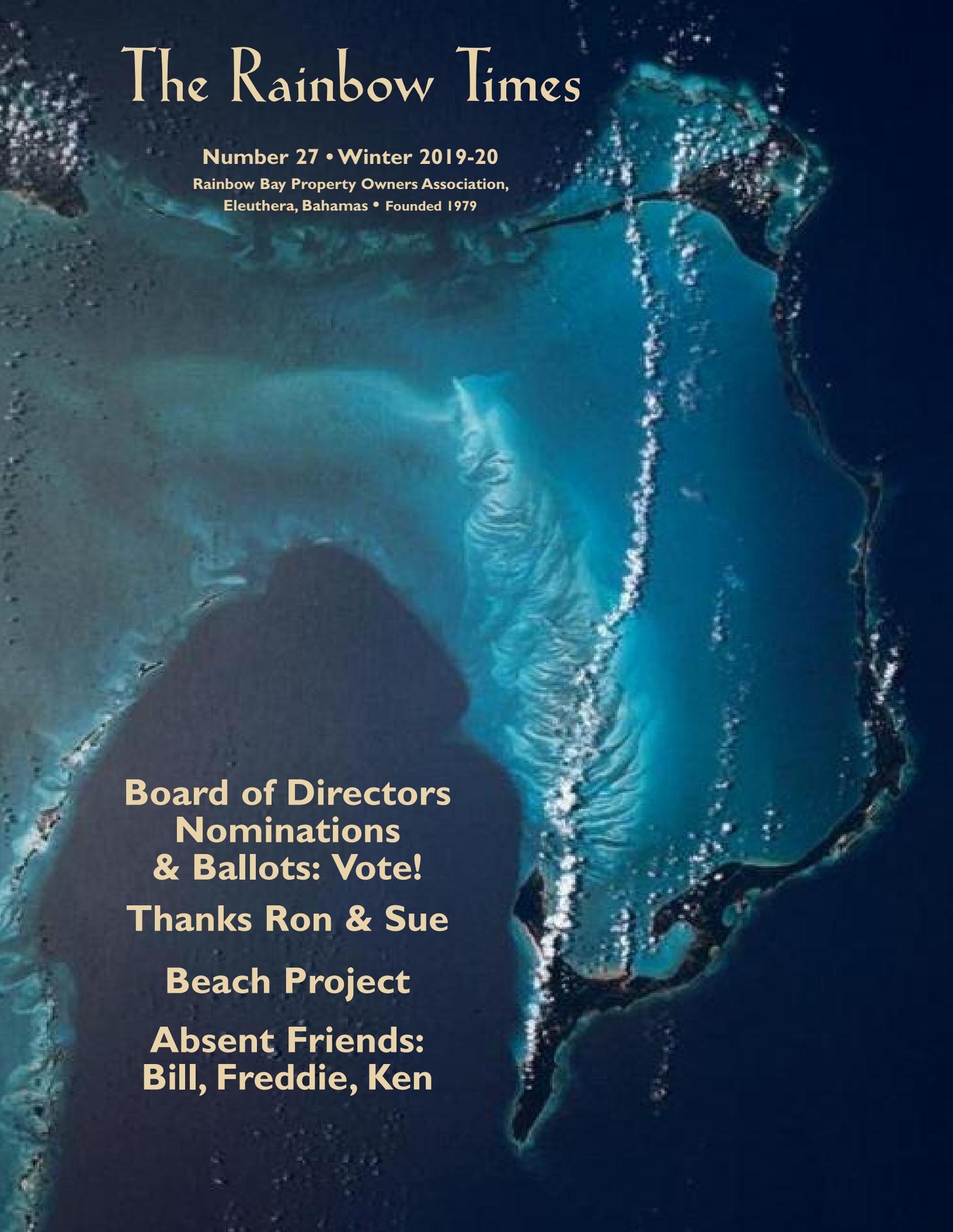


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**Board of Directors  
Nominations  
& Ballots: Vote!**

**Thanks Ron & Sue**

**Beach Project**

**Absent Friends:  
Bill, Freddie, Ken**



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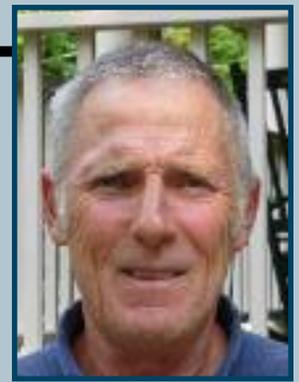
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## *President's Letter*



**A**s I write, it is the middle of November. I hope all Rainbow residents are doing well, along with the rest of Eleuthera.

