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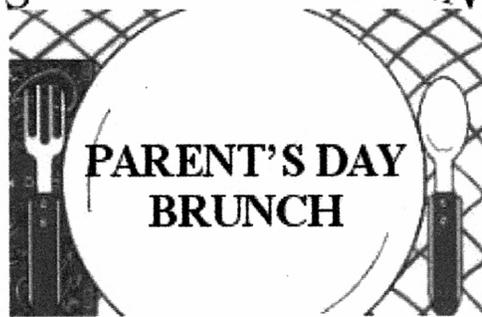
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Over the last few weeks I have learned that many Majestic Isles homeowners do not know the full scope of the services their quarterly dues cover. Although I don't have enough space to list everything, I'll try to hit the high points.

Prime Pest Control is here every Tuesday to treat one quarter of the property for insects and to respond to individual Work Order requests. On those months that have five Tuesdays, they will be here the fifth week just for the Work Orders. If you see insects on the exterior of your home, come to the office and fill out a Work Order form. Work orders that are turned in by Monday will be treated first thing Tuesday morning. The most common problem we have is white-footed ants, which travel in a line up and down the outside walls. Ghost ants and Caribbean crazy ants are also a problem, but these are more commonly found on the interior of the house. A good interior pest control company should be able to get rid of these pests.

Every pest control company has certain exclusions regarding what they do and do not treat. Lobate Lac Scale, Pink Hibiscus Mealy Bugs, and Sri Lanka Weevils are a few of the exotic pests that are not covered under our contract. While I am not an expert in pest control, I am able to identify many insects. If you have questions, come to the office and fill out a Work Order. I'll be glad to stop by and see if I can help.

Basic cable is another service that is provided for by the Association. Our current contract with Comcast expires in 2010 and a committee is looking into our options to get more channels from Comcast or to contract with another company, such as AT&T. Currently, if residents want to expand their channel line to include movie or sports packages, Comcast will charge residents only the difference between the basic cable and the upgrades.

Each home is equipped with burglar alarms and smoke detectors monitored by Devcon. Our contract also covers service calls and replacement of covered parts like magnetic window contacts and batteries, so long as these parts are not damaged by an "Act of God," such as a hurricane. Upgrading the system with parts like DSL filters for the Internet is not covered, but the service call is. Residents only pay for the new parts. We also have the ability to add shut off switches for the batteries to keep them from going bad in the event of a power outage, again, at an additional cost. Call Devcon at 561-750-9438 for more information.

Basic landscaping and lawn care are also contracted for by the Association. While Joel and the crew from M&P are doing a fantastic job of keeping the property looking good, they have 450 homes plus the clubhouse and perimeter walls to maintain every month. They simply do not have time for precise trimming of topiaries or individual shrubs. Private gardeners need to be hired for this type of work. Ask your neighbors to refer you to a good company.

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, March 6, 2008

Minutes of the March 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.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

Operating Accounts as of February 29, 2008:

• Petty Cash Funds	\$ 547.40
• National City Bank	12,931.09
• AmTrust Money Market (MM)	39,529.65
• Suntrust MM (Tree Replacement)	29,500.00
• Wachovia Loan Payment Account	20,017.68
• Wachovia Operating Account	<u>89,036.28</u>
Total Operating Accounts	\$ 191,562.10

Reserve Accounts as of January 31, 2008

• Wachovia money market	\$267,467.07
• Wachovia painting & roof cleaning	12,539.62
• AmTrust cd general reserve	<u>37,225.72</u>
Total in Reserve Accounts	\$ 317,232.41
Total of all Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 508,794.51</u>

Wachovia's accounts \$289,060.65 over FDIC limit.

We still have \$4,832 outstanding for maintenance, \$2,900 for a pending foreclosure and \$1,932 representing a member in arrears for two quarters.

Finance Committee, Sy Kugelmas

- Early payoff of bank loan: It would not be a good idea because to do so would use all available funds.
- Hartzell Painting contract: Payment to Hartzell was for two periods, so there will be no 4/1/08 payment.
- Proposed listing projects that will need attention in the next year or two; suggests Board do the same.
- Tree Replacement Fund: A separate bank account and liability was set up according to the assessment made by the Association on 2/10/05.
- FDIC requirements: a new bank account was set up with Suntrust. Additional accounts will soon be set up.
- Painting & Roof Reserve Fund: The two funds were combined by our bookkeeping service on May 1, 2007. The treasurer will attempt to reallocate the funds.
- Street Lighting Assessment: A refund by FPL for the cost of the street lighting will reduce '09 budget \$2,786.20 and reduce maintenance charges for '09.

Security Committee, Steve Bayer

Devcon conducted an Alarm System Training here. We'll try to have a session in late fall and will call all new residents to invite them to attend.

Grounds Committee, Stan Brizel (See motion on M&P proposal under New Business.)

Documents Committee, Joel Rosenthal

- We're up to page 60. No meeting for 2 weeks.

Contracts Committee, Joel Rosenthal

- Going over the Prime Contract that expires in May.

ARC Committee, Harvey Galan

Perimeter wall is done. Hartzell will paint the interior wall at the end of Cocowood Court.

Clubhouse Committee, Irene Weinstein

Addressing the issues that have been brought forth.

Insurance Committee, Ken Keller

We have permission to repair the steam room. Insurance company has responded to filing of Proof of Loss. Now we can start negotiations. Our adjustor and Plastridge have gone directly to the insurance company.

Manager's Report, Ken Miller

- Structural engineers contacted have referred me to general contractors. No one wants this small job.
- We believe we have located the source of the leak.
- Proposal from Hartzell to refinish the pool deck.
- Proposals (Rolyn, Hartzell) for steam room repairs.
- Cost to install rows of reflectors along Imperial Seas at the Clubhouse entrance. Security Committee doesn't believe this will alleviate the speeding problem.
- 2 Proposals for carpet cleaning. Stanley Steamer is about ½ the price of the Surface Savers bid.
- 2 proposals for the lawn drains to stop the erosion on Lake 3. M&P is submitting another bid.

