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**Manager's Corner**

It's that time of year again. We survived (barely) the switch to Daylight Savings Time again. Not to worry. We'll get an extra hour of sleep in the fall. The days are longer, it's getting warmer again (so they keep telling us), and the Snowbirds are starting to make their twice-a-year trek north. In just a couple of short months we'll be starting Hurric...no, I'm not going to say it. We all know what happens June 1 to November 30.

Before you leave on an extended vacation, and Snowbirds in particular, make sure your house is secure. Walk around your house and look at what personal objects are decorating your landscape beds, walls, and back patio. Last year as I toured the property before, during, and after Hurricane Sandy went by, I was more than a little surprised to see how many homes still had loose items lying around that would have become projectiles if the storm had come just a little closer. Back patio tables and chairs are most often overlooked when it comes to prepping for a storm. As I've shown several residents, if you install a couple of screw eyes to the back wall or privacy wall, the table can be stood on its side and secured with the surface against the wall using a little rope or bungee cords. Chairs need to go inside. So far I've not seen predictions about the upcoming season, but it's better to be safe than sorry and secure your home before you leave.

Make sure you turn the water off to your house if you're going to be gone for an extended time. If you can't locate the water shut off, call me. I'll be happy to show you. It's also a good idea to shut off the breakers to your water heater. That way if the water heater ruptures the coils won't continue to heat up and possibly start a fire. If you don't know how to do this, call me.

Do you have a house sitter? It's smart to have someone stop by every week or so just to look in on your vacant home.

Do you know how fast mold can develop if your air conditioner stops working, especially in the South Florida heat and humidity? All it takes is for the battery in your thermostat to go dead and your A/C won't come on.

Lastly, please make sure Bonnie and I have a good phone number for you, your house sitter, and an emergency contact so that we can get in touch with you while you're gone. Nothing is more frustrating than seeing a water leak at a house and having no way to inform the owner.

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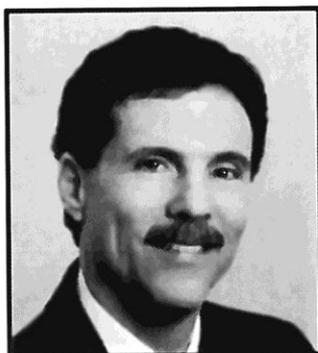
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## **Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, March 7, 2013**

*Minutes of the March 2013 meeting will not be available until the Board approves them at the next meeting. To inform residents in a timely manner, we present the unofficial and abbreviated notes below.*

### **President's Report, Harvey Galan**

- Thanks to Iris Rothstein for taking over the Welcome Committee.
- Painting is finished. Exterior cleaning continues.

### **Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas**

- *(Residents may request a report of the 3/7/13 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)*
- Maintenance receivable: The unpaid maintenance for prior quarters is now \$11,483, due from a unit that is now in foreclosure. Our attorneys are dealing with the issue. The Association has decided not to take the unit over or rent it out. We are still paying for the electricity to run the air conditioning.
- Budget Compliance to February 28, 2013: The income and expenses are within the budget target for February 2013.
- The annual audit of the books and records for 2012 has been completed by our auditors. The Board must approve the audit and accept the Auditor's Report. Once the audit is approved by the Board, the Audit Report will be available to any unit owner. Please see Bonnie when the report is accepted.
- Sy Kugelmas read a letter from the auditors recommending we charge capital contributions from our new owners and that we set up a line of credit for emergency purposes and other items.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **COBWRA and Safety and Security, Steve Bayer**

- The Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) is implementing a new program "See It, Say It." Don't be afraid to call 911.
- At 10:30 a.m. on March 5, Steve Bayer received a call from the guardhouse about a man on a motor bike who drove around the gate. Steve advised the Guard to call 911 and started driving around the community. He found an unauthorized person and escorted him from the property.
- COBWRA Delegates meetings are always open.

#### **Grounds Committee, Bill Broth**

*(See Bill Broth's report on p. 5 of this newsletter.)*

#### **Clubhouse and Pool, Painting, Harvey Galan**

- The exercise rooms have been painted.

#### **Insurance, Saul Siegel**

- We will be talking to a few agents about our insurance policies.

#### **Architectural Review Committee (ARC), Mark Jaffie**

- Many approvals were given for new lights on houses and new plantings.

#### **Documents Committee, Liz Hopwood**

- We're finalizing the recommended changes and will give them to Ken Miller to proofread before sending them to the Attorney.
- We are looking at the situation with service animals in the Community.

Sy Kugelmas informed the Board that Hartzell Painting wants to change the payment schedule to three payments. The cash flow will be tight but this request can be accommodated.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Motion to accept the Holiday Lighting's proposal for \$1521 for lighting the Medjool Palms passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept Devcon's proposal to install a radio frequency identification (RFID) system at a cost of \$17,800 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to purchase a dual adjustable pulley machine at a cost not to exceed \$5000, with machine to be attached to the floor, was defeated, 2-5.
- Motion to purchase a seated leg press at a cost not to exceed \$5000, with machine to be attached to the floor, was defeated by a 2-5 vote.

#### **New Business**

- Issue of proper attire for the pool and tennis courts tabled until the April meeting.
- Motion to accept Zimmerman's proposal of \$1500 to remove ficus trees and areca palm stalks behind 5748 Swaying Palm passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to return to 2:00 p.m. Board meetings passed by a vote of 5-2.
- The ARC Committee will be checking the back patios of homes as many are black and in need of cleaning. Check your back patios now so you don't get a letter.
- Board agreed to allow Sy Kugelmas to approach the bank about a line of credit.

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bill Broth

In February the Board of Directors (BOD) approved the expenditure that was submitted last year for the completion of the landscaping of the center median of Imperial Seas. M&P has done the work, and now our center median has plantings along the entire length. In order to make the south end of Imperial Seas look as good as the newly planted north side, M&P had the crew clean out the mulch that had migrated onto the stones. Imperial Seas now has a new refreshed look for all three medians.

The Grounds Committee suggested that the lighting at the signage be improved as the name of the community is blocked. We found that some of the plantings had grown too high, which caused the light to be blocked. Some plants were trimmed back which did improve some areas. In other areas, if the hedges were to be trimmed there would be nothing left but sticks after the pruning and it would take several months for the plants to grow back. The trimming that was done did not require additional funds.

We are looking into some new plantings that would give us color but would be lower and not block the light on the signage. These changes would be part of budgeted expense for the year.

