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MANAGER'S CORNER

The South Florida “winter” is now over and we’re finally warming up a little. So far in 2010 we’ve experienced the longest number of consecutive days that the temperatures didn’t rise above 60,° and this brought its own set of problems. Many of the landscape plants – both in residents’ beds and in the common areas – were seriously damaged from the overnight frosts. While most of these plants are starting to show signs of sprouting new growth, many of them will never look the same again.

Ixoras suffered the most damage throughout the community and many of these plants will simply not recover properly. We lost almost all of the Ground Orchids around the Clubhouse – they were the purple flowering plants at the corner of the Clubhouse near the handicap parking areas – and will need to be replaced. The frost also did quite a bit of damage to some of the plants with more fragile leaves. Aside from this damage, we fared quite well through this abnormally cold winter.

With a few exceptions, the longest that most shrubs will thrive and look good is 5-6 years. Some flowering plants will only last a year and many decorative plants will either die or become “long and leggy” after only 6 months. Walk around your house and take a good look at your beds. If the exterior appearance of your house doesn’t make you smile when you pull into your driveway, it is probably time for a landscape makeover. Now that spring is approaching and we’re anticipating the spring rains, it’s time for owners to think about replacing the landscape plants around their homes. Keep in mind that Architectural Review approval is required for any work that’s done outside of your house, whether it’s removing plants or replacing them. ARC Forms can be found in the back hallway on the lower left-hand corner of the “Wall of Information.”

In recent months the Board authorized a renovation of the island on Imperial Seas between the gates and the 4-way stop, as well as the island at the El Clair entrance. These changes enhance the first impression of the community. I can’t count the number of calls I’ve received about how nice the entrances look. When I drive through the property, however, I still see landscape beds with the original plantings that are now 10+ years old and really need a complete overhaul. As responsible members of the Majestic Isles Association, it’s up to every resident to help make the entire community look the best it can. For as little as \$300, a single-family house can get rid of the old plants that no longer look their best and have entirely new landscaping installed. Patio homes can do it for even less and the two residents can get together to replace the landscaping at both homes.

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, March 4, 2010

Minutes of the January 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.

Treasurer, Sy Kugelmas

- Bookkeeping system fully integrated with Prime's system. Remaining problems are being cleared up. The treasurer has to learn more of Prime's system to make it work better.
- Two units still have outstanding maintenance unpaid. The total now due is \$8,474.65.
- The foreclosed unit is being brought to court by our attorneys to protect interests of Majestic Isles.

Current cash position as of March 4, 2010

Operating accounts	\$220,884
Reserve Accounts	<u>147,232</u>
Total cash position	\$368,116

Statement of Operations 1/1/10 - 2/28/10

Total revenues	\$293,312
Operating and owners expenses	<u>-273,318</u>
Net income before reserves	19,994
Transfers to reserves	<u>-18,323</u>
Net revenues over expenses	\$1,671

- Our auditors have given assurance their report will be ready by the April 1 deadline.
- Amounts owed vendors as of 3/4/10 total \$56,810. Vendors will be paid 3/5/10.
- The \$50,000 check from Comcast has not yet been received. Board president will contact attorneys for further action.

Grounds Committee, Mort Goldstein

- Thank you to committee members Stan Davidson, Arnie Everitt, Sally Galan, and Jerry Fefferman.
- Would like to do El Clair entrance in same manner as Woolbright entrance and improve the El Clair / Woolbright Road sign.
- Motion to landscape the two areas for less than \$4000, if our insurance company says we will not be liable if stones outside the El Clair gate are picked up and thrown by passers-by. Unanimous vote in favor.
- Advanced Mulch waiting for dry spell before applying mulch.

Clubhouse, Harvey Galan

- "No Violations" from the Board of Health Inspection of the pool and hot tub last week.
- Clubhouse Committee voted against putting a trophy case in the lobby.
- Library should be used only as a conference room and library. Committee would like to purchase a conference table.
- Will call in electrician to discuss library lighting.
- Committee suggests we not reupholster red/black chairs, but purchase new ones. Motion to purchase new chairs. No second.
- We have samples of alternate paint colors for the homes available.

Documents Committee, Doris Davidoff

- Thanks to Documents Committee members Leo Miller, Berne Berger, Larry Calder, Bill Broth, Paul Mendelsohn, and Don Horowitz.
- Urgent issues will soon be brought to Board. Other changes will be brought to the Board at later date.
- Attorneys have been consulted about wording for the new documents to be sure we are protected.
- We are obligated under the law to take a census of the community at least every 2 years and it needs to be done soon. This will let us know who is living in each home and if people are renting without Association permission.
- There can be no "selective enforcement" of late fees.
- Documents call for Association to maintain atrium and privacy fences. (This will not be retroactive.)

