Club Responds to Executive Order

On Monday, September 26, a Club Operations Update was sent to all Members in response to the September 25, Executive Order by Florida’s Governor Ron DeSantis. In the Order, DeSantis lifted all restrictions on businesses statewide, which most significantly means bars and restaurants can now operate at 100% full capacity. Local governments are permitted to keep additional limits in place.

Ocean Reef Club has been fortunate to have experienced a minimal number of positive COVID-19 cases since the onset of the pandemic, and those who tested positive have all fully recovered.

Since March, the Club has worked closely with the Medical Center, followed CDC, State and local guidelines, best practices and made the safety of Members and Associates the top priority.

In the best interest of safety for the overall community, the Ocean Reef Club Board and Club Management decided to maintain the current conservative operating model. This includes maintaining 50% capacity at Restaurants and Bars, a reduced number of lounge chairs at Buccaneer Island, limited machines available at the Fitness Center, and other safety restrictions. Masks will continue to be required when indoors at all Club outlets, shops and offices.

It was also announced that a full overview of the Club’s Operational and Safety Plan that comply with government mandates, Club guidelines and most importantly, address the safety and comfort concerns of those who support All

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Going Coconuts!

While “driving leisurely” around The Reef, has an unexpected smile amongst the palms or a stare from above caught your eye? These colorful expressions whimsically painted on coconuts and placed around the community have become the summer's best “whodunit.” The artist is a mystery but the delight these characters bring is undeniable.

Now, if you do come across one and pick it up, you may also find instructions, “Put Me Back!”

What Will All Charities Look Like This Season?

Stay Tuned!

By Sarah A. Cart

Dom DiNapoli along with 2022 chairs Diane Hill and Adele Acheson are working with the entire committee and office staff to reach new levels of creativity and flexibility that comply with government mandates, Club guidelines and most importantly, address the safety and comfort concerns of those who support All

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TRICK-OR-TREAT?

YES!

Your Club has modified favorite Halloween Weekend traditions to meet the guidelines of Social Distancing and… wearing masks!

Turn to the Center Spread, pages 26-27 for the details.
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“While that sounds daunting, it’s also an exciting opportunity,” says All Charities Chairman Michael Berman. “Because of the pandemic, the institutions that make Ocean Reef so spectacular, as well as our surrounding communities, need our significant support as they face the challenges of whatever the months ahead may bring.”

With likely more Members on property than ever before, ORCAT will be catering to a larger population of pets. The Cultural Center and the Art League will need support as they are challenged to deliver a safe and appropriate experience while operating with limited capacity. And the Conservation Association will continue to focus on preserving all that we love about our amazing habitat.

Already The Academy’s enrollment has more than doubled as families look for the most normal safest schooling experience possible, and the Medical Center at Ocean Reef is breaking usage records while providing up-to-the-minute trusted information and accurate, abundantly available testing while still offering myriad other services “just a golf cart ride away.”

Plus, as our surrounding communities deal with financial devastation, the work of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation has never been needed more. Grant recipients are seeing levels of demand not experienced since Hurricane Irma.

Consequently, the ACW committee is determined to move forward with an event, even while acknowledging that the evening gowns and tuxedos will likely be left in folks’ closets. The goal is a hybrid of virtual and live components structured to provide an enjoyable experience in whatever environment meets each person’s safety concerns. Options from taking part in the comfort of your own home or assembling in small “Living Room Captain” – facilitated groups to gathering in smaller venues that accommodate social distancing, are being considered as well as some outdoor possibilities.

As the committee brainstorms to put together another amazing selection of Live and Silent Auction items, ACW chairs Linda Johnston and Dom DiNapoli want the community to know that, while it’s been a tough year, everyone’s support will be needed more than ever come Feb. 19 and 20. Extraordinary effort is being brought to bear to ensure that every Ocean Reef Member can find a way to support the cause and help make miracles happen.

All Charities’ purpose: In the mid-2000s, Ocean Reef was overwhelmed by the number of fundraisers each season (over 27). Thus organizers conceived of a combined fundraising effort that has evolved into ACW. In the years since, All Charities has raised over $40 million, benefitting the Reef’s Medical Center, Cultural Center, Art League, Academy, ORCAT, and the Ocean Reef Conservation Association as well as the lives of thousands in Florida City, Homestead and the Keys through grants from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation.

Curious to know more? Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@oceanreef.com.

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