Pictures were taken at night to enable us to see what other areas are blocked, and we have planned additional pruning.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

### *GET WELL*

Irwin Citron  
Joe Genova  
Marian Held  
Joan Peckins  
Jim Wachtel

### *SYMPATHY*

To Claire Deveney on the loss of her brother, Paul

### *MESSAGES*

I wish to thank all of Majestic Isles' organizations, my friends and neighbors for their good wishes for a speedy recovery after my recent surgery.

Irwin (Sonny) Citron

It is heartwarming to have such concerned and caring friends in our generous, kind and warm community. My gratitude is enormous for the concern shown for my recovering from hip surgery and for your good wishes.

Millie Silverman

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Harvey Galan

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## Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Valencia Lakes, March 20, 2013

### Boca Pointe Performing Scam Troupe

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- The Bank Examiner Scam • The Roofing Scam •
- The Pigeon Drop Scam • The Grandma Scam

After the performance retired PBSO Captain Samuel Goldstein answered questions and provided additional information on scams.

If your community has an audience of 50 or more persons, they will perform for you. Contact Harriett Rubin at florabelle10@aol.com. They request a token honorarium for their favorite charity.

### Officials' Reports

**Commissioner Mary Lou Berger, District 5**, reported that she attended the National Association of Counties meeting in Washington DC. She visited each of our local Congressional representatives. She also traveled to Tallahassee for the Palm Beach County Day event. When she was in Washington, she visited the Holocaust Museum for the first time. She said she always would keep the ID card she picked up there.

**Captain Mark Murray, Commander, PBSO District 6**, reported there has been a little increase in residential and vehicle burglaries. He urged everyone to lock car doors and don't leave valuables in plain sight inside a car. At home, always lock all doors and set your alarm. He stated the Sheriff's Office is looking for more COP volunteers. He praised the COP volunteers as the eyes and ears for the Sheriff. If your community does not have a COP unit, contact Capt. Murray at 561-375-7000.

**Darlene Henry, Tax Collector's Office**, offered to have a speaker come to your community and explain the Tourist Development Tax on rental properties. When owners rent their properties for six months or less, a 6% tax is collected. There are penalties for not collecting or paying this tax. Contact the Tax Collector at [www.taxcollectorpbc.com](http://www.taxcollectorpbc.com) or call 561-355-2264.

### COBWRA Reports

**Elections:** The following officers were elected for the 2013-2014 year:

**President:** Myrna Rosoff, Aberdeen

**First Vice President:** Sharon Reuben, Valencia Isles  
**Second Vice President:** Glen Harvie, Bellaggio  
**Treasurer:** Larry Miller, Valencia Shores  
**Secretary:** Debbie Murphy, Cypress Creek. They will be installed April 17 at Banyan Springs.

**Gerry Morrison, Chair of Growth Management**, reported on the proposal for a change to the approved **Lantana Square Two** on the west side of Jog Road, immediately south of Lantana Square. The proposal is to replace the approved bank with a drive through for a type 1 restaurant with a drive through. The proposed restaurant is Pollo Tropical. Journey's End sent a letter recommending approval. The Delegates voted unanimously to recommend approval by the County. **Cash Out for Civic Sites.** Kevin Ratterree of GL Homes presented the details of the proposal by the County asking GL Homes to pay cash for surplus civic sites for which the County has no use. The civic sites are in West Delray and West Boynton. The County valued the land at \$110,450 per acre. If approved,

- The civic sites will be absorbed into each PUD and lose their civic site designation.
  - There will no change in building density or the number of units built.
  - GL will not be able to build any additional homes. GL will be able to offer larger lots.
  - There will be no impact on any Ag Preserve land. • The County will accept a 6.674-acre site on the NE corner of Atlantic Avenue and the Turnpike for a county administrative building. • GL will pay PBC \$2,854,477 for 25.84 acres in the remaining civic sites. The county will use a portion of these funds to refurbish the West Atlantic Ave Library and for a new PBSO district substation for West Delray that the Alliance has been seeking for years.
  - If the County were to keep these sites, they would likely remain weedy lots with little maintenance.
- The Delegates voted to recommend approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

### Future Meetings (Open to the public)

**Apr 2, 6:30 pm:** Growth Management, PBSO District 6

**Apr 17, 9:30 am:** Delegates at Banyan Springs (Boynton Beach Blvd between Military Trail & Jog Road) Installation of new officers by Palm Beach County Mayor Steven Abrams.

—by **Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications** [www.cobwra.org](http://www.cobwra.org)

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## The Reel Story

### QUARTET

By Judy Radin



Beecham, a home for retired opera greats, is having financial problems. In the past, the former opera stars staged a yearly gala to help the facility survive another year. However, this year the troubles are greater than ever and considerable sums of money are required for the home's survival. The singers, in an attempt to save their beloved Beecham, decide to stage an operatic gala featuring the famous *Quartet from Rigoletto*. Three of the originally successful *Quartet* already live at Beecham.

The home is agog with the arrival of Jean Horton (Maggie Smith), a former operatic prima donna who, down on her luck, was forced to sell her assets and move to Beecham. Horton's presence also signifies to the residents that the four members of the former *Rigoletto Quartet* are now united under one roof. A repeat performance should be an audience pleaser that will bring enough revenue to save their home.

Jean, however, doubts her ability to sing again. Her defensive behavior leads to noticeable disenchantment with the facility and its residents. She once more becomes a haughty prima donna.

The troubles grow when tenor Reggie Paget (Tom Courtney) who shares a history with Jean and bears a grudge, now refuses to associate with her at all. Soon a romantic theme enters the film suggesting that the former lovers may resolve their differences and revive their romantic relationship.

The movie audience enjoyed the comic acting and genuine Scottish brogue of Billy Connolly who assumed the role of an eternally rude and aggressive, sometimes vulgar old man. He flirts with every woman in proximity and even those who are not nearby. Some compare his role playing skills to those of John Cleese (of Monty Python fame).

Director, Dustin Hoffman took an example from his own life when he, at age 30, portrayed the 21 year old Benjamin Braddock in *The Graduate*. A few years later, he assumed the challenging role of a 121-year-old frontiersman in *Little Big Man*. In his 50s, the seasoned actor starred as the more mature character of Willie Loman in *Death of a Salesman* as well as the title role of *Shylock*.

Now, at age 75, his wide-range acting experience and age inspire Hoffman to direct for the first time, a movie based on the trials and tribulations of aging. His meticulous direction was apparent in his tactful manner of managing the varying ages of the cast, including the 78-year-old playwright, Ronald Harwood. He showed compassion by coordinating opposing egos to accomplish a rewarding outcome.

