



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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## President's Message



**Hello Orchid Lovers,**

Perhaps like many of you, I am enjoying a tropical rain forest inside our home due to Hurricane Dorian. While bringing in many orchids, naturally quite a few lizards and frogs came along for the ride. When we talked to our children in the Midwest and told them about the hurricane preparations, our two-year old granddaughter interpreted the message to our five-year old grandson that grandma and grandpa had lizards and crocodiles in their house. They proceeded to FaceTime us because they wanted to see them. I could not find any critters at the time and had to go out on the lanai in the rain to find some lizards playing in the corner.

Hurricane Dorian is still lingering over the Bahamas and has gone from a Category 5 to a Category 3. My heart goes out to the people in the Bahamas. We should be so thankful for the many generous people in South Florida and beyond who have donated their hurricane supplies and other gifts to help. We seem to have escaped the wrath of Dorian. Floridians are a resilient bunch. We may have some sore muscles and frayed nerves, but we should be counting our blessings.

When we prepare for potential hurricanes or tropical storms approaching our area, it is a personal decision for those of us who grow all of our orchids outside as to whether or not we bring in our orchids and other garden treasures. I used to bring in everything. Now only things that may be harder for me to replace, or my personal favorites. There are still a couple hundred orchids in the house, and my husband has told me for years that I do not need one more orchid! I smile at him and say, "Okay dear—not one more orchid—how about 10 more?"

If you presently have a houseful of orchids, take the time to exam them and clean them up. Check for any pests, fungus, potting mixture that needs replaced, and weakened wires on hanging baskets. Make new labels for your orchids that have become brittle or hard to read over time in our climate. Clean up your growing area. Enjoy the beauty and fragrance of your orchids surrounding you.

The DBOS annual bus trip is rapidly approaching on September 14. There are still a few seats remaining. If you are interested in joining us, please call/text me, or call/text Kristina Brandt. Will I buy just one more orchid on the bus trip? Just one more orchid from each vendor? Will someone volunteer to distract my husband while I buy just one more (read that as 10 more)?

**Happy Summer!**

**Cheryl Babcock  
DBOS Co-President**





**Joe Ortlieb**  
**DBOS Co-President**

Hello Everyone,

## President's Message

August has been a very long, hot, and wet month with the almost daily downpour of rain and very high temperatures and humidity. I am hoping that with proper care of your collection, that your orchids are growing very vigorously. This is the time for expansive robust growth in preparation for a rewarding flowering season ahead. Everything seemed to be going along well enough here in Florida. Then came Hurricane Dorian. We watched as the storm approached and brought our precious collections in to protect them. Along with our collection, we also brought in frogs and lizards. One big happy family. We were lucky and the storm went by with no real impact to us in south Florida. We are grateful for our good fortune and are looking forward to our wonderful future.

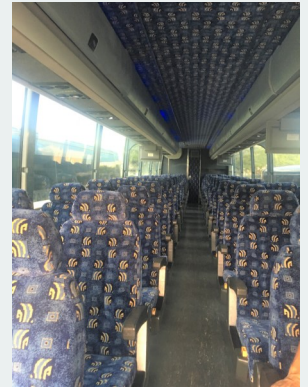
In the near future is our annual bus trip to orchid growers. On September 14, we are going to four great orchid growers. We are going to R&R Orchids, Odom's Orchids, Krull-Smith Orchids, and Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids. It is a full day of comradery and beautiful orchids. Great selections at discounted prices.....what could be better than that. Won't you join us for a great day of orchids? The trip includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages including wine, beer, soda, and water. Very limited seats available, so reserve your seat on the bus today. See you then!



### DBOS Annual Bus Trip—Sept. 14, 2019 Only 10 Seats Left—Register Now!



**Krull Smith Orchids - Aerial View**



Last chance to sign up for the annual DBOS bus trip on September 14, 2019. **There are only a few seats remaining!** If you have been thinking about going, now is the time to reserve your spot.

**The bus leaves the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:45 a.m. and we return by approximately 9:30 p.m.** We start the day with none other than "the Vanda Man," Tony Romani, at **R & R Orchids in Loxahatchee, Florida**. Prepare for a feast for your eyes and take some of these stunning beauties home with you. Magnificently grown orchids in this orchid paradise for Vanda lovers!