Old Business

- Resident requested permanent standby generator. ARC to look to change wording in the guidelines.
- Motion to allow resident's hurricane screen pouches to remain on windows during hurricane season tabled.
- Sy Kugelmas referred all questions concerning house under foreclosure to the attorney.
- Motion to accept bid by Driveway Maintenance to repair bike path, cost not to exceed \$48,000, passed 5-1.
- Motion to notify M&P to start April 1 to replace trees lost in Hurricane Wilma passed unanimously.
- Motion to have M&P replace the sod in the common areas starting April 1 passed unanimously.
- Ken Miller to send out for pest control bids.
- Motion to accept Hartzell's bid to refinish the pool patio deck for \$4900 passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept Hartzell's bid to refinish the pool deck, using "System B" in the proposal, passed 5-1.
- Motion to accept Rolyn's bid to demo and repair the steam room for \$14,400 passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion to accept proposal from M&P to landscape the Triangle Palm area at the clubhouse entrance as described in the proposal for \$552 passed unanimously.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Bill Broth

I often read the articles in the Sun Sentinel, about what other communities have done or are having done. I've participated in many conversations about the cost of maintenance at the various communities.

Our maintenance is one of the lowest in the area, we have had fewer assessments than most other communities, and those that we had were not very large. Our fees include what some other communities have to pay for out of pocket, such as the power washing of homes and roofs and painting. Land and water aerobics classes are included, while residents in other communities pay for each session. When discussing your maintenance with people from other communities be sure to compare the services you have, and what they have to pay for out of pocket.

Last year's assessments enabled us to complete projects that were requested by our residents or mandated by the Board in order to maintain our community and replenish funds from the hurricane of 2005. The projects were done at or below budget.

We installed new street lighting, new plantings in the signage area and along Imperial Seas Blvd., and improved the lighting of the plantings. This year we will repave the bike path along Imperial Seas Blvd., improve the planting in the center median in front of the Club House, replace damaged sod, and replace the trees that were lost from the hurricanes. Installation of a well to replace water that is used for our irrigation will enable us to maintain the level of our lakes and thereby eliminate repairs to our irrigation system caused by low water levels during the dry season. All of these items will be done this year without an assessment.

We would like to complete renovation of the second floor of our clubhouse; this cannot be done using reserve funds. We will be pricing this work, and may ask residents to approve an assessment. It is my sincere wish that we can do the work with the approval of our residents and with as small an assessment as possible.

The improved appearance of our community has helped to sell homes here. The work that is being done or being planned is to insure that our community stays one of the most desirable in Palm Beach County .



SAFETY IN THE ISLES

by Steve Bayer

Welcome again to "Safety in the Isles."

I hope you have noticed we are trying to tighten up our security by having the guards check visitors, aides and service personnel.

Some of you have called to report that the guards did not ask your guests for ID's when they came in. Because of this, we have instructed the guard company to be much stricter with their employees. There will be spot checks on all the guards to make sure they are complying with the rules.

In the coming months we will be reinstating the use of the small blue stickers to identify your vehicles. See Bonnie in the clubhouse office to get these stickers. Sometimes cars are parked on the streets overnight and this will help us identify if the car belongs in the community. If you have overnight company, please instruct them to park in your driveway. Put the sticker on the left side of your bumper or on the back window. These stickers have a number on them, but no identification as to our community. Do not be concerned that people will know where you live.

We have many new residents. Also, over the years many residents have bought new vehicles and neglected to replace their stickers. We ask your cooperation on this project. Watch channel 63 to see when the stickers are available.

Lastly, a suggestion for all: Spend some time to record all of your possessions. If they have serial numbers, write them down. Take photographs of all your valuables and jewelry and keep a copy in a safe deposit box or out of town with your children or relatives. This will be a valuable asset in case of a fire or a hurricane.

Any questions, please give me a call (737-0495).

CERT

(Community Emergency Response Team)

There will be a CERT meeting on Friday, May 16, 2008 at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Please make every effort to attend.

Al Traum, Chairman

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MESSAGES

I deeply appreciate your cards and donations in memory of my sister, Estelle. Thank you.

Jan Grove

Thanks to our friends and neighbors for their calls and cards of concern following my recent hospitalization. I'm back on the tennis court!

Jim Wachtel

*Please note: We reserve the right to edit for length (30 word maximum) and clarity. Submit articles to Elaine Jay by email at ElainJay@aol.com with **Good and Welfare** as the subject.*

MAJESTIC ISLES C.O.P. UNIT #74

By Joel Gross



The men and woman who make up our Citizen Observer Patrol (C.O.P.) unit patrol Majestic Isles, nearby houses of worship and local shopping centers. The purpose of the C.O.P. is to keep our community and local areas safe.

The Sheriff's Department meets with us monthly for instruction and monitoring of the unit.

NOW, we call for help! **We need YOU.** Our patrol shifts are once a week for three hours. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. We need new members to take over for our ailing members and to fill vacant time in our schedule. Please volunteer by calling an officer listed below:

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Highlights of the March 19, 2008

COBWRA Meeting

The March meeting of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations was held at Valencia Lakes.

We have abridged COBWRA, Highlights. See the back bulletin board, where our delegate, Martin Goodman, has posted the full version.

Official's Reports:

Commissioner Burt Aaronson: A state ordinance to allow traffic surveillance cameras in Florida is in the works. Commissioner Aaronson will also introduce a similar ordinance locally, [if] the State doesn't pass its version.

Wendi Lipsich for Congressman Robert Wexler, 19th District: Mr. Wexler is spearheading a drive for Medicare payment equity for Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach County. He's [asked] Gov. Crist to address this issue.

Guest's Reports:

Capt. Martin Bechtel, District 6, announced that the official opening of the District 6 substation is March 24th. The station is on Jog Rd. opposite Park Vista High, the phone no. 357-7000.

Chief Mike Wells, PBC Fire-Rescue reported the fire station construction on Flavor Pict Road is on schedule.

Leslie Shriberg assistant to Sheriff Bradshaw:

- The "Ice Program," an operation shared jointly between the Sheriff's Dept. and Fire Rescue. You program your cell phone with emergency contacts each number, however, is preceded by the word "Ice." You'll also stick a special "Ice" label to your cell. EMS or a Deputy Sheriff will use the "Ice" numbers to call your emergency contact.
- Keep a list of all medications in your wallet.

COBWRA Reports:

Stu Caine and Joan Brunswick, Flu Committee co-chairs: Flu Shots will be offered between Oct. 13 – 31, 2008

Cecil Adderley, Education Committee: Mentors needed at Odyssey Middle School. To volunteer, call (561) 582-3756.