Hoffman's directorial aptitude was obvious as he pulled together personalities and subjects of *Quartet* into a successful culminating concert. His choices of music and staging were varied and appealing to a diverse audience. He accomplished the idea that elderly people may get sick but are far from dying.

We took pleasure in knowing that many of the true residents of Beecham are, in fact, noted musicians. Classical music devotees, without doubt, enjoyed the musical out-takes at the film's end; nevertheless, the familiar light classics seemed to have been appreciated by a varied audience.

Yes, there is life in old age. Experience is the best teacher, and some of us are the best students.

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**APRIL 15****The Most Taxing Day Of The Year**

by Stanley Kaish

First, if you'll indulge me, a little poem:

*The month of April brings many good things,  
Like Easter and Passover and the beginning of  
spring.*

*The Boston Marathon is on an April day,  
And it's National Poetry Month, by the way.*

*So why with all these good things in play,  
Does T.S. Eliot in his Waste Land say,*

*"April is the cruelest month," as he assays  
This world we live in, with obvious dismay.*

*T.S. never says it, but when you think it through,  
It must be that in April, income tax is due.*

Since this month contains our most widely observed holiday, National Pay Your Tax Day, I set out to write an amusing article on the subject. In the process of looking into it, I concluded that the most amusing thing about our income tax system is how much it is deplored. We laugh at the absurd complexity of the code. We laugh at the ruthless behavior the IRS is said to employ to collect taxes. We laugh at the dishonesty people employ in efforts to reduce the amount they are taxed. The humor of the subject of taxes lies in the futility each of us experiences in coping, and the irony expressed once we realize how futile our coping mechanisms are.

Let me give you a few examples of what I am talking about. Begin with Mark Twain, quoted as observing, "What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist takes only your skin." Similar in spirit is the anonymous critic who asked and answered, "What's the difference between a tax auditor and a Rottweiler? A Rottweiler eventually lets go." Then there is Jay Leno's quip, "Worried about an IRS audit? Avoid what's called a red flag. That's something the IRS always looks for. For example, say you have some money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That's a red flag." Will Rogers suggests, "Income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf."

And, of course, we know instinctively that "There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year." Perhaps our bitterness

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**INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP**

By Al Silverman, Facilitator



A newly discovered asteroid the size of a football field cruised through Earth's neighborhood on Sunday, March 10, missing the Earth by a mere 600,000 miles. Just after that another space rock, 33 feet in size, made an even closer approach to our planet by only 230,000 miles. Some people, as a result of these happenings, may decide to adjust their long-term investment objectives. Astronomical researchers, however, said there was no danger of this space rock hitting our planet, but these flybys are slightly unsettling anyway, since their discovery was observed only a few days ago, giving us very little time to duck.

Let us go from outer space to the inner space of your investment portfolio where there may be some concern about the financial market and the economy. Our guest speaker, Walter Bieber, our neighbor and an astute investor and analyst, was introduced. He spoke about a possible sudden danger to strike a highly regarded stock when it suddenly sells off. If the drop is judged to be unwarranted or possibly a short-term event, then to the short term trader, it may become a buying opportunity to capture several points as it returns to its normal state. He gave several examples using charts as illustrations.

Having digested this information, we can ask ourselves whether investing for income with growth is still an attainable and/or wise objective, or whether short-term trading or investing for the long term for growth should be the path to take consistent with our own respective time frames. Will climbing the ladder of risk to provide current income of 6% to 15% give you a comfort level you can live with for the forgoing investing period, whether it's one, two or five years or longer?

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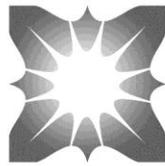
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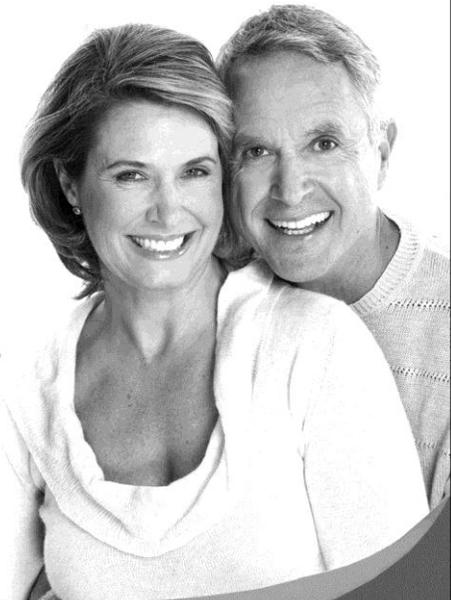
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## FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson

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This historic home and artist's studio belonged to Ann Weaver Norton, wife of the Norton Museum's founder. The gardens are lovely with wonderful outside sculptures placed around the gardens. The garden is located just a few blocks from the Norton Museum and during April 2013 will be open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Wednesdays to Sundays.

**The Norton Museum of Art**  
**1451 S. Olive Avenue**  
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A new exhibit at the Norton, "The Radical Camera," features photos by the N.Y. Photo League 1936-1954. The exhibit runs through June 16, 2013.

While you are at the Norton, don't miss the Chihuly ceiling. It is a fantastic feat. The museum also has a wonderful gift shop and lots of terrific art including a Van Gogh!

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"The Curators Farewell Exhibition," put together by retiring senior curator Tom Gregersen, displays "Cool Stuff from the Collection." The exhibit will run through May 19. The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$13.00, with discounts for children, students and seniors.

## MOST TAXING DAY (continued from p. 13)



is summed up with "Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?"

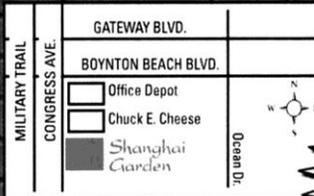
On the subject of complexity, consider "The first U.S. tax code (1913) was 400 pages. It is now over 70,000 pages! The IRS sends out an average of 8 billion pages of paper every tax season. Just how much is that? Laid end-to-end, all those pieces of paper would wrap around Earth 28 times." Or, "American taxpayers spend 5.4 billion hours (and \$200 billion) working to comply with federal taxes each year. That's a bigger yearly work force than it takes to produce every U.S. car, truck and van!" Are you finished laughing yet?

Perhaps my favorites from these dreary efforts at humor come from the work of Professor Steven J. Willis, Professor of Law at the University of Florida who cites several actual sections of the code. One is, "For purposes of paragraph (3), an organization described in paragraph (2) shall be deemed to include an organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) which would be described in paragraph (2) if it were an organization described in section 501(c)(3)." He tells us President Reagan included this sentence in his speeches as example of the Code being undecipherable. During his and subsequent administrations, we've seen 121 tax bills pass Congress. At least a dozen involved "simplification," yet the above sentence remains.

