

On February 7th, Jeanne and Andy Dixon again hosted another fun and successful mystery weekend for the HCC's winter gathering. 27 members attended and it was especially nice that both Jan Cober and Wiley Harrell chose to be there. The entire event was blessed with gorgeous weather and the Dixon's careful planning made everything run smoothly. Jeanne and Andy have

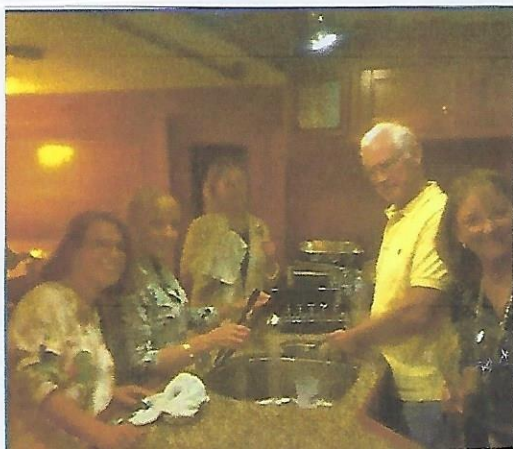
often visited St. Petersburg, know it well and had their boat, Fun@Sea.Calm, there for the winter.

St. Petersburg is no longer just a city of grandparents! The average age now is 34 and it is very lively and cultural with many museums, including the Salvador Dali Museum, the Dale Chihuly Glass Museum, a Museum of Fine Arts and the Florida Museum. The downtown



area has varied pubs and restaurants, all within walking distance from the Vinoy hotel. There is also a free downtown trolley that makes the rounds if feet get tired.

Members stayed at the historic Vinoy Hotel, which has been beautifully renovated. It is located downtown on the water and has its own small marina where the





Dixon's boat was moored. Thursday arrivals were treated to a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres "Meet & Greet" aboard their beautiful boat. The group later had dinner at the Vinoy.

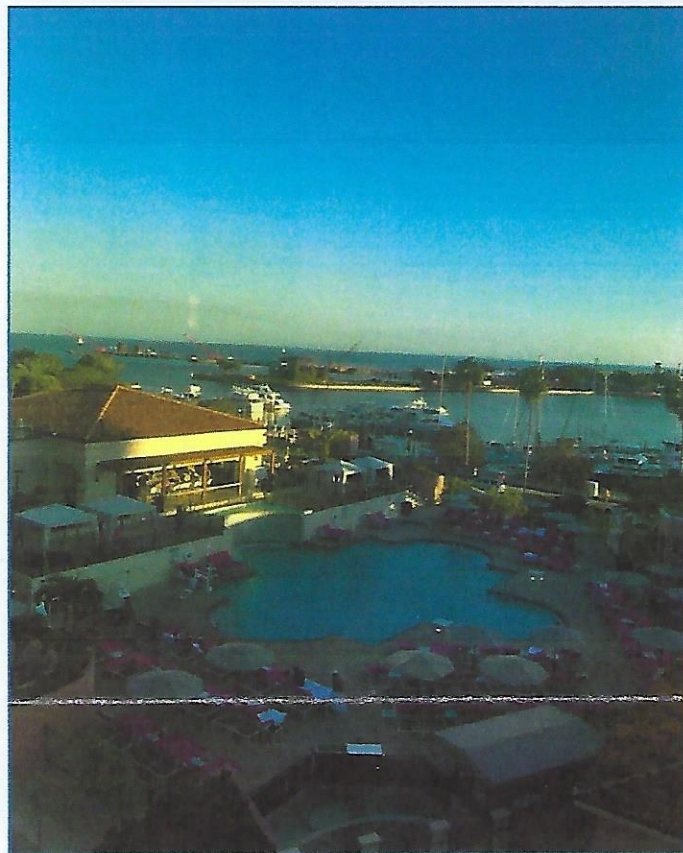
Friday morning was left open so those who wanted could explore nearby. The area is very trendy with small shops, art galleries and restaurants. After lunch "on your own," the group met in the hotel lobby for the first mystery event of the weekend. After carpooling a few miles away, all arrived at the Zen Glass Studio where it was revealed that everyone would have the opportunity for a lesson and glassmaking activity. Members elected to create a candy dish, a paperweight or a wine glass stem, which would later be professionally attached to its much more difficult to make top. This surprise activity was a great hit with everyone! With the perfect weather that evening, members gathered to stroll the 3 blocks to Bella Bravo for an enjoyable dinner and animated conversations of glassmaking skills.

Again, Saturday morning was free and one could investigate a wonderful farmers' market or just enjoy the beautiful waterfront area with its 11 connecting parks adjacent to the hotel. Later the free downtown trolley was used to take everyone to lunch at the Hangar Restaurant in the terminal of the small Peter O. Knight airport, about a mile away. After lunch, the second mystery of the weekend was announced: everyone would have a docent-guided tour of the quirky Salvador Dali Museum, a block away. All agreed that the guided tour made Dali's art and symbolism more interesting and understandable, though not more appealing to some.

