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A Tribute to Jim Breslin

As a young man, Jim Breslin moved to the Breslin home, on South Maritana Drive. There were only 3 or 4 houses on the entire block at that time. His family had recently relocated from New York State where his Dad, James, Sr., had practiced medicine and his mom, Irene, had worked as a nurse. Jim soon entered Military Service and told wonderful tales of his days stationed in Colorado. Never one to miss an opportunity, Jim enrolled at St Pete Junior College and parlayed those years into a degree from USF.

At USF, Jim contracted what he termed a life-long case of Malaria, when he met and married Marie Malear, the glue that held his family together for 60 years. His eldest son, Jimmy, was followed by daughter Kristine Melody. With a young family to support, Jim took a job as a Claims Adjuster at Allstate Insurance. It was then that he took to sailing, later joining the Gulfport Yacht Club and becoming a mainstay at club functions.

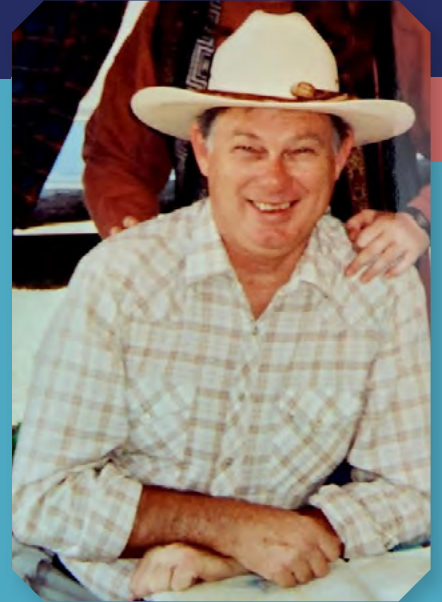
Being a Claims Adjuster led him to law school at Stetson University and a great and lengthy career as a trial attorney, specializing in workers' compensation and personal injury law. He also served as an unpaid counselor to many friends, neighbors and family members.

Realizing the value of community service, Jim was active with the Don CeSar Property Owners Corporation from close to the time of its inception as an organization and before that when we were a small group of neighbors meeting informally, often at Jim's home. Jim preferred working behind the scenes, often performing tasks and helping others without revealing his identity.



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A Tribute to Jim Breslin (cont.)



As his family grew, so did his home on South Maritana, where Marie maintained fabulous plantings to delight the entire neighborhood. While continuing to enjoy sailing, Jim took on another hobby: hunting. He spent many a weekend at his beloved camp, seldom killing anything (or anyone!) but building another group of close-knit friends. His Boat Parade Parties were legendary. The guest list was all encompassing and he and Marie welcomed everyone who showed up, invited or not!

The news of his illness was devastating but Jim continued to soldier on for the benefit of the neighborhood, remaining active in the DCPOC despite his diagnosis. After a long and hard fought battle against unwinnable odds, Jim passed away on September 20, 2022. His wonderful wife, Marie, and three of his four children were by his side. His oldest daughter, Kristi, was en route from New Zealand when Jim breathed his last breath. Jim was also the extraordinarily proud and loving grandfather of six amazing grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2023 at 2:30pm at Bay Pines National Cemetery (10000 Bay Pines Blvd, St. Petersburg) followed by a Celebration of Life at the Gulfport Yacht Club (4638 Del Rio Way S, Gulfport).

” ***Home is the Sailor, Home from the Sea and The Hunter is Home from the Hill. Jim, we will all miss you.***

-A Tribute to Jim Breslin was contributed by Lydia Castle



2023 Membership Dues

As a reminder, all property owners within the Don CeSar Place subdivision are automatically Members of the Don Ce-Sar Property Owners Corporation. Payment of annual membership dues grants residents the right to vote in DCPOC elections and on important topics brought to a general vote. 2023 annual membership dues are \$40 per residence. As a reminder, annual membership dues are waived for residents over 85 years of age.

HOW TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP DUES? There are three easy ways to pay.

- 1 / To pay by mail, make a check payable to DCPOC and mail to DCPOC, P.O. Box 67015, St Petersburg, FL 33736;
- 2 / To pay in person (cash or check), reach out to Becky Purple or other board members and they will be happy to pick it up from you.
- 3 / To pay online, visit: <https://doncesarproperty.fnpcares.com/give>