Let me leave you with one more quote: "The hardest thing in the world to understand is income tax." Simple and direct, it comes from Albert Einstein.



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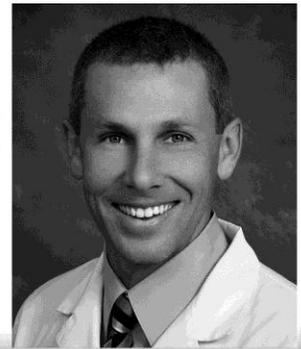
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## MORE SQUEEZE FOR YOUR DOLLAR

By Thelma Mechanic



Don't you love a real bargain? Who doesn't like to get more for less? There are many ways to stretch dollars, some more obvious than others. Following are some of Mechanic's findings. You've heard the expression about not being able to squeeze the toothpaste back into the tube? That's true; however, consider using a scissor to cut along the length of the tube! There's almost 1/3 of the toothpaste remaining in an otherwise "empty" tube, so "more squeeze for your buck."

With many beauty products, although you want to get to the last drop, packaging leaves 3-28 % of the product behind. Invest in beauty spatulas or a small spoon to enable you to scoop the goop from the remaining lotions, lipstick, or shampoo.

Are you leaving for an extended trip? You can create space in your luggage with the Eagle Creek Compression Sac Set. This is an assortment of bags with air valves at the bottom which allow you to roll up bulky clothes and reduce their volume by up to 80%. That's a pretty slick way to condense your packing and take less luggage with you.

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And here are some product "freebies." Save on shoe polish by using the inside of a banana peel to shine and buff shoes to a rich shine. Also, save your cucumber peels to repel insects, and use lemon peels to polish chrome. Another useful kitchen trick is to rub a cut potato over mud-stained clothing before laundering. (there are lots of tips on the

internet on how to do this and whatever else is required.

Also, don't overlook seasonal discount bargains, such as humidifiers that are marked down in March, or mattresses discounted in August. There are seasonal discounts even on apple pies, so investigate and save money doing so.

It's wise to shop around for everything, even dentists. A recent survey found that prices could vary by more than 400% in the same area, for the same services. For example, it may cost from \$120 to \$360 to fill a cavity.

More tips are available on the weekly You Tube series "The Cheap Life" by AARP savings expert Jeff Yeager at [www.youtube.com/cheaplifechannel6](http://www.youtube.com/cheaplifechannel6).

Squeezing your dollar to save money is rewarding. But the best squeeze of all is to get a big, warm, bear-hug squeeze from someone you love! And it doesn't cost anything!

## INVESTORS

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Unless you prefer other alternatives, you may want to consider some securities we have mentioned before. Their initials and yields are:

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## SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

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Showtime on Saturday April 27, will feature wonderful singer, Luisa Lubell and the comedy of David Sayh. All for \$12.00 per person. Seating will be as checks are received.

Our next Social Club meeting will be Tuesday, April 30. Come and hear about all our exciting plans for the coming months. Watch Channel 63 for details.

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## PET PATCH

By Molly



Would you believe – the Snowbirds are already making plans to go back North! Seems like they just got here. And do they really want to go back to the snow and ice they've had up

North? I have two Snowbird friends – Gracie and Cocoa. They're both younger than I am – they want to play, and I'm just getting too old for that.

But I still take my daily walks with my Mom and our friends. Some people can't believe I walk past the back gate from our house – they think it's too far for me – I may be coming up on 14 years old, but I don't feel like it. You're only as old as you feel!

For the Snowbirds going back already, have a great summer – see you next season!

## CARBON MONOXIDE (Cont. from p. 11)

turers say to “throw away” your CO Detector after a set period of time. Fire Departments have multi-gas detectors that do not get thrown away and require constant calibration and ongoing maintenance programs. Fire Department experts use Calibration/Bump Test Kits to detect, test and calibrate their CO Monitors. The only way to do this is with pre-bottled Calibration Gas that is specifically intended for the monitor in use. The calibration bottles are considered a “hazardous material” and will not ship to residential homes in most cases. It is NOT wise to attempt using these calibration gases in a residential setting not to mention that they do not have fittings to connect to the common residential detector.

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## BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

“I really could use a vacation,” said my wife the other day. To which I replied, “Evelyn, didn’t we go to Israel just this past December, and aren’t we going there again in April?” “That’s not what I mean by a vacation. We went to visit our five grandchildren, daughter, and son-in-law. When we travel there in April we will be going there for two *simchas* (happy family stuff), accompanied by our two ‘bookend’ daughters, both refugees from Hurricane Sandy. I don’t call travelling 25 hours door-to-door, stuffed like sardines in a can, and wrenched across seven time zones, a vacation. Couldn’t we consider a more relaxed, slower paced, not so far away real vacation?”

“Sure, but didn’t we just go to Naples and Fort Myers with the Travel Club?”

“Yes, we did, but a 2-week, not a 2-day, true vacation is what I really have in mind.”

“OK, so what would you like to do, where would you like to do it and when would you like to go?”

“You know how it can really get very hot around here in the summer? Maybe we could go on vacation then? How about someplace cool? You know how I hate to pack and unpack, pack and unpack. A busy-each-day from sunup to sundown tour of one or more countries is not the way I want to spend our vacation. I think I would like to go on a cruise. That 3-week transatlantic-Mediterranean cruise we took three springs ago was perfect – plenty of time to relax and unwind. If we do this, the ship could be our hotel. Shore excursions and nightlife would be there if we want to participate. Each day could be a day of pampered relaxation or even one at least for us, of new adventures.”

“Sounds great. We now have the ‘when’ – *summer*. We have the ‘what’ – a two- to three-week cruise. We still, however, need the ‘where.’ Transatlantic cruises don’t happen during the summer. These are repositioning cruises scheduled for spring and fall.”

“So, what cruise could we take? Where would we go?” Alaska or northern Europe is cool in the summer. Should we go there?”

“The Travel Club is considering an Alaskan cruise for summer 2014. We should go then with them! Northern Europe cruises are not only pricey, but they seem to follow the ‘if it’s Tuesday, it must be Rome’

travel mantra. Except for Saint Petersburg in Russia, the cruise ships visit a new port, often a new country every day. We need a less frenetic cruise, one that goes somewhere else.”

