

SAND DUNE NEWS

Grand Beach Cottage Owners Association

LEGENDS ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Grand Beach Legends Annual Dinner and Dance was held Saturday, August 27th. If you weren't there, you missed a great evening of dining, dancing, and fun. The table settings were great, complete with white tablecloths, porcelain dishes, table centres, candles, low lighting and so on. Music was supplied by Maestro Mario and there were some great door prizes including a \$250 gift certificate from St. Vital Centre, a night in the Grande Suite at the South Beach Casino, 4 rounds of golf at Grand Pines Golf, 4 rounds of golf at Rossmere Golf and Country Club, and other donations as well (a complete list of donors is recorded below, and our special thanks go out to each of them for supporting the Legend's Dinner). Those in attendance raved about the meal catered by Christine Braunen of the Station House Restaurant who went well out of her way to create a very special meal for us. Christine promised us an absolutely wonderful dinner, and that's exactly what it was.

Our Legend Award for 2016/17 went to Sandra Marriott-Silver. Sandra, a GBCOA Board Member for 12 years, served on our Board in the capacity of Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Medical Clinic Coordinator and Sun Run Race Director. Sandra is most proud of her coordination of the Medical Clinic and as Race Director of the Sun Run. Sandra raised over \$40,000 through the Sun Run, which helped to finance the revival of our Medical Clinic and related medical programs. As a result of her efforts, the Clinic has grown into the fully-staffed seasonal Clinic it is today, complete with a waiting list of Nurse Practitioners and Physicians willing to volunteer their time. In earlier years, Sandra (who is a Nurse Practitioner) even worked at the Clinic herself, giving up her own holiday time to fill in for any medical personnel vacancies. Sandra's accomplishments have benefited the people of Grand Beach and area, as well as visitors from all over, and will certainly have a long lasting beneficial impact, as well as enhance our great Grand Beach life!

Donors

St. Vital Centre	South Beach Casino	Potenza Pizza
Carol's on Leon	Traverse Bay Corner – ESSO	Grand Beach Diner
Boss Burger	Schneider's Septic Service	Grand Marais Village Store
Edison Properties	Wakefield Foods	Spirit Rock Inn
Harry Salamacha	Carol Heppinstall	Juan More Thing
Grand Beach Central Station		Robin Ritchie Beach Accessories

Your Legends Committee
Butch, Peter, Carole, Joanne and Norm

President's Award 2016

At the Legends Dinner, Betty, Cathy and Stewart Clark were presented with the President's Award for their dedication and hard work for the betterment of the club. The Clark family have been longtime, behind the scenes, volunteer contributors to the Community Club, including the bake sale, kids crafts and Tye Dye, to name only a few of the many things they did to ensure activities at the club were a success.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GBCOA AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday August 14th, 2016. Ninety-One cabin owners were in attendance. The 2015 financials presented by treasurer, Wayne Betker, were approved. The year of 2015 was a breakeven year for the GBCOA and our finances continue to be in a healthy state. Dave Rogne presented the President's Report, which included the report from Parks. The key points were: the annual meeting between GBCOA Executive and the Director of Parks and staff to be held at Grand Beach in late August or early September; the Sewage Lagoon design and new cell construction in final design; the Water Treatment Plant upgrades also in final design; the tennis courts being resurfaced at the end of August plus lines for two pickleball courts will be added in the basketball area; Pavilion #1 at the east end of the boardwalk (the old concession) will be torn down and turned into a covered picnic area with epoxy concrete slab including the bathrooms; new counters and sinks will be installed in these bathrooms and the entire building will be painted inside and out; Parks provided 65 collapsible recycle bins that were distributed to cottage owners in attendance. Parks has ordered enough bins to have one for every cottage. The balance of these bins will be distributed at the next AGM. This year, over 75 Cottage Owners Feedback Forms were received and will be reviewed with Parks.

Club Membership Canvassing Update

Great news canvassers and cottage owners - 2016 has been a record year for GBCOA membership sales with sales to date exceeding \$8,500 - our best year ever!

Congratulations and thanks to all volunteer Block Captains who so faithfully were available to sell memberships door to door or at the Club. As well, thanks to all those cottagers who supported our Association this year by purchasing a membership.

Our block captains this year were:

1st Ave.---Karen Franklin, Les and Bev Gillam
2nd Ave---Russ and Jan Foster, Nina Hunt, Carly Friesen
3rd Ave---Gloria Siefert, Judy Keating
4th Ave---Lois Turnham, Leslie Metlin
5th Ave---Karen Merrifield, Judy Hall
6th Ave---Marilyn Boyd, Kim Olynyk
7th and 8th Ave---Al and Rhonda Ward
1st Street---Dianne Oakley, Laura Boyce
Point Road---Louise Dahle, Deb Kusano
2nd Street---Donna Keating
Grand Beach Road---Rose Beaulieu
Canada Day, Sports Day, Club events, and from home---Joan Wazny
Club Supervisors---Katrena, Jade, and Ashley
Swim to Survive---Krystyna Domes

Well done everyone and see you next year!

With deepest thanks.

Dianne Oakley



