Calling All Equity Members
It's Our Anniversary, Let's Party!

On Thursday evening, April 16, Equity members will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the member buy-out of Ocean Reef Club. Start by joining neighbors in a golf-cart rendezvous in your neighborhood. (Contact your ORCA Advisory Council Representative for details.) Then, parade over to the driving range for The Reef's biggest and best ever golf cart Tailgate Party.

Festivities at the driving range start at 6 p.m. To reduce the number of parked carts, we are encouraged to “cart-pool” there. And, to get us home whenever we wish, transportation will be provided by the bell-stand staff. Our own Ron the DJ will keep us rocking and entertained while we enjoy burgers, dogs and surprise treats. BYOB and cooler or purchase beverages from the ORC bar.

Don't miss the coolest spring event of the season! RSVP by April 10 to Kella Olson at 367-5874.

Distribution of 2009 Community Auction Proceeds

By Yuri Mikolay
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The Ocean Reef Foundation has released a report detailing how the funds raised at February’s “One Community, One Auction” Day will be distributed to support charitable causes at Ocean Reef and in the surrounding communities.

The Ocean Reef Foundation raised a record-setting amount for local charities for the second year in a row, and will result in another year of record-breaking grants made to deserving charities.

Ocean Reef Foundation 2009 Community Auction Day Proceeds Distribution:

- Ocean Reef Charities: $1,122,336
  - Academy at Ocean Reef: $228,824
  - Art League: $97,920
  - Chapel at Ocean Reef: $10,000
  - Coast Guard Flotilla 13-04: $15,000
  - Historical Society: $5,000
  - Medical Center at Ocean Reef: $383,986
  - Ocean Reef Cultural Center: $330,606
  - Ocean Reef Employee Emergency Fund: $10,000
  - Ocean Reef Library: $3,000
  - Ocean Reef Volunteer Fire Department: $5,000
  - ORCAT: $33,000
  - Total to Ocean Reef Charities: $1,122,336

- Off Reef Charities: $568,040
  - ARC Project Thrive: $30,000
  - Daily Bread Food Bank (North & South): $40,000
  - Florida Keys Children’s Shelter: $20,000
  - Florida Keys Foster: $2,000
  - Adoptive Parents Association: $2,000
  - SFL Urban Ministries: $7,500
  - Branches Program: $25,000
  - Sembrando Flores: $15,000
  - South Dade Child Care Center: $40,000
  - Take Stock in Children: $40,000
  - Upper Keys YMCA Competitive Edge Tennis: $5,000
  - Upper Keys YMCA Summer Camp: $35,000
  - Wesley House Family Services: $10,000
  - Total to Off Reef Charities: $568,040

- Total Distribution: $1,690,376

- Pending Distribution: $19,989

- Gross Proceeds: $1,710,365

Distributed to the following Environmental Charities:
- Coral Restoration Foundation
- Don Hawley Foundation
- Florida Keys Turtle Hospital
- International Game Fish Association
- Islamorada Fishing & Conservation Trust
- Island Dolphin Care
- National Parks Conservation Association
- Nature Conservancy
- Pennekamp Park Offshore Coral Nursery Program
- Rod & Gun Scholarship program
- Sanctuary Friends of the Florida Keys
- South Florida National Parks Trust

Valuable Family Membership Offer is Valid through November

Ocean Reef Club would like to encourage like-minded relatives of current members to consider becoming Club members themselves. Therefore, through Nov. 30, 2009, Ocean Reef is offering a great value to certain family members of Equity and Social Non-Local members.

This offer allows siblings of Equity and Social Non-Local members, along with children or parents of Social Non-Local members, to join as Social members for half of the usual initiation fee - $5,750 rather than $11,500. As potential Ocean Reef Club members, such family members will still undergo the usual background and credit checks, and must also be posted, sponsored and approved by the Membership Committee. Once they join, they will continue to pay regular Social Non-Local dues.

A similar offer was last presented four years ago, making this a rare value for eligible family members. For more information, please call Christine Scholl in Membership at 367-5828.

We Want To Hear From You!

Send your letters to the editor and your family news to Kristen Burnie: orp@oceanreef.com or 35 Ocean Reef Drive, Key Largo, FL 33037. Please identify e-mail subject as ORP Letters to the Editor.