“Bill, this is the 20<sup>th</sup> article that you have written for the community newsletter about our little strip of south Florida located between the Everglade’s *River of Grass* and the Atlantic’s *Gulf Stream-Florida Current*. Lately, you have been writing about how global warming, rising sea levels and climatic change have, can and will affect us. Could it be that the ‘new normal’ of Arctic Ocean higher summer temperatures and northward-retreating pack ice might open up a whole new set of places for us to spend our summer vacations?”

“Wow, I never thought of that. Look at these new summer cruises. Here’s one that circumnavigates Iceland and juxtaposes glaciers with active volcanoes and geothermal spas, truly a ‘Land of Fire and Ice.’ Here’s another combining Iceland and Greenland in an Atlantic crossing from Copenhagen to Boston or reverse. Here’s another from London to Oslo and the Norwegian fjords. Here’s yet another including Spitsbergen, the ‘Land of the Midnight Sun.’ Here’s a polar bear encounter cruise. We might even see them attempting a 300-mile swim to the nearest summer pack ice. There are plenty from which to choose. Whoever thought that global warming and climatic change would open up new Far North destinations to cruising?”

Climate change also has affected the Far South. It’s too bad that some new South American cruises between Chile and Argentina or Brazil now visit Antarctica but only during our winter. These too would be new fun places to visit. We could cruise the Chilean fjords, walk amongst the Palmer Peninsula penguins, dodge icebergs and watch the breakup of ice shelves calving into Antarctic seas. This too would be on the cool side but who would want to leave in winter our beautiful warm and dry, snug between our two rivers, South Florida home.”



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## VACATION: APRIL 1

By Phyllis M. Cohen

I've been looking at all of those glossy travel agency flyers and the vacation sections in the newspapers and been thinking of planning a vacation spree for me and my husband. You might wonder why I need a vacation since I am already retired. But somehow, the retirement gods failed to take into consideration that though I have retired from my "paying" profession, my "non-paying" jobs continued. The house still needs to be looked after, meals require cooking, shopping and cleanup, bills have to be paid, and my partner in retirement (now around 24/7) needs more attention than Octomom's eight.

Though I am now unemployed, my volunteer activities require hours of calls and meetings. And finally, there were all of those calls from the "Gods." No, not the big one upstairs, but a bunch of my lady friends I fondly designated as the "Gods," an acronym for **Grumpy Old Dames**. We all have similar physical, emotional, medical and relationship problems that require several daily calls to allow us to vent, sympathize or whine. Think of the Ya Ya Sisterhood on Social Security. We needed a break from each other or at least some new gossip.

The biggest problem of all was where to take a vacation. My husband and I had different views on what constituted a vacation. His favorite was to have all of our family here at our house while he played with the grandkids or did home repair projects with the guys while I stood in the kitchen cooking for ten. To complete the good times, he loved an outing to Wal-Mart or Home Depot to add to his tool collections.

Since this was supposed to be a real vacation for me, I proposed a cruise, something he detested and to which he finally agreed with one condition. He would be allowed to take along anything he wanted. Since I am a minimalist and he is a survivalist, I figured that together we would be compatible. He carries a back pack of gear just to go to Publix so I should have been suspicious. Unless you have been in jail or out of the country for the last few months, you may have managed to avoid hearing about the journey of the Carnival Cruise Ship, Aurora. This luxury liner with 5,000 people suffered a serious fire on board and was effectively adrift on the seas for five days. Imagine Gilligan's Isle meets the Titanic. Goodbye fine

dining, shows, shore excursions, and goodbye, also, to necessities, such as air conditioning, food, and bathroom facilities.

But for my future shipmate, it presented a challenge. In the weeks leading up to the trip, mysterious packages and boxes started arriving. A carton of bottled water and a case of power bars made some sense, along with the bacterial wipes, tissues, plastic bags and medical supplies. A gross of adult diapers seemed like overkill until he unloaded the biggies: a 20 foot rope ladder (for a five story ship, and who could climb it?), orange survival suits for possible immersion in the ocean, individual personal locator devices, and finally, an inflatable raft with oars. And he didn't forget the fishing lines, shark repellent, sun block, and flare guns. Packed and re-packed, the survival stuff filled up our family room and we would need a bunch of Sherpas or mules to reach the Ft. Lauderdale pier. It actually required two limos, but the spectacle of our arrival was worth the \$300 charge. You may have caught it on YouTube, the sight of all of the crews and passengers from our ship and the others in the harbor bent over laughing as our safety equipment was unloaded. The hysterical captain would only allow us to stow it in the storerooms, not much use in case of a real disaster, but not in our room. So if you are planning a trip to Antarctica or the Himalayas, just call me or go on eBay to pick up some bargain equipment, cheap.

As for the vacation dream, remember what Dorothy said, "There's no place like home, Toto." I'm catching up on Downton Abbey and Alan is watching the Sci-fi channel. No need to cook since I have a hundred packs of MRE's to mix with my bottled water and plenty of power bars for dessert. Cheers!



*Addendum: And if you liked this adventure, remind me to send you a copy of my astronaut trip a couple of years ago.*

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April 1. This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four. ~Mark Twain, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*, 1894

April fool, n. The March fool with another month added to his folly. ~Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

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## SALARIES IN BASEBALL

By Rick Sacks



Here we are again, spring training and baseball time again. Even after having watched or listened to this sport ever since I was a little boy, the anticipation of another year is a feeling like no other.

We think of these athletes as heroes, but in reality they are just people (like you or me), who are blessed to have been given special talents. These talents, depending on the ball player can result in salaries that boggle the mind. Let's go back in time and compare ball players of the past with those of today.

Most players before the 1900's were paid by the game, not a yearly salary. That changed after the early 1900's with the average player making very little money (\$2,400) per season. After 1912, a group of ball players including some of the game's biggest stars including Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson formed the fraternity of professional baseball players. This fraternity was rejected by the owners and led to the formation of the Federal League in 1913. The Federal League was a group of businessmen hoping to get in on the success of baseball by poaching players from the major leagues, promising better conditions and more money. The Federal League, made up of eight teams, lasted only two years but led the owners of the Major League teams to agree to raise salaries and provide better working conditions.

Ty Cobb, the highest paid baseball player of his time, saw his salary increase from \$12,000, to \$20,000, a large increase for its time.

As years went by salaries and conditions improved. In 1930, Baby Ruth was given a salary of \$80,000, more than the president of the United States (Herbert Hoover). Ruth, when questioned about making more money than the president replied, "Well I had a better year."

Here is a list of some of the great ball players of the past, what their top salaries were and how they would compare to today's salaries.