Insurance Committee, Janice Davidson

Three companies are looking into insurance proposals for us. We may have to have a special meeting to approve the insurance package.

Unfinished Business

- Comcast has not paid \$50,000 door fee for signing contract. Motion to allow President to notify attorney to start legal action passed unanimously.
- Ken Miller to install reflectors along the curbs in several areas.
- Ken Miller will have maintenance man repaint some markings on the roadways to test if that might buy time before more extensive work is necessary.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Joel Rosenthal

The Board of Directors will be considering significant financial projects over the next two meetings. It is important that residents attend and voice their comments prior to the summer months. The issues we will be discussing include major work along two of the lakes and additions and changes to the second floor renovations.

Because of the holidays in April, the Board will meet for a workshop on Monday, April 12 at 2 p.m. and again on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m.. The change to evening meetings has allowed more residents to attend and will continue this year.

A number of changes and improvements are now underway to improve and beautify our community. Because of the favorable response we received concerning the new landscaping at the Woolbright entrance, the El Clair entrance has been upgraded as well. Security cameras have been installed and we expect Wi-Fi installation soon for the clubhouse.

Our new auditors will be presenting the 2009 audit to the Board this month and copies will be available upon request. Janice Davidson has been contacting insurance agents for our new policies due this month as well. We are continuing to monitor Prime bookkeeping efforts and we will carry out plans for road striping for this summer.

Doris Davidoff and her Document Committee have been working very hard to present proposals to the Board for improving and updating our documents.

Thanks to Sy Kugelmas, we will be saving considerable money by changing phone and computer vendors.

As the summer approaches and residents leave for extended periods of time, try to keep up with our activities on line. While you are here, follow channel 63 for the latest event schedule. All committee meetings are announced there and residents are welcome to attend. My e-mail address is cooldad10@aol.com. You may contact me during the summer months.

Happy holidays - and now let's get ready for some warm temperatures!

WE CARE

By Fred Oestreicher

WE CARE of Majestic Isles is a volunteer organization under the auspices of the Area Agency on Aging. WE CARE is composed of dedicated members whose aim is to facilitate the life style and ease mobility of our residents who have special needs. We maintain an inventory of walkers, wheelchairs (both standard and transport types), canes and other medical and bathroom items used in the home. We offer transportation to and from physicians and training facilities in our local area at a minimal charge. Most pharmacies will deliver prescriptions, but, if not, we can assist.

Sid Bedell and Fred Oestreicher are WE CARE's co-chairmen. Sid is an expert on the equipment we loan at no charge. Herb Friedberg coordinates transportation arrangements. Together with security, Fred Oestreicher has confidential access to your Emergency Contact Information form, should an emergency arise.

If you need the help WE CARE can offer, call:

Transportation: Herb Friedberg (742-5766)

Equipment: Sid Bedell (733-3123)

Questions, emergencies: Fred Oestreicher (734-5169)

ALARM SYSTEMS

By Al Traum, Security Chairperson

Everyone in Majestic Isles should have gotten a bill from the Sheriff's department for \$25, which is the charge for a permit. This has to be paid every year. If



you haven't paid for the permit, the sheriff's department will come and charge you \$25 for the first visit and \$50 dollars for the second. If you have paid for the permit, and your alarm goes off when you are not home, the sheriff will come at charge.

You should also make arrangements with a neighbor to have a key and your password if the alarm should go off when you are not at home.

So please pay the \$25, because it's better to be safe than sorry.

CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL C.O.P. UNIT #74

By Ken Keller, Captain



Watch those red lights!

The Sheriff's Department is testing a new method of cracking down on drivers who run red lights. A special signal light, located under the regular traffic light, is black toward the driver coming down the road but flashes white on its opposite side when the traffic signal goes red. A deputy parked across the intersection can see the flasher, and can spot any driver going through on red. The deputy is then able to pull the driver over without the need of a potentially dangerous car chase.

For now, these special lights are set up under the westbound lights at the following intersections: On Woolbright at Jog Road, Boynton Beach Blvd. and Lawrence Road and on Boynton Beach Boulevard at Military Trail, Jog Road and Hagen Ranch Road. If they are effective in cutting down the number of drivers who run red lights, you can expect to see more of them.

About those yellow lights:

The yellow caution light flashes on an average of about 4 seconds. If you continue to drive after the light turns yellow and are in the middle of the cross street when the light turns red, you can be ticketed.

