



MAC Facts – A Thank You to All MAC Volunteers in 2024-25

MAC held its first meeting of the new calendar year 2024-25 on April 3, 2024, in the Community Center. Incoming elected officers were Terry Clark, President and Bob Maron, Vice-President. Appointed Officers were Tresea Frazier, Secretary; MaryAnn Turcotte, Treasurer; MaryLou Clark, Asst. Treasurer, Greg Frazier, Immediate Past-President and Ken Willemes, EC Member at Large. Over the summer Ken moved away from the Park and Tom Wille stepped in to finish the year. We began the year with 34 Regular Committees and five Standing Committees. Congratulations to all these hard-working committees and their many volunteers.

A “Brief Look” at some of what your committees accomplished this year.

1. As usual, we kicked off the year with Monday Morning Coffee and free donuts under the temporary leadership of Pat and Pauline Robbins who stepped into the interim until a permanent chair could be found. Pat Robbins coordinated the Thursday Social Hour with coffee, English muffins, and the monthly favorite of a fried egg, Canadian bacon, and cheese on a tasty croissant.
2. The all-new Café opened the season in November with leadership provided by Rhonda Hoyer and her big committee of volunteers. Special kudos to Buddy Albright who spearheaded the new home for the Café and oversaw the construction during the summer. Harsh weather in November led to a slow start, with little improvement in December and January. But an improving February and March weather report, plus new and popular menu items, combined to promote a strong finish and a good year overall for the Café.
3. Holiday meals (Helen Coke) did another wonderful job and served over 500 combined meals for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She made the holidays a little brighter for those residents who remained in the park.
4. Bingo enjoyed a good year under the continued leadership of Janet Moore, with sessions on every Monday and Thursday night at the Rec. Hall. Bingo contributed over \$1,700 to the Heartland Food Bank. Carolyn Moran, Bingo Committee, hosted hard card bingo starting in April through October.

5. The Saturday Night Dance Committee (Gil Meyers) had an exceptional year with some outstanding bands and entertainers. They also threw a great New Year's Eve party.
6. The Christmas Committee (Sherry Sutkowi) decorated the Rec. Hall and other areas of the park with beautiful Christmas displays.
7. Huff n' Puff, a weightlifting and walking exercise program (Tree Frazier) was held daily in the Rec. Hall with a lot of enthusiasm and participation.
8. Line Dance (Linda Johnson) under the direction of Margaret and Judy was a daily occurrence in the Rec. Hall also. They had excellent participation, and the dancers showed off what they learned at Saturday Night and Spring Fling dances, RAVER Day, and the Winter Special Events Finale.
9. With Pat and Pauline Robbins stepping in to lead a reorganized Country Breakfast, it continued to serve popular and delicious breakfasts monthly.
10. Cards and Games (Helen Coke), Bunco (Marion Hopkins), Bean Bag Toss (Gary Warner), Bocce (Jan Bida), Pool Room (Loren Stoyer) and Shuffleboard (Peter Taylor) all continued to provide activities to keep everyone busy and entertained.
11. A new activity, Bean Bag Baseball formed a committee under the direction of Bunny LaGamba and Debbie Destro and had over forty participants weekly. If you didn't find something to do, that was your own fault as there were numerous activities, events and tournaments available to all who were interested.
12. Ron Beverly chaired Sunday Night Movies, Connie Zornow (Library), and Janet Erickson (Book Club) provided entertainment venues that appealed to many of our residents.
13. Bob Steffl (Fishing Club) sponsored many competitions and tournaments for members. The Club enjoyed a successful season and topped it off with a Fish Fry to wrap up the year.
14. Greg Frazier chaired the 2025 Spring Fling which was a tremendous success! Debbie Stanionis had a "memorabilia sale" and Bunny LaCamba handled advertising.
 - a. The week began on Sunday with the Ice Cream Social (Judy Pritchett) and Golf Cart Parade (Debbie Taylor).
 - b. On Monday, the Quilt Club (Lori Maron) had a great quilt show. The Poker Run (Cheri Steffl) followed and was a huge success and enjoyed by numerous participants.
 - c. On Tuesday, it was "Ladie's Day" with an extraordinarily successful luncheon and entertainment (Gloria Bawol). That evening the action moved inside to the Rec. Hall for the ever-popular Casino Night. Rhonda Hoyer repeated as the chairperson and did a tremendous job.
 - d. Wednesday started off with a successful Walk-a-thon (Bob Stanionis) and was followed by the wildly popular "Rock Stars and Movie Stars" Race (Mike

