

ORCA Trivia Night



“Spring Break” marked the theme for this year’s Trivia Night. The evening’s shenanigans began with a reminder from the organizers that, “What happens at Spring Break... stays at Spring Break.” Twelve 8 person teams competed in 8 categories that included Cars ‘N Tunes, Fun & Games, Beach Flix and, yes, a category called ‘Spring Break’.

This year’s Master of Ceremonies was a very special guest by the name of John “Smarty Pants” Goryance. You may know him. He is a (self-proclaimed) member of Mensa, once featured (seemingly) on the monthly magazine called “I Am Smart.” John sought to bring a level of Mensa to the competition this year. So, individuals could earn Mensa points towards an award if they demonstrated such things as the ‘proper use of multiple newly sharpened #2 yellow pencils with no teeth marks’, or ‘looking like you are smart and looking good doing it’. And so it went...

Bill and Carol Wakefield were the Beach Party couple. They fired up the crowd with beach balls, beach toys and good old fashioned Spring Break behavior (yikes!). The Beach Bucket Brigade sold answers to all the tables who were competing for the big prize. Alex Kierez, from Beyond the Muzik Entertainment, provided the tunes for the music-based questions and entertainment overall. A variety of delicious and fun food was provided, but the BBQ was clearly the hit!



Ray Tanner won the ‘I Am Smart’ Mensa Award and Kathy Stuart won the Mensa ‘Wanna Be’ Award (both pictured on the right).

Mike Gildea, ORCA’s President, spoke and thanked the Ocean Ridge Residents for their generosity. He announced that their total contributions to charities, since ORCA’s inception, now exceeded \$155,000. Between the teams attending, answers sold, the 50/50 and charitable donations, ORCA netted about \$3,500 on this event. All proceeds go to the Dropout Prevention Program of Communities in Schools, whose work surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



Team #11 came in first. Winners were Laura and Craig Pennington, Richard and Karen Farrand, Beth Naylor, Joanne and Chris Messerlie and Joe Arancio.

Congratulations to all the winners! Congratulations to the Chairperson of the event, Maggy Schlink, and her core team of Kathy Arancio, Amy Kelly and Liz Cermak. Many thanks to all attendees and the many volunteers for their generosity. We know everyone had a wonderful time and helped Communities in Schools continue their great work!

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