Guest Speakers

Tom Lynch, President and CEO of Plastridge Insurance Agency, reviewed the history of increased insurance rates. Because of the severity and frequency of hurricanes, beginning with in 1989 through 2002 monetary losses have caused the insurance companies to reevaluate their policies for setting coverage areas and pricing. The legislature tried to help with programs such as a moratorium on companies leaving Florida, the CAT fund, The Mitigation Act, the Wind Pool and the JUA which eventually evolved into Citizens Insurance. The problem has not been eliminated.

Victoria Williams, Dept. of Financial Services: The Mitigation Act can reduce the cost of home insurance. It was created to encourage homeowners to improve and/or strengthen their home before an emergency occurs. Call or log onto MySafeFloridaHome.com to learn about mitigation discounts and free wind inspection.

Future Meetings (Open to the Public)

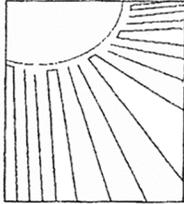
Tues., Apr. 7, 6:30 PM: Growth Management at OMS
Wed, Apr. 16, 9:30 AM: Delegates Meeting at Valencia Shores. ...
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GUSHER SURPRISES DRILLERS

Drillers looking for water to replenish Majestic Isles lakes were amazed when they tapped a previously unknown subterranean pool of oil. Experts from the U.S. Geological Survey speculate that it may be linked to vast offshore deposits in the Gulf of Mexico. Drilling was stopped and the well was capped to prevent ecological damage until legal issues can be resolved.

Oreo Homes, a previous owner of the land on which Majestic Isles was built, claims that when it sold the land it retained underground mineral rights in perpetuity. The Majestic Isles Homeowners

Board & Committees

The Grouse Maintenance Committee has disbanded. It never really took off this year because no grouse were spotted during the current season.

In old business, the Archaic Revue Committee (ARC) tabled a motion to paint all roofs black in order to eliminate cleaning every third year.

The Chinese Olympics Committee will refund deposits for the trip to China because both our tennis teams and our bowling teams were eliminated in semi-finals.

The Men's Poker Club voted to donate 10% of all pots to the fund earmarked for redecoration of the second floor of our Clubhouse. This should cover the estimated cost by end of the year.

Stop Unwanted Calls

The number of recorded messages from presidential candidates has reached 14.75 per day per household and is expected to increase to 37.8 before Election Day.

Below are recommendations from the Florida Department of Mental Health to owners of hard wired phones:

1. In left hand, hold base of phone firmly.
2. Locate wire leading to wall. With right hand yank hard. *(Left handed? Substitute left for right and vice versa.)*
3. Bring phone to ear. If you still hear a dial tone, repeat steps one and two.
4. Notify family and friends that you can be reached only by e-mail until after Election Day.

Free Seat Cushions Available

In response to tourist complaints about Florida drivers who, when seen from the rear, appear to be headless, the Department of Motor Vehicles is making seat cushions available to registered drivers over the age of 65.

The cushions were purchased from Boynton Beach Novelty, Inc. when that company went out of business and will be distributed at no charge to the first 3,000 persons who apply. Known in the trade as whoopee cushions, they were made in China but have been proclaimed free of lead and most other hazards.

April Fool



Gardening in the Isles
by
Stan Davidson



In the past, I have written several articles on caring for plants outside of our homes. This month, let's spend some time inside our homes. Houseplants do appreciate our tender love and care. Let's call on the indoor plant doctor for a house call.

Remember that the natural habitat of a plant is not the indoor environment. Indoors, the plant depends on you for all its necessities. You must know the basic requirements for the care of indoor plants. If you have a consultation with the plant doctor, he will tell you that the basic elements that plants require for their growth are: air temperature, light, water, humidity, repotting, food, pruning and control of diseases and pests.

Air Temperature: Most houseplants tolerate normal temperature fluctuations. Excessively low or high temperatures can cause plant failures, stunt growth, or cause spindly appearance and foliage damage.

Light: Although plants can be kept indoors, they do require adequate light, and photosynthesis to make food. Most plants will not grow well in dark or poorly lighted rooms. To achieve uniform growth, rotate the plant in its place periodically.

Water: Some people love their plants so much that they frequently water them, thinking that, by watering their plants, they keep the plants healthy. The plant doctor says that 80% of the time, doing so results in a fatality. The plant doctor recommends that watering be done judiciously. His prescription is to feel the soil in the pot for dampness. If the soil is damp to the touch, the plant does not require watering. If it is dry to the touch, water until the water drains from drainage holes at the base of the pot.

Humidity: You must have noticed the tips of leaves turning brown and then wilting. Air conditioning in our homes dries out the air. The plant doctor says to

increase the humidity by placing your plants on a tray of wet pebbles and group them together so that they can break the air currents blowing on them. You should also mist the foliage.

Repotting: The doctor says plants can become pregnant! As a plant grows, the roots gradually fill up the pot and the plant then needs to be planted in a larger pot. Use a pot that is the next larger size and has drainage holes at the bottom of the pot. Use a potting mix, preferably a soil-less mix that allows free drainage of water.

Fertilizing: Fertilize plants twice a month with a balanced nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium (N-P-K 20-20-20) soluble fertilizer. If you ask the plant doctor, he will say that nitrogen is for growth, phosphorous for root structure, and potassium for the general sturdiness of the plant.

Pruning: Off to the operating room! Pruning is required to make the plant grow bushier and give it the desired shape. It is also done to remove diseased parts of the plant.

Control of Diseases and Pests: Off to the examining room! Plants are liable to be attacked by disease or pests. Be on constant lookout for symptoms of plant diseases and pests, e.g., white cottony masses of mealy bugs, scale, flying insects, aphids, etc. Mealy bugs can be treated with a dab of rubbing alcohol. A good periodic wash down of the foliage with dish soap is what the doctor calls for.

I hope that, if you adhere to these basic elements of plant care, your indoor plants will keep you company for many years to come. Remember: the doctor says that for your plants, "an ounce of prevention is always better than the cure."

Happy Gardening!!

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INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

by Al Silverman



Credit crunch, liquidity, interest rates, liquidity, deflation, liquidity, inflation, etc.

(You know what a liquidity crisis is when you have to sell your house and there are no buyers.)

Wow!!! ---What a Mess! Is there any income in them thar hills? We'll answer that question later.