Be alert and observe the rules. Good luck.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Florence Alster
Terry Kalestein
Milton Levy

SYMPATHY

To the family of Ruth Dessler.
To Ray Kozlin on the loss of his wife, Bernice.

MESSAGES

Many thanks to friends and neighbors in Majestic Isles for the many donations, calls, visits and cards following my recent surgery and recovery. This is a wonderful and caring community.

Marge Chappell

Thanks to all my Majestic Isles friends for the outpouring of good wishes following my surgery and recuperation. Looking forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and at the pool.

Jerry Ehrlich

To my wonderful family, friends and neighbors: Your many calls, cards and donations were heartfelt. Thank you for honoring Harold.

Marlene Garber

The family of Merle Goldstein would like to thank their Majestic Isles friends and neighbors for the sympathy cards, visits and donations that they received.

Larry Goldstein

I wish to thank everyone for their gifts, donations and cards during my recent stay in the hospital and rehab center.

Judy Markowitz

Thanks to all for your cards, calls, food, visits and wishes for a speedy recovery following my surgery.

Fran Weiner

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

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?



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MATURE DRIVERS TRAINING COURSE

By Fred Oestreicher



The next Mature Drivers' class will take place on Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4 in our clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

A list of residents who took the test in May 2007, along with full instructions, has been posted on the bulletin board in the back lobby of the clubhouse. If you are on the list and plan to take the class, check off your name. There is also a sign-up sheet there for those not on the list who wish to take the class.

If you are uncertain whether it has been three or more years since you took the class, you may call your insurance company to verify the issue date of your last certificate.

The state of Florida mandates that you receive a discount on your car insurance if you take this course. A certificate will be issued upon completion of the course.

The fee is \$10/person. Checks payable to the Palm Beach Safety Council should be placed in the C.O.P.'S mailbox in the back lobby.

Call Fred Oestreicher (734-5169) for further information.

PUT NAMES TO FACES – AND FACES TO NAMES

by Doris Davidoff



Have you ever met M.I. residents at a function, then forgotten their names? Have you ever read something in our newsletter or on Channel 63 that mentioned a familiar sounding name, but you couldn't recall the face that went with it?

We have the solution. The new Majestic Isles Photo Directory, sponsored by Hadassah, will help you match people with their names. Although Hadassah sponsors this new directory, you don't have to be a Hadassah member to be included or to buy a copy. The price is expected to be about \$10. The directory will only be available to Majestic Isles residents – the information will not be provided to anyone else. The new directory will supplement, not replace, the free directory published by the Association.

You can provide a picture, either a digital file or a "regular" photo that we can scan. If you don't have a photo on hand, we will be happy to take your picture. In addition to the photo, you may include other information, such as cell phone numbers, email addresses and, if you are a snowbird, seasonal information for your other home. All this information is optional – include it if you want to or leave it out.

Forms are available in the back lobby of the clubhouse. Please complete a form and return it to Doris Davidoff in person or put it in the Hadassah box in the back lobby. If you do not return a form, your address and phone number, as listed in the regular community directory will be included without a photo. If you do not want your name in the photo directory at all, please complete the form and check the box that says you do not want to be listed. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you do want to be listed.

Despite the deadline date noted on the form, we will continue to accept forms until we finish the project and send it to the printer. The deadline date is there to encourage people to get the information to us as soon as possible.

We believe this photo directory will be a very popular tool to help us all recognize each other by both name and face. The more photos we include, the more useful it will be.

MAJESTIC ISLES' NEW LOOK

By Harvey Galan

Painting will have been completed by the time this issue is published. Have you noticed that some residents have chosen to alter the color of their homes? The second floor decorating committee has been meeting regularly and we hope to have the new look completed by September. And, thanks to Mort Goldstein and the Grounds Committee for beautifying our community's landscape.

Highlights of the March 17, 2010 COBWRA Meeting

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

Steve Jerauld, PBC Fire Chief

Chief Jerauld said PBC created Fire Rescue in 1984 by combining ten different fire units. He described coming improvements in Fire Rescue service:

- Fire Rescue is testing a system to tie their **dispatch computers into county traffic control computers**. As a Fire Rescue unit approaches a traffic signal, it turns green to clear traffic and allow passage without delays. This system is being tested in our area now.
- Fire Rescue is studying the possibility of allowing its units to do Basic Life Support (BLS) transport as well as Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport for critical patients. Currently, BLS non-critical patients must wait for a private ambulance to transport them to the hospital. Fire Rescue transports ALS patient as soon as they are stabilized. This would save BLS patients time and get them to the hospital sooner. It would also increase the income of the department since they could collect fees from all patients needing transport. This would obviate the need to raise taxes.
- **Fire Rescue bills fees** to insurance companies and any unpaid balance are billed to the patient. Unpaid balances are not pursued aggressively.
- Many family communities consider installing **speed bumps** to slow drivers but anything that slows traffic also slows the response of Fire Rescue.

