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Don't forget dues are due on January 1, 2014. Thank you to the 34 owners who have already paid their dues.

WHERE ARE WE?

The Sorrento South Property Owners association, as many of you know, has been trying since 2011 to change the way our association covenants are amended. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood or haven't been paying attention, we successfully revived our deed restrictions in 2010. Now we need to develop a new set of covenants to replace the outdated ones the developer produced decades ago, but that requires voting. Which method of voting would you choose?

- (a) Each of the 123 properties gets one vote; change takes a two thirds majority**
- (b) Measure the frontage (feet on the street) of each property; divide Sorrento South into 5 units; collect votes until 80% of the total frontage in each unit have voted in favor of the amendment.**

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If you think (b) is cumbersome and antiquated, you're right. But that's precisely why it has taken so long (2 years) to bring about the change we seek. We must get a favorable vote the *old* way so that voting on future amendments can be done the *easy* way (a). That's it. Your help is needed to get this done!

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This process does *not* involve any covenant changes, which will be drafted and voted upon later. Also, this



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is not a vote in favor of Sorrento South being a deed restricted association. We already did that. So we're perplexed as to why some owners have refused to vote on this simple procedure for future amendments.

The good news is that 80% of the frontage in **Units 1 and 4** have voted to make this change. The bad news is that **Units 2, 3, and 5** have not voted in sufficient numbers to reach the 80% threshold. Unit 5 is close, needing only 171.45 feet more. (One of the properties with 181.49 feet of frontage could put Unit 5 in the winner's circle if only the owners would vote.) Unit 3 needs another 410 feet. The farthest from the target is Unit 2, which is 1,267.33 feet short of the 80% required. Which unit are you part of?

- Unit 1 - Bellini and Picasso
- Unit 2 - Bellini and Picasso
- Unit 3 - Bayshore and Murillo
- Unit 4 - Goya and Lychee
- Unit 5 - Cavallini and 1908 Bayshore

Have **you** voted? If not, someone will be calling or coming to your home in January. We provide the witnesses and notary, you provide the signatures. Your cooperation in this matter will be *very* much appreciated by those who already have voted to bring our amendment process into the 21st Century. If you have questions, please talk to one of the officers listed in this publication.

NEW NEIGHBORS

We extend a warm welcome to the following folks who recently became Sorrento South property owners:

- Patrick & Jennifer Pham** - 111 Cavallini
- Bonnie Kelley** - 407 Bellini
- Rudolph & Anita Glogovsky** - 1800 Bayshore
- Mildred Fetske & Shirley Falls** - 423 Bellini
- Mike Cavallo** - 1904 Bayshore
- Kimberly Trimble** - 206 Cavallini
- Michael & Wendy May** - 435 Bellini

PERSONALS

We regret to inform you of the death of Lotte Appel, 301 Cavallini, on August 13, 2013. Lotte was a dear lady whose failing eyesight caused her to miss an annual meeting or a chance to meet with friends. She was active in the community and served as editor of the newsletter for a number of years. She will be missed by many. Lotte was 95 years young.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of the Sorrento South Property Owners was held on November 13, 2013, at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Tamiami Trail. After the reading of the minutes from the 2012 meeting, President Angela Bisetti reported on the state of the association, including 2013 property transfers, newsletters, and the covenant amendment process. Work has been done on the main entrance (lights, the irrigation system, the painting of the walls, and some new plants for the median) as well as roof cleaning of the clubhouse and a new air conditioner/heat pump for the building. Our website is up and running again, thanks to a new webmaster one of our board members met at a meeting of the Sarasota County Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA). Participation in community organizations like NACA and CONA gives us support and access to resources we might not otherwise have, so we get our money's worth.

Treasurer Debe Van Pelt offered to answer any questions about the financial report and budget that were included in the annual meeting materials; there were none. She then moved to the status of the covenant amendment process, which is summarized in the preceding article. There was discussion about why more owners have not signed the paperwork allowing for a new amendment process. Several volunteered to call on these non-voters to help rally votes.

Unfortunately, for the first time in about ten years, we did not have a quorum at the

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annual meeting. Voting for the prospective board members was not possible, but steps will be taken to appoint incumbents and one new board member in accordance with terms set forth in the bylaws. Angela Bisetti has agreed to serve another year as President. Other officers/directors are listed in this newsletter.

Denny Korinek, president of the Sorrento Dock Owners' Association (SDOA), reported on work that had been done (mangrove trimming and minor repairs to boards on the docks) and much that still needs to be done, including replacement of the lights that illuminate the flag;

trimming of the cardboard palms at Murillo and Bayshore; trimming of 24 palm trees and replacement of one that died; weathercoating for Docks A, B, and C, and at least three pilings that need to be replaced. However, despite the long list of needed maintenance, Denny stated that the SDOA's priority right now is exploring the possible dredging of the marina.

The meeting was adjourned after everyone had an opportunity to ask questions and win a door prize. We thank those who attended the meeting and hope the rest of you will be there next year to make it a quorum.



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