaced by the Belize Condominiums. Several friends had bought condos in the area and the decision was made to look in Venice for a winter home. Paul needed to get back to living near the water!

While renting at Gulf Horizons during 2019 and 2020 they were fortunate to be on a Sunday walk and saw the open house for Unit 705. They loved the unit the minute they walked in and were even more impressed with the delightful and kind Maureen and Bob Corbett.

Then Covid hit, buying a condo moved off the radar. In the Spring of 2021 after deciding to reignite the condo search the realization hit those times had changed and nothing was available. Pam called Bob, assuming his unit was sold and just by chance would he know of another available in the building. Such luck they had! 705 had not been sold but leased. They had the good fortune to buy the unit and absolutely love living here.

What they most enjoy are the people and how friendly and nice everyone is. Always helpful. Plus, everyone is so interesting. So many wonderful people with great life stories. Maureen told them this is their happy place, and they couldn't agree more!



SANSOVINO CELEBRATIONS

Chinese New Year Party

Sansovino finally celebrated our 6th Chinese 2023 Lunar New Year after a two-year hiatus due to Covid. Hosted by Loretta and Mike Robinson, Kathy and Bill St Jean and Barbara and John Funk, residents enjoyed a wonderful Chinese Buffet catered by China Taste. 2023 is the year of the Rabbit and we had 3 (maybe 4) lucky residents who admitted to being born that year.

The Lunar new year started as celebration of the coming Spring and the end of a harsh Winter; thus, people prepared to start planting soon. It is the highest holiday for the Chinese – the Spring Festival, and they travel to visit family. School can be out for a month, with festivities and feasts going on for two weeks.

The celebrations include lots of red, loud noises, firecrackers, and lights. The dark skies are decorated with lanterns and dragon dances on the ground to scare away evil spirits for the year.

Surrounded by beautiful authentic decorations (provided by the St. Jeans), Sansovinites celebrated the Chinese New Year with lots of noise in the hopes of scaring away Covid, hurricanes, and red tide for 2023.



Grill Party

The annual grill party at Sansovino was held on April 24, 2023, and marks the conclusion of the 2022-2023 social committee planned events.

We sincerely thank the many volunteers who stepped up to help with set-up, grilling, serving, and cleaning up. Thanks also to everyone who contributed delicious appetizers, side dishes and desserts to go with the yummy burgers, hotdogs and brats. Our monthly parties have become legendary events that everyone looks forward to.

We are already planning next year's activities and are **ACTIVELY** seeking hosts and ideas. Please think about partnering with a neighbor and volunteering to host a party to make sure the party tradition at Sansovino continues!!!

Barbara and John Funk, Grill party co-hosts



Ken McBride Concert

The Sansovino Social Committee hosted a wonderful Irish concert by Ken McBride, a local Venice musical celebrity. Performing straight through for more than two hours, Ken entertained us with wonderful Irish songs, stories, and a hilarious audience participation activity. Many joined in the singing of familiar songs which brought back good memories. The consensus was that this evening was very likely the highlight of the Sansovino seasons!!





Mardi Gras Party

When you ask two couples to host their first event at Sansovino, everything about it will be “new and different”. So, the Lawson’s and the Brown’s hosted a Mardi Gras “Fat Jeudi (Thursday) Party”. Fat Thursday is associated with the celebration of Carnival. And in true New Orleans Mardi Gras fashion, Leigh and Patrick with their “Shiny Gumbo” Food Truck from Sarasota “delivered”! Yes, they prepared and served a fabulous array of Cajun food.

Prior to party time, several questions were asked about the food.... Will it be really spicy? Hot? I’ve never tried Cajun food will I like it? I’m happy to report that Leigh and Patrick were very informative and patient in explaining each of the food options they served. Whether it was Gumbo, Jambalaya, Crawfish Etouffee, Beans and Rice, Biscuits and Gravy or Cornbread, they were happy to answer any and all questions. Everyone tried something and many went back to taste more. Cookies and homemade bread pudding (thank you Barbara Funk) topped off the culinary experience.

Although it wasn’t required or even suggested, some attended in masks and boas. Beads were provided for everyone (thank you to Bill and Kathy for sharing them for the night) and the decorations of balloons in traditional colors of green, purple, and gold added to the festivity.

Comments after the evening concluded were “the food was amazing!” “I’m so happy I tried the gumbo!” “If you have any leftovers, I’ll take some!”

The evening also included some trivia. We all learned the colors of Mardi Gras were purple representing justice, green representing faith and gold representing power.

Shiny Gumbo loved coming to the Sansovino and are definitely open to making it an annual event. What do you think? Would you like to make this an annual event?





