



News From RCI

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RCI is going Green. You may have noticed that your directory for 2009 is smaller than previous years. They have concentrated on the areas in which North American members typically choose to vacation. Other areas have resorts listed in the back of the directory.

The RCI.com website has a wealth of information on all their resort affiliates. That number is now up to 4100 resorts! I hate to admit it, but back in the day, I remember when the directory was about 60 pages and had about 700 resorts. I started in the business at 12.

When you go to make your reservation, you can save money by doing it online. The charge for domestic and international exchanges is \$164. While the domestic and international charge through the call center is \$189.

This year marks RCI's 35th anniversary! They are so confident that they can find you an exchange they are offering a guarantee.

When you deposit your week (this is only for week owners) log onto RCI.com. Click on the "Exchange your Week" tab. Then check out "Available Units" by travel dates. Prior to limiting or narrowing your search in anyway, they guarantee 35,000 exchange vacation opportunities will be available to you within the first 7 days of your

deposit.

If RCI offers less than 35,000 possibilities you are entitled to a free online exchange! Details are available online.

Another new RCI feature is RCITV. There will be several different topics, referred to as "Channels". The show will be hosted by Dan "The RCI Guy". Currently the Channels are: *35th Anniversary*—learn the history of RCI; *Meet RCI*—meet Geoff Ballotti, President of RCI; *New Releases*—what's new on RCI.com; *Previews*— what's coming in 2009; and *Destination Reviews*—more ways to play.

After signing in to your RCI Weeks or RCI Points account you can access RCI TV and view the videos.

The launch date for RCITV is the end of March 2009. Check it out!



AIRLINE TICKET TIP:

Once you have booked a flight, go onto www.Yapta.com. There you can register your flight(s) with no fee.

If there is a drop in the price from what you paid, they will notify you so that you can go to the airlines and obtain a refund. Every dollar helps!

Voluntourism

While we all want you to use and enjoy not only your home resort, but the exchange programs, here is a twist.

There are numerous companies that will put together a volunteering trip for you with anything from weed-cutting to whale watching.

Package an exchange to Hawaii with a Sierra Club whaling trip. A trip to the Big-Easy with a Katrina assistance vacation. Or what about helping to save the rain forest, restore coral reefs or preserve the vanishing wetlands.

Here are a few of the websites where you can get information:

- Sier-
raclub.org/outings/national
PS.gov**
- Earth-
watch.org/expedselect.html**
- Globeaware.org**
- Takepride.gov**
- Crossculturalsolutions.org**
- Travel-
peopleandplaces.co.uk**
- Charityguide.org**

So, maybe next time think about one week giving back and one week just for yourself! Could turn out to be the same week.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

WESTCOAST ACTIVITIES (area code 941)

- 7/1 23rd Annual Suncoast Offshore Grand Prix Race
Various locations in Sarasota**
- 7/3 Bradenton Beach Fireworks Celebration 779-2222**
- 7/4 Fireworks on Siesta Key and Downtown Sarasota**
- 7/4 4th of July Celebration, Palmetto, 746-4131**
- 7/9-7/14 Play Reading Festival, The Players, Sarasota**
- 7/23-8/12 Magic & Grand Illusion: A Mystical Family Experience. LaRaf! Aslo Theater, Sarasota 360-7399**
- 8/1-8/31 Jazz on the Islands, Bradenton, 729-9177**
- 8/31-9/3 PUMA Soccer Cup. Sarasota, Expected to draw 250+ teams**
- 9/7-12/31 Cuba Avant-Garde: Contemporary Cuban Art from the Faber Collection, Ringling Museum, Sarasota 358-3180**
- Oct. Pumpkin Festival, Bradenton 322-2168**
- 10/31 Trick-or-Treat, Sarasota, 922-9609 Children under 12**
- 10/31 Safe Treats, Siesta Village 3pm-6pm**
- 11/3 Sarasota Reading Festival, Main Street**
- 11/10 6th Annual Suncoast Wine Festival, Sarasota Polo Club, University Park, Lakewood Ranch, 870-0002**
- 11/11 10th Annual Teddy Bear Run, Harley Owners, 951-7005 Donna**
- 11/7-11/16 Edgar Allan Poe at the Crosley, Sarasota, 722-3244 x221**
- 11/17 E-fest 2007 924-9065, Lakewood Ranch, Sarasota Polo Club, Green living festival**
- 11/24 Holiday Light Up The Village, Siesta Key Village**
- 11/24-12/4 Holidays at the Crosley, Sarasota, 722-3244 x 221**
- 11/30 Sarasota Ballet Gala Opening Night, Van Wezel Arts Hall, 953-3368**
- 12/1-12/29 Jazz at Two, Bayfront , 366-1552**
- 12/7-12/21 A Dickens Christmas at the Crosley, 722-3244x221**
- 12/30- 1/4 Francisco Goya: Los Caprichos, Ringling Museum, 358-3180**

