



# Beach Shop

A TEES PLEASE COMPANY



(772) 245-8940

9128 B SE Bridge Road Hobe Sound, FL

www.hobesoundbeachshop.com

Volume 2 • Number 1 • January 2021

## Hobe Sound Beach Shop's Turtle Times

### **Our History is a Treasure: Chapter Five** By Jan Otten

How long have you lived in Hobe Sound? If you moved here after 2012 chances are that you may not be familiar with one of Hobe Sound's iconic destinations. Perhaps you pass that odd looking abandoned building on the east side of Federal Highway just north of Bridge Road and wonder about it? For over 60 years that was the home of the Algozzini Florida/Hawaii Shop.

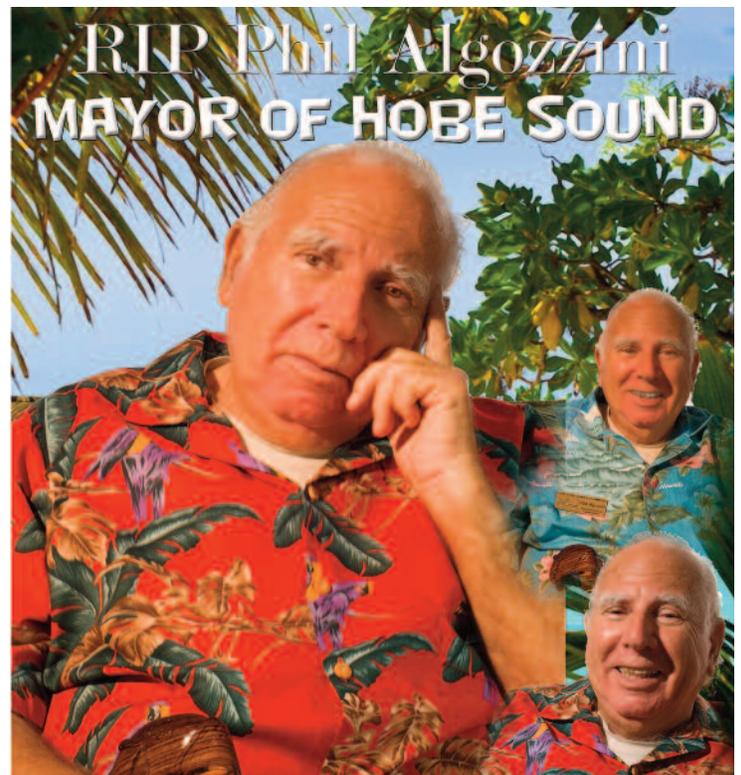
Shopping at Algozzini's in Hobe Sound was always an "experience" not just a place to buy fun, interesting and very attractive clothes and gift items. The family-owned shop was run by the co-owners Phil Algozzini (affectionately nicknamed "the mayor of Hobe Sound",) and his sister, Elaine Gedamke, with the assistance of Elaine's two daughters, Roxanne Howard and Dolly Peyton. Phil Algozzini passed away in May 2012 at age 82 and his sister, Elaine a little later.

The history of the business goes back over 70 years to 1947 when it was founded by Phil and Elaine's parents, Nick and Vera Algozzini. Nick and Vera began vacationing in Florida in 1944 from their home in New Jersey because the climate was good for Nick's arthritis. They found Daytona too cold, but the West Palm Beach area was just right. In 1945 they read about an offer for 20 acres of land for sale, part of the Gomez Grant, for \$2,000 with only a \$20 down payment. They took advantage of that offer, and Hobe Sound history added a colorful and interesting family to its community.

This author interviewed Phil and Elaine in 2007 at the time they celebrated the 60th anniversary of the business.

The Algozzini family, Nick, Vera, Phil and Elaine, worked hard clearing the land while living in a 15' trailer. "We were always covered in mosquito bites," stated Elaine. When asked if there were snakes, Elaine said that her Dad had no fear of them, grabbing them and eventually putting them in formaldehyde and then displaying them in their store in later years. She added that "Often customers would come in, see the snakes hanging there, and turn and run out of the shop."

The land was basically "sugar sand" with 10' to 15' slash pines and Federal Highway was a little two-lane roadway. They contracted with a local trucking company to bring in shell marl to make a more solid base for a circular driveway.



