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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
ASSOCIATION**

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Our January 2023 meeting will be held on **Monday, January 16, 2023** starting at 7 pm. For our January meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom. In a few days OILA members will receive a Zoom meeting invitation by e-mail, with instructions on how to join the meeting.

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**OKALOOSA ISLAND WELCOME TRIANGLE –
CHRISTMAS 2022**





The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT – Ed Henderson



I hope you all experienced a phenomenal Holiday Season with your loved ones. Taking December off from having a meeting was a good idea as it allowed us to focus on the real reason for this busy season.

I want to begin by thanking Nancy Hunt and her team who decorated the Island. Cynthia and I left town to celebrate with relatives in the frozen Tundra and were most impressed when we returned 12/27!!!

Also many thanks for the OILA food drive where another record was set:

2022 – 643 Lbs

2021 – 468 Lbs

2020 – 255 Lbs

2019 – 234 Lbs

2023 is here and we need to set OILA goals of what we want to accomplish. 2022 was a most interesting year for OILA; the BCC Santa stated they would give us an increased sidewalk area that we've requested for several years and Storm Water Improvements on Santa Rosa Blvd.

However the BCC Grinch wants to remove two lanes of Santa Rosa Blvd's western mile which the greater number of residents are against. While we have not given up on lane reduction, we need to come together with our plan on this important subject.

At the January meeting, I was unable to get a speaker, however I believe this to be a blessing as we can discuss the issues important to you and your neighbors. Remember the meeting has been changed to January 16 at 7:00 pm.

I look forward to seeing you.

Happy New Year!!!

THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS EXTENDS ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DEPUTY SHERIFF CORPORAL RAY HAMILTON, HIS CO-WORKERS AND THE RESIDENTS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY

Cpl. Ray Hamilton, a five-year veteran of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, was fatally shot on Christmas Eve after a domestic violence suspect opened fire on responding deputies from inside a home. OILA joins with Okaloosa County Sheriff Eric Aden in his following statement eulogizing Corporal Ray Hamilton, "We appreciate the endless stream of words of support that have come in for his family and his co-workers as we face this heartbreaking loss of a profoundly loved and respected friend, public servant, and hero."

Rest in peace Corporal Ray Hamilton



**BELIEVE IT OR NOT!
THERE IS A WATERFALL IN
ANTARCTICA THAT RUNS RED.**



Known as Blood Falls, this waterfall runs red due to a high concentration of iron in its water. When the iron-rich water oxidizes at the surface, it becomes blood-red, depositing rusty stains on the ice as it falls. Iron-rich hypersaline water sporadically emerges from small fissures in the ice cascades. The saltwater source is a subglacial pool of unknown size overlain by about 400 metres (1,300 ft) of ice several kilometers from its tiny outlet at Blood Falls. The reddish deposit was found in 1911 by the Australian geologist Thomas Griffith Taylor.



**TOTAL RAINFALL
FOR DECEMBER
2022: 3.6 Inches**

Dec 11...0.2 inches
Dec 12...0.1 inches
Dec 14...0.5 inches
Dec 15...0.1 inches
Dec 20...0.8 inches
Dec 30...1.9 inches

Avg Rainfall for
December **4.8 inches**
Variance to Average:
-1.2 inches

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0 inches**
January Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
January Record Low**4° F** (1985)
Jan Avg Water Temperature....**64°**

February Avg Rainfall.....**5.8 inches**
February Record High.....**80° F** (1980)
February Record Low**11° F** (1951)
Feb Avg Water Temperature. **64° F**

YTD Variance**- 14.3 inches**
Year to Date Rainfall..... **49.7 inches**
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1 inches**

**JOIN THE
LEASEHOLDERS!
LET YOUR
OPINIONS
BE HEARD!**

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

**CLICK ON THE
ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE:**

WWW.OILAWEB.COM

OR

**CONTACT JIM SIMPSON at
(850) 585-2116**

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SANLEANNA@COX.NET



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR December 2022: The OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received and reviewed the following during November 2022 and upon review and adherence to the OILA Covenants, has approved the following project(s):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/POC/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance & Approved</u>
12/06		3	Commodore's Landing BoD Commodore's Landing Condo	Walkway Repairs	Yes
12/09		3	C. Connelly The Breakers Condo	Balcony Handrails Replacement	Yes
12/13		4	Owners Assoc. Turtle Walk Condo	Window Replacement, Building Repaint	Yes
12/28	150	4	R. Montalto 423 Caviar Dr	Car Port Demo	Yes