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

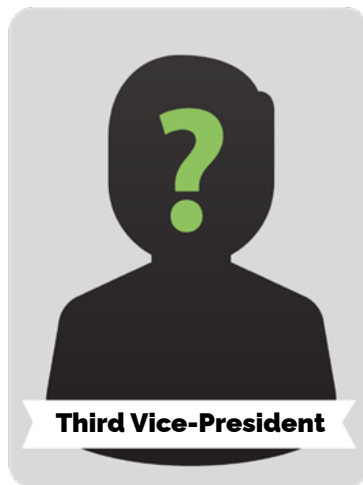
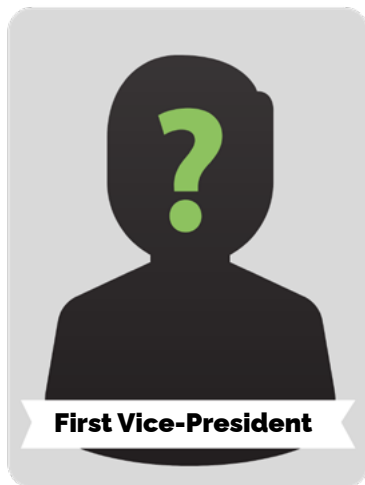
On February 21, 2022, DCPOC Membership voted to adopt revised ByLaws. One of the changes in the revised ByLaws was to hold staggered elections of the DCPOC Board of Directors. Therefore, there are three board positions that will be voted upon at the February 13, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting.

As a reminder, in order to become eligible to vote, membership dues must be paid on or before 6:00pm on February 13, 2023.



The three positions up for election are:

- First Vice-President
- Third Vice-President
- Recording Secretary



If you are interested in learning more about the positions, visit our website (www.dcpoc.org), MEMBERS TAB then scroll to the link for CURRENT MEMBERS BYLAWS. See Articles III and IV for information about board positions and the election process.

Nominees wishing to run for office must be a paid DCPOC member in good standing and must submit their written notice of candidacy to the Election Committee Chairperson no later than January 4, 2023. The Election Committee Chairperson and committee members will be announced via email and on the DCPOC website no later than December 15, 2022.

Committee News

Fun Committee

The DCPOC Fun Committee, made up of residents **Janice and Randy Will, Carolyn Zaleski and Becky Purple**, have been working hard to bring some fun events to our neighborhood and community. The first event, the **First Annual DCPOC Halloween Pet Parade**, was a huge success! We had approximately 60 pets, along with their human companions, participate in the parade.

Many local businesses contributed to the success of the parade by donating prizes, offering food and beverages during the event and donating their time. Businesses in our neighborhood stepped up in a big way! The **Don Cesar Hotel** donated a one-night hotel stay and pet-related Don Cesar items to be used as prizes and advertised the event to members of The Don Club, neighborhood resident **Fran Berishaj** and his food truck **TOAST: Gourmet Sandwiches** fed us well, neighborhood resident **Neil Russo** and his business **Nauti Kayak** donated a kayak adventure, and residents **Mary Beattie, Jeff Rzewnicki, Jim Thull, and Michael Welch** volunteered their time during the event. **Linda Chaney**, Member of the Florida House of Representatives, **Chrysa Dunser**, DVM with Hyde Park Veterinary Clinic and **Susan Preston**, Owner of Evander Preston volunteered as judges.

To see a full list of event supporters, visit our website (www.dcpoc.org). Fun was had by all!

More Fun Committee Updates on page 6.

Please help us to Light up the Neighborhood!

Don CeSar Place will be entering the city-wide competition for the best decorated neighborhood. Judging will be conducted each evening between **December 12th through December 19th**. The neighborhood with the best holiday decor will win \$1,000 and the one individual home from each of the four St Pete Beach districts will win a \$75 gift card. **Let's light this place up Clark Griswold style!**



If you are interested in joining the fun and volunteering for the Fun Committee or during an event, please reach out to a member of the committee or a member of the DCPOC Board.

M&N Stewardship Committee

Each of us now formally has rights to the private beach lots known as parcels M and N. Now that DCPOC has title to the properties, a number of important and complex items have to be addressed and the M&N Stewardship Committee has been hard at work on them. The committee has provided input on the commercial use agreements we are working on with the two hotel properties that are part of Don Cesar Place. Additionally the M&N Stewardship Committee has researched and recommended a rational, uniform approach to signage that helps to protect our private property. The issues surrounding these properties are significant and involve a number of stakeholders; of course decisions to be made require the input of the residents so look for us to solicit your opinion and feedback in the weeks ahead.



Flooding Committee

On September 12, 2022, during the St Pete Beach Budget Workshop, the City Commission voted to reallocate \$780,000.00 towards flood mitigation in the Don Cesar Place neighborhood. The City Commission recognized, after a plea from our President Betty Rzewnicki, the many issues and failures that have been occurring along the spillways. The city will be meeting with the DCPOC Flooding Committee to discuss a plan on addressing the flooding and how to best use the funds set aside.

