



MAC Facts – A Thank You to All MAC Volunteers in 2025-26

MAC held its first meeting of the new calendar year 2025-26 on April 2, 2025, in the Community Center. Incoming elected officers were Terry Clark, President and Joe Knapschaefer, Vice-President. Appointed Officers were Tresea Frazier, Secretary; MaryAnn Turcotte, Treasurer; MaryLou Clark, Asst. Treasurer, Greg Frazier, Immediate Past-President and Janet Erickson, EC Member at Large. 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. A review of the committee activities for the new year started with Monday Morning Coffee and free donuts under the leadership of Christine Hill. It is always a good way to start the new week and catch up with what is going on in Buttonwood Bay. Pat Robbins coordinated the Friday Social Hour with coffee, English muffins, and the monthly favorite of a fried egg, Canadian bacon, and cheese on a tasty croissant. Unfortunately, lagging attendance, despite changes to try to attract more participants, resulted in the deactivation of this long-standing Friday committee, at least for the foreseeable future. A very special thanks to Pat and Pauline Robbins for their dedicated leadership and continued commitment to this committee.
2. The Café opened the season in November with leadership provided by Rick Wyatt and Rhonda Hoyer as well as their large committee of volunteers. Inclement weather in December, with long stretches of very cold weather in January and February, resulted in the Café being closed many days. But an improving March weather report, plus new and popular menu items, combined to provide a strong finish and a good year overall considering the weather.
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 \$1,500 to the Heartland Food Bank. Carolyn Moran, Bingo Committee, hosted summer hard card bingo starting in April through October.

5. The Saturday Night Dance Committee (Billie Moore) had a great year with some outstanding bands and entertainers. Participation remained high and the committee also provided 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. The committee also hosted a Ladies Christmas Cocktail party.
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 (Gale Soares), with instructor Laura Gordon, was a multiple day occurrence every week in the Rec. Hall. Judy Turner also conducted weekly classes. They had enthusiastic participation, and the dancers showed off their moves at Saturday Night and Spring Fling dances, RAVER Day, and the Winter Special Events Finale. Square Dance also continued to regain its old popularity with leadership provided by Debbie and Joe Destro.
9. Under the direction of Kathy Patterson, Country Breakfast served three of their very popular and delicious breakfasts.
10. Cards and Games (Helen Coke), Bunco (Cindy Fogg), Bean Bag Toss (Gary Warner), Bocce (Jan Bida), Pool Room (Loren Stoyer), and Shuffleboard (Peter Taylor) all continued to provide activities and games to keep everyone busy and entertained.
11. In its second year, Bean Bag Baseball (Debbie Destro) flourished and grew. Spirited competition and enthusiastic support were evident in the Grove every Saturday.
12. Ron Beverly chaired Sunday Night Movies, Judy Parsons (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 the ever-popular Fish Fry to wrap up the year.
14. Mike Repella chaired the recently completed 2026 Spring Fling which was a tremendous success! Debbie Stanionis handled the "memorabilia sale" and Bunny LaGamba did the advertising. Tree Frazier handled ticket sales and Greg Frazier, the sound system.
 - a. The week began on Sunday with the Ice Cream Social (Judy Pritchett) and Golf Cart Parade (Debbie Taylor and Barb Young). In the evening, a Gospel Music Program (Greg Frazier), featuring Park residents entertained a large, enthusiastic crowd at the Rec. Hall. This was followed by Gospel Music karaoke which was also a great success.