Quoting Alan Abelson in the March 10, 2008 issue of *Barron's*, "The enormously endearing and widely presumed eternal Goldilocks economy is, right before our startled eyes, metamorphosing into the Humpty Dumpty economy. The Humpty Dumpty economy is due to suffer a great fall, though the pieces can be put together. However it may take a few years, at least." Housing foreclosures are up to an all-time high of 0.83% (for every 10,000,000 mortgages outstanding, that computes to 83,000 homes). Over 5.8% of homeowners were behind in their mortgage payments. Home prices lost a staggering 8.9% in 2007. The supply of unsold homes rose to 4,000,000, or over ten month's worth".

But not to worry too much. Until recently, Bush felt the economy was strong and we would not be in a recession. And Bernanke was waiting for more technical signs that the economy was tanking, and, while he was worried about the potential for inflation, it seems he felt it was down the road apiece. I guess he never shopped for food or bought gasoline, etc. The Government apparently prefers to manipulate the statistics to keep costs down. However, according to Ray DeVoe who authors the *DeVoe Report*, the government official inflation rate is 4.3%, which is far different from the 11.8% that we ordinary mortals are experiencing.

The Fed (Federal Reserve Bank) and Congress are now aggressively trying to take steps to ease the deterioration in the credit markets. (By the way, Larry Cudlow, on CNN, quoted some prominent person as saying: "The Fed lowering interest rates is like sex. The initial impact is exhilarating but the effect is not really felt for nine months.")

To stem the current deflation in the economy, called a recession, short-term rates are going lower and the Fed is trying to inject more liquidity into the market. We hope this will help, sooner rather than later, to ease the credit crises. However, this can cause,

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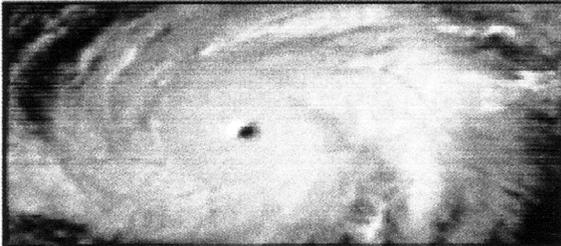
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INTRODUCING...

Jerry and Nadine Ehrlich

by Claire Deveney



The white Infiniti with a “Doo Wopps Forever” front license plate is usually parked facing outward in the driveway of Jerry and Nadine Ehrlich. Five clay mounted wall pots brimming with beautiful impatiens in pink, hot pink and red greet visitors at the front door to their patio home.

Lots of cheerful laughter punctuates any conversation with Jerry and Nadine, who moved to Majestic Isles seven years ago.

Jerry’s keen interest in music is highlighted in their living room by a new abstract of iron-wired artwork, entitled “Piano Man,” featuring an open piano and a man at the keys.

Jerry and Nadine share an extensive collection of Doo Wopps music from 1955 to 1963. They love to dance and listen to Doo Wopps music of the Clef-tones, the School Boys, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, The Platters, The Five Satins, and more. “We love to go to Rock and Roll shows,” says Jerry.

Nadine recalls that she was courted by Jerry at Rock and Roll concerts and dances. Their first date was in June 1986. When they met again 11 years later, Nadine was living in Cherry Hill, N.J., and Jerry was in Florida. Nadine’s best friend, who is Jerry’s sister-in-law, mentioned they were both available. Their second romance began and they were married shortly thereafter.

Jerry was born in the Bronx, the oldest of three boys. He graduated from De Witt Clinton High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962. He received his Military Police training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia and was stationed in Oahu, Hawaii. “I enjoyed Waikiki Beach on weekends,” he adds with a smile. In 1961 he was with the Army’s first division called over to Vietnam.

Jerry’s career has centered on sales, first in the grocery supermarket field as a representative for several food brokers. In September 1974 he left New York and moved to Yarmouth, Maine, where he worked as a District Sales Manager for Dr. Scholl’s, covering Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and the North Shore of Massachusetts. Ten years later, in 1984, he moved to Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and

continued his career in sales in the waste management field.

Since 1988 Jerry has worked as a buyer of fresh flowers from all over the world for Verzaal Farms, a floral wholesaler headquartered in Delray Beach. Verzaal Farms grows a huge selection of poinsettia, tulips, calalilies, and a large variety of oriental and Asiatic lilies. “Working in the floral industry is a daily learning process about different flowers, new breeds, species and hybrids,” he explains. “I primarily work with florists, interior decorators and event planners.” Jerry’s patio is filled with blooming philanopsis orchids and other flowers.

Nadine shares Jerry’s love of Doo Wopps music and dancing. Born and raised in Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y. she graduated from Temple University, where she majored in elementary education. She taught first grade for six years in the South Jersey area and raised two children in Cherry Hill -- her son, Jamie, and daughter, Jaclyn Baker.

Nadine worked in high-end retail as her second career at “Elegance by Edythe” in Philadelphia for 15 years and continued her retail career in Florida from April 1997 until just two years ago.

Today she is a wife, homemaker and expert grandmother of four little girls. Jamie and his wife, Michelle, live in Atlanta, Georgia, with their twin girls MacKenzie and Emily, age two and one-half. Her daughter, Jaclyn, and her husband, Scott, live in Cherry Hill, N.J., with their daughters, Samatha, age three, and Alexa, three months old.

Nadine just spent 4 of the last 6 months in Cherry Hill helping her daughter who was on bed rest before the birth of her younger daughter. After Alexa’s birth, Nadine stayed to help out. Nadine’s mother lived with them for four and one-half years prior to her death two years ago.

Jerry plans to continue working and enjoying Doo Wopps music, Yankees baseball, Giants football and lots of other interests including photography. Nadine plans to be more active in the community and they both hope to enjoy M.I. social activities and the pool.

Currently Jerry and Nadine are planning a tenth wedding anniversary trip this July.



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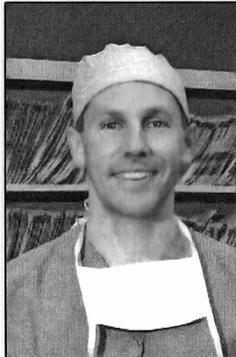
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MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

by Josh Katz

BOB EBERLY

Bob Eberly spent much of his career with **Jimmy Dorsey's** orchestra. His younger brother, **Ray Eberly**, sang with **Glenn Miller** and later led his own band.

Bob changed the spelling of his last name because the announcer of the **Milton Berle** radio show kept mispronouncing it. He began his professional career singing in clubs around his hometown of Hoosick Falls, in upstate New York, where the **Dorsey Brothers** discovered him and later hired him to replace the departing **Bob Crosby**.

