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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow residents,

The beginning of the year has so far been very active in terms of projects and management issues.

The roof re-coating has been completed and is now under vendor warranty. Work on waterproofing of the planter over the cabanas is still underway with estimated completion by mid-February. Also, the refurbishing of the tennis courts which began in January should be completed by the end of this month.

Repairs on the children's playground equipment, which have been paralyzed awaiting receipt of the necessary parts from the vendor, should begin shortly, as the vendor has confirmed that the order was shipped. It is expected that the playground, closed since November, should be open once more by the end of this month.

There have been major changes in our management office. Firstly, Dondré Robins accepted the position of Assistant Property Manager and has already been with us for a couple of weeks. Dondré (or Drey for short) came to Ocean One as a temporary substitute, but it quickly became apparent that he had all the skills necessary (and more) to perform the job. For more on Dondré, please read the article "Meet your Staff" in this issue. Please feel free to come by the office at your convenience to meet Dondré in person.

A new year required drastic changes in our management office, and, after serious consideration, Ernesto Moreno was offered and accepted the position of Property Manager. Ernesto has widespread experience, coming from the military, transitioning to security and then condominium management. As he is presently the Property Manager of a Miami Beach condominium, he has committed to remain there for a couple of weeks to plan for his succession. He will begin as Manager of Ocean One on Monday, February 21st. Please join me in welcoming Ernesto and wishing him much success.

At the beginning of this month, we learned the sad news on the passing of our dear friend and longtime neighbor, Tamara "Tanya" Fried. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing her and her husband, Ben, will always remember them as the kindest, handsomest, and classiest couple you will ever meet. May they both Rest in Peace!

Respectfully, Tamara Benson

# MEET YOUR STAFF

## Dondré Robins – Assistant Property Manager

By *Hellen Soriano*

These days, Dondré Robins seems to be the exception to the rule in the South Florida area: he was actually born in Miami Beach. However, he spent his early childhood between Miami and his parent’s native country, the Bahamas, growing to love both countries.

He graduated with an associate degree in surgical technology from Everest College in Kendall and confesses that, in those days, surgery was his passion. To fulfill his dream at the time, for three (3) years he spent a great deal of time working in the operating room.

Switching gears, he moved into the hospitality and travel industry where he started as VIP and First-Class customer service agent for Air Canada. Later, he was promoted to Aircraft Services Coordinator, a job that had him supervising airport operations for the airline in both Miami International and Fort Lauderdale airports. He worked for Air Canada for eight (8) years.

Another gear switch took place when he started working for KW Property management in 2017. At that time, he once again relocated to the Bahamas for a couple of years. In Bimini he worked as Administrative Assistant for a mixed condo HOA and resort with plenty of amenities. After two (2) years there, he transferred to Aventura as Administrative Assistant

and Interim Assistant Property Manager at the private island of Privé. He was there for almost three years.

He started at Ocean One at the beginning of 2022. Among his many responsibilities, he includes:

- Ensuring all administrative functions are carried out correctly including accounting and vendor setups.
- Insurance verifications.
- Tenant and buyer applications.
- Project coordination.
- Resident relations.

As the new Assistant Property Manager at Ocean One, he says: “My goals and visions for the community are to provide exceptional customer service, bring new and innovative ideas, enhance the lifestyle experience for all residents, and maintain the first-class living standard that is Ocean One.” Very well said!

Among his hobbies, he likes to travel, enjoys cycling, writing, and swimming. If you haven’t met Dondré yet, just stop by the office and say Hi!



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## IN REMEMBRANCE OF TAMARA FRIED

Known to friends and family as Tanya or "Bobby" Tanya, Tamara Fried was born in Vilna, Poland on June 10, 1926, to Boris and Eda. Tanya moved to Riga, Latvia with her parents as a young child. With their home threatened as the Nazi army entered Latvia, the family survived the war by fleeing to Siberia. Sadly, Eda passed away in Siberia when Tanya was only 16 and Eda was 36. Tanya found comfort from a dear school friend from Riga named Rhoda whom she kept in touch with through letters, and who also lost her mother at this time. Upon returning to Riga, Tanya was introduced to Rhoda's cousin Ben Fried.

Ben and Tanya fell in love immediately and were married on June 23, 1946, at the home of Ben's parents. Their daughter Eda, named for her maternal grandmother, was born less than a year later. Tanya, Ben and Eda lived in Riga until 1957 under USSR rule but made the decision to leave in search of a greater life in a free country. Their first stop was to Lodz, Poland where they lived for 18 months before relocating briefly to Vienna, Austria, and finally to the United States in 1959. They eventually settled in Teaneck, NJ where Tanya built an extensive community of friends and put down roots, and where Barica was born in 1966. Tanya was a warm and generous friend to many cousins, nieces and nephews who moved to the US in the subsequent years and was proud to welcome friends and family into her home for holidays and reunions. Speaking many languages (Russian, Latvian, Polish, Hebrew, Yiddish, and English) afforded her the ability to connect with people from different places and she loved having many people in her life. Everyone who knew her adored her sweet nature, festive spirit, and beautiful smile.



Tanya and Ben began spending time in South Florida in the 1970s and moved there permanently in the early 1990s. Tanya loved living by the beach because it reminded her of her years in Riga, and one of her greatest joys was hosting her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in Florida. No phone call ended without boasting about the Florida forecast and an invitation to visit. Ben passed away in 2007 and Tanya lived in their home in Sunny Isles Beach, FL where she continued to host her grandchildren and great grandchildren until her passing.

She and Ben were devoted members of the Jewish community and engaged members of the Teaneck Jewish Center in NJ and Turnberry Jewish Center in Aventura, Florida. They also supported multiple Jewish organizations and Holocaust survivor support services throughout their lives.

Tanya celebrated even the small joys in life, and it wasn't uncommon for her to cling your glass and say "L'chaim! To Life!" any chance she could, even over a glass of OJ at the breakfast table. This is how we will remember her most - smiling brightly at the simple joy of our company.

Tamara Fried is survived by her daughters Eda Sorokoff (Stephen) and Barica Fried, grandchildren Caroline Sorokoff (Peter Stearn), Laura Gelman (Andrew), and Peter Sorokoff (Mariann Combs), and great grandchildren Olivia, Leo, Yael, Zoe, and Ari.

*Written by Laura Sorokoff Gelman Tamara Fried's granddaughter*

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# PORK CHOPS IN GARLIC MUSHROOM SAUCE

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds boneless pork chops
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- kosher salt and ground black pepper to taste
- ¼ cup butter, divided
- 1 (8 oz) package sliced fresh mushrooms
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups beef broth

### Directions

1. Season both sides of pork chops with paprika, salt, and pepper.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat; add 2 tablespoons butter. Sear pork chops until golden brown and no longer pink in the center, 2 to 4 minutes per side. Remove pork chops from the skillet and set aside.
3. Melt remaining butter in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and cook until golden and excess moisture evaporates, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and mustard; cook until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute.
4. Add flour to the skillet, stirring to remove any lumps. Slowly add beef broth, whisking until incorporated. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring often, until sauce thickens, about 5 minutes. Check for seasoning again.
5. Return pork chops to the skillet and cook until heated through, about 1 minute. Serve hot.



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