Joe Di Maggio: highest \$100,000 (1949);  
Adjusted \$900,000 (2010)  
Ted Williams highest 125,000 (1959);  
Adjusted 935,000 (2010)

Mickey Mantle highest \$125,000 (1963);

Adjusted \$710,000 (2010)  
Willie Mays highest \$180,000 (1971);  
Adjusted 965,000 (2010)  
Hank Aaron highest 250,000 (1976);  
Adjusted \$960,000 (2010)

Salaries have continued to escalate. Marvin Miller and the Players Association would come into play (late 1960's), and from that point salaries and benefits would sky rocket.

Let's look at some of the highest contract of today's ball players, with average players making well over 1 million dollars a year. There are over 20 players making at least 17 million per year led by (top six):

- 1) Alex Rodriguez, New York Yankees \$30,000,000
- 2) Vernon Wells of Los Angeles Rangers \$24,187,500
- 3) Johan Santana, New York Mets \$23,145,011
- 4) Mark Teixeira, New York Yankees \$23,125,000
- 5) CC Sabathia, New York Yankees, \$23,000,000
- 6) Joe Maurer, of the Minnesota Twins \$23,000,000

Salaries are now telephone numbers. Many argue over whether these gaudy numbers are good or bad for the game. Regardless of whose side is right, the trends show no sign of stopping.

### TRIVIA QUESTION:

Name the teams in the NBA whose names do not end with the letter S.

(Answers on page 33)

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*Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets. – Yogi Berra*

*I think about baseball when I wake up in the morning. I think about it all day and I dream about it at night. The only time I don't think about it is when I'm playing it. – Carl Yastrzemski*

*I'd walk through hell in a gasoline suit to play baseball. – Pete Rose*

*Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. Not all holes, or games, are created equal. - George Will*

*People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring. – Rogers Hornsby*

*Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer. – Ted Williams*

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## *Gardening in the Isles*

*By*

*Stan Davidson*

Growing flowers, trees and vegetables from seeds is not difficult. What is sometimes challenging is keeping the seedlings alive. It's true you can save some money by germinating seeds, but only if the seedlings live and grow into healthy plants.

Below I have compiled some guidelines that can turn your "green thumb" into a successful gardening venture.

To get seeds to germinate, either purchase small peat pots, flats or containers you saved such as egg cartons, or yogurt cups. The potting mix should be a sterile soil-less mix that has fewer inherent problems than with non-sterile garden soil. Moisten and dampen the potting mix before you plant your seeds into your starting containers. Do not pack the potting mix into the container. Fill the container 2/3 full and gently tap the container to ensure that the potting mix settles. Use at least 3 seeds per container or proportionally more for larger containers, since not all the seeds will germinate.

Newly planted seeds require a good deal of light even though you may think that your home's windowsill light is sufficient. Artificial light such as grow lights or large florescent shop lighting are economical solutions. Initially, keep the lighting as close as possible to the seedlings for at least 12 to 18 hours per day starting at 2-3 inches above the seedlings. When the seedlings appear to grow raise the level of lighting accordingly.

Perhaps the most challenging part of growing plants from seed is controlling the amount of water the plants get. Since the emerging plants are extremely

delicate, too much or too little water can cause failure. Research has shown that 80% of plant failure is caused by too much or too little water. Therefore, you want to maintain a damp, but not wet, sterile seed starting mix. Cover your growing container with plastic until the seeds germinate. Watering from the bottom through holes in the pot eliminates the chance of over-watering and reduces the likelihood of root rot. Inspect your plants at least once a day to check the soil moisture level.

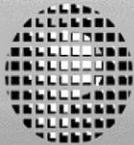
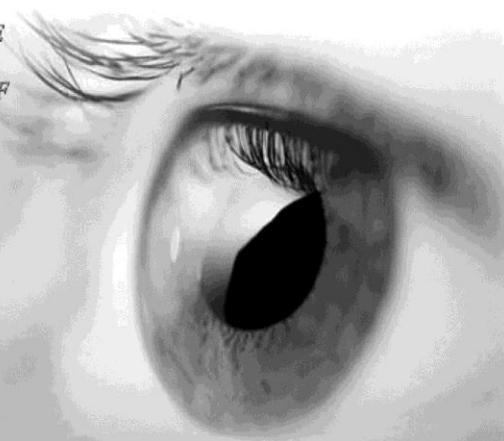
Planting a seed too deep or not deep enough is important. A rule of thumb is, generally, the planting depth is dependent on the size of the seed or plant seeds 3 times as deep as they are wide. Some extremely small seeds such as begonia seeds require light to germinate and contact with the growing medium, but do not need to be covered. Just gently press these seeds into the growing medium making sure that the seed remains exposed.

Do not locate the newly planted seedlings that are several inches tall immediately to the outside environment. "Hardening off," is a simple process done prior to transplanting to an outside environment, gradually exposes the young plant to the outside elements. Most seedlings can be transplanted outside 4 to 6 weeks after you have planted the seeds.

Remember, if you are an avid gardener, "happiness held is the seed, happiness shared is the flower." In honor of Arbor Day this month plant a little seed and make a big tree!

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## HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



The Gala, in honor of Lee Katz, was very successful. Everyone enjoyed the food, the service, and, of course, the great entertainment. All the attendees looked lovely and it was a pleasure to meet Lee's family.

The barbecue was also a great hit with everyone who went. The food was good, well-grilled, and the company was good.

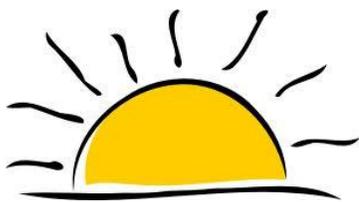
As this is being written, we're looking forward to our Hadassah Women's Seder, which will be hosted by Fran Ost on March 18.

On April 22, The Membership Appreciation Luncheon will be held at 11:15 a.m. The cost is \$5 for an extra special lunch plus entertainment. Make your reservations now by placing check in Hadassah mailbox designated, Membership Appreciation lunch.

On Sunday, June 2, Duffy's will be giving back a percentage of your bill to Hadassah. Do plan to eat at Duffys that day.

The Summer Sizzler will be held July 15. More details to follow.

The calendar is still continuing to collect those personal listings. Do not forget to get them in. We are fast approaching the cut-off date. If you have not bothered to get your ads from your doctors, beauty salons, etc., please do so as soon as possible! Forms are still available with donor credit at 100% for personal listings, and 50% for ads from businesses and/or your favorite restaurant. Ads are \$100 for a full page, half-page is \$80, quarter page is \$50 and a business card costs \$25. Please call me, Ellin, at 740-9050 if you have any questions.



## MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



On April 22 we will depart for our three-night trip to Savannah, which will bring us back home on April 25. Paul Mendelsohn has done an outstanding job of planning this trip. The itinerary looks fabulous, including some wonderful dinner restaurants and evening entertainment each night.

*USA Today* declared Savannah to be one of the 10 most beautiful cities in the United States. The city was spared General Sherman's ravaging "march to the sea" during the Civil War, so much of its antebellum beauty survives along with its other beautiful sights.

Our tour of Savannah includes three nights in a hotel and almost all meals. We will also enjoy an inclusive sightseeing program with a local guide in Savannah and a unique guided tour to visit and learn about the Gullah people near Savannah.

When you read this, there may still be space on this trip. Flyers are in the back lobby and on our website ([www.majesticisles.com](http://www.majesticisles.com)), where you can find all the details about what is included, the price and how to book the trip.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 28, at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. We will present a full report of our Savannah trip and, possibly, even have the video ready to show at this meeting.

Our planning committee of Doris Davidoff, Claire Deveney, Francine Gitto, Don Horowitz, Linda Kessler, Paul Mendelsohn and Jack Moss has been busy planning a trip calendar for the future. We will present these plans at our April meeting. We have some exciting programs planned.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. We invite everyone who likes to travel or even just talk or dream about traveling, to join us at our meetings. Our trips have a mixture of couples and singles. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club.



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## M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By M. Chermak, C. Deveney, R. Stichel



Thank you to the 84 members and guests who attended the annual Card Party held at the clubhouse March 7. Congratulations to fundraising vice presidents Suzanne Skinner

and Marcia Steiner, who ran the event. Many thanks to Paul Mendelsohn who made six cakes for all to enjoy, and hospitality chairman Lois Richman and the members who set up the room and helped with clean-up. Special thanks to Doris Davidoff who helped make the place cards.

Many thanks to Ira Schneider, our new editor, for putting together his first issue of our M.I. Pap Corps newsletter, "The Reporter."

Many donations have been made to Pap Corps as a result of walkers, sponsors and donors to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Walkathon held March 16 at FAU. Approximately 40 M.I. residents participated. Hooray for us!

Many thanks to the excellent work at M.I. for Walkathon to committee chairs Enid Gerard, Helen Benowich and Helene Riffle.

Eat in or take out at any Boston Market Monday, April 15 to Sunday, April 21, identify yourself as a Pap Corps member and at the end of Tribute Week, Boston Market will donate to the Pap Corps 15% of the money generated by sales to supporters like you. The closest Boston Market is at 9929 Military Trail, Boynton Beach.

Save Thursday, April 25 for the 12 noon lunch meeting with a sale on boutique jewelry and a presentation by author, member and neighbor Wynne Shilling, who will present her "Up close and personal" views on developing her new book "Over the Big Water: Escaping the Holocaust Twice." Pay \$1 at the door.

On May 23 we'll enjoy the Delectable Desserts event at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse. Entertainment will be provided by the Bon Aire Choral Group presenting "Fabulous Broadway and Other Tunes." Fee is \$5 per person. Place checks in back lobby Pap Corp box.

## SNOWBIRDS

By Bobbe Greene

What a delightful afternoon the Snowbirds spent at the Banana Boat Restaurant on March 15. Seymour Bochner outdid himself in planning a beautiful Farewell luncheon for all of us. Even the weather cooperated, and we had a table on the deck over-



looking the intra-coastal, so

that we were able to do some boat and bird watching. Those of you who were unable to attend missed a very good time. We hope that next year we can attract more people to join us.

A letter is being sent out in the fall to invite everyone to attend our first meeting on December 13. Plans for the welcome back lunch in January will be discussed.

Because of the poor response to many of our activities we will again have to address the possibility of disbanding. What a shame this would be because so many new and lasting friendships have resulted from being a part of this group.

So for now, as the song goes, "So long for a while." Have a wonderful summer and return to our home away from home happy and healthy.

## THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen, Pres.

The Men's and Women's Clubs are looking forward to our joint annual Parent's Day celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Both clubs are subsidizing this annual event. If it is anything like last year's event, it will be fantastic.

Except for our trips to the casinos, the rest of the year will be somewhat quiet for us.

We wish our seasonal residents who are leaving a very good summer and will look forward to their return.

## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting, March 10, 2013

By Selma Friedman

“The family Shame (Shonda).” The literal translation of “shonda” is shame, but there was nothing but love and nostalgia in this M.I.L.T. production which was produced to honor the late Phil Chermak, the author of this play.

“The Shonda” plot: the children of an immigrant couple realize their parents’ 60th wedding anniversary is coming and they wish to honor the occasion with a big party. Come to find out, the parents had had a religious ceremony by a rabbi, but not realizing that they had misunderstood the marriage application to be a marriage license, they are not recognized as having had a civil union. As one of the characters bemoaned, “We are bastards.”

Along the way, questions arose – “Is having a good moral life not enough?” “Is steadfast devotion not enough?” “Is having a good family life not enough?” Don’t worry, it all worked out.

Marilyn Chermak and Ed Bloom were “Mama” and “Papa.” Estelle Snyder and Paul Mendelsohn played the daughter and son-in-law, and Ed Strauber and Iris Rothstein were the son and daughter-in-law. Doris Davidoff was the producer, technical support was given by Jack Moss and Ed Strauber, and general support was given by Claire Deveney.

For an evening of good old-fashioned fun with a heroine, a hero and a dastardly villain, please come to see “Little Nell and the Mortgage Foreclosure,” which will be presented **April 13 and 14**. Check channel 63 for further details. The tickets will be on a first come, first served basis.



Ed Strauber’s radio play, “The House in Cypress Canyon,” has been moved up to **May 19**. It is a mystery-horror story from the “Suspense” radio show and will be performed script in hand.

Come support all of us. My non-resident friends are all amazed that we have all these wonderful meetings with such wonderful talent. And we even have “coffee and...!”

## BOOK TALKS

By Donna Shaneson

On April 17 at 2:00 p.m., Donna Shaneson will review “The Arrogant Years” by Lucette Lagnado. This wonderful memoir describes one girl’s search



for her lost youth from Cairo to Brooklyn. She is the author of the award winning, “Man in the White Sharkskin Suit.” It is a story of displacement while trying to fit into new surroundings.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

What a great turnout for our luncheon sponsored by Jim Mui, CFP, from Raymond James. Lunch was free and the food was delicious. The meeting was very informative. Thanks to all who came and to Mr. Mui.