Eberly started work in the spring of 1935, just before Tommy walked out on the orchestra. He stayed with Jimmy for eight years and became one of the top male vocalists of his day, rivaling **Bing Crosby** and later **Frank Sinatra** for that title. Well-liked by his peers, he became best friends and eventually roommates with Jimmy Dorsey. Throughout his career he was encouraged by many in the industry to strike out on his own, but he refused. He was perfectly happy earning a weekly salary with Dorsey's group. His most famous songs are his duets with **Helen O'Connell**, in whom he also had romantic interest.

In December of 1943 Eberly's relationship with Dorsey finally ended when he entered the army and was stationed in the Chicago area with **Wayne King's** orchestra. His two years in the service severely hurt his career. After Eberly received his discharge he returned to the civilian music world to find he had been largely forgotten by the general public. Nevertheless, he remained active in the music industry for the rest of his life, singing mainly in small clubs. In 1980 he had one lung removed but still continued to sing. He died of a heart attack in 1981.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of playing in a trio that accompanied Bob on one of his last gigs. I found him to be one of the nicest celebrities I had ever met. I made a mistake on one of his songs, and he came to me afterward and said "Don't worry – we all screw up." Made me feel much better. What a nice guy.

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The announcer meant to say that this is The National Broadcasting Company. But it came out as the National **Bread Casting** Company.

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In describing General **George Marshall**, the announcer was supposed to say "General Marshall, tall, dignified and uniformed" but it came out as "General Marshall, tall, dignified and **uninformed**."

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

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John Lennon was never called Johnnie Lennon
Johnny Carson was never called John Carson

Tom Jones was never called Tommy Jones
Tommy Dorsey was never called Tom Dorsey

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A TRIO OF WHITES EGRETS EGRETS EGRETS

by Ed Broad



Let's forge ahead now that we have the White Ibis down pat (remember big white birds with orange/red legs and decurved bills). The obvious choice for discussion now is the egrets because the three common species frequent Majestic Isles. They are the Great Egret, the Snowy Egret and the Cattle Egret.

Three almost all white birds, yet with enough differences in appearance and habitat make them easy to identify. The largest of the three is the Great Egret, truly a stately, magnificent bird. The Great Egret stands slightly over three feet tall with a wingspread of over four feet. Its beak is thin and yellow, its neck is very long and its legs and feet are black. For identification purposes, think yellow beak, long neck and black legs and feet

The Great Egret is found mostly in shallow ponds, and along shorelines where it feasts on small aquatic life. It can remain motionless in the water for long periods of time waiting for a snack to come its way when it will thrust its beak with rapt speed into the water for the morsel. It is sometimes seen on dry land walking stately and majestically.

Its smaller cousin, the Snowy Egret, is only about two-thirds its size. It is not as regal looking as the Great Egret with its shorter neck and is much less frequently seen on dry land. The striking difference between the two species, however, is that the Snowy Egret has a black beak and black legs with yellow feet. The black bill and yellow feet (golden slippers) are giveaways for identification

The last of the trio, the Cattle Egret, is the smallest of all. It shuns water although it will walk along the shore of ponds and canals and in our grassy plots where it feeds on grubs and insects. Adults have two different colorations. Non-breeding adults have yellow bills and black legs while breeding adults have orange/reddish bills and legs. Breeding adults also have a beautiful yellow coloration on their heads, backs and breasts.

Happy birding.

FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

by Donna Shaneson

Those of you who love the glass creations of Dale Chihuly, will enjoy the Delray Public Library's slide lecture describing his art glass on April 29, at 2 p.m.

Have you seen the film, "Atonement?" On Monday, April 28, at 1 p.m. the Book Group at the Delray Library will discuss the book by award winning author Ian McEwan. For information call 561-266-0194 or go online at www.delraylibrary.org.

There is now a free downtown Delray shuttle bus service (561-243-7000). The shuttle, which runs from the Tri-Rail Station, 345 South Congress Ave. to Swinton Ave., is a lovely way to sightsee on Atlantic Ave. You can also go to the beach without having to worry about parking, and then take the shuttle back to your car. The shuttle runs M-F, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sun. 12 noon to 8 p.m.

The Crest Theater Main Stage will present "On Broadway," April 4, 5 and 6. This will be a sparkling sample of song and dance reviews of show stopping moments from the best shows on Broadway! The theater is located at 51 Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Call 561-243-7922 or go online: www.oldschool.org.

The Green Cay Nature Center at 12800 Hagen Ranch Road will present guided Boardwalk Tours at 9, 11, and 3 on Saturdays. Additional tours are at 2 and 4 p.m. Tuesdays, and at 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. There is no charge (561-966-7000).

For those of you who loved Groucho Marx, Gabe Kaplan will be starring in "Groucho" at the Stage Door (954-344-7765). Special previews run April 2-9 at \$32.00. The play opens April 10 and will cost \$38.00. It is located at 8036 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs. "Groucho" received good reviews in Canada and will open soon in New York.

The Boynton Women's Club located at 1010 Federal Highway will present a one-woman show, "Men, Music & Me," performed by Boynton resident Roberta De Muro, who plays piano during this musical memory of her life. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (561-737-3392).

To keep busy, go online with www.delraylibrary.org and choose from the many lectures, plays, and performances during April. Also look at the Society for Four Arts website (www.fourarts.org) for a fine selection of offerings in the fields of music, drama, literature and art.

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CUT OUT, CUT BACK, MAKE DO

by Phyllis M. Cohen

Did you know that there are people who will come to your house and throw out all your things, and that you have to pay them to do that? One upon a time we called them garbage men, but now they are called “organizers,” and for big bucks, they will personally look at all your “stuff” and cajole, embarrass and harass you into disposing of all the goodies that have been filling up your closets, garage, drawers, and attics. And for even more big bucks, they will take the remainder, file it, sort it and organize it in cunning little containers, shelves, baskets and boxes, appropriately labeled and sorted. Presumably, once you have been “decluttered,” you will go forth and sin no more, i.e., gather and hoard no more clothes, toys, books, dishes, and other treasures.

And if you feel guilty about the whole situation, take heart, you are not to blame. No, you are just another good citizen who has been following the mandates, directives, advice and standards of our government, advertisers, manufacturers and industry. For fifty years, they have been telling us American consumers to produce, spend and use more of everything so that we have the highest living standard in the world. And now, here in the 21st century, we are being told we are using too much of everything in the world. We are too fat and use too much of the world’s raw materials, wood, oil, water, animals, land and even air. All of these things are finite, we now know, and with a couple of billion people in India and China and other parts of the world lusting for all the things we like to enjoy, there is less and less to go around.