Fortunately, the island was spared from the hurricanes this past storm season. Unfortunately, our neighbors to the north were devastated, and we thank the many residents who contributed to fund drives for Abaco and Grand Bahama.

This past summer the Association continued with its annual projects. Tommy Pinder reliably maintains his timetable for cutting brush along the roadways. Tidal surge from Hurricane Dorian did some damage to the roadways and the beach, so Tommy faced major work in that area. Beach sand was washed out and many boulders were strewn on the beach and had to be removed.

Max Brave rethatched the huts, and a few picnic tables were damaged and will need repair or replacement. The maintenance truck needed new brake pads and other minor repairs, while the Kubota tractor required its annual repairs and maintenance. The situation is just like our houses—everything needs maintenance. This winter, the roads will be patched and smeared and brush along the roads will be cut back by Seneque Meme and his crew. Needless to say, there is always much needed work to do, just to stay even.

The first phase of the Rainbow Beach project has been completed. The Board of Directors would like to thank all who have contributed financially to this effort. I am sure that in the process I missed a few other projects, since it seemed to be a very busy summer. We appreciate the many volunteers who have helped to improve our community, particularly Bobbi Updegraff for her excellent work updating the list of houses and residents. Since many of the board members were off the island during the summer, I would also like to thank Matt Hoopes, Tommy Pinder, Seneque Meme and Max Brave for helping to keep Rainbow in great shape.

The Association will hold elections this March, and we have enough candidates to provide a choice, so please vote. The Board made a concerted effort to get residents to put their name on the ballot, and we thank them for stepping forward.

Our court case on covenants is still pending awaiting the judge's final verdict. As discussed at the AGM, the Board has hired a collection agency to collect homeowner fees from residents in arrears.

As I stated in the summer newsletter, I will be stepping down from the Presidency and the board at the end of my term in March. I have been on the Board for eight years and I do this with mixed emotions. But it is time!

—Ron Nentwig

# Thank-you Ron and Sue

Ron at left. Sue, below, tending bar at the 2019 post-AGM pool party.



Having served on Rainbow's Board twenty years, and sixteen as secretary-treasurer, I've worked closely with five Association presidents. I feel qualified to say what most Rainbow residents already know: Ron and Sue Nentwig have been Rainbow's most active, most involved, hands-on "first couple" ever.

Under the six years of their leadership, Ron and Sue Nentwig brought the community together by organizing neighboring events: Clean-Up Day, Yard Sale Day, The Rainbow Lottery and the Annual Pool Party. Ron led the Board through its first Supreme Court challenge in Nassau, fighting on behalf of our by-laws and managing the budget during difficult times.

Ron enjoyed hands-on work, rounding up volunteers to help him with projects. He and other volunteers replaced the garage doors and windows on the Poehlman Building, secured reflecting "cat's eyes" on the Queen's Highway, and cut brush along the edges of Rainbow roads. By now, Ron and Sue have replaced most of the street signs, Ron making the signs and Sue painting them. He was also able to raise funds from donors for first phase of Rainbow Beach's improvement project.

On the behalf of our entire community, thank you, Ron and Sue, for all you've done for Rainbow Bay. —*Matt Hoopes*

## Beach Project Phase 1

Thanks to the many residents who supported our special project fund appeal, Rainbow Beach is looking better than ever. Over the summer, soya grass was seeded by our maintenance team, including Seneque Meme and Max Brave. After the passing of Hurricane Dorian (far out to sea, thankfully), Tommy Pinder removed giant rocks strewn up from sea surge. The work goes on.... ❖



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### Calendar 2020

**March 14, 9am:** Roadside trash clean-up and brunch.

**March 21, 10am:** Annual General Meeting. Both at Poehlman Building.

### Available Again!

*Rainbow Rising*, a history of Rainbow Bay, \$35.  
Laminated color maps, \$30.  
Contact Matt Hoopes (page opposite).

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### Emergency Numbers

#### Police

- Governors Harbour: 911, 919, 332-2111 or 332-2117.
- Hatchet Bay: 335-0086

#### Clinics

- James Cistern: Mon-Wed, 9am-2pm.
  - Hatchet Bay: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, 335-0091.
- Resident nurse: 335-0620.

