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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### **AUGUST 2014**

### STRANGE HALL UNRAVELED

As we anticipate the demolition of the building that houses Strange Hall, it seems appropriate that we look back on why the Pablo Towers community room was named Strange Hall. Many people question the name, as it connotes thoughts of things that are not normal or expected.

Charles H. Strange was the first President of Beaches Christian Service Corps, Inc., the founders and owners of Pablo Towers. It was through his efforts and those of the other early directors that this facility exists. Looking back on the circuitous government process that finally resulted in the building of Pablo Towers, we can only stand in amazement that someone who was simply volunteering his retirement years to this cause did not throw in the towel early on.

HUD was located in Atlanta at that time, and much travel was required to meet with them. HUD programs were phased out during the process. Every year from 1969 to 1971, HUD denied our application for a federal loan stating that our plan was not feasible as their market survey showed there were not enough eligible people to guarantee full occupancy, even though we had a list of 800 preapplicants.

There were financial hurtles. There was no money, and even a \$1,000 deposit required by the contractor as a retainer seemed like an impossibility. But Mr. Strange prevailed, the retainer was reduced to a small token amount, and the process continued.

There were Jacksonville Beach electrical permit problems; the city held up the occupancy license due to a last minute issue.

In his farewell speech to the Board of Directors in early 1974, Mr. Strange admits he almost had a nervous breakdown while pursuing the dream of Pablo Towers. One of the other directors noted in a local newspaper article that she believed a younger man would have been so discouraged that he would have given up the battle for the loan.

But the dream of Charles H. Strange and other members of the Beaches Council of Christian Men triumphed in 1973, and the "Recreation Center" of Pablo Towers was appropriately named for Mr. Strange.



### **NEW APARTMENTS—NOT ASSISTED LIVING**

It is the intention of Elderly Housing Management Corporation to maintain Pablo Towers as an <u>independent living community</u> for lower income seniors.

Any plans that are implemented in the future will not change our HUD status.

The additional 15 <u>market-rate</u> units that will be built in the adjoining newly-constructed building will also be independent living apartments. There will be no assisted living housing.

Please do not listen to hearsay or gossip that contradicts any of the facts listed above. If you have any questions, please address them to Debra Waters, Operations Manager.

## WELCOME TO THE TOWERS Jim Ring

### **WELLNESS CENTER HEALTH TIP**



If you happen to be traveling this month to get away from this Florida heat, make sure you plan for anything you might need while you are gone, including special food and medicine needs, and try to pack light!

Free coffee available Monday—Friday starting at 10:00 AM In the Wellness Center.

### **PABLO TOWERS AUXILIARY**

### RESIDENT BIRTHDAY PARTY

MONDAY August 25 6:00 PM



Sponsored by Neptune Baptist Church

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIENDS**

Helen Bizzarri August 7
Eileen Smith August 7
Paul George August 8
Floyd Wilson August 9
Barbara Miller August 14
Jackie Boesger August 18
Karen Bolster August 20
Pauline Graham August 22
Margaret Ricketts August 23
Tricia Dyer August 23
Ginny Pfaff August 24
Betty Smith August 26
Marj Greene August 26

August counts the Peridot as its birthstone according to the American Gem Society.



# FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK Patsy Logsdon Evelyn Maxie Evelyn McGovern Linda Ryon

### **JULY WII BOWLING SCORES**

Winner—Richard Carey	157
Lois Sullivan	144
Sue Casper	139
Alice Gillis	133
Sandee Connolly	118
Al Boone	



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### **HUMIDITY AND HOT AIR**

During these hot and humid summer months, please **<u>DO NOT</u>** crack your windows open or let your sliding glass doors to the outside stand open.

The humidity coming into your apartment when your door or windows are open causes vents to sweat and excess moisture to form on your ceilings and walls.

Please **<u>DO</u>** run your air conditioner. The air conditioner helps to circulate air and prevents condensation from forming inside.

# BOOK CLUB MEETS TWICE MONTHLY- Escape to the World of Knowledge

Did you know Pablo Towers has a Book Club that meets twice monthly? Why not join them to discuss your recent favorite read? The purpose of the club has also been expanded to include other knowledge-based information sharing such as cultural experiences or other life enriching experiences.

The next meeting is Friday, August 15, at 11:00 AM. Location of the meetings to be announced. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Lobby.

#### **POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

"A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug."

~ Patricia Neal

We don't understand entirely why positive thoughts impact our bodies in positive ways; we just know that they do. Research has shown that people who are sick improve more quickly when they have a positive attitude rather than a negative attitude. And we all know the power of the place-bo effect.

A positive attitude by itself may not cure an illness, but at the very least it helps us cope better. If a positive attitude can help us when we're sick, how might it benefit us when we're not sick?

I can face whatever comes today with a positive attitude.

From The Daily Book of Positive Quotations By Linda Picone

### **OUR VETERANS**

Are you a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran? If so, you may be eligible for a unique benefit through the Veterans Administration called Aid and Attendance which provides funding for non-medical home care assistance. There is no cost whatsoever to sign up for the benefit.

If you want to know more, please attend our information sharing session with St. Michael's Home Care:

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 1:30 PM

During the month of August when the exact date of the destruction of Strange Hall is not known, we have left Bingo and other large gatherings off of the calendar. Please watch the lobby area for announcements that pertain to the activities formerly held in Strange Hall.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL & OPEN HOUSE WELLNESS CENTER

AUGUST 20, 12:30-2:00 PM

FIRE MARSHALL "STEVE"
Will Do
VOLUNTARY APARTMENT
SAFETY INSPECTIONS
Thursday, August 14
Sign up in the Lobby if interested

The Wednesday Art Class is now being held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Father Murphy Hall 628 1st Avenue North Noon—2 PM