So, the experts now tell us, we should really be imitating the lessons many of us learned as children during the World War II years and the late 1940’s. Those were times of war shortages and limited goods. We had parents who had honed survival skills during the depression or during poverty stricken childhoods in Europe. Thrift and economy were valued. If we think back to those days, we would be surprised at how little we needed.

Instead of living in the McMansions that dot the horizon, most of us grew up in small apartments or houses. There was little room for clutter and excess or the money to buy them. Your own bed, let alone a room for yourself was a luxury, and it was not unusual for two or more children to share a bed, sleeping head to foot, like sardines lined up in a can.

There was only one bathroom, so wasting water by taking long showers or baths was unheard of. “Ma! Mary or John won’t let me use the bathroom,” was a common household lament, accompanied by banging on the door and the necessary jumping up and down.

Remember the concept of school clothes and play clothes? A dress or shirt worn for school was carefully hung up for the next day. Play clothes and shoes were for the hours after school. You were very likely to be wearing the hand-me-downs of an older sibling or relative, always too tight or too loose or out dated. If you had new school clothes, your mother was likely to have bought clothes with plenty of room to grow so that sleeves and hems hung down the whole year until you grew into them. Somehow, your clothes and your body never matched. Worn until they were too small, they were then passed down to younger siblings and then to the ragbag to be used to wipe everything from floors, tables and noses. If paper towels existed during my own childhood, I never saw them, and tissues, (universally known as Kleenex), were just beginning to be popular. Little girls had hankies pinned to their dresses for elementary school health inspection, pretty, but barely useable.

Your lunchtime sandwich was wrapped in wax paper. Aluminum foil and plastic wrap were still in the future. Many a thrifty mother asked her child to bring the wax paper home to reuse the next day. No one had to be told to recycle grocery bags. The brown paper bag in the pre-plastic bag era served a thousand uses. They were cut into schoolbook covers, lined baking pans, placed over frying pans to catch grease, or ended their life holding trash and garbage.

Wasting food was a sin in every religion, and everyone’s mother could stretch a chicken or a pound of meat to feed as many people as sat down at the table. Nor was energy squandered since the landlord was likely to ration your heat by being stingy with the coal, and Mother Nature in the form of cool breezes provided the only air conditioning.

Can you believe we lived in a car-less society where young and old walked or took public transportation for every daily need? Can we go back to those days? No, and who would want to? Yet, somehow we survived, reminding us that we need far less than we have, and that having every material thing available doesn’t always make our lives better.

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The Joys of Yiddish**

By Jerry Raske

Our Purim Dessert Party was another most wonderful evening.

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New club members Sheldon & Doris Klein were introduced. All three Lucky Buck winners were men. What is going on?

Our guest entertainer, Dr. Marvin Teicher provided a wide range of songs with enthusiasm and a rich baritone voice. He sang songs associated with Al Jolson, Bing Crosby and many other famous past entertainers. He invited the audience to participate, and many of us did.

The evening was topped off with ice cream, cookies, coffee and tea, to satisfy all who attended, and we expressed wishes for a happy Purim to all.

As always, we thank all the great "worker bees" who helped make it all so enjoyable.

Our next meeting is on April 6, at 7:30 p.m. As always, everyone is invited to come and enjoy our meetings and remember, **you don't have to speak or understand Yiddish to enjoy our meetings.**

BOOK TALKS AND MORE

by Rita Leidner and Judy Markowitz



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SINGLES CLUB

by Myrna Levine

Did we have a good month? Oh my, yes! First it was "The Full Monty" (3/16) at the Jupiter Maltz Theatre with after theatre dinner at the Waterways Restaurant on PGA Blvd. Can't miss with the coalition crowd!

Polo Matches at Palm Beach Polo w/ Brunch on Easter Sunday. \$35 included buffet of salads, omelet & carving stations; entrees; desserts and a wonderful Mimosa and, of course, the good-looking riders smashing chuckers all over the field.

"Laffing Matterz" Dinner Theatre (3/30) was next. The food was well prepared and good. The wait staff excellent (they are also your entertainers) and the show – sensational! All skits, one liners and songs relate to today's life and politics. My personal opinion is "you GO!" This was my second time and I would go again!

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE

April will be a quiet month. We wish our friends/neighbors Happy Easter & Zeisen Pesach!

May 18: Ponte Vecchio Singles Club sponsors "THE FLORIDA FOLLIES!" An unbelievable event. The dancers and models are our age or older (the oldest being 92), and the Bodies –to die for!! It just proves that tap-dancing not only keeps you young but your legs remain slender (like Betty Grable's). Some of the ladies are former Rockettes.. If you missed it this year, it's a must for 2009. ALL the ladies are volunteers and whatever money is raised goes to a Children's Fund. Contact Barbara Roland (369-2772).

May 31: Floral Lakes Singles Club sponsoring a Spring Ballet at the Spanish River High School Countess de Hoernle Auditorium by the Harid Conservatory. Cost is \$27 per person. While the deadline has passed (2/29) it may be possible they had some cancellations so give Marge a call (742-7719) and find out.

May 30, 31, & June 1: OUR OWN COALITION EVENT! To the West Coast, -- Florida, silly. A 3-day, 2-night stay in Sarasota & Punta Gorda at Country Inn Suites w/full breakfasts. Plans include round trip luxury motor coach. There will also be a dinner and show "Chicago" at Golden Apple Dinner Theater, Ringling Museum; the Players Theatre, a Musical Review; 2 dinners at local restaurants and a

(continued on p. 29)

M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

by Bobbe Greene

Enid and Ed Gerard and Marion Brandwein deserve a big round of applause for their tireless efforts in helping to organize this years Walk-A-Thon and Health Fair. Without people like them, these community projects could not be the huge success this one was. Thank you, thank you.

The theme of our **April 30** meeting will be "**Bring a gift, get a gift.**" Get ready for a fun afternoon, but first, look through your closets and find a gift that you received, have never used and have no use for. Bring that item to Sally Galan prior to the meeting. Everyone who brings a gift gets one in return. All items should be unwrapped and valued at a minimum of \$15.00. Questions? Call Sally at 742-8815.

Join us at the Boca Raton Museum of Art on **Friday, April 11** at 12 noon. The Degas in Bronze and the Tiffany Collection have enjoyed rave reviews. Admission also entitles you to view the permanent collections. Twenty dollars (\$20) covers the cost of this event. Call Arlene Levin at 733-9180.