Special Notes: The OILA ARC instructions for your project are located on the OILA website:

[Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association - OILA - Architecture Review](#)

Please read and follow the instructions for submission of an OILA ARC application:

1. OILA ARC review package:
 - 1.1. Completed OILA ARC application,
 - 1.2. Survey plat of the property,
 - 1.3. Overlaid illustration of the project on a copy of the survey plat.
 - 1.4. Other supporting documents* (drawings, plans, specifications, etc.) (*If these are large files, they can be submitted separately).
 - 1.5. (Combine the files into one file for submission to the ARC, either in MS Word or Adobe PDF format.)
2. Email the completed ARC application file to the OILA ARC for review at OILAARC@yahoo.com.

The ARC applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and the review will be completed within 2 weeks of a completed application. (Note: The ARC no longer holds meetings in-person/zoom meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month)

DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – November 11, 2022 Membership Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ed Henderson at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse with Secretary John Donovan moderating via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Louis Belanger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. ROLL:** Board Members Present: Ed Henderson (President), Dr. Frank Adcock, Louis Belanger, David Jones and Jesse Hunt. Director Jack Pous advised the Board he could not attend this Meeting. President Ed Henderson announced the presence of a quorum.
- II. MINUTES:** Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Frank Adcock, to approve the draft June 27, 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes. The Motion to approve the June 27, 2022 Minutes was passed unanimously. Secretary John Donovan then made a motion, seconded by Louis Belanger to approve the draft September 17, 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes. The Motion to approve the September 17, 2022 Minutes was passed unanimously.
- III. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Please see Attachment 1 for the full Treasurer's Report, presented in person by Treasurer Jim Simpson. David Jones moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to reimburse Jim Simpson for his Treasurer's expenses, which was seconded by Frank Adcock and unanimously adopted.
- IV. JIM SIMPSON PROGRAMS AT CHRISTMAS:** Christmas Food Drive and Firefighters' Foster Child Shopping Trip: Jim Simpson presented two very fine Community initiatives at this time of year, the Christmas Food Drive, open for food donations starting December 5 and concluding December 21, with a 2022 goal of 550# of donated food, compared to 460# donated last year; and the Firefighters' Foster Child Shopping Trip, with contributions to this program, where Island firefighters take individual local foster children shopping for Christmas, to be made by check to the Firefighters, which can be dropped off at the Fire Station.
- V. NANCY HUNT ISLAND RESIDENCE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS PROGRAMS:** Triangle/Median Display, Fundraiser and Awards: Nancy Hunt advised the members regarding the 2022 Triangle and Median Decorations now in storage, and the Island Residence Christmas Decorations Awards Program, which is funded by obtaining promotional gifts from local businesses. A pickup truck and lifting volunteers are needed starting this coming Saturday. Nancy mentioned the sorry state of the Triangle with our sign taken down, and the intermittent electrical issues which impact the displays. The securing of prizes from local businesses via phone calls and visits to pick up prizes has been difficult and time-consuming, and Nancy mentioned she could use help with that. Jim Simpson volunteered, and Nancy Hunt requested a budget of \$200.00 to get all this done. Upon motion by David Sherry, seconded by Brick Bradford, the \$200.00 budget was unanimously approved.
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Standing Committees**

Architectural Committee Report: Director and ARC member Ed Henderson summarized the ARC Report from the OIL Lantern. ARC member Nick Hall referred to the open ARC position created by the resignation of Brian Smith, and that OILA had applications from three candidates for that position. President Ed Henderson then introduced OILA member Brian Harrington, who briefly introduced himself, and confirmed that he was a candidate for the open ARC position previously held by Brian Smith. President Ed Henderson then announced his appointment of Brian Harrington to be a member of the OILA ARC.
- VII. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Short Term Rentals in the Island's B1 Zone; The Relationship Between OILA and Okaloosa County; The Status of the Island's Protective Covenants and Restrictions; And the Okaloosa County Lane Reduction Plan for Santa Rosa Boulevard:**

President Ed Henderson noted the absence of Director Jack Pous as a result of family health issues, and Ed proceeded to read Jack Pous' Report on where OILA stands with respect to the above complex of issues.

