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VANCE WHITE RESIGNS

Vance White, the SOA General Manager hired in the summer of 2005, has resigned. The board voted unanimously to promote Sonny Stutts as the permanent GM. The board also changed the organizational structure and hired a new manager of the Summit Enterprises, Inc. (SEI). Dee Dee Beavers, the new SEI Manager, will oversee the rental operations, laundry, gift shop, and Tiki Bar. She will begin work at the first of the year.

BOARD CHANGES

Kent Whiddon resigned from the BOD and was replaced by Richard Bourgoise. Bourgoise is from Michigan and owns Unit 1206.

ASSESSMENT AND FEES INCREASE

The BOD voted for a special assessment to cover the budget shortfall of 2008. The quarterly fees have also increased and will include funding up front for a special coating for the walkways planned for 2011. Hopefully, 2009 will see increases in revenues but, with the economic conditions, there are no assurances.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

A medium blue tile will be added to the west end pool as soon as final approval is received from the state. The state mandated the removal of the black tile. The east pool will eventually be changed as well. The Wi-Fi has been improved and reception is much better. All of the north side of the building has been painted except the towers. The towers will be painted soon and will have some accent color to give the building a more modern look. Improvements are planned for the shuffleboard court.

BY-LAWS

From the oops department, I inadvertently left out the results of the proposed by-law change that was voted on at the September meeting. The vote was 154 'yes' to 49 'no', failing to gain the required 2/3 vote to change. It is extremely difficult to get a 2/3 vote at The Summit. Without a 2/3 vote, the staggered terms of board members will end because of a change in Florida law. This means every board member could be replaced all at once leaving no continuity. You may be asked in the future to vote to keep the staggered terms by making a change to the bylaws.



Scree-e-e-ch! – That irritating sound coming from above is furniture being slid across tiled floor. Please be considerate of your neighbor when moving furniture.

Name Change – Beckrich Road has been changed to Richard Jackson Parkway. Jackson was the one time city manager of PCB. The Dan Russell Pier will now be known as Russell-Fields Pier.

La Borgata – A planned luxury residential townhome and condo development has been put on hold. When it is built, country music superstar Alan Jackson will have a 3 bedroom/3 bath condo. This is a Ronnie Gilley Properties development. The same developer is also planning Country Crossing off US 231 in south Dothan, about 90 miles from PCB. This is an interesting project. More info at www.countrycrossingalabama.com.

Airport Update – They say they are ahead of schedule. The projected completion date is June 2010. For airport updates, see www.newpcairport.com.

Paul Brent – Local and nationally acclaimed artist Paul Brent was chosen to paint an ornament for the White House Christmas tree. You can see the ornament at PaulBrent.com on the newsletter and press room page.

Harley-Davidson – The motorcycle manufacturer will build a retail outlet carrying bikes and clothing. It is planned for Back Beach Road and North Gulf Boulevard.

Bed Tax – The Tourist Development Council wants to increase the bed tax from 3 to 5 percent. One side says this is not what we need in this down economy. The other side says more money will bring more visitors.

Canadian Dollar – The Canadian dollar is down about 20 cents from a year ago compared to the US dollar.

Fugitive Captured – A man from Georgia, wanted for child molestation, was found and arrested in the area of Thomas Drive and Joan Avenue. Why do all the bad guys running from the law head for Panama City?

MTV – mtvU is expected to be in Panama City Beach for spring break next spring.

Lifeguards – The city plans to hire three lifeguards in 2009.

Another Drowning – A man drowned in rough seas in October behind the Wyndham.



Shrimp Boat – The Shrimp Boat restaurant opened in St. Andrews on November 1. The original Shrimp Boat opened in the same area in 1958.

Laketown Wharf – A Chicago bank has bought the unsold units at Laketown Wharf, the 765-unit behemoth across the street from Pineapple Willy's.

Fishing Tourney – Due to untimely storms, the Grand Lagoon National, a planned fishing tournament, was eventually cancelled. The 2009 tournament is scheduled for August 12-16.

Pelicans – Feeding of the pelicans is now a second degree misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail.

Bay Medical – Bay Medical Center in Panama City was named one of America's best hospitals for the period 2003 – 2008.

Another Clutch Death – Another Clutch performer, Kevin Reed Sanders, age 52, died October 16. He was known for his impersonation of Rod Stewart.

Come On Down – A man tried to make a drive-through where there wasn't one at the Waffle House on Thomas Drive. And, in Bonifay, a woman was passed out behind the wheel of her vehicle with no pants on and charged with DUI. According to the NewsHerald report, the officer asked why she didn't have pants on. Her answer? "I was hot." Who needs to wait for spring break for fun?

News on Website – We are once again posting news on the SOA website, summit-resorts.com.

Next Board Meeting – The February meeting of the board of directors has been changed to February 21.

In Memoriam



The Summit family mourns the loss of **Jo Painter**, age 85, who passed away October 4, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren. The Painter's owned Unit 619 and resided at The Summit for many years. She was a former member of the SOA Board of Directors. She was well known as a demonstrator of the ancient art of spinning and sewing.