Thursday, May 1st we'll hold our annual card and game party at Broken Sound Country Club. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a sumptuous buffet, shopping at some great vendors and a chance to win some nice door prizes. Get your games together and join us for an elegant day. The price per person is \$42.00.

Shhhhh!!! A Mystery Night is planned for **June 15th**. Watch this newsletter for further details.

It is not too late make your reservation for the two week repositioning cruise on **December 1st to the 15th, 2008**. The Celebrity Century will sail out of Barcelona, visit Cartagena, Gibraltar, Casablanca, Agadir and the Canary Islands. After crossing the Atlantic, the ship will dock in Miami. Call Phyllis Fishkin for further details at 733-9446.

Mother's Day is right around the corner. If you're looking for a gift call Enid Bayer at 737-0495 to see the beautiful crystal and sterling silver ankle bracelets priced at only \$25.00. The hot pink luggage tags are still available for your up-coming trip. They sell for 2 for \$5.00 or \$3.00 apiece. Call Charlotte 732-5512.



SOCIAL CLUB

by Florence Cohen, Rita Dick and Sylvia Fefferman



Contracts have been signed for the 2009 show series. Our opening show will feature Mal Z Lawrence and Andy Davis on Sat., Jan. 24. The following month's show will star Judy Scott, who has appeared at the Copacabana, in various stage performances and on television. Also starring with Judy is comedian Rick Corso, who is a member of Comedy Central's "The A List." Be ready for an evening of fresh humor and laughter. Closing our series will be "The Platters," a group of four guys and a gal performing the great hits of the 50's and 60's. We'll hear music that will bring back many fond memories. The cost for the series will remain at \$65 per person and \$130 per couple. **Please remember only two tickets per envelope.**

On April 26, 2008 the Social Club will present comedian Stu Moss and Michael Walters. The latter is also known as "Mr. Broadway" and will be featured in the lead role of Florida's production of *The Producers*. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Watch Channel 63 for ticket information.

With Memorial Day just around the corner, we are planning another successful party on Monday, May 26. Save the date. We need volunteers for this event. Please contact Rita Dick, 740-0127.

Reservations for our New Year's Eve party will soon be announced on Channel 63. It's not too early to start making your arrangements.

At our membership meeting in February, those present voted to replace eight umbrellas and tables on our pool deck as our annual gift to Majestic Isles.

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. The entertainer will be Roberta Demuro, a singer and pianist. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

We extend a special thank you to Doris Davidoff for helping to make the trifold, with inclusive bios of the performers for our 2009 series.



Ever wonder...

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

WOMEN'S CLUB

by Sandy Gardner and Bernice Kozlin

The March 10 Women's Club Appreciation Luncheon at Benvenuto's was very well attended and received. The food was excellent and Mindy McGee entertained the throng by singing and by playing various musical instruments.

We want to thank Bob Sumberg for doing an outstanding job on the place cards for the lunch.

April 14 is our Canasta Tournament to be held at our Clubhouse at 12:30p.m. The cost is \$6 PP. Please place all partners' checks together in one envelope in the Women's Club mailbox. This function is open to all who would like to participate.

Parents Day Brunch will be held on May 18 at Boca Greens Country Club at 11:00 a.m. This will be a joint venture under the auspices of the Men's Club and the Women's Club. The price is \$24 PP. Further details will be forthcoming on flyers in the back lobby of the Clubhouse

June 20 will feature an Intracoastal boat trip at \$16 per person. The boat leaves at 1:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own. Further information will be forthcoming.



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SATURDAY, APRIL 5 at 8 p.m.:

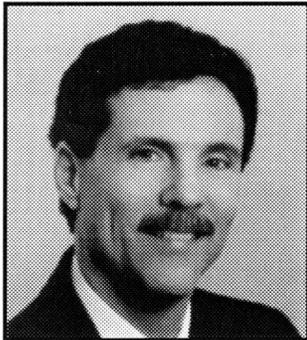
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FRIDAY, APRIL 18 at 8 p.m.:

CINDERELLA MAN Russell Crowe stars as pugilist Jim Braddock in this riveting film.

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GOURMET CLUB

by Helaine Fazio

We gathered at the home of Joan and Marvin Sorkin for our March 15 dinner.

We started our eclectic American meal with Spinach Salad with strawberries and a honey-mustard dressing prepared by Florence Kalestein. This was followed by Pork Chops Abadabo made by Joan Peckins and Ted Kotsonkis; Sweet Salmon with Stir Fried Noodles prepared by Judy Zied; and Chicken with Apricots prepared by Helaine Fazio. The delicious Vegetable and Potato Pave was a collaborative effort by Seena Calder, Joan Peckins and Ted Kotsonkis. Joan Sorkin also provided green beans with olives and goat cheese.

Although we all thought we could not eat another morsel, who could resist Joan's warm Apple Strudel? In honor of Marvin's recent birthday, Joan also brought out ice cream cake.

The Sorkins are wonderful hosts



The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER The Show - Cheaters

by Selma Friedman

The idea of marital infidelity is not what you might think would bring a smile to your face and a laugh from your throat, but the irony in the play, "Cheaters" does just that.

Larry Stander has previously brought us "The Sunshine Boys," "Squabbles" and "Social Security" and for our March 8 and 9 performance, he selected and directed the hilarious comedy, *Cheaters*, by Michael Jacobs. It was a delightful presentation.

This full-length former Broadway comedy calls for six demanding lead roles, beautifully done by Enid Bayer, Seena Calder, Ira Schneider, Lenny Schwartz, and two newcomers to a scripted show - Francine Gitto and Ed Strauber. Rounding out the cast were the TV voices of Marilyn Chermak and Mike Ost. Their dedication and stamina was evident in their performances. They graciously acknowledged their success to Director Stander for his professionalism and guidance, and to Assistant Selma Friedman for her patience.

Much credit is due to Producer Arlene Levin, and to Marty Baron and Morris Berman for creating all the sets necessary to the show. Sound was handled by Arlene and Buddy Koch, makeup was applied by Saralee Weinstein, publicity was directed by Erwin Silling, video recording was done by Jack Moss, program and ticket design were done by Jerry Fefferman, and assisting Bobbe Greene with sale of tickets were Helen Benowich, Marilyn Broth, Beverly Jaffee, Arlene Koch and Elaine Nowak.

