

SandScript

Casa Ybel Resort Summer Newsletter 2017

Making Memories for Casa Kids



Rachel Taber and Kayla Collins of the resort recreation team.

Our staff recreation team loves summers just like the little ones, since they get to spend plenty of time with youngsters of all ages. Some of the activities are conducted indoors – below the reception area – and others are located at the kids’ club picnic tables between and pool and beach.

Our ever-popular supervised Casa Kids Camp is held every Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. until 1p.m. Camp Rock Star welcomes youngsters on Monday. Tuesday is Casa Wonderland. Animal Kingdom Camp teaches kids about local wildlife on Wednesday and Under the Sea Camp takes place every Thursday. Children ages 4-11 are welcome. The \$45 fee includes pizza for lunch, crafts and activities. Pick up our new Casa Kids brochure when you check in and make reservations for your little ones.

Recently added crafts include Glass Art on Monday as

adults and children find their artistic side by applying art to a take-home beverage glass. Tuesdays feature Memory Jar, a little place to keep those special island memories. Face Painting on Wednesdays starting at 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. and Animal Clay Pot Craft at 3:30 p.m. for \$8 as participants make their favorite animal from a clay pot. On Thursdays, the Under the Sea theme continues with Shell Pendant, as guests make their own shell necklace to take home.

Kids Camp After Dark is perfect for pizza and a movie on Saturday night from 6-9 p.m. while parents enjoy a night out. Don’t forget that we also have a variety of bike and beach rentals plus tennis lessons available for Owners and guests.

Your resort staff continues to offer fun activities for kids of all ages to help create great vacation memories.

Send Us Your Email Address

We understand that e-mail addresses change. When this happens in your family, please be sure to include your resort on your “Change-of-address” list. This is important for us to be able to reach you to ensure your continued receipt of the SandScript newsletter, comment cards, surveys and approvals on various new offerings. We also send e-mails for emergency weather updates, when needed. Send your e-mail address to: ldiggins@hgv.com



Week 26: Better Than Christmas

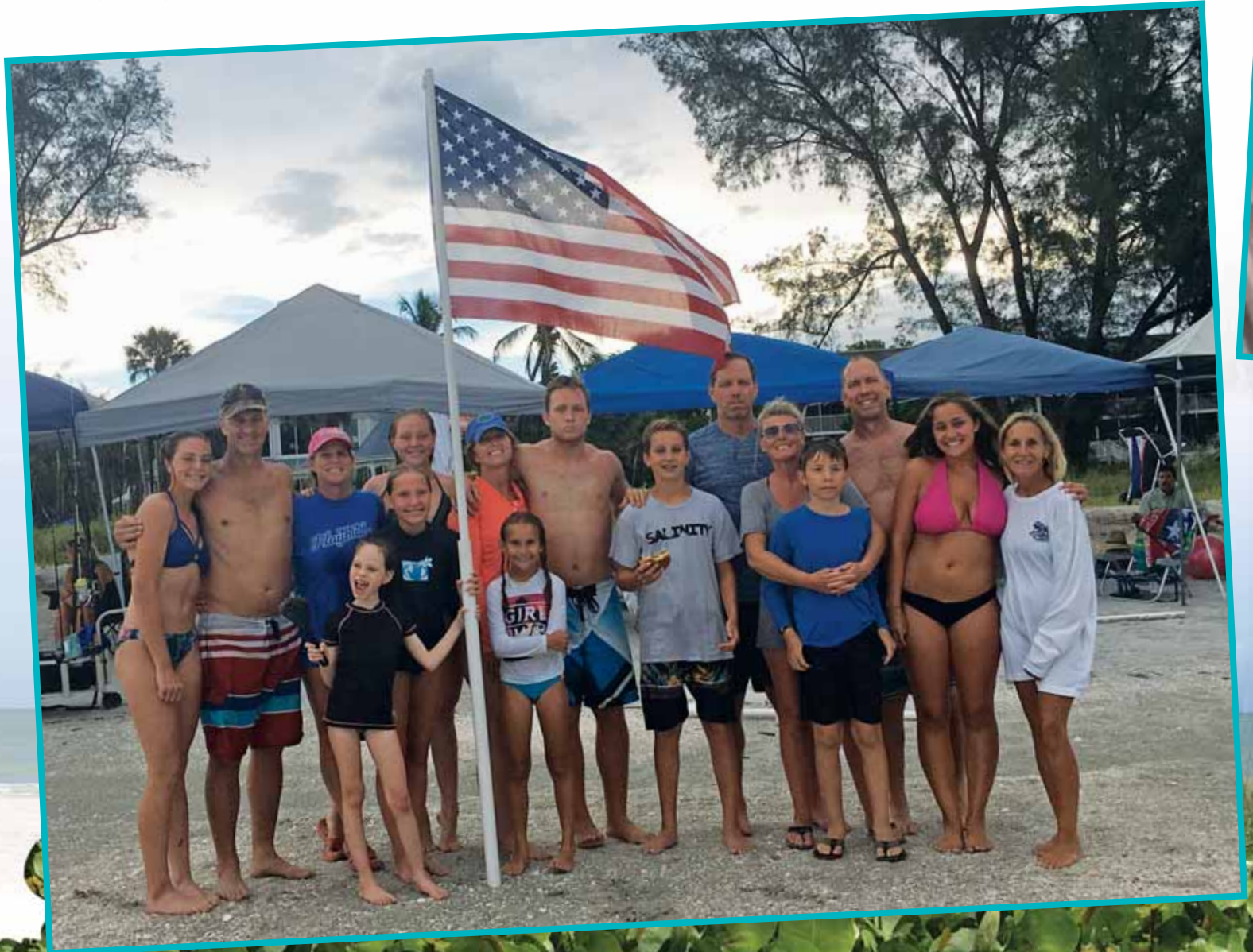
Although she is no longer physically with her family, the memory and enduring love of Jan Perkins is evident as her family of four children and 12 grandchildren gather every year during Week 26 at Casa Ybel Resort. After nearly 40 years of vacations, their July 4 holiday is steeped in a long list of family vacation traditions.

