



One of the my personal chuckles has been my Spring Newsletter. Mostly true, some exaggeration, and some tongue in cheek..but unfortunately my last Spring Newsletter 2019 was indeed, my last.

The only constant in life is change and Jan and I having moved into our mid-seventies need one, quite simply we're tired. The usual problems, medical and otherwise, and maybe some not that 'usual' associated with aging rears its head and makes us realize that we either move on and get a life while we still have one, or make arrangements to have our ashes spread, on the garden walk...we chose the former. I believe we lucked out with Jennifer, Jan's replacement and will achieve a flawless transition as the new regime manager who will be comfortable dealing with the incredibly multi-faceted (I'm being nice here) 600-some people involved with the Preserve and more importantly, my infamous, immensely entitled, sometime 'Wexford' wannabes '2%ers'. Well, let me rephrase that, 'flawless' might be a bit unrealistic, let's say a 'comfortable' transition. Things will *not* be the same, that's what change is all about. 'Different' can be good but it will take a bit to settle in considering I've been the only President this community has had since inception 15 years ago and Jan has been the more friendly, personable 'face-of-the-Preserve' for 10. That said, we're looking forward to a walk on the beach (preferably in cooler weather) so we can throw our cell phones into the ocean (seriously) and give a lot of consideration to including our laptops as well and while physically able, enjoy a new life that isn't literally consumed by everything 'Preserve'.

For the most part Jan and I have enjoyed this near 1 1/2 decades as your president and Regime Manager. I take personal satisfaction having chaired 15 boards and the many directors that obviously took great pride in the Preserve. All of us were/are 'locals' and thus personally involved with the community on a daily basis, being a LOCAL is, in my opinion an important qualification for any future director. I mean really, what does someone know about the daily going's on at the Preserve when they're only here a couple months a year..if that? As I mentioned above, there will be change, it's inevitable. My style of management has *always* been very hands-on, both here and the companies I ran in my younger years...again, much to one's chagrin or appreciation depending on who you asked. I bring this up because the new crew *will* be doing things differently, so give them a break, at least for awhile. I assume I've gotten your attention so, as many of you know the majority of owners do not consider the Preserve their domicile. For this reason many of you apparently thought that the quality of life enjoyed by Preserve owners wasn't an 'accident' rather the result of hard work and presumably mostly spot on decisions made by 15 boards and myself as President. Presumably for this reason a great many of you offered me your proxies to vote on your behalf for the seats that are expiring. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me. There will be fresh faces on next year's board. Some that have already been appointed (with my strong backing, full confidence and recommendation) and must run for a full term and those that will be running for vacating seats, we don't know yet who these candidates will be. I will enter the owner's meeting as your president and remain in that position until the votes are tabulated so...as always, vote for whomever you think will best serve our (I mean Jan and I *will* still be owners) best interests *but*, if you want to depend on me one last time to vote for our best interests, send me your proxies as usual. I've informed the board that I will be available as a 'consultant' whenever needed. Nobody can turn over 15 years of all knowledge derived from screwing up and learning what not to do again in a relatively short turnover period. This new position as 'advisor'...unpaid yet again...however will not involve decision making....that will be the providence of your new board. Good luck, good health and God bless.