

# **The Paradise Island Social Committee-Working For You**

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The Paradise Island Social Committee (PISC) is an independent corporation operating in Paradise Island to provide social and entertainment events for the residents and to enhance the quality of life in Paradise Island. The governing body consists of ten Directors, five Co-Op and five HOA, and four officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each Director is in charge of several events and each event is managed by a Chairperson. The Chairperson is assisted by helpers, as needed, to conduct the event. All of these people are residents of Paradise Island who volunteer their time, effort, and talent to make the PISC a reality. All residents of Paradise Island are members of the PISC.

When you play cards, darts, chess, shuffleboard, bocce ball, golf, bowling, horseshoes, billiards, water aerobics, and exercise; or attend a dance, craft fair, flea market, craft club, pot luck Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, Men's Club entertainment event, monthly breakfast, 4th of July celebration and Golden Anniversary: or, use the clubhouse library, computer room, Channel 732, pavilion, monthly media, and bulletin board you are receiving the benefits provided by the PISC. All this is possible because people volunteered to make it happen.

The motivation and reward these volunteers receive is a sense of being involved in something bigger than themselves. Pride and self-esteem are gained by helping others and performing a job well done. Also, working with your fellow residents of Paradise Island, creates a sense of belonging and friendship. To some people, volunteering is a natural activity; others may be reluctant to participate. Most people agree that once they got involved they enjoyed the experience. The PISC needs your help to continue to provide the level of service that you now receive.

The profit received by the PISC from your patronage of the events goes back into the community to support the free events, and provide enhancements to the community like resurfaced shuffleboard courts, painted benches, new clubhouse tables and chairs, computer equipment, food pantry, clubhouse decorations, welcome lady, and sunshine lady.

Even if you never take advantage of any of the events and services provided by the PISC, you still receive a benefit from their existence. These PISC activities enhance the quality of life in Paradise Island. People who are looking for a place to live are influenced to move to our community because of these activities. The increased demand for the purchase of housing in our community supports the value of your home.