- b. On Monday, the Quilt Club (Nancy Ekstrom) had a wonderful quilt show. The Golf Cart Poker Run (Jamie Tellier and Kari Seger) followed and was a big success and enjoyed by numerous participants.
 - c. On Tuesday, it was "Ladies' Day" with an extraordinarily successful "Alice in Wonderland Afternoon Ladies' Tea" chaired by Alice herself, Gloria Bawol. The entertainment got rave revenues from all the ladies. Gloria did her usual terrific job.
 - d. Wednesday started off with a successful Walk-a-thon (Bob Stanionis) and was followed by the wildly popular "Cartoon Race." Mike and Rosie Repella organized the fun event. The evening concluded with a Variety Show (Greg Frazier) that highlighted 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. That evening the action moved inside the Rec. Hall for the ever- popular Casino Night. Rhonda Hoyer repeated as the chairperson and did her usual terrific job.
 - f. On Friday, it was the Pet Parade (Belinda Henton) in the morning. Theater in the Park followed (Jim Neumann) and set sail twice on the "Good Ship Lollipop" much to the delight of the audiences. With an excellent cast of "passengers" to entertain, the hall was filled with laughter during both performances.
 - g. Saturday featured a Craft Show (Barb Fluegel and Bonnie Moss) at the Rec. Hall. Crafters from both inside and outside the park participated. The evening concluded with a great Saturday Night Dance (Billie Moore) complete with 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 final "Share the Wealth" (Terese Tate/Janet Moore) sales were completed then the drawings were held and eight finalists decided to split the grand prize equally. The Spring Fling Raffle drawings (Judy Pritchett) for a variety of eight different prizes was also conducted. The winning tickets for the prizes were drawn and prizes awarded. What a great week and congratulations to the entire Spring Fling Committee! The week was a success, and it was the result of a lot of hard work by the entire committee.
15. The Computer Club (Bob Stanionis) met on a regular basis, kept a regular computer lab schedule, and had several outstanding programs for members.

16. Tennis (Tim Bossert/Tammy Voorhees) and Pickleball (Joe Knapschaefer) enjoyed daily play and also hosted some spirited play in several tournaments.
17. The 50th Anniversary Committee (Georgia Ellis) did an outstanding job with their annual event, and the Welcome Committee (Jackie Collins) hosted over 40 people new to the park at their annual informational “meet and greet”.
18. Musicians and Singers (Greg Frazier) were busy as usual sponsoring events in the Grove, several shows in the Rec. Hall/Community Center, and Jams on the Pad.
19. Winter Special Events (Peter Taylor) also had a wonderful year with eight great shows including 2 dinner programs. Special thanks to Carla Larsh for stepping up to organize things during Peter’s absence. The level of entertainment was outstanding and kudos to the entire committee.
20. MAC provided sound equipment for numerous shows on the Pad, in the Rec. Hall, and other venues around the park.
21. Cathy Armbruster/Judy Meyers published the BB Weekly Bulletin and distributed it at three locations in the park. Bob Stanionis managed the BB Website. Denise McCartney continued to grow the digital BB Directory. This has proved to be a great asset to the residents of the park. Bunny LaGamba managed the weekly events email program that sends out notices of key upcoming activities to all who sign up for the emails. What a great season! Congratulations to all of the committees, volunteers and participants. You make Buttonwood Bay a great place to live! I have heard it many times from the lips of many people, “If you can’t find something to do in Buttonwood, you just have not looked very hard.”

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 to anyone I may have inadvertently missed, (not on purpose, just old age!)

- First Bill Jones and his Printing Committee for their tireless effort to fill all of MAC’s printing needs. Bill also manages the Cybernews 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 we received 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 order and prepare food for the 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 difficult job of scheduling all Park venues for all the activities in the facilities each year. This is a year-round job, often a thankless job, but is absolutely essential to our park and organization. A special thanks to Tree for all her hard work.
- A heart-felt thanks to Bob LaGamba 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. Great job folks!
- A very special thank you to Joe Knapschaefer, Greg and Tree Frazier, and MaryAnn Turcotte who have provided good counsel and direction to me in the last three years. I can't thank you enough! Please extend to Joe Knapschaefer and Mike Repella the continued support and enthusiasm you have shown and extended to me the last three years as we head into a new and exciting year for MAC.
- I thought I would be briefer this year, and I really endeavored to do so, but without much success. MAC has been and will be a great organization for this park, historically and in the future. Its contribution of programs, activities, money, and volunteers are unmatched in any other park anywhere as far as I know. You have every right to be proud of what you have accomplished! 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 to continue to volunteer. As our leadership ages we will also need more people to step up and take leadership roles. Thank you to all those people who have stepped up to make this organization stronger.
- Congratulations to all on a "Great Year!"

Our budget next year will exceed \$180,000! Sun Communities contributes less than \$12,500 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 never 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