ST AUGUSTINE ACTIVITIES (area code 904)

7/3	World of Golf Village Fireworks 940-4123
7/4	St. Augustine Fourth of July Celebration 825-1004
7/6-7/8	Kingfish Challenge, Municipal Marina, 824-8322
8/11	Sailors Remembrance Day, Vilano Beach Pier 826-0987
8/28-9/2	City's 442nd Birthday Celebration 825-1004
8/4	Historic Weapons Firing Demonstration 471-0116
10/12-10/14	Greek Festival, Downtown, 829-0504
10/13-10/14	18th Annual Colonial Folk Arts & Crafts Festival, Spanish Quarter, Lost Arts, Spinning, weaving, blacksmithing, pottery, 810-5587
11/2-11/4	27th Annual Linconville Festival 827-6893
11/4	22nd Annual Great Chowder Debate 829-8646
11/13-11/18	St. Johns County Fair, Elkton, 794-7287
11/17	10th Annual San Sebastian Winery Holiday Open House 826-1594
11/17-1/31	Nights of Lights, 825-1004
11/24-11/25	Fall Arts & Crafts Festival, 824-2310
12/1	British Encampment and Grand Illumination, 819-2629
12/8-12/9	Regatta of Lights, 819-9438

PALM BEACH ACTIVITIES (area code 561)

7/4	Independence Day Celebration, Palm Beach Kennel Club
7/4	Fourth on Flagler, West Palm Beach waterfront
8/4-8/25	Summer Jazz on the Deck, Zoo at Dreher Park, 547-9453
8/11	30th Bon Festival, Japanese Gardens, Delray Beach 495-0233
9/8-9/9	Grandparent's Weekend, Zoo at Dreher Park 547-9453
9/29-9/30	13th Annual Delray Beach Craft Festival 472-3755
10/5-10/31	Fright Nights, South Florida Fairgrounds 793-0333
11/2-11/4	West Palm Beach Antique & Collectibles Show, South Florida Expo Center, 640-3433
11/14	4th Annual Taste of the Palm Beaches, Palm Beach Gardens,
11/23	Holiday Tree Lighting, Mizner Park Amphitheater, Boca Raton, 393-7806
11/29	100-Foot Tree Lighting Ceremony, Delray Beach 279-1380 x3
11/30-12/2	West Palm Beach Antique & Collectibles Show, South Florida Expo Center, 640-3433
12/2	Flagler Museum Tree Lighting, 655-283
12/5	37th Annual Holiday Street Parade, Boca Raton
12/8	32nd Annual Boca Raton Boat Parade, Intracoastal Waterway, 393-7806

ON-GOING EVENTS***Sarasota***

Third Thursday of each month-
Cocktails at the Ca d' Zan at
The Ringling Museum 6:00-
9:00pm \$3. 350-5700

First Friday of each month-
Palm Avenue Art Walk- Historic
Palm Avenue downtown. 6-
9pm. 941/954-4494

First Friday of each month-
Music on Main—Main Street in
Lakewood Ranch . 6-9pm. No
charge

Second Friday of each month—
Sunset Stroll on St. Armands.
6pm - 9pm 941/388-1554

Every Saturday Farmer's Mar-
ket— Downtown Sarasota, Main
and Lemon, 7am-noon

www.sarasotafl.org

St. Augustine

Nightly Walking Tours-Ghosts,
romance, scandal, murder, poli-
ticians & pirates. 888-461-
1009

First Friday of each month Art
Walk 5-9pm. 904/825-0065

Every Wednesday Farmer's
Market -St. Johns County Pier.
7am-noon

www.VisitOldCity.com

Palm Beach

PalmBeachChamber.com

PalmBeachFL.com

lwchamber.com (Lake
Worth)

Resort Rap

THE BEACH CLUB AT ST. AUGUSTINE

As winter came to an end, so did the Nights of Lights in St. Augustine. It was a beautiful holiday scene enjoyed by many, even if the last couple of weeks were frigid. This weather has made the local farmers scramble to try and save their crops. Hopefully out temperatures will return to "normal winter mode".