### Changes of Address

- Please notify our Accounts Manager, Vicki Collins, if you relocate or change your RBPOA mailing address: [vickicollins2013@yahoo.com](mailto:vickicollins2013@yahoo.com)





< *Eleuthera Curly-tail, Leiocephalus carinatus*. For more see Bahamas National Trust, [bit.ly/2XH0aQx](http://bit.ly/2XH0aQx). Photo by John Mackin (see his "Birds of Eleuthera" last issue).

well as an Argentina trip this winter, he was looking forward to a much longer stay at his Rainbow home. We miss you, Bill.

—Peter Northcott

### FREDDIE FERGUSON



A Rainbow resident for over thirty years, Fred was one of our "early settlers." He was a savior for winter resi-

dents in hurricane season, using his ham radio to report storm news and damage. As a caretaker for rental properties, he was equally popular with renters, always going out of his way to make them comfortable. An enthusiastic tennis player, Freddie helped maintain the court, and was at different times maintenance manager and a director. Everyone knew Freddie, for he was constantly doing favors, checking on incoming shipments for people, having cars serviced—just about anything. We greatly respect all he did over the years and will miss him badly. —Matt Hoopes

### KEN KEENE: "MR. INN"

Ken unexpectedly passed away in his sleep at home in Bangkok, Thailand, November 6th. Charlie Moore, his old partner, writes: "Ken had had his annual check-up at the VA. I guess they missed his enlarged kidney. Back home he



## Winter Fun

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

On the opposite page, Maureen Poehlman remembers the fun we shared "before there was no Internet or TV, or even private telephones!, to forestall round-the-clock socializing." They were special times.

The opportunities are still there: bird-watching, star-gazing, volleyball, pickleball, tennis and garden clubs offer lots of fun. Volleyball used to be a regular Saturday morning fixture at the beach, and could be again.

We also used to gather an evening a week on somebody's deck (the decks rotated) to watch the amazing night sky, unpolluted by ground lights. Today we have Starfinder applications that tell you exactly what you're looking at: stars, planets, even passing satellites.

We seek residents interested in helping us launch a fellowship committee to plan a variety of get-togethers every year. Already planned: a brunch to complement the annual trash pickup on March 14th. If you would like to be involved in planning some events, please contact Bobbi Updegraff and Enid Morris.

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[enidrist@rogers.com](mailto:enidrist@rogers.com) ❖

### GAME DAY INVITATION

Following Bobbi's and Enid's lead, Barbara and Richard Langworth welcome neighbors to "High Tide" for drinks, chat and games January-March. We have the equipment and can teach both...

"Settlers of Catan" is built around an island rich in resources. You build roads and settlements that eventually become cities. Barter trade dominates: ore for wool, brick for lumber—you trade according to need, and if you do it well, you win. See: <http://bit.ly/32TwK2t>

**Mahjong** is an ancient Chinese tile game. Working from 75 possible winning "hands," you trade or pick-up tiles to win. It's fun, challenging and addictive. For a video see: <http://bit.ly/2OzVA22>. Contact [richard@langworth.name](mailto:richard@langworth.name) tel. 335-0615 or 464-0556 after Jan. 12. ❖

## Absent Friends



### BILL RAYNOR

Our good friend Bill, who loved to travel and meet people, left us during his regular summer jaunt around Europe, mainly Italy, which he had come to love. As

wasn't feeling well, and at the hospital they noticed his kidney. Alas he then developed pneumonia. Everyone here is shocked because Ken seemed to be in such good health." ❖

## Dear Ken...

He was the second local we met after our first landing in January 1981. (The first was Hilton Johnson, who drove us to the Inn, which we'd picked at random from a tourist brochure.)

Showing us to our room, Ken said the grocery store was "up the road" in Hatchet Bay. (No Big Rock back then.) The next day we walked up in torrid heat for groceries and were struggling back when Ken hove into sight driving his old VW van: "Ride back?"

We thought we'd arrived at the end of the world, but within two weeks Ken and others made us feel like family, and we were soon thinking about property, which Ken helped us find.

Ken liked to dress the staff in matching tropical shirts. Every time I enter that bar I see him still in his Hawaiian print, patrolling tables. Around 8:30 he'd walk over, look at his watch, and say with mock sternness, "Done yet?"