Leo J. Arbezniak. Images in Paradise

Nick bought an old Army truck, outfitted it for use on the property and a power saw from Sears (the family still had the saw at the time of the interview.) With that he began building on his property. In 1947 they opened a small wooden roadside stand where they sold hamburgers and sandwiches. Over the years they added shell crafts such as lamps, ashtrays, and statues that were made by local residents and artisans. Coconuts, which were delivered to them from Miami, were hand carved into faces by a local resident. Always resourceful, they added beer, orange juice, and ice cream to their menu and citrus fruit from a local grove. After a trip to Cuba, they began carrying alligator bags (for 99 cents) and shoes.

Nick Algozzini built two small over-night cabins on the property and 2 efficiency cabins with kitchenettes, learning the proper

continued on page 6

# A Recipe for Disaster

It's inevitable that when I'm introduced to a group of people as 'the turtle guy' (which is pretty much all the time) there's someone who just can't resist uttering the s-word. Sometimes a tough-guy-glory-days boast, sometimes a grandma's cooking story, and sometimes a harmless jest, I just can't escape it. It seems, even more than a half-century after it fell out of favor, the word 'soup' just can't be separated from the word 'turtle' in our collective consciousness.

Why the fascination? The story of the classic 'turtle soup' as it is known today actually starts during the 17th century in the Caribbean, a global population center for the green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), a large marine herbivore that grazes extensively on the vast seagrass beds of the tropics. In days gone by, sea turtles weren't typically revered as iconic marine creatures, and much like the great whales, were perceived as a God-given natural resource available for harvest just like all the other 'fishes' in the sea. Incredibly numerous, green turtles were a staple of indigenous peoples for centuries, each leaving their mark on the culinary evolution of turtle consumption. Upon arrival in the New World ('West India' at the time), early European colonizers, slave traders, and explorers discovered an easily-harvested source of meat that helped feed the colonies and, due to their hardy nature, provided an important resource for trans-Atlantic sailors because they required little or nothing to keep them on-board, alive, for weeks on end.

Largely ignored by the Spanish, Portuguese, and Dutch, the later-arriving English colonizers took a different view, and discovered what they believed to be an extraordinary culinary delight. Interestingly, due to the intense rivalry between the countries at the time, the Spanish developed a disdain for the meat just because the English liked it so much! The French were also interested, but lacked access to most of the English-controlled turtle 'fisheries' of the time. Once the British aristocracy got a taste, it was pretty much game-over for the turtles as its popularity and availability gradually spread to the rest of the population of Europe, the new World, and even China. An early account describes the turtle as "a strange as well as useful creature, vastly answering necessity in living through its quantity of convenient food, as well as gratifying the curious palate with extraordinary delicacy, exceeding that of the marrow and fatness of any other creature I know of" (Thomas Trapham, 1679).

Of critical importance to the unique taste of turtle soup is the inclusion of two particular ingredients; 'calipash' and 'calipee', which refer to the greenish and yellowish fat found on the interior of the turtles' upper and lower shells, respectively. In fact, it is believed that the 'green' in 'green turtle' derives from the color of this material rather than any particular external coloration. Once mixed with various spices and other turtle parts, the resulting soup done the "West India Way" spread across the globe.

Before 1850, in most of the United States, genuine green turtle soup was hard to come by, but its mystique led to the creation of "mock turtle" soup, an alternative made from calf's head,



that spread widely in popularity. However, once meat canning was invented, genuine turtle products became more accessible to the general public, and the first green turtle canneries opened on the coast of Texas in 1869. In 1895, a New York financier opened "Turtle Kraals" (an African word for 'corral') in Key West, which soon became the hub for the green turtle trade throughout the region.

As might be expected, it didn't take too long for turtle populations to decline, and as supply dwindled, the cost soared, resulting in less demand for the product. As measured by its popularity in cookbooks of the time, by the late 1920s turtle soup was only mentioned briefly, and by the 1960s the industry was largely reduced to enticing Florida tourists with 'exotic' restaurant fare such as turtle soup, steak, and even hamburger. Shortly thereafter, the 1970s brought the Endangered Species Act, which finally put an end to the industry in the United States.