The Lane Reduction Plan began as a project to improve and widen the existing sidewalk on the north side of Santa Rosa Boulevard back in early 2020, but as of a County meeting on August 27, 2020, the project had gone "holistic" and potential lane reductions were introduced, along with landscaping and bike paths, by "unidentified parties." The public's response was strongly negative, and an OILA survey on lane reductions came back overwhelmingly negative.

Regardless of this, at a BCC Meeting on October 18, 2022, a Contract to design and engineer the County's Lane Reduction Plan was approved by the BCC on a 5 – 0 Commissioner vote.

"Safety" was stated to be a key reason for the vote, but no safety specifics were given, beyond possible improved

pedestrian and biker safety created by a reduction in speed limits that presumably would occur in connection with a reduction in driving lanes. The relative safety of Okaloosa Island parcel owners and residents, which would clearly be adversely impacted by a reduction in driving lanes, well expressed in print by Fire Chief Ray Strawn, did not appear to be important to the BCC in arriving at their decision.

Later in that same BCC meeting, District 2 Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel advised her fellow Commissioners that she was in possession of an audiotape made by herself and former Commissioner and Island resident Mike Mitchell, regarding the status of OILA and the Island's Protective Covenants and Restrictions and the degree to which Okaloosa County is obligated to OILA and obligated by the Protective Covenants and Restrictions. Jack Pous has requested a copy of a transcript of that audiotape and was assured by the County that a transcript would be provided to him, likely with some redactions.

In this context, Jack Pous discussed the possibility of retaining a Florida licensed attorney to advise OILA on its status, and on the status of the Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions, in both cases with Okaloosa County. Jack Pous further recommended that two ad hoc committees be set up within OILA, one committee to pursue clarity on the subject of the County's relationship with OILA and the Island's Protective Covenants and Restrictions; and the second committee to challenge the County's Santa Rosa Boulevard Lane Reduction Plan. David Sherry advised OILA of the irony of the Destin Fire Department's statement, connected with requesting a new fire station, that fire engines and ambulances can blow their horns loudly, but motor vehicles in front of them either can't or won't move over to make room for the emergency vehicles.

David Sherry then offered comments on the likelihood of the Mike Mitchell/Commissioner Ketchel audiotape being subject to Florida's "Sunshine"/Public Records Act mandatory disclosure requirements, and David Sherry confirmed that any County charges in connection with the disclosure of the audiotape would be nominal.

After a review of Jack Pous' four topics as presented by Ed Henderson, Frank Adcock discussed the risks associated with parties trying to circumvent the Protective Covenants and Restrictions, and the question of whether OILA has the standing to take legal action to uphold the Protective Covenants and Restrictions against attempts to circumvent them. The main obstacle was, how can OILA, with \$25,000 in the bank, afford to retain a high-quality attorney to issue an opinion on as complex topic as this. In this context, Brick Bradford discussed the case of OILA V. Hayes, which upheld the binding effect of the Protective Covenants and Restrictions on Okaloosa County, but only after an appeal to the Circuit Court in Tallahassee. The point was then made that County Attorney Lynn Hoshihara had issued her opinion that the Short-Term Rental restrictions applicable to Island property zoned B1 were binding on all parcel owners, and that therefore the County was upholding the Protective Covenants and Restrictions.

Next, an extended discussion involving Frank Adcock, Brick Bradford and Ed Henderson involving the expectations of those purchasing property and raising families specifically in the "quaint" parcels zoned B1 on the Island, in reliance on the enforceability of the Protective Covenants and Restrictions. Reference was made to the fact that the current challenge to the short-term rentals prohibition, is being by a property owner within B1, seeking a loophole to get around that short term rentals prohibition, and that challenge is now being defended by the County. The subject then changed to the BCC vote in favor of the County's Lane Reduction Plan, and the BCC's response to the questions posed by OILA member Barbara Secondi, especially the question of what are the reasons why the County is attempting to reduce Santa Rosa Boulevard from four lanes to two lanes, at all? The Commissioners had very little reaction, other than Chairman Mel Ponder indicating the engineers "told us so," This was followed by Barbara Secondi's second question, was there any precedent within Okaloosa County when County action has reduced lane access for affected property owners by 50%? Chairman Ponder's response was "No."

