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YOU GOTTA PROXY!

We have two issues coming up that will require a General Meeting. These involve a change to **Lobby Decor**, and the installation of a **Memorial Flagpole**.

To have a General Meeting, the majority of unit owners must agree to have one. To do this, each home owner should please file a proxy form with the Association. The form was sent to you by mail a month ago (along with the meeting notice).

If not enough signed proxies are received, no meeting, and no changes! Please sign and return per instructions on it. If you've lost your form, please see Doreen for another one.

BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT WEEK

In addition to the two proxy issues--the Flagpole and Tower Lobbies, we're having a general election.

Amazingly, all five of the presently serving Board Members are asking for more. They are:

Harry Holmgren, President, and Maintenance Czar.

Sue Gilman, Secretary and Keeper of the Minutes.

Mike DeVoss, who is also a computer guru and operates the Association's website.

Tom Creecy, Treasurer, and Editor of *The Harbor Pointer*.

Harold McNally, a retired professional building engineer whose talents are in constant use on current roof and watering pond issues.

In addition, **Dan De Voss**, a past Board Member, and brother to Mike, wishes to re-join the Board.

Your vote matters! It will put people in place that have your best interests at heart, and give of their time and talents to make HP a better place to live.

For biographies of the six candidates, please turn to Page 2.

The Bill Van Engelenburg Memorial Flagpole



Bill Van Engelenburg, who passed away recently, was a major figure in Harbor Pointe history--one of our earliest and most active residents, and an especially effective Board President.

Residents, and his wife Els, thought a flagpole on premises, symbolic of the country he and Els, both native to the Netherlands, chose to make their home, and symbolic as well of Bill's devotion to the USA.

Els comments: "At a time of disarray, Bill stepped in to Board management, and took the helm with his vast business knowledge, experience and savvy. Most of you agreed with his direction and guidance, and that he made this a better place in so many areas, including staff, maintenance and finances. The atmosphere also changed for the better to one where teamwork and peaceful progress prevailed."

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The Board Candidate Lineup for 2016

Current Board Members

1. Harry Holmgren. Unit 5-1107



Mr. Holmgren has served many terms on the Board. He is the current Board President, and served as President of the Board in 2012, 2013, and in part of 2015 as well.

Harry took the Presidency upon the passing of Bill Van Engelenburg in November, 2015. Immediately prior to this he had served as Vice President and Maintenance Chairperson, helping to coordinate maintenance issues between the Board and Management/staff.

Harry has always been interested in "the plant", the buildings and grounds, and in seeing that they're well maintained and that the services offered work well and smoothly.

Harry comments:" If you have been to the once-a-month Board Meetings over the last four years, chances are you know me. I have actively participated in pretty near all of the meetings held during my time of service on the Board. I have been very hands on, and, given the opportunity, will continue to be so.

" If you like the way things have been going around here, then your VOTE for me will confirm what most of us I think...agree on; that it has been only getting better and better all around for Harbor Pointe owners, and will continue to do so, what with several of the existing Board members willing to run for yet another term.

2. Sue Gilman. Unit 7-303



Sue is the current Board Secretary, joining the Board for the 2015-2016 year.

Sue comments" I was a stay at home mom for 20 years which meant I was pretty much associated with everything they did...- For Ballet South - Organizing their Nutcracker donation show and Nutcracker Brunch - For First Presbyterian Church of Maitland - Running Vacation Bible School and participating as an Elder at the church- For Orangewood Christian School - Serving lunch once a week and serving as Class Mother for six years- Hilton Head Christian Academy - Helping with school admissions

Once my youngest child was in high school I began working part time at a clothing store in Hilton Head. Before I knew it I was managing two locations full time and loving it! Although I worked long hours, often 10am - 10pm, I enjoyed managing the store and employees, and building relationships with the community.

More recently, I have assisted Pat Fischer Nissan coordinate special events such as the: Indian River Music Festival, Titusville Christmas Parade, Veterans Appreciation Parade, Trunk or Treat, Family Fun Day at the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum, and more. I have also worked with the Downtown Titusville Merchants Association helping to coordinate the monthly Friday Nite Live events downtown. I have served on the Board of Directors for both Downtown Titusville Merchants Association and Harbor Pointe Condominium as Secretary for the past year.

Comments about Board Candidacy: I absolutely love living here and I love being involved with my community! I would be honored to serve on the Board of Harbor Point Condo Association for a second year and bring my vast experience to the table. If you have any questions about my background or qualifications please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration!