Nowadays, regardless of their conservation status, for most, eating sea turtle soup just doesn't sound right anymore (not too many 'back room souperies' around as far as I know), and of course our friend "Crush" from Finding Nemo recently turned off an entire generation to the stuff. I'm hopeful it stays that way, and that we are rewarded with healthy and prosperous green turtle populations for future generations to enjoy. And I still have to remind folks, in some circles, soup is a 4-letter word!

For a full discussion, see Ching, May-bo (2016) "The Flow of Turtle Soup from the Caribbean via Europe to Canton, and Its Modern American Fate." *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*. 16(1); 11pp.

**Submitted by Larry Wood, Ph.D.**

Research Coordinator  
National Save The Sea Turtle  
Foundation  
[www.savetheseaturtle.org](http://www.savetheseaturtle.org)



## Chapter Five ANSWERS

### Across

- From what store did they buy their first tropical shirts and dresses - Woolworths
- What name brand of gasoline did Algozzini's sell - Sinclair
- Phil Algozzini was stationed in what location - Alaska
- Where did the alligator bags and shoes come from - Cuba
- More than how many years was the Algozzini family in business in Hobe Sound - Sixty
- Shopping at Algozzini's was always a what - Experience
- What did Nick Algozzini place in formaldehyde - Snakes
- What was the first item the Algozzini's sold in their stand - Hamburgers

### Down

- What Florida city was too cold for Nick Algozzini - Daytona
- The family name of the person who bought the first Hawaiian shirt - Bush
- What carved objects did Algozzini's sell in the early years - Coconuts
- What type of fruit did they ship - Citrus
- The Algozzini's planned what for some of their customers - Vacations
- What relation to Phil was Elaine - Sister
- What was the affectionate name for Phil Algozzini - Mayor
- Phil Algozzini was in what branch of the military - Navy
- What kind of truck did Nick Algozzini buy - Army
- What tool did Nick Algozzini purchase from Sears - Saw

**Janet Kleine Otten was honored at the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce Awards luncheon on December 18, 2020 for her 14+ years of service.**

When citing the importance of a positive attitude, Jan was mentioned as the "shining example of someone who embodies what impact the power of positive living can have on one's life and it's ripple effect on our community."

The other characteristics of Jan that were noted are as follows:

- She is truly remarkable. A GENUINELY good and kind person. It runs deep in her bones!
- It is not something she works at. It's just who she is.
- She never has a bad thought about anyone and she seeks and sees the good in everyone, encouraging them to see it in themselves.
- Her loving nature and incredible patience differentiate her every day.
- Good people gravitate to her calm and peaceful energy.
- She has shaped the character of many people we know. Her sibling and family consider her their beacon as do many in our community.
- Her inner strength and deep goodness, morals, kindness, tenderness, love and compassion have touched every single person who has come in contact with her, including most everyone in the room at this luncheon.



Please honor Jan Otten—a true Hobe Sound Treasure!

Jan was then awarded roses, and gifts to a room full of resounding applause.

**We are so fortunate to have her continue to serve our community at the Hobe Sound Beach Shop, as she shares the history of Hobe Sound in our *Turtle Times*. Stop in to add your greetings and thanks to Jan anytime you're in town!**



**The Hobe Sound Beach Shop wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day full of Love!**



## **Real Estate Corner The Market in 2021**

### **2021! What's going to happen in the Real Estate World this year?**

Here is what some experts predict:

Consumers are exhibiting considerable resilience.

Zillow Economic Research predicts that home values will increase by 3.6% in the next few months until Feb 2021. Another forecast is that home values will appreciate by 10.3% in the twelve months ending November 2021. The current forecast also calls for sales volume to remain elevated in the coming year, finishing 2021 at 6.9 million sales, the most since 2005. In previous forecasts, the company predicted a 4.8% increase in home values between August 2020 and August 2021.

According to the Washington Post many experts are predicting another strong housing market in 2021. They are forecasting increased demand from buyers who delayed purchasing homes because of the pandemic, from existing homeowners who need larger spaces to accommodate parents working from home and children attending school virtually and from condo owners who are seeking to escape multifamily buildings for single-family houses to mitigate exposure to the virus. The ability to tour homes and close on purchases virtually will make buying a home more simple in 2021

National Association of Realtors expects home sales to set a number of records this year despite — and in some cases, because of — the coronavirus pandemic. Although the final data for 2020 has not been released, the trade association for real estate agents expects new-home sales to come in 20% higher and existing-home sales to come in 3% higher than 2019. NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun predicts new-home sales will jump 21% and existing-home sales to climb 9% in 2021. He predicts home prices will rise by 3% and that mortgage rates will rise to

3.1% in 2021. "The Biden presidency could bring several impactful changes to the housing market," Yun said. "The home buyer tax credit he proposed as a candidate would help Americans cover their down payment costs and is likely firmer assurance of government guarantees to mortgages backed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In addition, new appointees at the Federal Reserve are likely to pursue expansionary monetary policy for a longer period, which should keep interest rates stable over the next few years."