March Madness

Yet again this Spring, the owners and some of their (former) friends wasted their time and money in another fruitless and futile endeavor to predict the outcome of the 2023 March Madness tournament. Some people just never learn!! In fact, the number of brackets in the “SANSOVINO & FRIENDS” March Madness pool increased to a record high 86 entries! That meant at \$10 per bracket, we had a pool of \$860 to distribute! YES – hard as it may seem to believe, the hardworking organizer of the pool distributed ALL \$860 to the lucky, but no skill winners as follows:

1st place tied:

- \$322.50 Jill (“my Boston atty, should I ever need one!”) Hauff
- \$322.50 Mary Ann (“wife of my WI atty, should I need one”) Ganzer

3rd place:

- Debbie (“Moved East to get away”) West

4th place tied:

- \$43 Mike (“No Gas”) Robinson
- \$43 Don (“The Handyman”) Opgrande

80th place – Honorable Mention...Your Humble Scribe....ZERO

Everyone who participated was a winner to the extent that it made watching March Madness games so much fun. And so, if you did not participate this year....well there is always next year! Just contact the Sansovino Chief Gambling Officer.....a.k.a. Pat Noble!!

9.2 quintillion

That's the approximate probability of predicting a perfect college basketball bracket.

A quintillion is a billion billions, so the full number is 9,223,372,036,854,775,808.

News of Neighbors

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Paul and Adele Maguire Unit 707

Paul and Adele had the pleasure of a visit from their daughter, Elena Maguire Whidden and their grandson William, who composed a shell stingray on our beach to add to our viewing pleasure! It took some patience, as there were few large shells. Now the starfish that they assembled last year has some good company!



Barbara and John Funk Unit 802 (soon to be 901)

In March 2023, Barbara and John welcomed their second grandchild, Brynley Ava. Big brother Bray is ready to box his little sister up and send her back!!



Kay and Jerry Kabelin Unit 401 and Diana and Ron Corley Unit 903

Hazel was welcomed to the Corley/Kabelin family this Spring! See picture of 4 generations of the Kabelin family. Hazel is Jerry and Kay's first GREAT- grandchild!! Grandma Kabelin is responsible for the matching swimsuits on Hazel and her cousin, Kindall. Also, see picture of the Kabeliin's in Italy on a recent trip!!



Loretta and Mike Robinson Unit 702

Lorraine Raymond invited me to a luncheon in which she won a live milkweed plant that she couldn't fly back to Canada with her. With a yard to fill at home in Hilton Head, I volunteered to take it, knowing it was a 'treat' for Monarch butterflies. What I didn't know was that the plant had three invisible tiny eggs that emerged into caterpillars that devoured the leaves of the milkweed. After stripping one plant in 48 hours, we learned we would need more plants to allow the caterpillars to become chrysalis and then precious, endangered Monarch butterflies. Off we went to the nursery and bought one more plant. Not enough! Those too had eggs on them so more 'food' was needed! Again, we shelled out grocery money for three more plants, this time, for what Jack Manning said were 'Illegal pets' occupying 702.

In total, we fostered seven stunning, fully developed Monarch butterflies (for which one granddaughter squealed were her 'favorite').

For the first release, we drove the cage and butterfly in our car to a butterfly garden, which turned out to be silly since it flew up in the air immediately, not to the flowers. Subsequent ones were launched off the 7th floor Sansovino balcony into the 'wild.'

So, we've done our part to contribute to the shortage of Monarchs and we are no longer in trouble with the board for having pets! This was major excitement and fun for us in March and, we think, even exceeded March Madness!!



Bill and Kathy St. Jean Unit 603

Thanks to Neighbors for the gift cards!
I want to thank the Sansovino residents for the gift cards you gave us for helping with the clean up after the horrific storm. Your generosity was truly remarkable!

We were able to have 3 dinners 'on you'. One was with Kathy's Mom, her two sisters and family. The second was with my brother and wife, and last, Kathy & I went to Snook Haven to hear the banjos.

From our family to you, a great BIG thank you!!!



Christine Kaehler and Greg Markham Unit 806

In January 2023, Christine traveled to beautiful New Zealand with her sister and met up with her niece and husband who live there. The North Island was first. The scenery was absolutely stunning and lessons in their culture were very interesting, and the Kiwi people were very welcoming. Unfortunately, the weather there was unusually damp for a New Zealand summer. Luckily, it improved on the South Island which was also beautiful but in a different way. The company throughout the entire trip was excellent and made even the cloudy days sunny!! It was a GREAT trip!!



Mike and Margo Pollock Unit 502

Après-Ski in the Quebec Laurentians!!

Mike Pollock and Margo Pollock shared their skill at consuming Bloody Caesars and Cosmopolitans post-ski at Mt. Blanc, Quebec!!!

They welcome If any of us who are travelling to Montreal, to please drop by for a drink (or two)!

Santé!



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