Patrick Martin, Lake Worth Drainage District

Mr. Martin is Director of Engineering with LWDD. He spoke about the proposed very strict **Numeric Nutrient Regulations for storm water runoff** announced by the EPA. They apply only to Florida waters, not to the other 49 states. The new rules go into effect in October 2010 and are the result of a lawsuit by special interests groups—not a result of scientific studies. The nutrients involved are nitrogen and phosphorous.

Storm water runoff is caused by rainfall. Normally runoff goes into community ponds and eventually into the LWDD canals then out to tide. Under the proposed regulations, all runoff must be treated before it can be released. Where are we going to store this runoff for treatment? We would need 4,200 acres of water storage within our developed areas for runoff treatment. Communities would have to be condemned to build these storage areas. We estimate that this unfunded mandate from the EPA would cause the average water utilities bill to double. All **reclaimed water** must be treated to meet the new limits increasing its cost by six times. **Please help LWDD convince the EPA to reconsider this rule.**

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<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-5103.htm>.

President Ken Lassiter asked all delegates to take home the LWDD handout and give copies to their boards. Next month, COBWRA will vote to recommend that EPA proceed or delay implementing these new regulations. **Delegates, please come prepared to vote your community's position at the April 21 meeting.**

Officials' Reports

Commissioner Shelley Vana said she is considering proposing regulating puppy mills. Too many animals end up being euthanized rather than rescued and adopted. We are killing 18,000 animals a year in PBC.

Mary Lou Berger, senior assistant to **Commissioner Burt Aaronson**, read a letter from the Commissioner congratulating COBWRA on their trip to Tallahassee.

COBWRA Reports

President Ken Lassiter reminded everyone of the **Special Election on April 13** to elect a new Congressman for District 19. Early voting begins Monday, April 5 at the Hagen Ranch Road Library, Monday-Friday: 10:00 am to 6:00pm, Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Don't forget to vote!

Annexation by the City of Boynton Beach. City Manager Kurt Bressner says the city has no plans to annex any territory in the western communities using the annexation clauses in water service agreements. Further, he said the city would contact every unit owner in a community and proceed with annexation only after more than 50% of the owners agreed. The city and county have agreed COBWRA can be part of meetings to discuss annexation plans. Stand by for more reports.

Growth Management: Gerry Morrison & Steve Slade

--**Windsor Place**, NW corner of Lyons & Hypoluxo Roads, requests a Development Order Amendment to increase approved residential units from 132 to 184, include 36 Workforce Housing units, modify the site plan and conditions of approval as Bellaggio asked and restart the development clock. Delegates voted to recommend approval.

--**Canyon Town Center** wants to convert residential units over retail to medical offices, change a townhouse project to an apartment building, decrease the size of 3 un-built buildings, add a daycare center on the SW corner and modify the perimeter road to bypass the daycare. Delegates voted to recommend approval.

Future Meetings (Open to the public)

April 6, 6:30 pm: Growth Management at PBSO Dist. 6

April 21, 9:30 am: COBWRA Delegates meeting at Valencia Lakes (Hagen Ranch Road S of Woolbright Rd) Installation of COBWRA officers.

—**Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications**
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FLORIDA ELECTIONS

By Claire Deveny

SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Special general election to replace U.S. Representative Robert Wexler (D) who resigned on Jan. 3, 2010. Early voting will be held Mon. April 5 to Sun., April 11. Details appear in the COBWRA article, p. 10.

Candidates for U.S. Representative are: Ted Deutch (Dem.), Edward J. Lynch (Rep.), Jim McCormick (No Party Affiliation) and Josue Larose (Write-In)

M.I. residents who are registered to vote where they currently live are in Precinct 5027. The polling location is at the Chabad Lubavitch of Boynton, 10655 El Clair Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach.

In the special primary election held Feb 2, 2010, of the 1,691 persons eligible to vote in our precinct, 885 are registered Democrats, 401 are Republicans and 312 are listed as No Party Affiliation. On that election, a total of 240 precinct residents voted: 199 Democrats and 41 Republicans.

According to the "Sun Sentinel," Susan Bucher, Supervisor of Elections, reported that in Palm Beach County's 19th congressional district 12.2 percent of the 242, 235 registered voters turned out on February 2. In our precinct, Precinct 5027, 22.38 percent or 199 of the registered Democrats voted and 10.30 percent or 41 of the registered Republicans voted. The precinct voting figures were provided by Ms. Lourdes Stacey of the PBC supervisor of elections office.