Several of those who knew him best have written in. They say it better than I could....

—Richard Langworth

### "No Room at the Inn"

We met Ken in 2004 when we needed to sleep and the rooms were filled. Ken moved out of his house and slept in the office so we could use it. He was a great guy, and we had many good memories since then. Also, "Krabby" wasn't that crabby. —Bill Louda

### "Cheers"

Looking back, the Inn under Ken and Charlie was so special. The Inn's gardener Joseph, who has worked there twenty-three years, was upset when I told him. To me personally, the Inn in those years was like the TV series "Cheers." It was the place where everyone knew your name, and you knew everyone. —Matt Hoopes

### "Ken the Cook"

We are devastated. The Inn was never the same without him. He called himself "Krabby" but the name was more amusing than accurate.

Many of us remember the tourist who, perusing the menu, ordered dinner. Ken said sorry, he was out of that dish. He chose another entrée, and Ken said that was out, too. He said, "What should we do?" Ken cracked, "Well, you could go home!"

When our daughter and her family passed through Thailand they stayed with Ken, and he gave her a Thai cooking lesson. He was a wonderful cook with a terrific sense of humor. Just one of a kind. —Barbara Fischl

### "Gone With the Wind"

After twenty-six years I'd need a book to record all my memories of time spent with family, friends and island folk at the Rainbow Inn. It was the best fun-gathering place on the island, made possible by Krabby Ken. He was not only our innkeeper but a great friend. He used to say Bob and I were his best customers. We always had such a lovely time.

One of our fellow "early settlers" was Virginia Harvey, whom we called "Miss Scarlett," for the heroine of *Gone With the Wind*. (She called Bob "the Prince" and me "Damn Yankee.")

She and Ken were the comedy entertainment when there was no Internet, TV or private telephones to forestall round-the-clock socializing. The fun was watching tourists, who couldn't believe an owner could talk to a customer like Ken did! Little did they know he and Scarlett were close pals.

One night Miss Scarlett waltzed in, planted herself on a barstool and announced, "Tonight I want scrambled eggs." Krabby asked, "Did you see that on the menu?" Scarlett replied, "I am a good paying customer and should be able to order what I want." Krabby shot back: "You can order it but you're not going to get it." Yet in the end she got her eggs.

Once before Thanksgiving our Scarlett marched to the same barstool and told Ken she wanted pecan pie. Ken declared, "You're going to have pumpkin pie like everybody else."

She won again: on Thanksgiving, Krabby presented her with a pecan pie, baked especially for her. Then he said to my Bob, "You brought her here—now take her home!"

We kept in touch via e-mail. He sent photos from Thailand and we always said how great he looked. We knew all his family from the old days—ex-wife, son, daughter and a couple of aunts. Ken and the Rainbow Inn furnished us with a lifetime of experience and love.

Krabby, Scarlett and the Prince are together again, rehashing the joy and memories of their Rainbow lives. At their new location I'm sure many other old Rainbowers were there to greet him. Gratitude and thanks, Ken, from Mo, Bob Sr., Bob Jr., Cathy, Sherry, Debby and Ginger.

—Maureen Poehlman ❖

# Board Nominees

Vote for seven:  
Ballot opposite >



**Steve Cancino** is a Bahamian businessman, born in Nassau, who worked in the Aviation industry for thirty years. He is presently owner and operator of Lutra Pure Water & Ice Co. Ltd. on the Queens Highway in Hatchet Bay. Steve and his wife Ann are longtime Rainbow Bay residents who raised two children: Angelique, residing in Toronto; and Jermaine, living in Nassau. The Cansinos' home in Rainbow is next to the Hilton and Elsie Johnson "Island House," overlooking Rainbow Beach. Steve is active in the Eleuthera community and committed to the improvement of Rainbow Bay.



**Terry Clark** is completing an interim term, having been appointed to fill an open seat. Terry and his wife Melanie, from Jacksonville, Florida, purchased their lot on Ocean Drive in 1995 and built their house in 2014. Born in Germany as a U.S. military dependent, Terry recently retired from a lifelong career as an aviator. In addition to flying, Terry has long volunteered for various fraternal organizations, working on newsletter publication, website management and reunion planning. This summer he spent time and effort assisting the board in inventorying Rainbow Bay's active and inactive homes and homesites. He hopes to continue to serve the community.