"We have been here every year since Mom purchased her first week in the early 1980s," reminisced James. "We lived in Miami at the time and had vacationed a little on Sanibel, but Mom wisely envisioned that ownership here would set the stage for very special annual family vacations. In the early lean years, she used her tax return to pay the maintenance fees."

Jed, James, Jennifer and Jason Perkins now own three units

during Week 26 and are hoping to purchase another. Their 12 children range from 9 to 26 years of age. Clearly a special place in all their hearts, James and Mollie were married at the resort in 1995. After they got older and lived out of state for nine years, returning to Sanibel in July was like coming home. Jason was married nearby at a public beach several years later.

Shares Jed, "Everyone in our family is passionate about our vacation here. It's the kids' favorite time of the year. They look forward to it more than Christmas! We've been here through high school, college, marriages, and kids. It is the one week each year when we all come together as a family. Each of the children has been to the resort within their first year; they don't know life without it."



Family traditions run deep. Adds James' wife Mollie, "Pizza is the main meal on check-in night. We take turns cooking dinner, with the grills getting a solid workout. There is one mandatory visit to Dairy Queen. Both kids and adults select one special treat that they don't have on a regular basis and are allowed to indulge in throughout the week. This has included giant chocolate bars, extra Peanut Butter Captain Crunch, Cocoa Puffs, and Twizzlers. They are also treated to a Smoothie from Coconuts."

Jed and James are sales engineers for General Electric, Jennifer is an ARNP and Jason is a sales rep for World Electric. They

all live in Fort Myers except James and Mollie, who live in St. Petersburg. This year, Jason's son, Brock and his wife Cheyenna introduced their four-month old Bailee to the resort as the first fourth generation vacationing member of the Perkins clan.

"The resort is self-contained, safe, and a place where kids can be kids. Most importantly, they know they are always surrounded by love," says Jed's wife Sidney.

The "Grammy Olympics" is held each year in memory of original Owner Jan Perkins (who passed a few years ago), with the Perkins kids competing in a fishing contest, sack races, and more. A trophy is awarded in her honor. Mollie added that she

knows matriarch Jan Perkins would have been proud of each of her children and grandchildren and how they've become great students, athletes, humanitarians and super citizens of the world. Clearly, her vision has come to fruition at Casa Ybel Resort as her legacy of family time spent together continues far into the future.



Above: THEN. Jan Perkins, matriarch of the Perkins family with her children (plus friends) in the early years of her timeshare ownership.

Left: NOW. The entire Perkins family at their regular spot on the beach every year during Week 26.

Right: Jason, Jennifer, Jed and James Perkins



SCCF 50th Anniversary

According to Kelly Sloan, Sea Turtle Program coordinator for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), there are five cameras on the beach. One is at Casa Ybel to monitor coyote and other predators' interactions with sea turtle nests.

Kelly adds, "The coyotes first became a problem in 2011. In 2014, they damaged 32% of the turtle nests. By 2015 we started putting screens on top of the eggs and this has really helped. In addition to lower depredation rates, we are also having another record-breaking nesting season. Right now, we are about 100 nests ahead of last year's count in mid-July."