REGULAR ELECTION

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- August 24, 2010 Primary election
- Nov. 2, 2010 General election

To vote in the regular primary you must be registered by July 26, 2010. To vote in the general election, you must be registered by October 4, 2010.

Information on all candidates may be found on the web at www.pbcelections.org. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling Palm Beach County Elections Office 561-656-6200 or toll-free within Palm Beach County 1-866-868-3321. M.I. resident Claire Deveny, cell 561-504-3842, can also provide voting information.

MEET THE STAFF



Phyllis Cohen was taking an art class at Majestic Isles in 2000 when Gerry Herman, founding editor of the Majestic Isles newsletter, asked her to write an article about the class. The rest, as they say, is history. Since that time, Phyllis has

reported, written almost 100 articles and edited for the paper. Her creative, witty columns keep Majestic Isles laughing.

Phyllis grew up and attended public schools in Brooklyn, New York. Her family, all avid storytellers and readers, helped promote her early interest in writing. In junior high school and high school, she wrote for or edited the schools' literary magazines, and still has the articles she wrote then. A graduate of Brooklyn College, she went on to Columbia University as one of the first Woodrow Wilson fellows and received a Master's degree in history. Phyllis taught history and English at her alma mater, Thomas Jefferson High School, for three years before moving north to Massachusetts as a newlywed. For the next 15 years she worked part time as she raised her daughter and two sons.

In a funny twist of fate, when she returned to work full time, the personnel director asked Phyllis what two things she preferred not to do, and she replied, "No typing or number work." You guessed it. Her new job required both those skills and she was eventually retrained and became a retirement and pension specialist for the next 20 years.

Phyllis still maintained her love for writing, however, and is happy to make use of those skills here at Majestic Isles. She figures that as long as the world continues, in the words of Steve Martin, to be a wild and crazy place, she won't run out of writing ideas.

Don't hide your sense of humor – share it with the rest of us. Pass your ideas along to the newsletter editors: Phyllis Cohen (Floridaphy@aol.com) or Betty Wachtel (brwachtel@comcast.net).

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MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz



TEX BENEKE

Saxophonist **Tex Beneke** (real name **Gordon Beneke**) is best remembered for his days with **Glenn Miller**. Tex began his career performing in regional bands in the Texas area. He joined **Ben Young** in 1935 and

while in Detroit in 1937 was heard by fellow saxophonist **Sam Donahue**, who recommended him to his then boss, **Gene Krupa**. Krupa couldn't hire Beneke but knew Miller was putting together a new outfit and informed the bandleader about him.

Beneke debuted with Miller's orchestra in 1938. He quickly became Miller's closest associate and emerged as a popular star in his own right. Aside from his sax duties he occasionally sang, most notably the hit song "Chattanooga Choo Choo." When Miller disbanded in 1942 to join the Army Air Force, Beneke found work touring with the **Modernaires** and playing for **Jan Savitt** and **Horace Heidt**. Three weeks after joining Heidt, at the reportedly princely sum of \$500 a week, he was drafted into the Navy. While in the service he led a dance band at an Oklahoma military base.

After the war Beneke was recruited by Miller's widow to lead a reformed Glenn Miller orchestra. He accepted, and over the next few years the group played to record-breaking crowds. Its opening night at the Palladium in 1947 attracted 6,750 dancers. Beneke, however, was not content with the restrictions placed upon him by Miller's estate. He was forced to stick with Miller's original and wartime books and allowed no innovation. Beneke felt that Miller's sound was capable of being expanded upon and often argued that Miller himself had planned to explore new directions after the war. Finally in 1950 Beneke broke his official ties with Miller and later formed his own band in the Miller vein.

Tex's new band quickly found itself popular, and it remained so for many years. Members of note include vocalist **Eydie Gorme**, in her professional debut, and **Henry Mancini**, who arranged for the band. Beneke continued working up until the 1990's. Tex Beneke passed away in 2000 at the age of 86 from respiratory failure.

IT'S ALL RELATIVE

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FROM THE MOUTH OF ED SULLIVAN

Wishing a speedy recovery to Bob Precht, home nursing a cold...."Best wishes to our producer, **Bob Hope**."

I'd like to **prevent** Robert Merrill.

JULIE ANDREWS

Julie was acclaimed a bright new musical comedy star when she appeared in 1956 as Eliza Doolittle in the Broadway production of *My Fair Lady*. Julie appeared for two years in New York, and for another year in London.