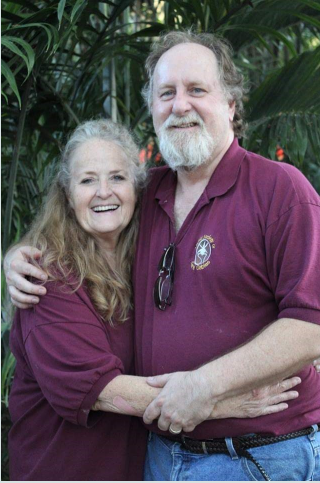
Our next stop is **Odom's Orchids in Fort Pierce, Florida**, which specializes in Cattleya orchids, but they also grow Phalaenopsis, Lady Slippers, Oncidiums, and many species from different genera. Most of their orchids are mature, blooming size plants so if you do not want to wait years for them to bloom be prepared to take a few home to enjoy!

Ready to add another beauty from **Krull-Smith Orchids in Apopka, Florida**? They are a leading orchid hybridizer in the world for award-quality show plants and have received over 700 quality and cultural awards from the American Orchid Society. You will find something here to love and take home with you from their highest quality species and hybrids of Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, and Paphiopedilums as well as a wide array of novelty orchids such as Bulbophyllums.

We begin our journey back south with a stop at **Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids in Kissimmee, Florida**. After a great day of orchid hunting for those must-have orchids, we stop to see what final orchid treasures we can find from Linda Ritter and her daughter. Vanda's, Cattleya's, Dendrobium's, Encylia's and more await you at this stop so find room to add a few more orchids!

Breakfast, lunch, and Happy Hour adult beverages and hors d'oeuvres provided on the bus. We will also make a quick stop at one of the Service Centers on the Turnpike for you to stretch your legs, use the facilities, and purchase a quick bite to eat or a drink.

Each person may bring one box (write name on all sides) for your purchases. Scheduled times may vary. Must receive payment by August 13, 2019. Pay Kristina Brandt, 954-661-7261, [kristina@shbrandt.com](mailto:kristina@shbrandt.com) at the August meeting. Mail a check payable to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society to Kristina Brandt, 5311 NE 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064, or call Cheryl at 954-464-8996 with your credit card information. Cost is \$55.00/person. Do not delay! The remaining few tickets went on sale to other orchid lovers on Wednesday, August 14.



# Speaker of the Month

## Jim and Melana Davison

September 10, 2019

### "Bellina Phalaenopsis Orchids"



Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Until his recent retirement, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." Now that Jim is retired, their plans for their own retail nursery are full steam ahead. They have opened Jim-N-I Orchids, and are currently building a new greenhouse and revamping their shadehouse. Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their 4 dogs, four of the five grandchildren and 5,000 plus orchids in their own private collection.

Their interest in the Phalaenopsis species, bellina type especially, come from taking care of over 2,000 Phalaenopsis of one of their clients. They have grown to love and appreciate this genus and its species more than they ever thought they would!



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# How to prepare your orchids for a hurricane!

## By Milton O. Carpenter

Contributed by Rosemary Chenery

1. If your collection is small and mobile then certainly bring all into the home and place away from windows.
2. If some of your plants are growing on trees you might want to tie a small piece of shade cloth around the plant (and tree-trunk) so that (a) the plant is less likely to be “gone with the wind” and (b) if all the leaves are blown off the tree the plant is less likely to suffer sunburn from the increased light (no – do not put sunscreen on the leaves as a rule).
3. If you cannot bring all the plants into the house, take them all off benches and put them on the ground where they are less likely to be blown over. Be careful to keep them above any flood water.
4. If plants are still in your shade house (or greenhouse) and some of the shade cloth has been blown away, replace it immediately. It only takes a few hours to really sunburn the leaves – and this damage does not generally go away.
5. If plants have been blown over and are starting to come out of the pots, check the roots as this may be a good time to re-pot. Generally, most orchids respond to re-potting immediately after they have finished blooming.
6. It is a good rule to have enough spare shade cloth on hand (kept in your home or elsewhere) to replace all shade cloth the orchids are currently under.
7. Because your plants left in the storm will be wet for some time – have plenty of fungicides – Captan, etc. – on hand to apply as soon as the rain is over. You can even use ordinary kitchen cinnamon in a pinch. Then try to let the plants dry out well before watering again.
8. Don't leave orchids in bloom outside if possible - - the blooms will probably be ruined and the wind resistance can cause the plant to fall over. Consider cutting the flowers and put them in the house.
9. If plants are left outside, remember the possibility of the tags becoming lost. Tie name tags to the plant itself so the name and other info will be retained.
10. If plants are left outside, do everything possible to protect the leaves from wind-blown bruises, sunburn, etc. Remember the leaves are the “food factory” for the plant, converting sunlight into sugars for the plants to live.