3. Mike De Voss. Unit 5-1102



I grew up in Titusville and graduated from Astronaut High School. After college I worked for Lockheed at KSC for 14 years on the Shuttle program.

We moved to Raleigh, NC and lived there for 14 years before moving back to Titusville in 2010.

I have lived at Harbor Pointe since 2011, together with my wife Michelle and son Joshua.

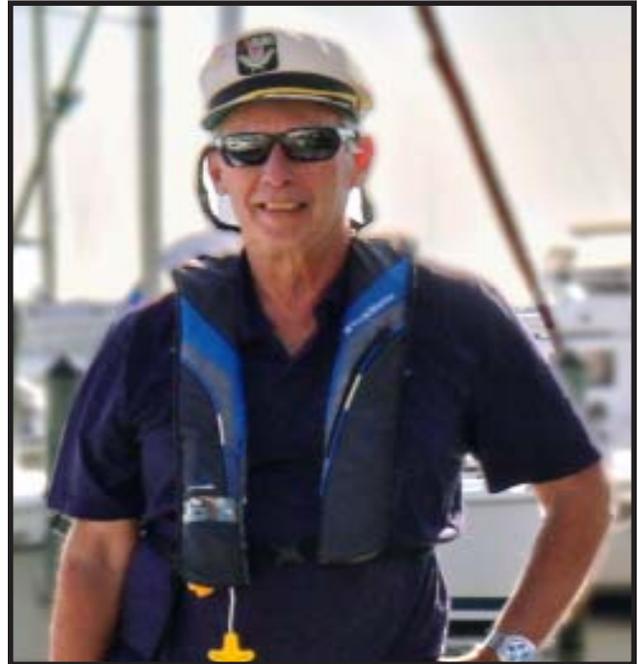
Professionally, I am a Quality Assurance Software Manager for a marketing applications company. I manage test teams in both the U.S. and the Philippines. I handle the day-to-day activities of my test teams to ensure that the work is progressing as planned.

I also coordinate work schedules and assignments with numerous project teams. I work diligently to ensure all team members are working together seamlessly, and that products are efficiently delivered to our clients with the highest quality possible.

Personally, I am actively involved in our church. I serve on several committees which has included planning, scheduling and implementing various initiatives. I also enjoy working out, playing sports and boating.

I have served on the Harbor Pointe Board for the last 2 years. I am also the webmaster and provide general IT support for the Board and the Leland management team.

4. Tom Creecy. Unit 1-401



Tom joined the Board in fall of 2015, filling a mid-year vacancy. He has since become fond of the job, he says, and wants to continue in it. "I am pleased at how much the Board accomplishes, and really enjoy association with my fellow Board Members," he adds.

A businessman, (founder, and retired hands-on owner, together with his wife Irene, of a cleaning equipment manufacturing business in Wisconsin), he is acting as Board Treasurer.

An owner at Harbor Pointe since March, 2009, Tom and his wife spend about 4-5 months per year in Wisconsin. He phones in regularly to his Board responsibilities there, (to his Company and the Racine, WI Art Museum), and would do the same here when out of town.

In Tom's view, the Treasurer's job has become one of oversight. He notes that today the books are punctiliously maintained by Harbor Pointe's management company, Leland Management, rather than by the Board Treasurer, as was the case in early days. Leland publishes a thoroughly-detailed monthly report that runs to some 60 pages on average, and is formally audited by an accredited outside firm at year end, pursuant to Florida statute. His perspective: "My wife Irene and others pioneered the changes that made Harbor Pointe the relatively well-oiled machine it is now. Those assuming responsibility on the Board today should look to fine-tuning a system that already works, and works well."

Tom is Chairman of the HP Activities Committee. He is also Editor-In-Chief of *The Harbor Pointer*, and so says he anticipates favorable commentary by that publication upon his Board candidacy.

HAROLD McNally. Unit 7-1002



Harold McNally joined the Board in Fall, 2015, stepping up the plate to assist the Board when a vacancy came up.

He brings a long history of experience in Civil Engineering and business ownership. This has helped the Board in two important areas.that of the roof needing repair as we work with a structural engineer, and figuring out a fix for our ponds with the fairly recent intrusion of salt water.

He and his wife, Pauline have been HP condo owners since 2013. Harold had been actively involved in Monday Meetings as an interested owner, even before he joined the Board to fill the vacancy.