By this time, Hollywood was taking an interest in the musical, but, incredibly, Julie was not invited to recreate her star-making performance on the screen. After spending over five million dollars to obtain the rights to the musical, Warner Bros. wanted a box-office name to guarantee a return on their investment. Her part went to **Audrey Hepburn**. Since Audrey was not a singer, her voice was dubbed.

Many critics have agreed that Julie would have been just as good as Audrey in the film. In any event, both went on to become super stars in film.

REAL NAMES

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Gardening in the Isles

By
Stan Davidson



In the world of gardening, do you know the difference between the Good, the Bad, and the Exotic? This sounds like a Clint Eastwood movie, “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly!” It’s not quite the same, because I am referring to plants that are growing in Palm Beach County. Let me explain.

The “Good” are plants that were growing in Florida at the time of the first European contact in the 1500’s. These plants support a healthy ecosystem and provide food, shelter and nesting material for native and migratory wildlife. Native species naturally adapt to our climate and soil and require little care once they are established. In the Majestic Isles landscape we have many “Good” native plants: live oak trees, gumbo limbo trees, sabal palms, coonties, cocoplum, bromeliads, mahogany trees, dahoon holly trees, wax myrtles, and silver button wood.

The “Bad” are invasive exotic plants that impact the natural ecosystem in harmful ways by altering water flow, by destroying native plant communities and by reducing wildlife habitats for native plant species. Invasive exotics cause millions of dollars to manage. The County Land Development Code prohibits possessing, selling or propagating by these plants. Fortunately, we do not have any of the following plant species growing in the Majestic Isles landscape: air potato, malaleuca, brazilian pepper, australian pine, or carrotwood to name a few well known invasive species.

Exotic plants are not native, but have been intentionally - or not - introduced to Florida. The recent increase in the snake population in our Everglades can similarly be attributed to the introduction of non-native species. Plants such as the golden shrimp, the Bougainvillea, the desert rose, the New Guinea Impatiens, and the bird of paradise are not native to Florida, but now beautify our landscapes. Only a small percentage of these species become invasive, but many exotic species require regular fertilizing, watering and pest management to maintain good health in the climate and sandy soils of south Florida.

The Friendly Yards and Neighborhood Program Certification of the University of Florida promote the use of native and non-invasive drought tolerant plants and the management of invasive plants in our yards and landscapes. Several years ago, Majestic Isles was the first Homeowners Association in Palm Beach County to receive this award.

Let’s continue to maintain our county certified yards and landscapes by using native and non-invasive plant species. Let’s remember the Bad plants and replace them with the Good and Exotic throughout south Florida.

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HAL LINDEN & JEFF LAUB

Sunday February 27, 2011

Hal Linden, best known as the good-natured captain in the TV series Barney Miller, toured with all the big bands in the early '50s playing the clarinet and singing. He has done many Broadway shows, but lately has been wowing South Florida audiences with his fantastic show. Accompanied with live music, including a baby grand piano (yes, really), he will be one of the highlights of the season.

Appearing with him will be comedian Jeff Laub. Jeff is a professional comedian, as well as a writer and producer of television shows. He has won many awards in comedy competitions throughout Florida. He will keep us laughing and begging for more.

SARGE

Saturday March 26, 2011

Born Steven Charles Pickman and raised in Great Neck, Long Island, Sarge spent four years in network sports television before giving stand-up comedy a shot. It has paid off handsomely. His comedy is high energy filled with autobiographical stories, impressions and some pretty mean piano playing. He has been a hit on cruise ships and has been delighting audiences wherever he performs. His talent is so great, that he will be performing the entire show alone. We are very excited to have him performing for us.

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SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin/Arlene Koch

Our 'Winter 2010 Series' is over for this year and we were delighted with the support of the community. It is the patronage of all our neighbors and friends that allows us to bring such high quality entertainment.

On the page opposite this article is our line-up of stars for the Winter Series for 2011. We are thrilled to be able to present Hal Linden in February along with other star-studded shows in January and March. We will be collecting checks after April 1 and priority lottery seating will end on April 16. After that date, all purchasers will have the same seats for the three shows, depending on when their check is received. Please remember dues for 2010 must be paid before any checks will be accepted for the 2011 series.

The movie committee, headed by Marge Chappell and assisted by Florence Cohen, has done a wonderful job keeping us entertained with a variety of movies.

The next movie date is Saturday, April 10, at which time we will be showing "Everybody's Fine" starring Robert DeNiro.

Check Channel 63 for future dates and features.

On April 24, we will enjoy the folk singing of Rod MacDonald. "Songs of Greenwich Village of the 60s" will keep the feel of a Village coffee house, as will the coffee and pastries. Tables of eight will surround our wonderful singer. The price is only \$8 per person. Get your checks in early. This will be an unusual evening of entertainment for Majestic Isles.