# MOTES ORCHIDS

## Hurricane advice and Sale Postponed to Sept 7, 2019

Friends,

Hurricane Dorian is a dangerous and unpredictable storm. Although we initially believed that the track had us in the clear, the most recent advisories have moved its track southward. So, while our thoughts remain mostly with our friends up the coast, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties cannot rule out a direct hit. Therefore we are postponing our sale this Saturday until the next Saturday, September 7, 2019. And, we are reproducing our hurricane preparation advice.



When a hurricane is looming one should run all the orchids as dry as possible to reduce the threat of fungus and bacteria. But contra-intuitively, just before the storm strikes one should saturate the orchids to the max. You should do this five to twelve hours before landfall, depending on your schedule.

First, because we want the plants to be as heavy as possible to help prevent them being blown away or about. Second, because if one's water source is a well, electricity for the pump may be off for days or even weeks. Thoroughly watered plants will be much happier should this occur. Even if you are able to bring all your collection inside, water them thoroughly with two to three applications spaced a few minutes apart. They will be perfectly happy for a day or two without water and we will all have enough mess to deal with without watering orchids in the house.

Remember, wind velocity increases *exponentially* as height increases. Get your plants as close to the ground as possible but off the ground as flooding may saturate them with fungus and bacteria. Usually it is not wise to attempt to cover them with a tarp or shade cloth as the whipping of the cloth by the wind likely will cause more harm than the wind itself.

If you are growing under shade cloth, the cloth should be furled tightly to protect it. Bright burning sun is typical in the wake of a hurricane and shade will be invaluable. If you are growing under trees be prepared for the possibility that the protective canopy will be destroyed. Have a plan to protect your plants from sun burn.

Good luck and please feel free to share this information with whomever may benefit from it.

Your Friends at Motes Orchids

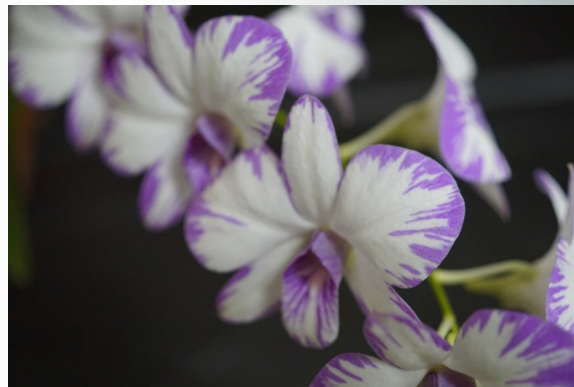
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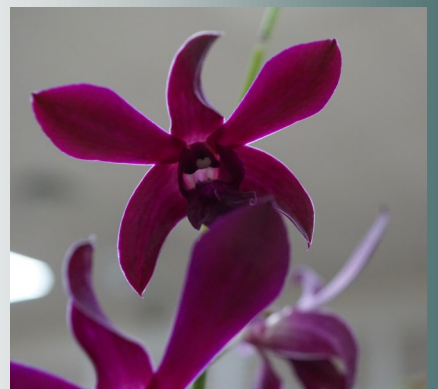
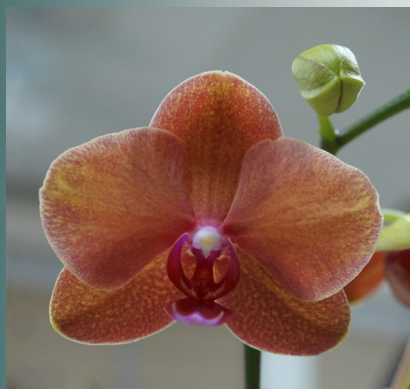
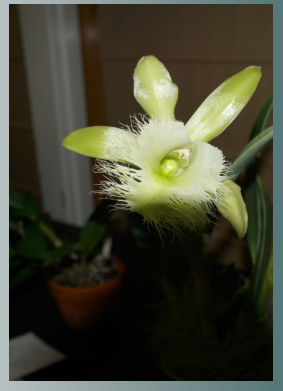
## August Ribbon Winners