Just Saying!

### **Rich Otten, PSA, C2EX**

The Keyes Company  
5693 SE Crooked Oak Avenue  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
561-385-3715  
richardotten@keyes.com



**Independent Tupperware Consultant  
On the Treasure Coast**

### **Virginia Leigh Russo**



Hobe Sound, Florida, 33455

631-513-0239

**Treasurecoasttupperware@gmail.com**

# Chapter Five

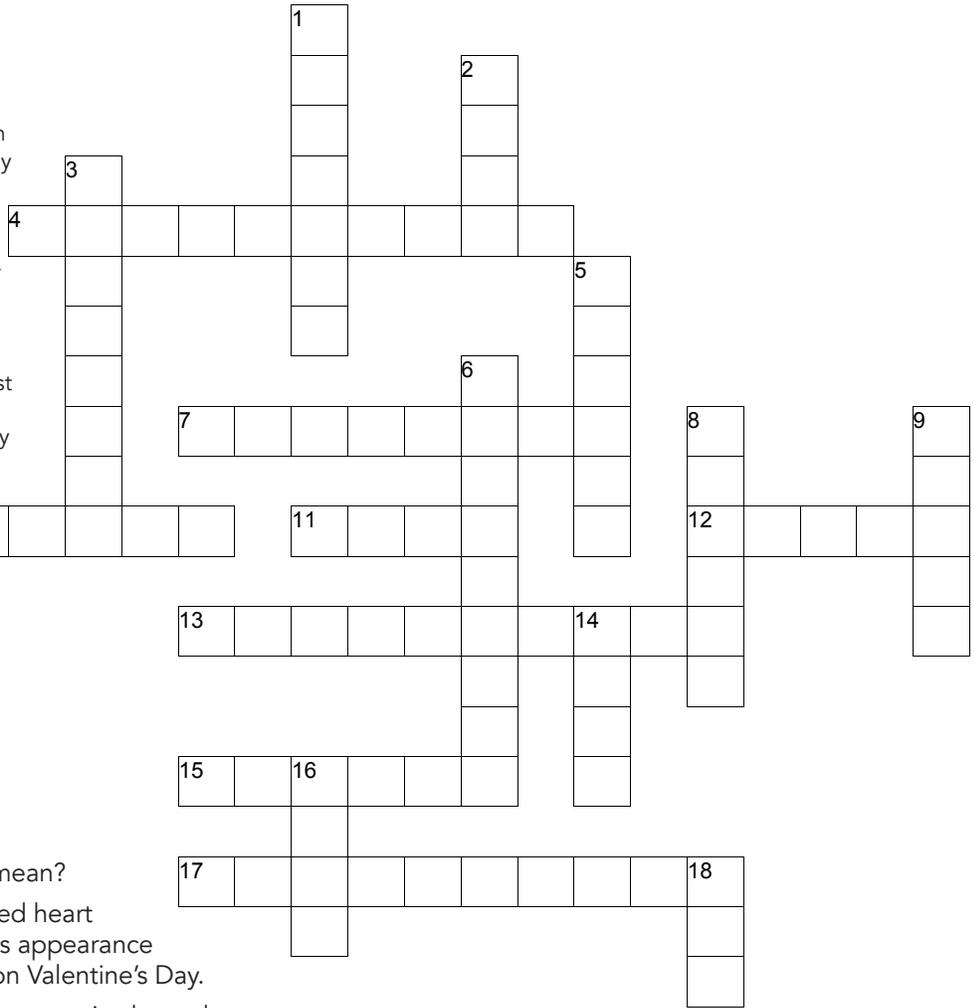
Hint: All Answers Can be Found in the *Chapter Five* Article.