The committee has also been searching for additional funds to help support a living shoreline project in the neighborhood. We reached out to Tom Reis with Environmental Science Associates, ESA, to evaluate the seawalls throughout the neighborhood. Tom was able to coordinate a meeting with the Tampa Bay Estuary as a potential funder to the project. We were fortunate the Flooding Committee, City of St Pete Beach and Tampa Bay Estuary met and discussed applying for funds by the end of this year for the engineered plans on building a living shoreline for the neighborhood. We hope to build this public private partnership in hopes to protect the neighborhood from ongoing flooding.



/// Protect St. Pete Beach

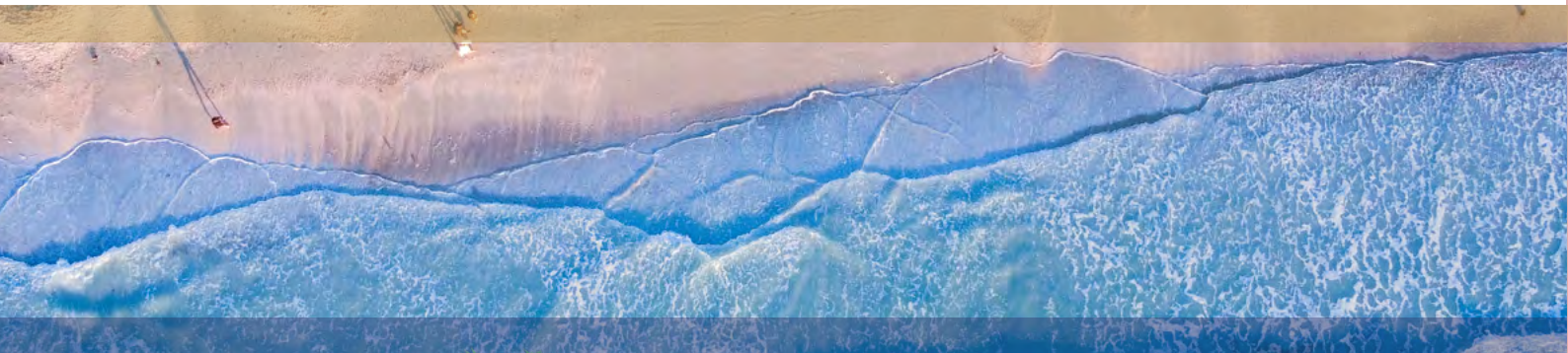
The Protect St Pete Beach committee's main goal is to protect the quality of life of St Pete Beach residents, to protect us from overdevelopment, to protect St Pete Beach from becoming the next Clearwater Beach, Daytona, or Miami. Our Island cannot handle any more traffic. Our streets, our infrastructure, and our resources are strained to the limit.

The Protect St Pete Beach committee has been working to fund independent studies, by independent firms that residents can trust, rather than a firm that the developers also use. The Protect St Pete Beach committee has conducted independent traffic studies and we have engaged the services of attorneys, consultants, and planners with a proven track record of standing up for residents' rights rather than lobbying for developers.

St Pete Beach is on the verge of multiple massive hotel expansion projects. When do we stop and say enough is enough?

For more information or to support Protect St Pete Beach efforts, please visit:

www.protectstpetebeach.com



Fun Committee: Holiday Kick-Off Gathering

The Fun Committee hosted a neighborhood Holiday Kick-Off Gathering at the Don Vista. The event was attended by DCPOC members who enjoyed getting to know one another.



Join the fun on Facebook!

The Don CeSar Property Owners Corporation private Facebook group is exclusively for property owners of Don Ce-Sar Place. Stay informed of upcoming neighborhood social events and connect with your neighbors! Join the group using the QR Code below or visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1245970919480478>



AROUND TOWN

- ▶ Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 10, 2022, 8:00-10:00am
St Pete Beach Community Center (\$10 fee, prior registration required www.stpetebeach.org)
- ▶ Light up the Neighborhood (judging) - December 12-19, 2022 after dark
- ▶ Bonfire on the Beach - Thursday, December 15, 2022, 6:00-8:00pm Downtown Pass-a-Grille
- ▶ Sirens and Santa - Friday, December 16, 2022 around Lazarillo Park
- ▶ Mistletoe Market - Saturday, December 17, 2022, 10:00am - 2:00pm at Horan Park

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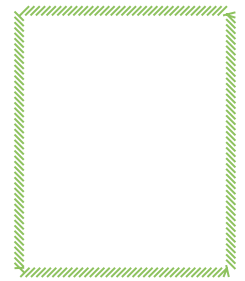
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A NEWSLETTER FOR
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NEIGHBORHOOD

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DCPOC CALENDAR

**Light up the Neighborhood
(judging)**
December 12-19, 2022 after dark

Annual Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023
6:00 PM
St. Pete Beach Community Center
Raymond Room

*/// Make your vote count.
Pay 2023 Annual Membership Dues now!*