Vanda vietnamica x Rhynchorides Thai Noi	Blue	Cheryl Babcock
Milton is moreliana	Blue	Dennis Pearl/ Joe Ortlieb
Vanda Trevor Rathbone	Blue	Dennis Pearl/ Joe Ortlieb
Myrmecocattleya Giovanni Livonia	Blue	Susan Kolinsky
Encyclical Phoenicia	Blue	Rose and John Pangerl
Ionopsis utriculata	Blue	Dennis Pearl / Joe Ortlieb
Catasetum Lucie "SVO" x catasetum John C. Bur- chette "Ursa Major" FCC/AOS	Blue	Carol Ott

# Highlights From Our August Meeting

## Photos Courtesy of John Morris











# Happy Birthday



**September 08 Grace Boston**

**September 13 Meredith Scott**

**September 15 Sue Zimmer**

**September 16 Bob Sensenig**

**September 18 Charlene Reiff**

**September 19 Marianne Hakalo**

**September 22 Pat Ryan**

**September 25 Joan Connors**

**September 26 Carol Ott**

**September 27 Sue Gutman**

**A great big THANKYOU to PUBLIX for donating the refreshments for our meeting every month. There is nothing better than Publix pastries!**

# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

**These events may be held on the meeting date or on another day of the week instead of a general meeting.**

- 1. March 2020** DBOS Annual Spring Picnic.  
Chairperson: Dennis Pearl  
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Jesus Hill & Lisa Sarno
  
- 2. March 2020** DBOS 7th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
  
- 3. April 2020** DBOS Annual Orchid Home Ramble.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt  
Committee: Vince & Debbie Dicks, Grace Holliday, Susan Kolinsky,  
Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl
  
- 4. Sept 14, 2019** DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Orchid Growers  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
  
- 5. Dec 7, 2019** DBOS Annual Holiday Party at the Croatian American Social Club. The Holiday Party is in place of our December monthly meeting.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt  
Committee: Debbie Dicks, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday & Linda Woodhouse

**If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Cheryl Babcock or Kristina Brandt.**

**DEERFIELD BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY**

*presents*

# ORCHID *Obsession*

**8th Annual Orchid Show & Sale**



**November 16 and 17, 2019**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

General Admission \$5.00 Cash Only – Children under 12 Free

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**Safe Schools Institute**

**1790 Spanish River Boulevard ~ Boca Raton, FL 33431**

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*Orchid Obsession Orchid Art by Patti Resso*

# Annual Local Orchid Society Events

## October 25 to October 27, 2019

### Delray Beach Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

What's the connection between Halloween and orchids? Both are weirdly wonderful and great fun, and both arrive at Old School Square each year in late October.

Our growers are generous with their expertise, so you can learn how to care for your acquisitions. Have fun participating in our raffles. Enjoy the work of budding artists from a local elementary school, inspired by the exotic beauty of our favorite flowers.

Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium Building, 51 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444—*Free Parking*

Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 10am to 4pm <http://www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org/>

General Admission: \$5.00 per person, Children under 6 Free.

## November 16 to November 17, 2019

### Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 8th Annual Show & Sale “Orchid Obsession”

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS) is holding its annual Orchid Show & Sale, Orchid Obsession, at the Safe Schools Institute in Boca Raton. Thousands of specimens from Florida growers will be for sale ensuring that these fascinating and exotic plants will be appropriate for your own backyard. Your spirits will be lifted when you see the spectacular table displays our vendors will be showcasing, which will be judged by American Orchid Society (AOS) judges on Saturday, November 16. Our non-orchid vendors will provide everything you need to grow beautiful orchids including pots and plant benches/stands.

SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431—*Free Parking*

Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. <https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/>

General Admission: \$5.00 per person Cash Only (Credit cards accepted by vendors inside) Children under 12 Free.

## January 10,11, and 12, 2020

### Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents their 62nd Annual Orchid Show & Sale “Orchid Vision 20/20”

Fort Lauderdale Convention Center—*Free Parking*

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. <https://www.flos.org/society-activities/show/>

General Admission: \$15.00 per person at the door. \$12.00 per person with coupon.

## February 8 to February 9, 2020

### Boca Raton Orchid Society “Valentine’s “Orchid Show & Sale

Featuring Florida & Hawaii Orchid Growers, Orchid Displays & Sales.

SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE, Don Estridge Middle School campus, 1798 Spanish River Boulevard— *Free Parking*

Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. [www.brosonline.org](http://www.brosonline.org)

General Admission: \$5.00 per person Cash Only (Credit cards accepted by vendors inside) Children 12 & under FREE.

## Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2019

We thank all of our members for their participation in our meetings, social activities, and continued support of DBOS. We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm for our monthly speakers and raffle drawings, willingness to bring in your plants for judging so we can all enjoy them, and sharing your love of orchids and best practices with your fellow members.

We are starting our membership drive for 2019. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joined DBOS in October-December 2018 will not have to pay dues for 2019. What a deal!

<u>Renewals</u>		<u>New Members</u>	
Individual	\$20.00 yr.	Individual	\$25.00 yr.
Couples	\$30.00 yr.	Couples	\$35.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$ 5.00 yr.	Jr. Membership	\$10.00 yr.

You are encouraged to bring a guest to our meetings who shares your love and enthusiasm for these lovely plants and gets to know our members and learn more about this “wonderful addiction”.

Thank you for another terrific year. Our membership has grown this year, and we welcome all of our new members as well as our longtime supporters. We hope you have enjoyed the year as much as we have and will renew your membership for 2019. We will be collecting 2019 membership dues at the January and February 2019 meetings. Stop at the membership table and pay Linda Woodhouse who is in charge of membership. If you plan to mail your dues, please do so by March 12, 2019.

Mail your dues payable to: Deerfield Beach Orchid Society  
PO Box 732  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33443

## Please Like Our Facebook Page



The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook page for the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society. The main header features a large photograph of various orchids in shades of pink, purple, and white. Below the header, the page name "Deerfield Beach Orchid Society" is displayed, followed by the text "Non-Profit Organization". To the right of the name are three buttons: "Create Call to Action", "Liked" (with a blue checkmark and a dropdown arrow), and "Message" (with a speech bubble icon and a dropdown arrow). At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with the following tabs: "Timeline", "About", "Photos", "Likes", and "More" (with a dropdown arrow). A small profile picture of a purple orchid is visible in the bottom left corner.

## Win FREE Raffle Tickets for You and Your Guest(s)

The chances of you winning a stunning orchid or other enticing item off our monthly raffle table are much greater than your chances of winning the lottery? We all like the opportunity to win a new orchid for our collection so why not bring a guest to our next meeting? Guests are welcome at all of our meetings and events. Your guest(s) will each receive five FREE raffle tickets. After a guest visits the monthly meetings twice and wants to continue attending meetings, we respectfully ask them to become a member and pay the annual dues. If a guest joins in, October, November or December 2019 this will include their 2020 membership dues as well.

**BONUS:** If your guest joins the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, you will receive 10 FREE raffle tickets!

## Top Reasons to Join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

In addition to access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web page, and occasional plant sale

### Monthly Events

- AOS & DBOS Member Prize Drawings
- Guest Speakers
- Judging/Awarding of Ribbons for Member's Orchids
- Newsletter
- Orchid Raffles
- Plant Sales

### Annual Events

- Auction
- Bus Trip to Orchid Growers
- Holiday Party
- Home Orchid Ramble
- Orchid Obsession, Show & Sale
- Picnic

For further information on how to join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), please contact Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at [deerfieldorchid@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchid@gmail.com) or call 954-234-4623

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## Calendar of Meetings

**2nd Monday Every Month 7:30 PM**

### **Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society**

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall  
1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL

<https://www.flos.org/>

**2nd Tuesday Every Month 7:30 PM**

### **Deerfield Beach Orchid Society**

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach  
910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

<https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/>

**2nd Wednesday Every Month 7:00 PM**

### **Delray Beach Orchid Society**

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park  
802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

<http://www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org/>

**2nd Thursday Every Month 7:30 PM**

### **Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge  
Middle School  
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

[www.brosonline.org/](http://www.brosonline.org/)

<https://www.facebook.com/BocaOrchid/>

**1st Thursday Every Month 7:30 PM**

### **South Broward Orchid Society**

Taft Street Baptist Church  
7241 Taft Street, Hollywood, FL 33024

## 2019 Committee Positions

**AOS Representatives**

**Rick Bellas  
Joe Ortlieb**

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Dennis Pearl**

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### **Sunshine Committee**

Did you know that we have a **Sunshine Committee**? Lois Larson is kind enough to send a card to any society member that is ill or in the hospital. If you know of someone that could use a little uplifting card, please contact Lois either by phone 954-782-2314 or email at [loisj2200@yahoo.com](mailto:loisj2200@yahoo.com)