**Birdie Crosby** has enjoyed Eleuthera since 2001 when he and his wife, Laura, purchased Seaglass Cottage. He worked twenty-six years as County Extension Agent for

Clemson University. His areas of expertise include agronomic crops, household and structural pests, stormwater management and erosion control. In 2004-12, Birdie worked for a home improvement company, honing his "repairman" skills, a tremendous asset when owning a home in Eleuthera. Birdie has served on several boards including President of Extension Senate, Vice Chairman for the Dorchester County Library Board, and Ashley Scenic River Advisory Council. He holds a Master's in Public Administration from the University of SC. Birdie is an environmentalist advocating the preservation of native Bahamas flora and fauna. He enjoys fishing off the rocks, but his greatest hobby is *The New York Times* crossword puzzle.



**Rosie Graham** retired as a registered nurse after thirty years of patient care in Naples, Florida. That was her second most important career choice, her first being a mother and grandmother. With Sam, her husband of forty years, Rosie raised five children and has nineteen grandchildren. Her interests include remodeling, refinishing furniture, hiking, beachcombing, baking, traveling, meeting people and learning about different cultures. The Grahams built their home in Rainbow in 2009. "Being open-minded and having a positive approach with people are important to me," Rosie says. "I strive most of all to obtain clarity to understand all sides of an issue."



**Matt Hoopes**, an educator from New Hampshire, has served on the Board for nineteen years, seventeen as secretary, and six as

treasurer for Bahamian accounts. A full-time resident of Rainbow Bay for twenty-four years, he enjoys working on assorted Rainbow and Eleuthera community projects. Matt's close association with local Bahamians and determination to live on the island virtually all the time has given him a vast knowledge of local ways which helps new residents and property owners alike. Matt started a non-profit charity four years ago, which raises money to enable Eleutheran students to attend Brewster Academy, a boarding school in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.



**Linda Knowles's** educational background is nursing and business administration. Having relocated to the Bahamas over twenty years ago, she worked as a clinical medical researcher until her recent retirement. Because of ties of family and friends in Eleuthera, Linda and her husband Charlton invested in Rainbow Bay for their retirement. Both are committed to the people of the island and the Rainbow Bay community. Linda hopes to be afforded the privilege of continuing to serve as a board member by utilizing her various experiences, knowledge base and love of the Bahamian culture.



**James Ryder** was in the Army and the National Guard from 1970 to 1974, worked for car dealership until 1980, and ran his own business through 1990. He became involved in real estate about that time. He's been a broker in Texas since 1992, in Florida since 1994, and a licensed mortgage broker since 2000. James has lived in Rainbow Bay since 1994 and has owned two homes, first on Lazy Shore Road and then on Wandering Shore. He is now starting on his third house. In Rainbow, James has helped implement the trash recycling system and ↗

## BALLOT AND PROXY: RBPOA 2020 Annual General Meeting, March 21, 2020

**Note: This form must be THE ORIGINAL (with your address label on reverse). Vote for seven.**

Drop at Association Building between 10am and 3pm on March 15th. Or send by first class mail no later than February 15, 2020 to:

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1. I hereby vote for the following for the 2020-22 Board of Directors: **VOTE FOR SEVEN ONLY:**

- STEVE CANCINO    TERRY CLARK    BIRDIE CROSBY    ROSIE GRAHAM    MATT HOOPES  
 LINDA KNOWLES    JAMES RYDER    MARK UPDEGRAFF    CARLOTTA WILLIS

2. **Proxy:** Fill out *only* if you will not be at the Annual General Meeting:

Being unable to attend the March 21st Annual General Meeting, the undersigned member of the above-named Company hereby appoints (check only one):

- The Board of Directors    Member: \_\_\_\_\_

to attend and vote on my behalf on any and all matters that come before the Board and/or membership at any and all meetings of the Company from March 1st through March 31st 2020.

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lots owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

LOT(s): \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK: \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINEES, *continued*

neighborhood watch program. He looks forward to continuing these efforts on the board of directors.



**Mark Updegraff** and his wife Bobbi bought their home on Moonraker in 2006 after falling in love with island years earlier. They vacationed on

Eleuthera several years before purchasing property. Mark has more than a decade of experience of seasonal living on the island. He has an appreciation for the local culture, and cultivates many friendships with locals and ex-pats. Mark owns and manages the trucking business he launched in 1977. His management skills have allowed him the freedom to stay on the island for extended periods of time. Although he is not yet retired, Mark brings enthusiasm for island life infused with pragmatic

### ^ Vote using ballot above ^

business sense, which he hopes will help make Rainbow Bay an attractive investment for folks looking for their "little piece of paradise." He combines business experience with passion for Eleuthera and Rainbow.