With daylight savings time and more sunshine you should be enticed to return to The Beach Club and your vacation. You will be impressed with the new additions.

Most of the staff has been hopping about with all the deliveries being made to the club and space is scarce to store all the materials and equipment. We have hired a temporary maintenance man to help with all the extra work and Rick and the guys deserve a lot of credit keeping to the schedule as best they can.

As with all home makeovers, there is always something else that is bound to spring up and require additional work. Kitchen and bath cabinets, sinks and faucets are being replaced. This involves moving the dishwasher location and replacing the old laminate tops and wallpaper changes are being made in the bath and kitchen areas.



We have all new living room sofas and flat screen TV's are going up on the bedroom walls. New bed spreads have been ordered. We are putting a new piece in the living room to replace the entertainment center and mounting a 42" flat screen.



Most of these changes are the result of your input. By completing your comment sheet during your stay at the club we can provide the Directors with ideas for improvements. This helps to make your vacation more enjoyable. So, keep those comments coming and have a wonderful time.

CALINI BEACH CLUB

Calini Beach Club has remodeled 12 kitchens in 2009. The kitchens have new cabinets, granite countertops, sinks, faucets and all new appliances. The counter on the patio was changed to granite also. You can click on the Owners page for Calini Beach Club on www.vacationfla.com to see pictures of the new kitchens.

The two construction projects are on schedule and will be completed sometime in July 2009. There are current pictures of both projects on the Owners page of Calini Beach Club on www.vacationfla.com.

There are new umbrellas for the tables by the grills and pavers were installed on the pool deck.

GULF TIDES OF LONGBOAT KEY

Gulf Tides Owners will see new things as they start to come back to the resort this year. Sofa's were replaced in all units except the Penthouses. Guest bathroom showers in Phase 2 were finally completed this past year. We also remodeled the Master bath showers in both One Bedrooms during Maintenance week. Starting in 2009, we will replace cabinets and countertops in Phase 2 for the Kitchens and both bath-

rooms. We are hoping to get 3 units completed per year.

Gulf Tides is "Going Green". It is not going to happen over night, but we will continue to make changes to better the environment as well as save the Association money with utilities where we can. Low flush toilets, turning down a/c's in empty units is how we are starting to save on utilities. We have also changed some vendors this year and have started packaging kitchen supplies ourselves and have saved the Association money. We have put in soap dispensers in each bathroom by the sinks, showers and the tubs. Shower and Tub soap is for hair and body. CFL lighting will start to be added a few rooms at a time due to the hefty start up expense. However, they are to last 10,000 hours or more and should save us maintenance supply costs once installed.

If you have not paid your Association fees, please call the office at 941-383-5595 and we will be glad to work something out with you. All we ask is that you phone us to let us know you are having a problem paying.

See you soon!

LITTLE GULL COTTAGES

Resort Maintenance/Updates

Little Gull has been very busy this past year. We are in the midst of a major kitchen and bath renovation project that began during maintenance last year and will continue for the next 3 to 4 years. We are replacing our kitchen and bathroom cabinets and installing new granite counter tops along with all new Kenmore Appliances including full size dishwashers, new sinks, faucets, light fixtures and new kitchen tile floors. These units are just beautiful! We completed the kitchen and bath cabinet renovations in units 2, 10 and 11 in 2008. We plan to renovate the kitchens and bath cabinets in units 12, 13, 14 and 15 in 2009.

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This project will take some time to complete too. We also re-upholstered all of the dining room chairs last year to match our unit décor more closely. In addition, we recently completed the installation of our water backflow assemblies at each entrance of the resort that was required by the Town of Longboat Key. We should begin to save on our water bill because we were able to cut down to 2 water meters (one on each side of the road) instead of one on each building. We also planted new landscaping around the new gulf side sign and in front of the recreation room, units 9, 10, 11 (with new lights to show them off) and a new coconut palm tree in front of unit 13.