There are over 100 SCCF volunteers who walk the Sanibel beaches once a week between April and October to patrol them and keep the hatchlings safe. Kelly has trained the CYB resort beach staff to ID the sea turtle nests and avoid placing beach furniture on top of the nests. She says that she "loves the community involvement and how much enthusiasm everyone has for the sea turtles. It makes the conservation efforts more successful and I am proud to be a part of it."

Founded in 1967 and now celebrating its 50th year, SCCF is dedicated to the conservation of coastal habitats and aquatic resources on Sanibel and Captiva and in the surrounding watershed. Today, SCCF is the largest private landowner on Sanibel Island. They manage more than 1,200 acres on Sanibel plus more than 600 additional acres on Captiva and other islands. SCCF also facilitated the acquisition and fundraising



Photo by Kirsten Recker

for an additional 470 acres currently managed by the State of Florida or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This environmental success story has been made possible by the generous support of conservationist donors and public sector partners, particularly the City of Sanibel and the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Maintenance Fee Reminder

The 2018 annual maintenance fee statement will be mailed to each owner in October 2017. Please be aware that your account will be considered past due after January 1, 2018. If you have not received your maintenance fee statement by November 15th, please contact the Interval Management Office at 239-395-1876. You, and you alone, are responsible for payment. Therefore, no excuses for non-payment will be accepted. We also suggest that

you make a copy of your fee statement and payment information for future reference. Remember that if you use Auto Pay, the fee statement mailing address could have changed from the previous year so please check before mailing your fees.

2017 Trading Post

Here is the current exchange listing.

- David Carey would like to trade unit 1611 week 14 for week 9 in 2018. Please call 248-804-3422 or email davidscarey@gmail.com.

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Board Member contact information may be found at the resort's website: www.casaybelresort.com or by calling the Interval Management Office at 239-395-1876.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Hilton Grand Vacations
Owner Services**

407-613-3144

Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. EST

Fri -Sat 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. EST • Sunday closed

Interval Management Office at Casa Ybel

239-395-1876 (Chris & Lisa)

Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST

FAX: 239-395-2298

SALES: 239-472-1531

Rita Slaughter

**Casa Hospitality Services
Resort Rental Contracts**

239-472-3145

FAX: 239-472-2109

For additional resort updates

www.casaybelresort.com (PASSWORD: paradise)

<http://casaybel.hgvc.com> (HOA updates)

1-800-761-8940

(Recorded Informational updates if needed.)

Rita Sells Sanibel



Rita Slaughter truly loves her job. As the Real Estate Agent at Casa Ybel Resort, she has been in the vacation ownership industry since 1979 and with Grand Vacations Realty since 1996. She has personally owned six weeks and, as a Hilton Honor member, has used her points to travel all over the world. Some of her favorite vacation locations include Hawaii, Ireland, England, Morocco, Portugal, Italy and all the Caribbean Islands. She says, "Alaska is still on my bucket list."

Happily married for many years, Rita has two children and five grandchildren and proudly states that "Hilton Grand Vacations is a terrific company to work for and a great product to own. I really do love my job and helping others purchase their own special vacation time." Her only problem is that sales are going so well, she has little availability for certain times of the year (Visit her website as casaybelsales.com to see where she is lacking time.) "It's great for the owners, but not so great for me", she jokes.

If you think you might want to sell your weeks, let her know by calling 239-472-1531. This is the number to use for all your needs, including information on joining the HGV Club.





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Association-Owned Week for Sale

The following unit/week has been acquired by the FGH Association and is being made available to all owners by closed bid sale: **Unit 152F/34**

The successful bidder will be able to occupy the unit in 2018 and will be responsible for all closing costs and 2018 Maintenance Fees. The Board of Directors has the right to refuse any or all bids. Bids should be sent to: Casa Ybel Beach & Racquet

Club, FGH Board of Directors, Attn: Chris Cain, 2255 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, Florida 33957. Please note "Closed Bid Sale" on the envelope.

Bids must be received by August 25, 2017. In the case of a tie bid, the bid with the earliest post mark wins. The full amount of the sale must be paid within 30 days after the Board has accepted the bid.

Board Meeting Notice

The FGH Board of Directors will be holding a Board meeting on Monday, October 16, 2017. The IJK Board of Directors will be holding a Board meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Both of these Board meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Casa Ybel Resort in the Thistle Lodge Restaurant.

The purpose of these meetings is to adopt the Budget and Maintenance Fee for 2018. The Management-Proposed budget will be available for viewing online at www.casaybelresort.com (password: paradise) or <http://casaybel.hgvc.com> (under the HOA Updates section) two weeks prior to the Board meetings noted above. A hard copy of the Management-Proposed Budget will be mailed upon request. A copy of the Board-Approved 2018 Budget will be mailed to each Owner with the Maintenance Fee Statement later this year.