The meeting concluded with an extended discussion led by Frank Adcock and Jesse Hunt, as to the possibility the long-term plans by Okaloosa County to turn the Island into a version of Destin, with tall condominiums on both on sides of Santa Rosa Boulevard with the associated increased tax revenue for the County. The counterpoint was, the Lane Reduction Plan really would not seem to support large condominiums on both sides of Santa Rosa Boulevard. Louis Belanger added the point about the weird twist made by the 14-foot cart path into a neighborhood with a golf cart business nearby.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Brick Bradford made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Sherry, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM, which motion was unanimously adopted.

John S. Donovan
OILA Secretary

TREASURER’S REPORT: OCTOBER--NOVEMBER 14, 2022

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 350

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 25,636.85

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF September 12, 2022.....\$ 24,127.52

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT

Membership dues.....	\$	2,594.00
U.S. Mail.....	\$	226.50
Donation.....	\$	<u>82.00*</u>
Total... .	\$	2,902.50

*Frank & Shelia Adcock

EXPENDITURES:

Payment to Jim Simpson for the cost of stamps to mail the October 2022 OIL Lanter (64 copies at .60 cents each).....	\$	38.40
Payment to Jim Simpson for the cost of renewing the OILA agreement for Zoom services for 2022-2023.....	\$	<u>149.90</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$	188.30

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for the cost of stamps to mail the November 2022 OIL Lanter (60 copies at .84 cents each).....	\$	<u>50.40</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:	\$	50.40

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES
& EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF October 10, 2022\$ 26,791.32**

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF SEPT 12, 2022.....\$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022,\$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF SEPT 12, 2022\$ 88.05

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022\$ 88.05

SUMMARY: November 14, 2022 Fund Balances

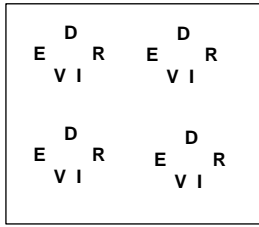
-- Association’s Discretionary Fund Balance.	\$	26,791.32
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$	1,421.28
-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$	<u>88.05</u>

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 28,300.65

Respectfully submitted
Jim Simpson, Treasurer

WUZZLE PUZZLES - What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are available on page 8 of this newsletter.

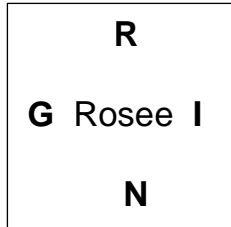
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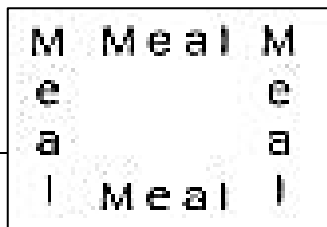
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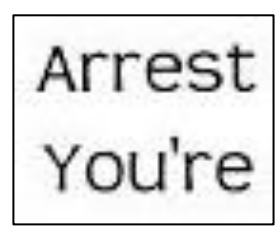
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Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



WHERE DID THAT BRAND NAME COME FROM?

Brand Name

Origin of the Name

Amazon From the world’s most voluminous river for a Site with hoped for voluminous sales

Apple..... Steve Job’s favorite fruit, simple and not cold or unapproachable like IBM.



Bic..... Marcel Bich used his own name but dropped the “H” so as not to offend.

Caterpillar A photographer said the tractor looked like a creeping caterpillar and the name stuck.

Coca-Cola Made from coca leaves and kola nuts - “coca-kola”



GoogleA misspelling of the math term “googol”

Häagen Dazs Completely made-up name that sounds Northern European and rich.

PepsiNamed for digestive enzyme pepsin.

Sun Microsystems ... **S**tanford **U**niversity **N**etworks.

ToyotaFounder’s name, Toyoda, turned out to be hard to spell.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – JANUARY

January 1, 1890 - The first Rose Bowl Parade was held. The first Rose Bowl football game was played in 1902, to help pay for the cost of the parade.

January 6, 1975 - Television game show "Wheel of Fortune" premieres.

January 12, 1971 - Television comedy "All in the Family" premieres.



January 14, 1784 - The United States of America ratifies a treaty with England ending the Revolutionary war.