He graduated from Purdue University with a BS and MS in Civil Engineering, and worked for several years as a Plant Engineer for Mead Corp in Ohio, then owned his own Engineering firm from 1969 to 2003, designing large water and wastewater facilities for both cities and industries.

He bought and renovated three Hotels in town ...the Wade Motor Inn, the Siesta Motel and the Twin Palms Motel, and is very interested in the growth and wellbeing of our local community, and of Harbor Pointe Condo in particular.

PAST BOARD MEMBER

6. Dan De Voss. Unit 7-907

Dan has served four years in the past as a Board Member, and would like to do it again.

He is a Captain with Southwest Airlines .He is a full-time resident and knows many of our residents and has a good rapport with them. He worked with the Critical Incident team with the Airline for 13 years, and has been trained as a mediator; both skills should prove useful to the Board.

Dan De Voss (Continued)



His wife, Penny, believes his biggest strengths are his ability to listen to both sides of any issue and make an informed, fair decision and his ability to work with everyone.

The mediation course he took, which is certified by the the Florida Supreme Court, increased his skills in this area.

**Voting Proxies:
Two Types in Florida**

Proxy regulations, like much of what governs life in Florida condos, are regulated by the State government.

The law clearly delineates two types of proxy:

GENERAL PROXY

- Establish a quorum
- Used where limited proxy is not required.
- voting on non-substantial changes to items, cases where a limited proxy is not required. These generally cover procedural matters.

LIMITED PROXY

- Establish a Quorum
- To vote to wave or reduce reserves
- Amend condo documents--declarations, amendments, or articles of incorporation, or by-laws
- Any other matter for which the Condo Act requires or permits a vote of the ownership.
- Cannot be used in an election.

VOTE COMING ON THE TOWER LOBBIES!

Get ready to vote as if your very lobby depended upon it.

As reported in the previous issue of the Harbor Pointer, there is a proposal before you to revamp the lobbies of the three tower buildings.

Two options are offered, but both have a new, softer feel to them in a style called “coastal”.

The remake would include new paint, elevator and floor tile. Lobby furniture and elevator paneling would also be changed, but later, after the first stage.

The floor tile has not been satisfactory to many--the open pores of the tiles chosen by the builder look, to some observers, turgid and murky when clean, and worse when not.

As an owner, you will be choosing whether to make any change at all to the existing lobbies, and to determine which of two color options should be chosen.

To see what you'll be voting upon, you can come to the Association office in the clubhouse to see samples of the tiles and paint colors suggested, or view the samples which will be placed in each of the three lobbies.

For those of you who prefer never to leave your own condo, you can check out lobby 3D images on Channel 732.

The lobby in Building One, which differs from the towers, is viewed as satisfactory by Building One owners, and will not be changed.

A vote of the owners on the tower lobbies will be taken at the Annual Meeting on March 31.

If you can't vote in person, you can file a proxy. Please see Doreen at the association office for the proxy ahead of time and turn it in to the Association office in the Club House any time before March 31.

The Ponsen Memorial Shuffleboard Court



John Ponsen, an early HP resident and prominent citizen here, had been working on a shuffleboard court project before he passed away in December.

The HP ShuffleBoard Court has now been set up in the BB Court area, with necessary equipment, (notably, shuffle pucks and those fork-like puck-shover things), to be stored at the Clubhouse, accessible with the residents' key.

The court is shuffle-ready and awaits to be enjoyed by H.P. residents. So, on the next breezy summer eve, grab a friend and come down to play a game.

ENHANCED LIBRARY IN THE CLUBHOUSE CARDROOM



The Harbor Pointe Condo Association Free-To-The-People Lending Library and Reading Room.

The free lending library in the Clubhouse was recently enhanced by the addition of two handsome new shelves. These have filled up quickly with contributed books. All books and magazines on offer are yours to borrow and return at will.

In addition, please feel free to divest yourself of books and magazines you no longer need or want--a basket is provided on the lower shelf to accept such donations.

Parking Fun Facts

All vehicles parked in the Harbor Pointe Handicapped Spaces must have a bona fide handicap sign suspended from the inside rear view mirror or have a handicap license tag.

In addition, cars using the Handicap spaces must have either a bona fide Harbor Pointe windshield sticker, or a note on the dashboard identifying the connection between the car and a specific Harbor Pointe condo unit., along with the date. Example:

Visiting 5-401; July 4, 1776

Miss Condo Manners

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Condo Living Etiquette Foundation, Inc.
Tallahassee, FL

Dear Miss Manners,

I have long admired your fine work as an ethics adviser to Florida condo dwellers. I'm new to condo living myself, however, and would appreciate your list of things we beginners should be especially aware of.

