

Floridians Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2010
9:30A.M. PGICA

The meeting was called to order @ 9:30A.M. by President Judy Berger.

In attendance were Judy Berger, Sue MacKay, Diane Lowy, Sharon Long, Judy Denham, Elaine Struk, Sandra Helt, Bill Schindler, Jeanne Kapps, Jo-ann Gulvezan, Mary Mazur, John Miller and Brenda McGinnis.

Sandra moved to accept the [January 4, 2010](#) minutes. The Board approved same.

Treasurer's Report

Jo Ann reported we have a current balance of \$3,309.00.

Membership

Mary indicated we have 165 members. 6 members are singles. Calls will be made to current members who have not paid their membership dues.

Committee Reports

Eat Drink & Be Merry

Food and Friends

Sharon stated there were 4 hostesses and 38 members at the January 22nd dinner. She also indicated we have 4 hostesses for [February](#) with 26 members having signed up thus far. Due to the Cooper Street Fair being held on the same evening usually set for F&F, [February's](#) Food and Friends will be on [Saturday](#) February 27th.

Lunch Bunch

There will be 5 hostesses for [February](#). Thus far 40 members have signed up. Judy will send out a final reminder to the membership.

Meet & Greet

Bill indicated 20 members have signed up thus far for dinner. A reminder will go out ,as he needs to let Jack's know how many will be dining.

Out and About

24 members attended the Decorator Show Homes followed [by](#) lunch at the Columbian. Judy will make sure that the Newcomers know they are invited to all [of](#) our Out & About activities. Future activities already arranged for are:

[2/16-A Garden Tour](#). 11 members have already signed up. Members will meet in the Crab Shack parking lot for car-pooling at 9:45A.M.. The tour will be followed by lunch at the Crab Shack.

[3/16-Harbor Walk](#). Members should meet at 10:00A.M. in the front of the Benedetto's parking lot. After the walk, lunch will be at Benedetto's.

[3/30-A](#) visit to Spanish Point. Members should bring their own lunch to be enjoyed in their picnic area. For those who [may](#) find the walking difficult, a tram is available at a cost of \$14.00/peson. Car-pooling will begin at the Bal Harbor parking lot @ 8:45A.M.

[4/20-A Trolley ride](#) to visit and learn about Punta Gorda's historic buildings and murals. The tour , which is limited to 26 members, runs from 1- 3pm. and costs \$14.00/person . Members are to meet at the Event Center @ 12:45pm.

Dine Around

Jeanne stated there were 48 members at [January's](#) dinner held at Phil's in Punta Gorda.

Everyone was very happy with the food and service. For [February](#)(18th or 19th), she & John are very interested in two that are located in Englewood. They will be setting up times to meet with each manager and then let Judy know of their decision.

[May 4, 2010](#)-40 tickets to the Arcade Theater have been set aside for us to see the 8:00pm play, "The Big Boy." The theater is located in the historic district of Ft. Myers with many restaurants in the area. They will let us know of their dining choice.

Jeanne has asked that the [March](#) and [April](#) Dine-Around be moved to March 18th and April 16th. The Board saw no problem with this as long as members were given early notice.

Movie Time

14 members watched either "Its Complicated" and "Up in the Air" & then enjoyed an good excellent meal at TGIF's.

Outreach(Commentator)

Kudos again for Sandra's enjoyable & informative article in the Commentator.

The Web

Kudo's also to Elaine who has totally redone our Web site and made it very interesting and formative. The Board will make sure Elaine gets all new information so that it remains current.

Sports and Games

The bicycle tour will be held March 3 with lunch at South Beach in Boca Grande.

Old Business

Judy reported 75 members attended the [January](#) Wine Reception. The Board was very pleased how well the new and existing members mingled and enjoyed themselves, well past the time the General Meetings usually end.

It was suggested that next year we purchase the following:

1½ Liter bottles of wine: 8 Chardonnay, 4 bottles of Merlot & 4 White Zinfandel.

4-2Liter bottles of Coke products.

New Business

The Floridians will hold a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Haiti Red Cross Relief Fund.

The February 8th General Meeting will be an Ice Cream Social as well as guest speaker Allison Turner, who will do a PowerPoint presentation on Florida's native flowers.

Cheffee's and Blue Bayou have been hired for the Floridian's [December 13, 2010](#) Christmas Party. The Newcomers will be invited as in 2009.

March 8th General Meeting will be Pizza night with Mayor Harvey Goldberg as guest speaker.

Sandra suggested we make a commitment to the PGICA to sponsor 1 bicycle @ \$300.00. We would donate the bicycle to Team Punta Gorda's "[Borrow a bicycle in downtown Punta Gorda](#)" project. The Board unanimously approved this donation. It was further suggested we might want to get a license plate saying "Sponsored by the Floridians." Further discussion on this is needed.

The meeting was adjourned @ 11.45AM

Respectfully submitted

Susan(Sue) MacKay, Sect'y