- and Rosie Repella organized the successful event). The evening concluded with a Variety Show (Greg Frazier) that showcased the many talents of our park residents.
- e. On Thursday, everything moved down to the lake for “Patriot Day in the Grove” (Judy Fooks). Fifteen veterans were recognized for their service with special quilts created by the BB Silver Threads Quilt Club. The quilts were magnificent and the music inspiring. It was a great day to be an American or Canadian citizen.
 - f. On Friday, it was Theater in the Park (Sue Sharpley) with two great showings of the “The Lizard of POG.” I am sure everyone in attendance enjoyed the antics of the excellent cast.
 - g. Saturday featured a Craft Show (Barb Fluegel and Bonnie Moss) and Bake Sale (Bunny LaGamba). A Dog Parade (Pete Shannon) followed. The evening concluded with a fitting Saturday Night Dance featuring costumes, table decorations, and a festive atmosphere with great entertainment.
 - h. Sunday was the Grand Finale featuring music on the pad and food and ice cream trucks. The “Share the Wealth” (ThereseTate) top prize was over \$4,000 which the eight finalists decided to split equally. An Electric bicycle, Electric tricycle, “Flat-top” grill, Pizza oven, Lithium golf cart battery and gift cards were awarded. This was followed by the opportunity to present several sports tournament prizes. What a great week and congratulations to the entire Spring Fling Committee! It was the result of a lot of hard work by the entire committee.
15. The Computer Club (Bob Maron) met on a regular basis and had several outstanding programs for members.
 16. Tennis (Tim Bossart) and Pickleball (Joe Knapschaefer) enjoyed a lot of daily play and also had some spirited play in several tournaments.
 17. The 50th Anniversary Committee (Betty Snitchler) did an outstanding job with their annual event and the Welcome Committee (Jackie Collins) hosted over 50 people new to the park at their annual informational event.
 18. Musicians and Singers (Mike LaChance, Murray Hale and Greg Frazier) were busy as usual sponsoring events in the grove, several shows in the Rec. Hall/Community Center, and events and Jams on the Pad.
 19. Winter Special Events (Peter Taylor) also had a wonderful year with eight great shows including 2 dinner programs. The level of entertainment was outstanding!
 20. MAC provided sound equipment for numerous shows on the Pad, in the Rec. Hall, and other venues around the park.
 21. Lori Maron published the BB Weekly Bulletin and distributed it at three locations in the park. She also managed the BB Website. Denise McCartney continued to grow the digital BB Directory with assistance from Bob Maron. This has proved to

be a great asset to the residents of the park. Bunny LaGamba manages the weekly events email program that sends out notices of key upcoming activities to all who sign-up for the emails.

There are a number of people I would be remiss if we did not mention for their invaluable service to the entire MAC organization. I apologize in advance for anyone I have inadvertently missed, (not on purpose, just due to my slightly flawed memory).

- First Bill Jones and his Printing Committee for their tireless effort to fill all of MAC's printing needs. Bill also manages the Cyber News website.
- Many, many thanks to Deb Destro, Sue Rochelle and Janet Moore who again volunteered to conduct our annual audit for MAC. They did a first class, professional job, and gave us a good report.
- MaryAnn Turcotte, our MAC Treasurer, who manages our books and all of the financial activity of our MAC Committees. She also assists in training our committee treasurers and chairpersons. She is central to the success and smooth operation of MAC.
- Edith Bietenduel, who coordinates the kitchen, helps prepare food for Café and other special events, and manages Central Supply. Edith puts in countless hours and is always available to all the groups who need her. She is a treasure for the entire MAC community!
- Tree Frazier, who is invaluable to MAC as she manages all our MAC records and handles the thankless job of scheduling all Park venues for all the activities in the facilities each year.
- Special thanks to Bob Stanionis and the many other volunteers, who manage to get the tables and chairs set up and taken down on time for the hundreds of activities and events in the park and RH, especially during Spring Fling week.
- A special thank you to Bob Maron, Greg and Tree Frazier, Tom Wille and MaryAnn Turcotte who have provided good counsel to me all year. I can't thank you enough!
- MAC contributed \$1,500 to a Veteran's Memorial in the History Garden. It is our privilege to honor our veterans and all branches of the service.
- Finally, MAC was able to purchase some needed equipment that will benefit all of our membership in the future. First, we purchased a heavy-duty Meat/cheese Slicer and steel cart to hold the slicer for the kitchen. This will be used by Country Breakfast and also for many of the large group meals throughout the year. We also purchased an insulated Holding/proofing Warmer Cabinet for use in the kitchen. This is used to keep meals warm after the food has been prepared. It is essential for large group meals. The total cost for these items was \$3,144.00. MAC also purchased new sound equipment for Rec. Hall. This included a new 24 channel Mixer Board, an Equalizer and six new wireless Microphone systems

and miscellaneous cords and attachments. It was installed and used for the first time by the Church. Those in attendance remarked about the improved quality of the sound in the hall. The total cost of this project was approximately \$4,200.00. Finally, MAC purchased new equipment for the Bean Bag Baseball committee. They are a new committee and this was new start-up equipment needed for the over forty participants. The cost was less than \$500.

- I thought I was long-winded last year, and I really endeavored to be briefer this year, but without much success. It just isn't possible! MAC has been and will be a great organization for this park, historically and in the future. Its contribution of programs, money and volunteers are unmatched in any other park as far as I know. We have every right to be proud of what we have accomplished, but we can't stop now! We need to do it all over again next year. To do that we need each and every one of you, plus more new volunteers. As our leadership ages we will need more people to step up and take leadership positions. We had a good push during the sign-up and reformation of our committees in February. The effort resulted in 13 new committee chairpersons, 9 of which were first-time chairpersons. In addition, 21 additional changes that took place in the election of the vice-chairpersons. Thank you to all those people who stepped up to make this organization stronger.

Our budget next year will exceed \$180,000! Sun Communities contributes less than \$12,000 toward that total, the MAC committees raise the rest. This seems like an impossible task, but we always successfully fund our budget and have some left over. I am confident that with the support of all our volunteers and the residents of our community this will not be a problem. Thanks again to all of you that made this possible. You make Buttonwood Bay unique and one of the absolute best Parks in Florida.

Terry Clark, President BB-MAC