## Across

4. From what store did they buy their first tropical shirts and dresses
7. What name brand of gasoline did Algozzini's sell
10. Phil Algozzini was stationed in what location
11. Where did the alligator bags and shoes come from
12. More than how many years was the Algozzini family in business in Hobe Sound
13. Shopping at Algozzini's was always a what
15. What did Nick Algozzini place in formaldehyde
17. What was the first item the Algozzini's sold in their stand

## Down

1. What Florida city was too cold for Nick Algozzini
2. The family name of the person who bought the first Hawaiian shirt
3. What carved objects did Algozzini's sell in the early years
5. What type of fruit did they ship
6. The Algozzini's planned what for some of their customers
8. What relation to Phil was Elaine
9. What was the affectionate name for Phil Algozzini
14. Phil Algozzini was in what branch of the military
16. What kind of truck did Nick Algozzini buy
18. What tool did Nick Algozzini purchase from Sears



## A little Trivia from Dictionary.com



### Heart With Ribbon emoji

[ hahrt with rib-uhn ih-moh-jee ]

What does Heart With Ribbon emoji mean?

The Heart With Ribbon emoji depicts a pink or red heart wrapped with a yellow ribbon tied with a bow. Its appearance resembles heart-shaped candy boxes, as given on Valentine's Day.

The emoji is often used to represent love, romance, gratitude, and giving gifts. It is especially common on gift-giving holidays, such as Valentine's Day and Christmas.



Photo by Bonnie Larson

## The Bald Eagles of JD State Park

This is the time of the year when visitors to Jonathan Dickinson State Park eagerly await signs of new life at the park's bald eagle nest. The bald eagles that nest annually at the park are migratory, arriving in late summer. After a devastating population decline due to the use of DDT, bald eagles reappeared in the park for the first time in 1979. In the 41 years since, nearly 40 young have been produced. It is a remarkable process for park visitors to watch. Typically, the eagles lay eggs around December, and incubate them for about 35 days. The nest is so large and deep that witnesses can't always observe an adult eagle when it's in the nest incubating the eggs. It becomes apparent that at least one egg has successfully hatched when the adult birds can be seen ripping scraps of food from caught prey (often, fish from the Loxahatchee River) and dropping the morsels into the nest. With anticipation, those who pay attention to Jonathan Dickinson's eagles await this exciting moment each year. If all goes well, a successfully hatched bird will be full-sized and flying within 10-14 weeks. The bald eagles of Jonathan Dickinson State Park will remain until they migrate north around June. If you're interested in watching part of this incredible process, the nest is visible from the main Park Drive.

### Laura Adams

Park Services Specialist  
Jonathan Dickinson State Park





## Get A Charge Out Of Your Visit To The Hobe Sound Beach Shop

Yes, the **Hobe Sound Beach Shop** now has a charging station for electric vehicles. "We're staying ahead of the curve by installing this now because more and more auto manufacturers are coming out with electric cars," stated Barb McLaughlin, the Shop's owner. She added, "We want our customers and our visitors to have a convenient place to charge their vehicles while shopping or dining in downtown Hobe Sound."

If you make a purchase in the **Hobe Sound Beach Shop** the amount of your charging fee will be deducted from your purchase total. So effectively, your charge is free. As an added bonus, the first 10 to take advantage of the charging station will receive a free custom travel mug.

For more information about the charging station, please call the store at **772-245-8940** or email [barb@hobesoundbeachshop.com](mailto:barb@hobesoundbeachshop.com).

### Advertising Opportunity

The **Hobe Sound Beach Shop** is growing! Its customer base is broad and the **Turtle Times** is being widely distributed to visitors, residents and shoppers in the local area.

Rates are extremely reasonable. Your ad will appear in full color. For more details contact **Jan Otten, Managing Editor, 772-245-8940** or [jan@hobesoundbeachshop.com](mailto:jan@hobesoundbeachshop.com).

Can you HEAR, but can't UNDERSTAND?  
Why miss any words if you don't have to.

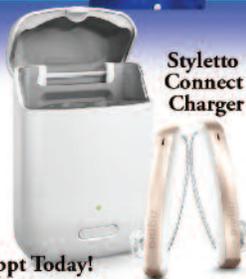
#### HEARING AIDS FOR EVERY BUDGET & LIFESTYLE!