Administrative

We have also gotten great news from RCI. We have been awarded the Gold Crown Award for the 2009 calendar year once again! The hard work of the staff has paid off for us. Speaking of the staff, our maintenance man, David Mac Arthur had knee replacement surgery in January. He was able to return to work the end of February. In addition, our housekeepers, Peggy Boone and Cheryl Carey, have switched roles. After Mac's return from medical leave, Peggy has cut down to 2 days per week and Cheryl has begun working 40 hours per week.

Going Green

We have submitted our application to the Florida Green Lodging Program for One-Palm Certification. We hope to receive our certification within the next few months. Some of the things we have done to meet the certification requirements include putting recycling bins in each unit, communicating our program to our owners and guests, towel re-use program. We are in the process of changing our lighting to energy efficient light bulbs and fixtures. We just received energy surveys from our lighting company and Florida Power and Light. We plan to institute the required clean air practices through our air conditioning company within the next year. We are replacing our appliances with Energy Star Appliances (see resort maintenance update above). We believe that by instituting this green policy, we will not only begin saving money on our electric bills but it will also be good for the environment. We have been tracking our electric and water usage for the past two years and will know when and how much these new programs have helped us in increasing our energy and water efficiency as we get further along into the process. We hope that everyone will help us by turning off lights when not in use and limiting water usage as much as possible.

The Florida Green Lodging Program is a great marketing tool for our potential renters and guests too. Many travelers are now looking for a vacation where these programs are in place.

LONGBOAT BAY CLUB

For 2008, we completed most of our projects on schedule; however, we still have a few left to do. We are working to reduce the amount of utilities used. Both gas and electric consumption are down. The reduced consumption is due to the installation of several energy efficient products. We shall continue on this path in 2009 with more tankless hot water heaters and possibly install more efficient equipment to heat the pool and spa.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and other issues out of our control, the living room furniture replacement was not completed in 2008 as planned. We will receive new sofas and chairs in 2009 and we will be looking at new decorator ideas for living room entertainment centers. We are also considering replacement of the current televisions with larger, flat screen models.

The pool area bathrooms



have new floor tile. Work on the walls will be next. The old, rusty plumbing pipes in the garage area have been replaced. Boy, do they help that area to look much better. The pool has been resurfaced, the pool deck repainted, and the spa has been acid-washed making the entire pool/spa area look extra beautiful. With all this work, we have retained the highest ratings from both exchange companies (RCI & Interval International).



Unit #2 Kitchen:



Unit #10 Kitchen:



Unit #11 New Bathroom:

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For 2009, our concentration will be to complete the interior refurbishing and begin to install new kitchen counter



tops. These improvements are being made with no increase in maintenance fees.

Wireless internet access is now available in each unit! So be sure to bring your laptops if you need to have regular access to your email or the internet. Instructions have been placed in each unit for your convenience. Also in 2008, we purchased new, lightweight, longer lasting, aluminum bicycles. These new bicycles are locked and must be checked out in the office on a daily basis during your stay.



For our Floating Time Owners, please remember to reserve your floating week as soon as your maintenance fees are paid for the year. If you own floating time, you **MUST** reserve a unit/week to occupy, rent, or bank with an exchange company. Floating time owners who wish to make their vacation arrangements in advance can pre-pay the estimated maintenance fees and reserve their unit(s)/week(s) up to 23 months in advance.

Owners with fixed unit(s)/week (s), who have received a usage form and have not returned it to our office, please do so as soon as possible. These forms help us to plan for cleanings, the weekly

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guest bulletin, etc. If you wish to list your unit/week for rent, please complete the rental agreement on the reverse side of the usage form and return it to the CPMC Rental Office at 5330 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, Florida 34228. Owners who do not have a rental agreement and would like to list their unit/week for rent can obtain a rental agreement by contacting the resort, contacting the rental office (800-333-7335), or on the Owners Only section of our website at www.VacationFLA.com. You will be required to register in order to access owner forms. You can also check out our new virtual tour of the units/property at www.FloridaRent.com www.VacationFLA.com.

And, finally, please remember that if you have any questions or concerns; contact the resort at (941) 383-9561 or via email at LBC@VacationFLA.com.