January 27, 1926 - John Logie Baird, gives the first public demonstration of a television system in London.

January 28, 1986 - The space shuttle Challenger explodes just after liftoff.

January 30, 1943 – World War II: German Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus surrenders to the Soviets at Stalingrad, followed 2 days later by the remainder of his Sixth Army, ending one of the war’s fiercest battles.

January 30, 1969 - The Beatles make their last public performance giving an impromptu concert on the roof of the London recording studio.

TRIVIA CRAWLERS

- ✓ Thomas Selfridge was the first person killed in a powered, fixed-wing aircraft. On September 17, 1908, his plane, piloted by Orville Wright, crashed after takeoff. Wright survived.
- ✓ The dark-purple color of a giraffe’s tongue protects it from getting sunburned while the animal eats leaves from tall trees.
- ✓ The word “nerd” comes from Dr. Seuss, who first used the term in his 1950 book *If I ran the Zoo*.
- ✓ A 100-pound woman in high heels exerts more pressure per square inch (psi) when walking than a 6,000-pound elephant. The elephants clocks in at around 75psi, but the woman can apply approximately 1,5000 psi to the heel point of her shoe.
- ✓ The first reported car theft in America took place in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1905.
- ✓ Thirty-seven percent of U.S. coffee drinkers use milk and sugar. Twenty-on percent drink it black.
- ✓ In 1952 Albert Einstein called income taxes “the most difficult thing to understand.”
- ✓ A Feast of the Best Oxymorons: Science Fiction, Jumbo Shrimp, Original Copy, Baby Grand, Friendly Takeover, Plastic Glasses, Random Order, Open Secret, Inside Out, Good Grief, Upside Down, Even Odd.s
- ✓ In 39 of the 50 states in the United States, the travel industry is the largest single employer.

WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Four Wheel Drive

Wuzzle No. 2



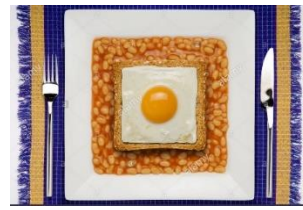
Thousands of in-Flight Starlings Form the Shape of a Bird, or "ONE IN A MILLION"

Wuzzle No. 3



Ring Around the Rosie

Wuzzle No. 4



Square Meal

Wuzzle No. 5



You're Under Arrest

THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FOOD DRIVE SETS A NEW RECORD: 643 POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED!

We set a record! A total of **643 pounds** of food was donated this year for the Sharing & Caring Food Bank in Ft Walton Beach. The goal this year was 550 pounds which we exceeded by 17%. 468 pounds were donated last year which we increased by 37% this year. Thanksto the Islanders who helped us achieve our goal to help the families of Fort Walton Beach!



Okaloosa Island Fire Department Firefighters (left to right) **Sam Wilcox, Moritz Mailandt, "CJ" Carl Richardson and John Kelly** give a **Thumbs-Up** after weighing and loading for delivery to the Sharing & Caring food bank **643** pounds of food donated by Island residents. The Okaloosa Island Fire Department served as the food donation campaign's drop off point.

ISLANDERS DECORATE THE MEDIANS ON SANTA ROSA BLVD FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

In addition to decorating the Welcome Triangle at the entrance to Santa Rosa Blvd, the Island Christmas team, headed by **Nancy Hunt**, also decorated the medians on Santa Rosa Blvd. Examples of the decorations are displayed below. Special Thanks to **Alan & Carmen Parker** for their hard work - they refreshed all the decorations with bright new paint and added glitter to make them sparkle and are responsible for installing all the banners down our entire island, to **Susan Wall** for help getting decorations to **Jackie Sterling** for help with snowflakes and to **Paul Barkus**, owner of **Wild Willy's**, for allowing us to use his storage unit.



TEXAS SIZE SNOWFLAKES



JOY TO THE WORLD



SURFIN SANTA



TIP OF THE HAT TO THE PARKERS FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK IN DECORATING HE MEDIANS, MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN-UP!