**Carlotta Willis** has been a property owner in Rainbow Bay since 1997 and a home owner since 2005. She is a winter resident who spends five

months or more per year enjoying our beautiful island and way of life. Having been on the Board these last few years, she appreciates the cooperative spirit of Rainbow Bay and hopes we may continue to work together to keep this place special. Her background includes serving on boards of professional organizations and academic administration. When not on the island she lives in Amherst, Massachusetts. ❖

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#### Section A, Block 5, Lots 20-21

Ship Sighter Road facing Atlantic. \$49,500 both or \$27,225 individually. G. Keene (k3coyote@earthlink.net).

#### Section A, Block 8, Lots 12-13

Twin Beach Road facing Atlantic. Generous 160' road frontage x 120' deep, sloping to 60' above sea level, fine 180° Atlantic view. Build your "green dream" island home. \$42,000 negotiable. Photos & details, Katy Nelson tel. 239-455-4284. (katytara3@protonmail.com)

#### Section B, Block 16, Lot 16 Hilltop Rd.

Two-storey villa with garage, 2000 sq. ft. cement block, 3 bedroom, \$150,000. Venai Sawetawan, tel. 242-470-1278 (farahfrielding@gmail.com)

#### Trash Pickup & Home Services (recommended by RB resident)

Starting January 15th, Alton Lewis offers weekly household trash pickups, 5gal. water delivery and other services. Contact Alton by email: eleutherahomeservices@gmail.com ❖



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### *Greetings from Rainbow Bay,* **Twenty Years Ago: In the Wake of “Floyd”**

In the wake of devastating Hurricane Floyd, numerous repairs are under way both in Rainbow and elsewhere. The Cigatoo Inn at Governor’s Harbour is reopening in March. Club Med is closed for renovations but rumors are that it is for sale. The new Workers Building complex on the Queen’s Highway north of Governor’s Harbour is nearing completion. The Sunset Inn south of Governor’s opened on New Year’s Eve, and The Cove in Gregory Town is sporting a remodeled dining room and bar area, larger outside seating and a new gift shop.

The Rainbow Inn is in full swing. “Floyd” took the roof over the deck but Charlie and Ken have replaced it. Many residents are working to repair their homes after the hurricane. Virginia Harvey and Sam Spence have coated their roofs with sealant supposed to make them more hurricane- and leak-proof.

Special thanks to Pierre and Gigi Arcoutte and Larry Resh for contributing “Welcome to Rainbow Bay” signs, to the Hardings for their extraordinary beach clean-up efforts, to Bob Boonstra and Stew Morrison for the replacing the tennis court net, to Matt Hoopes for his help with this newsletter, and to everyone who has worked to restore Rainbow Bay after “Floyd.” —WINTER 1999-2000 ❖

### *The Rainbow Times, No. 8,* **Ten Years Ago: Winter Fun and the Roads Battle**

It’s time to begin a new Rainbow-colored season. Residents are arriving ready to shed winter blues. What better place on earth? The sun is shining and the seas are warming up. Wall to wall beaches are here for the taking, with no crowds. We plan lots of activities for all ages. For the sports enthusiast, RBPOA now offers beach volleyball on Saturday mornings, and there are always beach visitors to add to the teams. George Chiulli displayed his cookbook library and hosted a cooking lesson for his famous meatballs, which was well attended. Many are looking forward to our craft classes. Last season Lilli Koebl helped us make some gorgeous pieces. We did so enjoy the camaraderie, laughter and getting to know each other better. We’ll be having ladies lunches, cooking classes, stargazing, bird-watching, tennis and Pot Luck parties.

The maintenance building’s new deck will enhance those evenings. The board approved the deck last year and the work was done by James Scavella. The parking lot was expanded with rain runoff provisions, and the wall was rebuilt. The board contracted with Leonard Culmer to repair fifteen sections of paved road at the cost of \$58,000, and with Carl Sanders for part of Wandering Shore Drive at \$43,000. The road fund is depleted. —WINTER 2009-10 ❖