PALM BEACH RESORT

We are nearing the end of our major renovation. All the units have new kitchen cabinets, granite counter tops, under the cabinet microwaves, new sinks, new faucets, new lights and new closet shelves. All the units have been painted and 19 bathrooms have been remodeled.

We have all new furniture and lamps in the living room, dining room, and soon the kitchen. New artwork has been installed throughout the unit. All new linens, towels and bedspreads in all units with Serta Foam on all king size beds. There is a 42" Plasma TV in the living room and a 32" Plasma TV mounted on the wall in the master bedroom. We also added a TV to all the guest bedrooms. New lighting outside, new paint and new awnings for the



office has brightened up the resort entrance. Wi-Fi has been installed, however, we still have a computer for owners/guests that do not bring their own.

While the bulk of the work is behind us, we will continue to add new kitchen items, small décor and items owners and guests have requested. Right now Chuck and Alex are putting chair rails in all the dining rooms. Looks great and will protect the walls.

We hope to do more work on the bathrooms, flooring, doors and windows. But for now those projects will have to wait .

We hope owners at other resorts will take time to experience Palm Beach. It is an area filled with beauty, history and fun. We have a new virtual tour on the website, so check it out!

Owners can obtain



previous Palm Beach Resort newsletters and the budget from the owners section of VacationFLA.com.

SIESTA SANDS

It is going to be a great 2009 for Siesta Sands. We are going to continue the process of upgrading the interiors of the timeshare units. Under the board's leadership we will be upgrading the furniture, bedding, electronics, and floor coverings in each of the units. These renovations will go great with kitchen upgrades finished in 2007. Our guests

and owners have been quite pleased with our progress and we hope to continue to meet everyone's expectations. I am also happy to announce Siesta Sands has reached Silver Crown status with RCI for 2009.



Not only are we working on the inside, but we have been doing a lot of work to beautify the property itself. We have installed a new white vinyl fence around about half of the property replacing fencing that has been in place for many years.

Our parking lot has been resealed in conjunction with newly painted white parking bumpers and stripes.

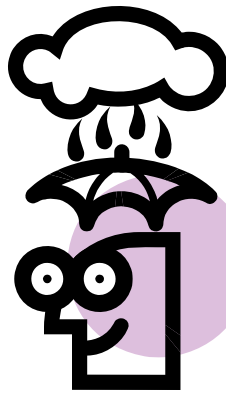


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The elevator interior refurbishment is finished and we will continue with elevator upgrades in the Fall of 2009. Timeshare doors have been painted the new board approved paint scheme and most owners have elected to replace their doors in the condo building. This upgrade alone has really added a lot to the look of the property.

Needless to say the board and management are very excited about the current and planned changes for your property. We will keep striving to improve the quality you have come to expect at Siesta Sands.

MAINTENANCE FEE INSURANCE



CPMC has been offering maintenance fee insurance for the past several years. We are pleased to announce what we feel is a better insurance plan for more owners. In the past you could purchase the insurance for \$55.

This covered your maintenance fee and reserve if something happened and you could not use your week at your home resort. Now, for only \$4 more (\$59) you can purchase this insurance and be covered for usage at your home resort OR on an exchange.

You must declare your usage plans at the time of purchase. This insurance must be purchased 14 days prior to departure. If you pay your fees and purchase the insurance, the 14 day purchase rule will be waived.

(WAITING FOR CONTACT INFO)

COMPUTER CORNER



The "Owners Only" website has owner forms such as rental agreements, sales listing agreements, usage forms, newsletters and calendars. While browsing, take the owner information survey or the RCI point's survey. We love to hear from you.

We would like your email address so that we may send information about your resort(s) to you. Our email blast is sent periodically saving a considerable amount of money over paper mail. We promise to never sell or give your email address to a third party. If you have never received email from us, please email your resort(s) with your complete name and owner number. We plan to continue sending this newsletter and other informational pieces through snail mail so do not be concerned if you do not have access to email. However, if you do not have access to email, isn't it time you do?

A lot of valuable information, ideas and stories about timesharing can be found on a new website ARDA has created. Go to **VacationBetter.org** and see how other timeshare owners are enjoying their weeks.

We would like to hear from you. Send pictures and/or stories and we will put them on the owner section of your resorts website.

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