OKALOOSA ISLAND CHRISTMAS 2022 DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

THE FOLLOWING ISLAND AND LOCAL BUSINESSES DONATED PRIZES FOR THE CONTEST
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Business	Donation	Business	Donation
AJ's	Three \$10 Gift Cards	Jake & Henry's.....	\$50 Gift Card
Angler's	Two \$25 Gift Cards & Two Tee Shirts	Old Bay Steamer.....	Two \$50 Gift Cards
Cash's Liquors.....	Three Bottles of Wine	Pirate Cruise.....	Cruise for Two
Catawampus.....	Two Tickets for two	Rick's on the Island.....	Two \$25 Gift Cards
Crusin Tiki Bar.....	Two Tickets	Salt Water Restaurants:	
Dolphin Cruise.....	Two Tickets	- The Crab Trap.....	\$25 & \$50 Gift Cards
Emerald Coast Science Center.....	Six Tickets – Basket & Wine	- Floyd's.....	\$25 & \$50 Gift Cards
Gulfarium.....	Four Tickets	- Rockin Tacos.....	\$25 & \$50 Gift Cards
The Island.....	One Night Stay	Suds & Cinema.....	Four Tickets
		Wild Willy's Adventure Zone.....	Three \$25 Gift Cards

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

1st Place: 709 Sailfish Bob & Michele Seitz

The Island
1 night stay
\$100 Old Bay
Steamer
\$50 Jake
& Henry's
2 Tickets
Catawampus
2 Tickets
Suds &
Cinema



2nd Place 708 Sailfish Alan & Carmen Parker

\$75 Crab Trap
One Night Stay
2 Catywampus
Tickets
\$25 Wild Willys
2 Tickets Suds
Bottle of
Wine Cash's



3rd Place 619 Pelican Drive The Brewers

\$75 Floyds
2 Tickets
Crusin Tikis
\$25 Wild
Willys
Bottle of
Wine Cash's



HONORABLE MENTION: 756 Seahorse Paula & Chris Previtte

\$50 Gift
Certificates
Wild Willy's



MOST ORIGINAL: 514 Dory Ave Alisa & Bobby Chaffee

Gift Basket,
Wine & 4
Passes
Emerald
Coast
Science
Center



REASON FOR THE SEASON: Bldg 2 El Matador Cindy Gewinner

2 Tickets
Dolphin
Cruise
2 Tickets
Gulfarium



GRISWALD AWARD: 841 Santa Rosa Court Terry Anaballi

\$25 Anglers
Gift Card &
Tee Shirt



HOUSE BEAUTIFUL: 902 Santa Rosa Blvd Ward Surginer

\$25 Anglers
Gift Card &
Tee Shirt
2 Tickets
Gulfarium



MOST WHIMSICAL 907 Santa Rosa Blvd The Vo Family

Photo Not Available

Bottle of Wine - Cash's
\$25 Gift Card – Wild Willys

MOST ARTISTIC: 529 Dolphin Paula & Gary Hudson

\$50 Gift
Cards
Rocking
Tacos



THE THREE JUDGES

Two \$25 Gift Cards – Ricks
\$25 Gift Card – Rockin Tacos

A RECORD 17 FOSTER CHILDREN ARE TAKEN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BY ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS!!



Editor's note: A Big Thanks to OILA Donors and to our Island Firefighters (the BEST!)

Recently Okaloosa Island Professional Firefighters paired up with Children in Crisis to provide assistance for those in need for the Holidays. Over \$3400.00 was raised within the community and 17 children participated in this year's event. "The best Christmas ever" was overheard many times during the event.



January 16, 2023 Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, January 16, 2023 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: For our January 2023 meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Roll Call of Board Members:** Ed Henderson
- III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:** John Donovan - Approval of the draft Minutes for the November 11, 2022 meeting
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Jim Simpson:
- V.** Update on Jim Simpson's Programs at Christmas: Christmas Food Drive and Firefighters Foster Child Shopping Trip.
- VI.** Update on Nancy Hunt's Christmas Decorations Programs: Triangle/Median Displays, Fundraiser and Decorations Awards
- VII. Standing Committee Reports:**
 - Architectural Review Committee Report for December 2022 (printed in this newsletter and for information only)
- VIII. New and Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Status of Short-Term Rentals in Island B1 Zone
 - B. Possible Retention of Legal Counsel to Advise on County Relationship
 - C. Possible ad hoc Committee on County, PCRs and OILA
 - D. Possible ad hoc Committee to Challenge County Lane Reduction Plan
- IX. Announcements, Speakers and Programs:**
- X. Adjournment**