Phonak, Signia, Widex, Oticon, Starkey, Rexton, GN Resound, Sonic and more.  
From Basic Digital Technology to the most advanced Bluetooth, fitbit, Fall detection, translation and much more!

**AKSUN**  
**Hearing Clinic**  
*Where Hearing Is Understanding*



**FREE**  
**\$500**  
**ACCESSORY**  
\*With any hearing aid purchase



Ready to Hear? Make an Appt Today!  
**Phone: (561) 341-0229**

Website: [www.AksunHearingClinic.com](http://www.AksunHearingClinic.com)

11985 U.S. Hwy 1 N, #105, North Palm Beach, FL 33408

\*Coupon Valid with New Hearing Aid purchase only! Must present coupon at time of purchase.  
\*Not valid with any other specials or coupons or prior purchases. No Cash value.



*The Framery* INC.  
Art Restoration

Cynthia L. Cooper 8946 SE Bridge Road  
Proprietor Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
772-546-3424  
theframeryinc.net

*Custom Framing Doesn't Need to be Expensive!*

**Senior Moments**  
89.9 FM WCNO  
Saturdays  
8:45 am  
772-631-7550

## Tommy Bahama



Cupid says:  
Another unique gift for your Love.  
Come in and check out our Tommy Bahama Fragrances for men and women.

## ***Our History is a Treasure: Chapter Five continued from page 1.***

building skills from his neighbors. Their customers paid \$3 per night for their accommodations. Those buildings have withstood years of hurricanes. In addition, they sold Sinclair gas for about \$.33 a gallon.

In 1950 Phil Algozzini enlisted in the Navy. After boot camp in San Diego, he traveled to Seattle and then after a 5-day trip on the SS Funston he arrived in Alaska assigned to Special Services on Kodiak Island. His job was issuing recreation items such as mountain climbing gear, to sailors stationed there, and, because he knew how to type, he typed the base newsletter. "It was the best time," Phil would say with enthusiasm! He became involved in the stage production of South Pacific before it was a Broadway hit, and traveled with the play to other bases in Alaska. His final time in the Navy was as an assistant to the Chaplain and then in 1954 Phil returned to Hobe Sound on a Greyhound bus from San Diego.

In 1957 Phil and his family vacationed in Hawaii and seeing the beautiful and colorful Hawaiian shirts and dresses they brought some back. They purchased them at Woolworth's for 10% off, to see how they would sell here. Phil hung one of the shirts outside the shop and the very first sale was to the brother of former President George H. W. Bush (the Bush family had a home on Jupiter Island.) The following year they returned to Hawaii and found handmade clothes and began bringing back premium shirts and dresses. In later years they attended trade shows and maintained an inventory of beautiful high-quality Hawaiian fashions for the whole family. Phil was noted for always wearing bright tropical shirts.



*Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce members came together shortly after his passing to honor Phil Algozzini. Almost everyone wore colorful tropical clothing in memory of his cheerful and community minded spirit. It seems everyone had at least one (and probably more) flowered shirt from Algozzini Florida/Hawaii Shop.*

Phil and Elaine saw many changes in Hobe Sound over the years, from the sleepy little two-lane road, to the bustling, growing community that it was becoming in their lifetime. Phil once said, "When I go out the door, sometimes I don't even know where I'm at anymore." (I bet he'd truly be lost now if he could see the changes happening.) Phil loved to share the history of Hobe Sound with anyone who would listen – about the Pettway's, Smitty's, The Big Barrel (now the Catfish House), the Chinese vegetable farm, the MacArthur family, and lots more. He would often offer his customers a "libation" while they shopped. Perhaps a Harvey Wallbanger or a taste of the Florida wine that he carried in the shop. Once you met Phil you would never forget him! He was kindly, always smiling and giggling and he loved to chat. He supported local charities and attended events on a regular basis. He was not a tall man, but he drove a big boat of a car. If you rode behind his car you weren't even sure if someone was driving.

In Phil's 2012 obituary, local Realtor and businessman, Ralph Davino said, "Everybody kind of referred to him as the mayor of town. He's been here the longest and he was always good to everybody. He was a good person and a happy person all the time. He was just genuinely a good guy who cared about Hobe Sound and the people in it."