Thanks,

Newbie In the Hive
Harbor Pointe
Titusville

Dear Newbie,

Welcome to condo living! I must compliment you. Harbor Pointe is known to us here at the epicenter of Florida condo ethics as one of the finest condos in the nation. You chose well both from a building standpoint, and from a nice-neighbors one. In addition, we hear your condo has unusually attractive and capable Board Members, and an outstanding newsletter.

However prudence must! Most condos, including your own fabulous Harbor Pointe, are accessible by outsiders, despite the careful work of staff. Accordingly, you should always lock your car and condo when not using same.

I receive the most correspondence about noise. You should also do your best to consider your neighbors. Nothing irritates more than unwanted noise, and even thick-walled concrete buildings like yours transfer sound easily through the walls. Please be aware of the neighbors' needs, and keep extra quiet after 9 PM and before 8 AM. Avoid scraping your grand piano across the tile floor. In concrete buildings the bass end of music really travels--it creates a harmonic hum that can cross several apartments at times. So watch the volume and bass on the stereo and TV!

The second biggest complaint is--get ready--dog do. Please remember to pick up after your pet. Harbor Pointe is known for the quality plastic bags it provides residents, and is an exemplar among Florida condos in this regard.

Miss Manners

Bill Van Engelenburg Flagpole Continued

A history of Bill Van Engelenburg, written by his assistant, Ms. Jean Fuhrer follows:

Bill was born in the Netherlands in 1932. He survived with his family under the German Occupation of this country during World War II. He voluntarily joined the Dutch Military, which later became part of the UN Forces serving in Korea, under the command of the U.S. Second Infantry "Indian Head" Division, 38th Regiment. He suffered injuries in that war.

Bill emigrated to Canada in 1957, attended the University of Manitoba, and University of Toronto, while enlisted in the Canadian Military Medical Service. He obtained a PhD in Environmental Health, becoming a health officer in the Yukon territories, where he attended to Native Indians and Eskimos.

In 1965, Bill moved to the U.S., and lived in Wisconsin and Michigan before settling in Titusville, Florida, where he purchased the Best Western Space Shuttle Inn.

He always said that Titusville was his true home. He was a man who could have lived anywhere in the world, but in his heart and mind, this was where he truly belonged.

He took a great interest in Titusville's growth. He visualized a transition from what had been mainly a citrus growers' community into a major international tourist destination, this due to our area's successful space program, and the area's subsequent growth.

Working in conjunction with the Best Western International Co-Op, an organization which he founded, he took Titusville's message around the world. Journalists and tour conductors were given the opportunity to witness, firsthand, not only the Kennedy Space Center, but also our spectacular wildlife preserve, the enchanted forest, the Canaveral National Seashore, and our beautiful Indian River. The Titusville he showed was a place where ecology and technology co-exist in harmony. He used to say, "Only two places on the planet have the ability to send astronauts into space, Russia and our own Kennedy Space Center."

Bill was a member of the North Brevard Economic Development Board, of TICO Airport's Board, was past President of his local Rotary Club, and at the time of his passing was President of the Harbor Pointe Condo Association.

William C. Van Engelenburg lost his valiant, 8 month-long battle against cancer, but his vision projecting the growth of Titusville remains profound. He will long be remembered for his positive impact upon our City. # # #



Bill & Els

Els Van Engelenburg asked us to pass on her heartfelt appreciation to the many friends of theirs here at HP who reached out to Bill during his difficult illness.

She also appreciates the tremendous support they extended to her after the loss of Bill.

She notes that Bill so loved living here in Titusville at HP within this community of friends that he wanted his last moments to be spent looking over his balcony at the peaceful riverfront. And that is exactly where he was when he took his last breath.

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Downtown Titusville Merchant



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Friday Nite Live!

Downtown Block Party on the 2nd Friday of the Month!

Fat Friday



Feb 12
6-9pm

Live Music & Beads!

Marley Madness



Mar 11
6-9pm

Cool Island Vibe & Live Reggae Music

Celtic Crazy



April 8
6-9pm

Brevard Pipes & Drums Honor Guard Highland Dancers

Live Music by The Breakers Whiskey Tasting

Join us each month for live music, vendors & a whole lot of fun!!

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