This performance was undertaken, auditioned and planned over 6 months ago. There is a tremendous amount of work and many people necessary to put forth this quality performance. To all those involved, well done! To the audience, thank you for your attendance, support and laughter!



We appreciate the honor bestowed on us by the cast and crew of "Cheaters," and we are proud of their accomplishment.

Larry Stander and Selma Friedman

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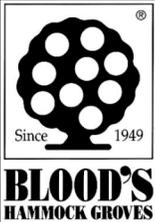
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SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg

**MEN**

Howard Scherer	226	Toni Kohn	161
Jerry Cowan	197	Shirley Scheffel	146
Ted Shapiro	184	Sylvia Fefferman	142

WEEK 24 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	633	Sylvia Fefferman	403
Ted Shapiro	526		

WEEK 25 – HIGH GAME

Howard Scherer	235	Sylvia Fefferman	154
Hal Jacob	195	Gladys Cohen	152
Stan Fox	186	Ruth Rossi	151

WEEK 25 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	622	Gladys Cohen	408
Hal Jacob	622	Sylvia Fefferman	385
Stan Fox	498		

WEEK 26 – HIGH GAME

Howard Scherer	248	Iris Rothstein	163
Hal Jacob	197	Gladys Feldman	161

WEEK 26 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	605	Luisse Levine	398
Jerry Cowan	505	Gladys Cohen	391
Hal Jacob	504	Gladys Feldman	389

WEEK 27 – HIGH GAME

Dave Feinberg	192	Luisse Levine	149
Hal Jacob	185	Ruth Rossi	149
Howard Scherer	180	Shirley Scheffel	142

WEEK 27 – HIGH SERIES

Dave Feinberg	528	Luisse Levine	419
Howard Scherer	527	Shirley Scheffel	415
Hal Jacob	483	Ruth Rossi	394

These scores are prior to the last 2 weeks of bowling, which are position weeks. You know the winners because the season ended before this newsletter was printed.

Have a very happy summer and don't forget to sign up early for next season.

MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Luise Levine

March was a busy month including a Fashion Show at Brooks, the Book and Author Luncheon, our wonderful Women's Seder and the Bowling Party.

On April 2 we will hold the Donor Luncheon.

On April 6 from 2 to 4 at the Boca West Country Club, the Florida Atlantic Region of Hadassah presents "Inheritance," a documentary capturing the meeting of Helen, a "Schindler's List" survivor and Monica, the daughter of Amon Goeth, the commandant of the Plaszow Concentration Camp.

On May 4, Florida Atlantic Region of Hadassah presents Israel's 60th Birthday Bash at the Marriott Hotel in West Palm Beach from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meet many notables involved in the founding of the State of Israel. Learn about economy, medical technology, music and art of Israel.

Congratulations to Joan Baron who was chosen by Majestic Isles Hadassah as their woman of Valor for 2008

Passover is coming up, so remember, you can get scrip for Glick's Kosher Market for all your holiday needs. Call Judy at 733-1992.

We wish you all a healthy and happy Pesach.

SINGLES *(continued from p. 24)*

visit to Fisherman's Village including harbor cruise. All this for \$310 (single supplement \$80). To reserve your spot – a \$100 deposit made out to MI Singles Club is required by April 10. For further info contact Rita Goldman 738-0480, Renee Stichel 733-2871 or Marge Chappell 742-7719.

Under discussion for next meeting is our West Coast event with detailed itinerary and the possibility of the June meeting to include supper.

If you like what you read/hear about us come on down and say hello. We usually meet on the Friday following the first Wednesday of the month, which, for April, would be Friday, April 4. Of course there is always Channel 63.

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SNOWBIRD MEETING

By Marilyn Levy



The Majestic Isles Snowbirds Club met on Friday, March 7 at 11 a.m. in the clubhouse. The members were reminded to save the first Friday of the months from January to April for general meetings. Gilda Berman read the minutes of the Feb. 1 meeting.

A message was read from Hadassah for those part time residents who have ordered Hadassah calendars. In order to receive the calendar, part time residents who will not be in Florida over the summer months should provide Elayne Rovner with a 9x12 self addressed envelope with \$2 postage. For more information, please call Elayne (733-8965) or deliver the envelopes to her at 5928 Seashell Terrace.

We discussed several ideas for the 2008-2009 season. At the April 4 meeting, we will make plans for the group's activities. Members are urged to attend to help with the planning. Our welcome back meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008.



INVESTORS (continued from p. 10)

 among other things, a weakening of the Dollar and a further loss of confidence among foreign countries. Yes, they will buy our less-costly products, but we will see a further inflationary rise in the cost of goods we import. Increased liquidity will cause more money to chase goods and services, causing prices to rise, which is inflationary. The explanation is not that simple, but it is a start.

So where can we get income? Schedule C, with appropriate disclaimers, of course, is another list of income securities that was distributed at our meeting on March 10, 2008 for your further research and evaluation. It includes Preferreds, ETFs, Business Development Corp, Limited Partnerships, Canadian and U.S Royalty stocks, and common stocks having income levels of approximately 5% to 12%.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

March 1 to May 31, 2008

APRIL

- 2 Wednesday, 11 a.m., **Hadassah Donor Luncheon**, (a)
 5 Sunday, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night**, (p, h)
 8-10 Men's Club **Trip** (p, a)
 11 Friday, 12 noon, Cancer Unit, **Museum** (p, a)
 14 Monday, 12:30 p.m., Women's Club, **Canasta Tournament** (p, h)
 18 Friday, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
 26 Saturday, 8p.m., Social Club, **Show Time** (p, h)



MAY

- 1 Thursday, 11 am, Cancer Unit, **Card Party** (p, a)
 6 & 7, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 12 noon **Mature Driver's Course** (p, h)
 10 Saturday, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
 18 Sunday, 11 a.m., Men's and Women's Club, **Parent's Day Brunch** (p, a)
 18 Sunday, 7 pm, **Bingo** (p, h)
 24 Saturday, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
 26 Monday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Social Club, **Memorial Day Party** (p, h)
 28 Wednesday, 10 a.m., Men's Club **Casino** (p, h)
 30, 31, June 1 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Singles' Club, **West Coast Florida Trip** (p, a)

JUNE

- 14 Saturday, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p,h)
 15 Sunday, 6 p.m., Cancer Away --- (**Shh – It's a Mystery.**)
 20 Friday, 1:30 p.m., Women's Club, **Intercoastal Boat Ride**, (p, a)
 28 Saturday, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p,h)



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