What began as a hamburger stand evolved into what became a "must see" attraction and fine Hawaiian clothing store in lovely little Hobe Sound. No more hamburgers, but in addition to the fashions, they carried attractive jewelry items, party supplies and souvenirs. They also shipped locally grown fruit and would make travel arrangements for vacationers. Hobe Sound was very fortunate to have such an interesting family with a long-time, very diverse business, evolving over the years with the times. For over sixty years the Algozzini family served this community. They were founding members of the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce and were a prime example of how hard work, perseverance, and actively supporting the community can contribute to a successful business with remarkable longevity in a small but growing town. Their store and their family is very much missed in this community, but their legacy continues as an integral part of the history of Hobe Sound.



**Hobe Sound Beach Shop** offers the tropical wear once sold in Algozzini's Florida/Hawaii Shop

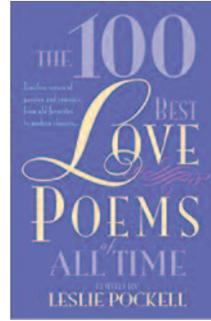
Like Phil Algozzini, the **Hobe Sound Beach Shop** family genuinely cares about Hobe Sound and the people who live and visit here. Our shop is based in part on the heritage of the Algozzini Hawaii/Florida Shop by continuing to offer the quality tropical wear, souvenirs and beach items that former customers of Algozzini's shopped for. A recent visitor to the shop stated, "I used to go to Algozzini's, now I come here." We hope those who remember Algozzini's will stop in and feel the nostalgia, and that newcomers will stop in to enjoy the ambience that abounds in our little shop.

Don't forget February 14th is Valentine's Day.  
 We have one of a kind gifts for your one of a kind LOVE.

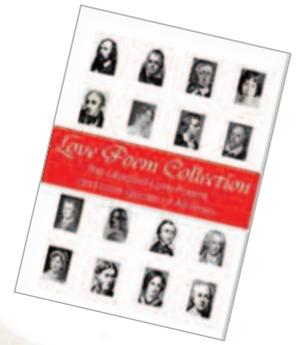
Periwinkle  
 BY BARLOW



Fashion jewelry that is beautiful and affordable.  
 Something for your every love.



Pillows & Poems.  
 Curl up with your love.



dune  
 JEWELRY & CO.

Dune jewelry is made with Hobe Sound Beach Sand!



Joyce L. Herb  
 Design Consultant

All Flooring

Wallpaper

Fabrics

Window Treatments

joycelherb123@aol.com

Cell: 772-214-2294



## Hobe Sound Toasters

Club #1206922 of Toastmasters International

Richard W. Otten, DTM

President Emeritus/Founder

### Open to the public

- Become a More Effective Communicator
- Sharpen Management Skills
- Develop Leadership Potential
- Reduce the "Public Speaking Butterflies"
- Learn to Speak with Greater Confidence

For more information about Hobe Sound Toasters contact Richard Otten

Tel: 561-385-3715 or Email: dancensound1@gmail.com

Visit 1206922.toastmastersclubs.org

For more information about Toastmasters International

Visit www.toastmastersinternational.com



A TEES PLEASE COMPANY 

9128 SE Bridge Road Hobe Sound, FL 33455

**Check out a large selection of Valentine's Day Gift ideas on page 7**



#### ***The Seaside Siblings***

Barbara Kleine McLaughlin  
OWNER/CFO

George M. Kleine  
OWNER/PRESIDENT/CHIEF DESIGNER

Janet Kleine Otten  
MANAGING EDITOR/GENERAL MANAGER

#### ***The Seaside Sales Staff***

Linda Perkins  
MERCHANDISING

Priya Bhattar  
SALES AND PRODUCTION

Michelle Orman  
SALES AND PRODUCTION

#### ***The Seaside Everything Guy***

Barry McLaughlin

#### ***The Seaside Contributing Writers***

Janet Kleine Otten

George Kleine

Rich Otten, PSA, C2EX

Larry Wood, Ph.D.

Laura Adams

#### ***Turtle Times Distribution***

Workson Louis-Jeune

#### **STORE HOURS**

Monday—Saturday 10am-6pm

Sunday 12noon-4pm



# *Tommy Bahama*

## **Valentine's Day Special**

Now through end of February

### **50% off select Tommy Bahama Men's and Women's fashions**



**Hobe Sound Beach Shop parking available in the rear during construction**