

## *You have two choices on Monday, Nov. 16, Beachcombers.*

### *Do you want to go to*

1) Venice, Italy for the day – The cost is \$4,974.32, (and, yes, Sharon could arrange that!)

**OR**

2) Venice, Florida (on the Gulf) for the day – The cost is \$25.

If you are considering number 1, keep in mind that although the gondoliers are pretty handsome, there are no beaches there.

The rest of us will proceed directly to Venice, Fla. to Sharky's on the Pier, voted #1 Florida Best Beach Bar for 2013. Enjoy a delicious lunch and a peaceful swim or leisurely stroll along the shore.

You can check out their menu at: [www.sharkysonthepier.com/menu](http://www.sharkysonthepier.com/menu)

It is important to note that there is no lifeguard at this beach. Please consider that fact in deciding whether you wish to swim that day.

Then there's the *Pièce de résistance !!*

We'd like to share with you a very special event that will be happening in Venice. They will be hosting the Sarasota Chalk Festival, a feast for your eyes, senses and taste buds, following this year's theme 'Eat, Drink and Be Merry!' Hundreds of pavement artists from around the world come together and use the pavement as their canvas and pastel chalk as their medium to create breathtaking oversized traditional and 3D illusionistic paintings.

We'll visit the Venice Municipal Airport Fairground where, over the prior weekend, artists will have created oversized masterpieces of mouthwatering delicacies, happy times and thirst quenching imagery. The festival is competing for another Guinness World Record—the largest chalk drawing in the world—with renowned artist, Kurt Wenner. Debuting at this event will be a vertical box constructed of four 8' x 20' walls specifically for Senior Citizens to create pastel paintings and chalk art on oversized chalk boards. Luckily, this part of the event will be finalized before those of us who can't even draw stick men arrive.

While entry is free for all visitors, they sincerely appreciate generous donations (\$5 or more is suggested) to help offset the city's \$2 million cost to host the festival. Note, too, that some featured events will have a cost including elevating visitors above ground level or viewing featured artwork. You can read more about this festival at: <https://chalkfestival.org/>

We will be there on the last day of the chalk festival when all the art is completed and—more importantly--everyone under age 65 has returned to work or school. We hope this will make for a pleasant, uncrowded atmosphere. We will start running buses from Sharky's to the festival every half hour beginning at 1:00, with the last buses departing from Sharky's to pick-up all remaining members at the festival at 3:50. That will permit you to spend as much, or as little, time as you like at the festival.

At 4:30 we will return to Phillippi Creek Oyster Bar for a dinner featuring the dishes shown on the reservation form.

Our club members said they really enjoyed their delicious meals and good service there two year ago.

To help the restaurant manager prepare dishes timely and get us on our way to home, we are asking you (below) to indicate at this time the dish that you believe you would best enjoy. We are not asking you to commit or pay for it at this time; just help us give the restaurant a general idea of the numbers of each meal we might be ordering that day.

Finally, we need to ask for your commitment to our BBC Christmas Party on Dec. 14. We have booked the

## *Hurricane Dockside Grill*

on a riverfront in Tavares for our holiday lunch and musical entertainment.

It's colorful and fun and the perfect setting for a beach-themed holiday party. They offer both indoor and outdoor seating.

This Grill is on Hwy. 441 in Tavares, just about 4 blocks past what used to be The Lake Square Mall (now called Via Point). We will help to form carpools for the half-hour drive from the center of the Villages.

**The BBC treasury is planning to finance half of the \$20 cost for your lunch, including your choice of one of the 6 entrees listed below, and tax, tip, and coffee, tea, & soft drink.**

**In addition, the club has booked and will pay for the always fun performance by a Village favorite, Suzie Casta.**

**Do bring along either your dancing or toe-tapping shoes and join her in some great fun.**

**All bad singers will be offered a seat on a departing boat!**

To join us on this trip to Venice and/or to the Christmas Party, print the reservation form and mail it along with your check (made out to the BBC) for \$25 per person (plus \$10 for the Christmas Party) to the address below. Please make sure any combination check clearly explains what it represents. On November 2, we will conduct our lottery and you will be notified shortly thereafter of your seat confirmation or waitlist status.

**Barefoot Beachcombers Club ('BBC' will also suffice)**

**333 Colony Blvd. #110, The Villages, FL 32162**

**Print and mail only the below page.**

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I want to go to Venice, Italy for \$4,974.32 (CASH only enclosed)) \_\_\_\_\_

I want to go to Venice Fla. for \$25 per person (check here) \_\_\_\_\_ How many people? \_\_\_\_\_

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1-4 people with whom I'd/we'd like to be on a bus:

The dinner I'm most likely to choose—but am not committing to at this time--at Phillippi Creek is:

(Enter one check mark per person, just to help the restaurant manager prepare. Do not pay for dinner at this time.)

Lobster combination Norfolk (lobster, shrimp, scallops )with choice of parsley potatoes, rice pilaf, or sautéed vegetables accompanied with hush puppies and coleslaw \$21.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Calypso salad with choice of Salmon, Ahi Tuna, or Tilapia accompanied with tomatoes, cucumber, green beans, chick peas, sweet plantains, Key West vinaigrette \$16.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Fettuccini served with garlic bread and choice of marinara sauce or Alfredo sauce \$17.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Seafood Kabob (shrimp, grouper, lobster) with choice of parsley potatoes, rice pilaf, or sautéed vegetables accompanied with hushpuppies and coleslaw \$19.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Fried Grouper sandwich accompanied with French fries or potato chips \$14.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Shrimp salad sandwich accompanied with French fries or potato chips \$10.95 \_\_\_\_\_

N.Y. Strip sandwich accompanied with French fries \$12.95 \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we will join the fun at the **BBC Christmas Party** on Dec. 14. I/We have enclosed \$10 pp for an afternoon of food and laughter! (The club is putting up the other \$2,200.) This is the meal I wish to order:

**Shrimp basket with fries and coleslaw** \_\_\_\_\_

[Please check one for each of you](#)

**Teriyaki Salmon with broccoli and rice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Beachside Chicken (w/peppers, onion, bacon, & cheddar) with broccoli and rice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fajita Chicken Rice Bowl** \_\_\_\_\_

**Philly Cheesesteak with fries** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honey pecan grilled chicken salad** \_\_\_\_\_

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in either driving a carpool or joining one for this trip to Tavares.