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April 1, 2010

NATIONAL NEWS

Detroit, MI, March 30

Insiders reported attending a victory party at the Detroit Hilton thrown by the big American auto companies. It was rumored that the CEOs of the companies did victory laps around the ballroom as videos of the Toyota president at the Congressional hearings were aired. The companies denied that they led the attendees in a chorus of the old World War II song, "Let's Remember Pearl Harbor."

Austin, TX March 31

The legislature agreed to disband all police departments in a cost-saving measure since recent changes to gun legislation now allowed all citizens to bear arms and to defend themselves. School curricula were changed starting in kindergarten to add firearms training for all grades. Other states are considering similar measures.

Washington, D.C. March 30

A National Health Care Bill was passed that will go into effect in January of 2015 and cost each citizen approximately \$1.58 a year. The new laws will provide free band-aids and antibacterial cleanser

to all. A statement by the President called it a breakthrough in health care while the competing parties praised it as a bi-partisan effort that will stop bleeding and spreading of germs.

Washington, D. C. March 31

Columnist Bob Backward of the Washington Poster announced that, in response to legislation requiring calorie labeling in restaurants, a group has broken off from the popular Tea Party and formed a third party called "Desserts for All." They are using a rallying cry of "liberty and desserts for all" to attack the new laws and are demanding that big government get out of their dinner plates. There is suspicion that the Big Sugar Lobby and Con Agra may be financing the group.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Beijing, April 1

A gaggle of Florida travel agents traveled to the international travel agency show in Beijing to encourage Chinese tourists to visit Florida. The agents promoted tourism in South Florida and promised to have all "No Chinese Dry Wall" signs removed from real estate

developments. They also assured their Chinese counterparts that a line of souvenirs bearing a "Made in the U.S." label will be produced for tourists to take home to memorialize their stay in Florida.

SPORTS NEWS

Now that Mayor Lois Frankel has rebuilt West Palm Beach, she is hoping to entice the New York Yankees or Boston Red Sox from their Tampa and Fort Myers spring training locations to West Palm Beach. No location has been picked, but the cranes and explosive teams are standing by.

LOCAL NEWS

Gated senior communities are considering revising their "no children" policy for ownership in view of the increasing number of births to women ages 45 to 54. Baby boomers are appearing to have a baby boom of their own.

WEATHER NEWS

Visibility obscured with a lot of hot air continuing to flow south from Tallahassee.

P.M.C.

TAX CORNER

By Mel Burstein

The Internal Revenue Service has indicated that the 2010 Federal Individual Tax Returns that will be due by April 15, 2011, may have to be filed electronically. This is all the information presently available, but I will keep you advised as soon as information becomes available.

For those of you who are casual gamblers, the tax court says that you must net your winnings or losses on a daily basis when computing your taxes. The following is an example of what this actually means. A couple played the slots on occasion. Well, one day, they hit a jackpot of \$2,000 and netted \$1,100 for the day. They had sustained losses of \$2,800 on some of their other trips to the casinos. The court said that the \$1,100 in winnings is taxed as income and losses in the amount of \$1,100 can be claimed as an itemized deduction. They did not have sufficient tax deductions to itemize so they took the standard deduction. This resulted in the fact that the \$1,100 worth of losses was wasted and the \$1,100 of winnings was fully taxable. Most casual gamblers total up their yearly winnings, if any, and report it as other income. They also take their yearly losses as an itemized deduction to the extent of their winnings. Another rule of law says that gambling losses in excess of winnings cannot be deducted which means that the losses are lost forever.

If you itemize your deductions, and made any contributions to the Haiti 2010 relief fund in January or February 2010, you are allowed to take the deduction in 2009, if you so wish. The donations must have been made to U.S. charities.

If you turned 70½ in 2009, you are not required to take a distribution from your IRA by April 1, 2010, but must take a distribution by December 31, 2010. The withdrawals that you take out in 2010 will be based upon balances in your IRAs as of December 31, 2009. Those who inherited IRAs and are required to liquidate the IRAs within five years now have an extra year because the five-year span is calculated without regard to 2009. Those who inherited an IRA in 2004 now have until December 31, 2010 to clean out the IRA, and not by December 31, 2009.

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THE REEL STORY

By Judy Radin



“The Last Station,” is a screen adaptation by Michael Hoffman of a novel by Jay Parini and a “Masterpiece Theater”-style drama that has gone far beyond the manner of its predecessors. This story of the last days of Leo Tolstoy packs an emotional punch often lacking in period pictures.