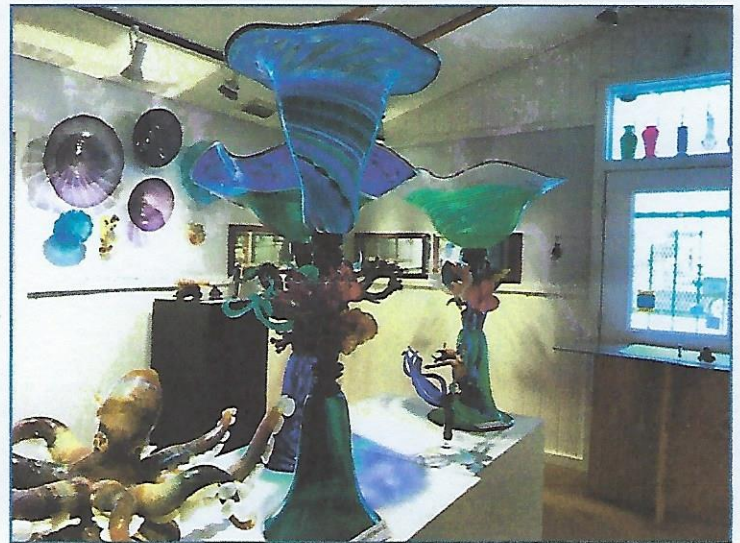
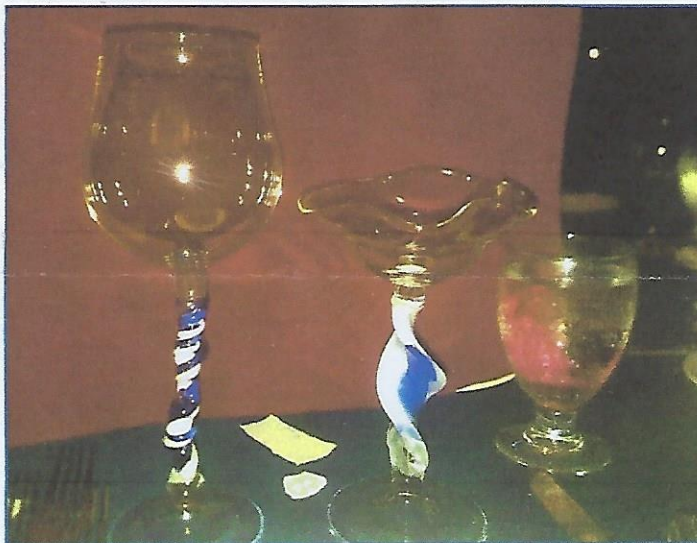
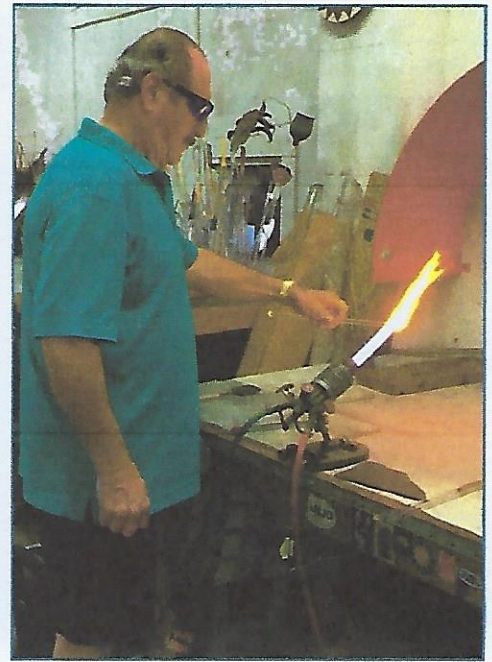
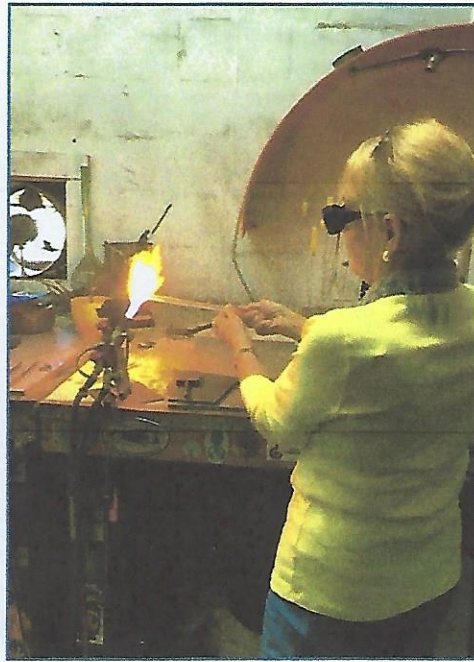
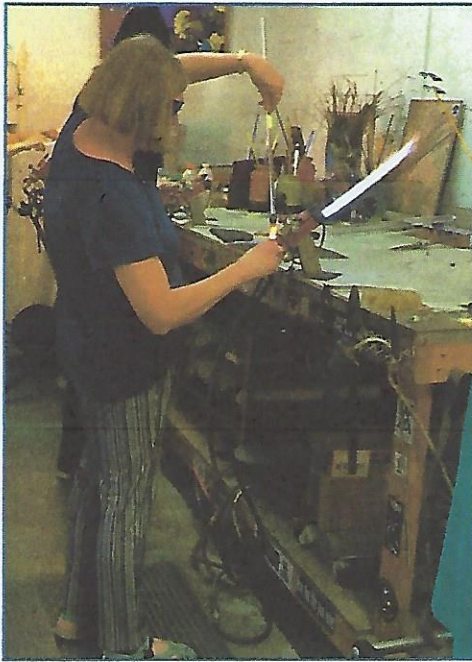
The St. Petersburg Yacht Club was the setting for Saturday night's traditional farewell dinner and was

nearby, so again members could walk. The club was very accommodating and provided a private room with excellent service and food. As always, after dinner the "let's get together" and "goodbyes" took about an hour!

The Dixon's outdid themselves with this extra-special Winter Rendezvous! Many thanks!







Guess which were made by our group?!