Now we look forward to our paid-up membership dessert party given by Women's Club board and featuring Roz Owitz, comedienne (first time at Majestic Isles). Mark the date: **April 8** at 11:30 a.m. at our clubhouse. Signup sheet in back – and while you are there, it’s a good time to pay your \$15 dues.

Next will be our canasta tournament: **April 29** at 12:30 p.m., \$10/person. There will be prizes. Put your checks in an envelope with both names and drop in our back lobby mailbox. Open to all.

**May 5:** Parents’ Day at Broken Sound, subsidized by Men's and Women's Clubs. The price is \$38 for members and \$45 nonmembers.

**June 10:** trip to Sawgrass Mall via bus. Charge is \$15/person. Shop till you drop.

July and August are free for you to go visit, have company or whatever you wish, but please join us again on **September 14** for our “friendship supper” in the clubhouse. This event is open to all, plus family and friends. It was wonderful last year and the people who attended asked that we do it again.

The Women's Club would like to wish all a happy holiday. Be well.

## MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

### Spares and Strikes

By Dave Feinberg, President

The Majestics Bowling League wishes all our residents very happy and healthy holidays. With only five weeks to go, things are really heating up, so put on your safety belts and ride out these last five weeks.

#### WEEK 23 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Fred Katz	160	Fred Katz	456
Al Lynn	149	Al Lynn	422
Arnie Everitt	145		

#### WEEK 23 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	158	Estelle Snyder	392
Gladys Feldman	138	Gladys Feldman	395
Sandy Gardner	126		

#### WEEK 24 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Dave Feinberg	190	Dave Feinberg	461
Fred Katz	146		
Al Lynn	143	Al Lynn	423

#### WEEK 24 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	140	Estelle Snyder	387
Eleanor Krongold	136	Eleanor Krongold	351
Sandy Gardner	123	Sandy Gardner	342

#### WEEK 25 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	158	Al Lynn	447
Fred Katz	152	Fred Katz	419
Dave Feinberg	151	Dave Feinberg	434

#### WEEK 25– WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	153	Estelle Snyder	451
Gladys Feldman	145	Gladys Feldman	387
Eleanor Krongold	144		

#### WEEK 26– MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	171	Al Lynn	466
Arnie Everitt	160	Arnie Everitt	417
Fred Katz	152	Fred Katz	392
Bill Harris	151	Bill Harris	425

#### WEEK 22– WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	161	Estelle Snyder	450
Sandy Gardner	173	Sandy Gardner	394
Eleanor Krongold	144	Eleanor Krongold	400

## SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein



We have a busy month and are looking forward to other activities in the coming months.

On March 6, we went to City Place to ride the Diva Duck. Then everyone (all 10 of us) went to Cheesecake Factory and had a delightful dinner. The bus/boat ride itself was quite enjoyable. We were on the intracoastal for an hour, looking at all the fantastic homes and hearing stories about many of them. The weather was beautiful and the boat has a covering so we were not in direct sunlight. The only difficult part of the trip was climbing the ladder both ways to get on and off the boat. We all managed!!

On **April 8**, we will return to Kravis to see Golden Dragon Acrobats' Cirque Ziva, the final show of the season. Dinner plans will be announced later.

On **April 20**, we will be at the clubhouse having a Toojay's box dinner followed by games of our choice: canasta, mah jongg, dominoes, or whatever. The cost is \$7. Please pay as soon as possible.

On **May 25**, we are going to Spanish River High School to see Harid's Final Recital of the year. These tickets are \$24.

On **July 1**, we are planning to go to the Plaza Theater in Manalapan for a matinee of Gershwin's Music. A meal will follow at a restaurant to be determined later. The tickets will be \$25 each.

Please feel free to make suggestions for trips or theatre presentations you think we might enjoy. Call Marge (742-7719) or me (740-9050).

### SPORTS TRIVIA ANSWERS:

(Question on page 25)

- Miami Heat
- Utah Jazz
- Orlando Magic
- Oklahoma City Thunder

**ACTIVITY CALENDAR**  
**April- May 2013**

1	Mon	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop	
4	<b>Thur</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Board of Director's</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	
6	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p,h)
7	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>(p,h)</b>
8	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's Club	Dessert and ...	(f,h)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment Club	Discussion	(f,h)
		2:00 p.m.	Singles	Show at Kravis	(p,a)
13	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:p.m.</b>	<b>M.I.L.L.T.</b>	<b>Show</b>	<b>(p,h)</b>
14	Sun	8 p.m.	M.I.L.L.T	Show	(p,h)
15	Mon	2 p.m.	Hadassah	Study Group	(f,h)
16	<b>Tues</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>(f,h)</b>
17	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion	(f,h)
20	<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Singles Meeting</b>	<b>Dinner/ game night</b>	<b>(p,h)</b>
22- 25	Mon	TBA	Travel Club	Savannah Trip	(p,a)
22	Mon	11:15a.m.	Hadassah	Seder	(f,h)
25	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Cancer</b>	<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>(p,h)</b>
		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>(p,a)</b>
27	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	SHOWTIME	(p,h)
28	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Travel Club</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>(f,h)</b>

**APRIL**

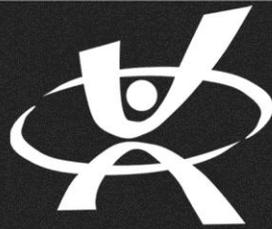
**MAY**

2	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Board of Director's</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	
3	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting	(f,h)
4	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time</b>	<b>(p,h)</b>
5	Sun	10:30 a.m.	Men/Women Clubs	Parent's Day Luncheon	(p,a)
6 & 7	<b>Mon. &amp; Tues.</b>	<b>9 a.m -12</b>	<b>Driver's Course</b>		<b>(p,h)</b>
6	Mon	2:00 p.m.	Board of Director's	Workshop	
9	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Board of Director's</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	
13	Mon	4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion	(f,h)
15	<b>Wed</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Talks</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>(f,h)</b>
18	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p,h)
19	<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:30p.m.</b>	<b>M.I.L.L.T.</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>(f,h)</b>
20	May	11:15 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting	(f,h)
23	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cancer</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>(f,h)</b>
26	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting	(f,h)
27	<b>Mon</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>(p,h)</b>

Watch channel 63 for additions, cancellations, or changes in date or time.

For additional information, please contact an officer of the appropriate club,  
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f = free, p = paid, a = away, h = home



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