



The Harbor Pointer

SPECIAL EDITION



Newsletter for Harbor Pointe Residents; Titusville, FL

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JOHN PONSEN

The Harbor Pointer regrets to inform its readers of the death of **JOHN PONSEN**, long-time Harbor Pointe resident and active member of our community, on December 2.

His daughter Janet has passed on details of his interesting history, made all the more interesting by John's exceptionally long life, and exceptional zest for filling each of his days.

John was born in Bayonne, NJ in 1920 of Dutch immigrant parents.

He graduated from Yale University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and became a Professional Engineer (PE).

He worked for Pratt & Whitney for several years before moving to IBM, where he made his 28 year career with them as a Design and Developmental Engineer.

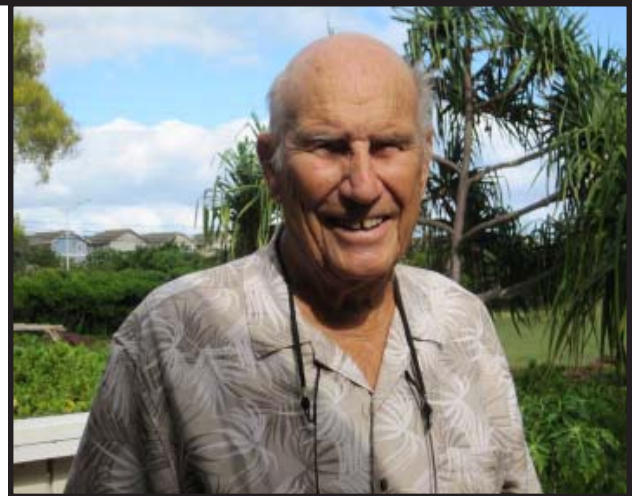
Among his varied projects with the firm, he was instrumental in the development of the IBM Selectric typewriter.

John was an adventurer and his love of the sea and boats was in his blood. He continued to own a small sailboat, even while living in Colorado!

John retired from IBM in 1975 and moved to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, where he got involved in the boat charter business. He then had a sailing yacht built in Taiwan, and embarked with it on a 4-1/2 year trip around the world, with his wife, Lori, and 2 of his children.

The Ponsens settled in Hawaii for 28 years, where John opened his own yacht brokerage, sailed, raced competitively and cruised the islands, was president of his homeowner association for 10 years, and a member of the Shriners and Masons in Hawaii.

He and Lori, moved to Harbor Point almost 8 years ago, where he was continuously active with area concerns, whether on the Board or off. He was an ingenious problem solver and enjoyed supporting the Harbor Pointe Association.



John Ponsen in a recent photo.

John was a man with many talents. He especially enjoyed traveling, opera, woodworking, boats, the sea, painting, engineering, and fixing anything he could get his hands on. He was a man who lived his life to the fullest.

He is survived by his wife, Lori, and by three of Lori's four children, all of whom he had always regarded as his own.



John (R) with Bill Van Engelenburg. The two gentlemen, both active here at Harbor Point, died within a week of each other.

**NEED A PLUMBER, A CLEANER,
A FIXER OF THINGS?**

HERE ARE A FEW VENDORS YOUR NEIGHBORS AT
HP HAVE USED OR RECOMMEND.....

A.C./Heat- Too Hot or Cold?

- **Britt's A.C.:**.....267-6370
- **Comfort Services** Dave.....268-3784
- **Elite FlaA/C Donn**.....917-5603

Appliances Gimpy?

- ❖ **Applianceville:**.....267-9463
- ❖ **Uncle Craig's Appliance Repair:**
.....593-0111

Boat Repairs/Marina

- **Boaters Edge at Westland Marine on US
Repairs & Classes by Jeff**.....383-4173
- **Boat Lifts:** Davin Erickson.....720-4350

Bugs Which Are Not Pets?

- **Econo-Kill** Vince.....632-3563
- **Terry Nix Pest Control:**.....576-0694

Carpet Cleaning?

- **Atomic**.....264 2594

Cleaning, Help With?

- **Kim's Cleaning Service:**.....267-5489
- **Pam Morse**.....626-4936

Electrical Repair?

- ✓ **Bonafide Electric** Tanner.....302-3333
- ✓ **D & E Pump**.....267-8287

Flooring Contractors?

- **4 Star Flooring:**.....634-5419
- **Buffkin:**.....452-2267

Garage Door Repair?

- **Affordable Garage Door:**.....636-0054

Handyman?

- **All Coast Wood Restoration**
Dana.....383-1222
- **Brian Amick**.....302-0344
[Specializes in paint and tile work]
- **Repairs by Glenn**.....750-9065
[No job too small]

Locksmith?

- ❖ **A-1 Locksmith,** Ken.....269-5522
- ❖ **Mark's Locksmith**.....863-4346
[Lockout service \$35.00 from Mark]

Plumbing?

- **Alligator Plumbing**.....269-9735
- **Orange Plumbing**.....268-1043

Screen repair?

- **Jonathan Johnson**.....360-6752

Shutter Repairs?

- ❖ **All Shutter Maintenance:**
Jack Miner.....507-6670
www.allshuttermaintenance.com

As of 10/01/15
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CONDO WATCHING SERVICE OFFERED

There is an Official Harbor Pointe Condo
Watch for people who will be out-of-town for
extended periods.

The price, of \$30 per month, includes a
monthly check of your residence and a round
of toilet flushing and shower water running,
and AC check, etc. Water will be shut off for
you between monthly checks.

See Doreen or Rusty in the Association office
to sign up for unit check services.

BOARD BUILDING MONITORS:

*Please alert these folks to problems in your build-
ing:*

- BLDG 1:** Tom Creecy 607-6045 or 262 880 5061
- BLDG 3:** Walt Covington: 321 383 9742 or 482-9688
- BLDG 5:** Harry Holmgren 443 926 3123
- BLDG 7:** Sue Gilman 407 421 4939