



## Martin's Point Board of Directors President's Report – January 2015

At its first scheduled meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> the board voted for officers for the 2015 calendar year. I am pleased to have been elected as your new president and am grateful to have the board's confidence and support.

This year's board consists of five veterans and four new members. Based on our first meeting I can tell you that we have a strong team with a range of perspectives and opinions. However, all agree that we must act in the best interests of the broader community.

Officers include *Mary Davis* who continues as (First) Vice President. She will be assisted by Second Vice President, *Joe Staten* who is new to the board. *Karen Lurie* remains our Secretary and *Sam Cortez* who jumped in last year to take over as Treasurer (and who did an amazing job of simplifying our finances), has agreed to continue in that position.

Among our Committees, *Mary Davis* remains as ACC Chairperson. *Sandy Byberg* continues as Hospitality Chair and *Greg Nigro* (also new to the board) has accepted the position of Grounds & Maintenance Chair. *Paul Bowen* has been appointed Reception (formerly Security) Chair, and *Michael Serbousek*, Marina Chair.

Many other individuals deserve recognition for donating countless hours of their time and for playing an important role in the community. They include ACC members *Dave Stormont*, *Gary Price*, *John Finelli*, *Matt Tappero* and *Bob Schroeder*. *Marcha Thompson* greets newcomers to Martin's Point and makes them feel welcome. In addition, with her husband *John*, she does a wonderful job of decorating Martin's Point for many holidays throughout the year. *Richard Paulson*, our newsletter editor, works hard to keep us informed. Last but not least, our former Marina Chair, *Leigh Forbes*, *Richard Lee*, *John Finelli* and *Frank Spruill* continue to provide assistance in maintaining the marina.

We are blessed to have so many talented volunteers! A big thank you to all departing members of last year's board (especially *Bobbie Overton* and *Bill Myatt*), all current board members and all non-board member volunteers for their dedicated service and contributions to the community.

Many might be wondering what direction the board will take this year. Personally, I'd like to build on the foundations established last year. After hearing from you in response to the Strategic Planning Survey conducted in 2013 it was clear that our members want improved communication about the board's plans and activities and greater continuity from board to board in terms of planning (i.e., that it be long-term). They also desire that major decisions be made with input from the community. Providing financial transparency is part of good communication, as is prudent spending. Members want the board to maintain our facilities and to make both capital and no-cost improvements that enhance our community.

Of course, the board would not be as effective without the aid of a competent property management team. During their brief tenure our partners at Seaside – *Jeff and Kelly Shields*, *Greg Sherman* and *Shannon Bracy* – have just about completed the transition process. More importantly as we begin the New Year, you should have received applications for new vehicle stickers and your annual HOA fee invoice. So much more is happening behind the scenes. I applaud Seaside Management on their considerable achievements in just a few short weeks. Look for exciting updates and improvements to our website in the coming months.

I'd like to keep these reports to one page when possible, so let me end things with this wish on behalf of the board that each of you has a very peaceful, healthy and happy 2015!

Greg McMahon