The film begins when 82-year-old Tolstoy (Christopher Plummer) hires a young intellectual, Valentin Bulgakov (James McAvoy), as his new secretary. Valentin soon finds himself caught in a power struggle between Tolstoy’s wife, Countess Sofya (Helen Mirren), and Vladimir Chertkov (Paul Giamatti), the scheming leader of the utopian movement founded by Tolstoy. The astonished Valentin is taken aback by the stormy nature of the Tolstoys’ 48-year marriage. He finds his loyalties to his employer, a literary celebrity, tested on both emotional and financial levels.

A love interest between Valentin and a young woman who lives on Tolstoy’s farm plays counterpoint to the harder realities of the older and more confrontational relationship. The elder couple brings to the surface all the pain and longing of a marriage that appears to be on the verge of destruction. Helen Mirren capably detonates with anger at one moment yet depicts a desperately deprived woman the next. In spite of her most emotional tirades, the performer artistically conveys a strong love for her husband.

Many of Countess Sofya’s mood swings appear due to a battle for the copyright ownership of her husband’s valuable literary works. Tolstoy’s manipulative disciple, Vladimir Chertkov, regards himself as protector of Tolstoy’s reputation and wants the proceeds from “War and Peace” to be used to further the cause of worldwide love and passive resistance. Vladimir observes and takes note of the fierce battles between the Countess and Tolstoy.

Christopher Plummer bears remarkable stature and physical resemblance to photos of the aging Tolstoy. He also carries off the role with artistic ability, portraying a genius of great importance who laughs at the frailties of his own advancing age.

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I visited the museum the other day and just loved every moment. The photographs in the Avedon Fashions – 1944 - 2000 exhibit are fantastic, with Audrey Hepburn, Twiggy and many other faces from the past. You can take a cell phone tour, which is like having your own personal curator walking you through the galleries. Visit Starbucks for a \$2 discount ticket to this exhibit. Once you are finished, put a sticker on your coupon and receive a free Starbucks coffee at any location.

There have been many articles recently in the local papers about the reclaimed paintings from the collection of Jacques Gouldstricker. His meticulous records and little black book, which are also on exhibit, helped reclaim artworks stolen by the Nazis. On view through May 9, 2010, this is a terrific exhibit.

Also on view, through May 2, are rediscovered photos of RFK’s funeral train by Paul Fusco. If Pop Art is more your thing, there is also an Andy Warhol exhibit. The Norton has something for everyone including the fantastic Chichuly ceiling of glass. Don’t miss it! This is a world class Museum in our neighborhood. On Thursday evenings, the museum is open from 5pm-9pm. A cash bar is open and there are many activities.

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CORRECTION: The contributor of the “1945” article in the March issue was **Michael Lippmann**. The editor apologies for her “senior moment.”(BRW)

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VISITING

Ed and Enid Gerard

By Claire Deveney



Ed and Enid Gerard, who have lived in M.I. for 13 years, were both born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y. Ed lived in the Hunts Point section and Enid lived near Parkchester. They graduated from James Monroe High School three years apart, but didn't meet there.

Enid recalls, "We lived in a four-family house and one day while I was looking out the window I saw this handsome young man with blonde hair and I went outside to talk with him." They met in May 1955 and became engaged that December. This July, they will have been married 53 years.

Ed earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the City College of New York (CCNY). After graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Navy. He trained and worked as a dental technician for two years at the Naval Air Base near Atlantic City.

After Ed left the service he worked for a number of ad agencies in New York City before joining the J. Walter Thompson (JWT) agency, at the time the largest advertising agency in the world. Ed initially worked in the production traffic department and became an account executive for Eastman Kodak. He also worked on the accounts of several other well-known large companies. Ed worked there for 33 years until his retirement in 1997. In his den, Ed has a framed, hand-drawn, color poster given to him at his retirement party that features him driving a golf cart heading to Florida with the New York skyline in the background and the names of his accounts emblazoned on the cart canopy. In his soft-spoken manner Ed said, "My work was diversified. I liked it (JWT) and they liked me. I found a home there."

Enid, who had to leave college after her dad died, went to work for a large men's sportswear company where she did production and merchandising for six years before starting her family.

After they married, Ed and Enid lived with Enid's mother and brother in the Bronx before moving to a co-op in Flushing, Queens. Enid explains, "We moved from a one bedroom, to a 2 bedroom to a 3 bedroom co-op as our family grew."

The Gerard's daughter, Robin, a teacher, and her husband, Paul, a tax attorney, live in Parkland, Fl., with their children David, 20, and Carly, 17. Their son, Scott, a C.P.A., and his wife, Regina, an accountant turned full-time mom, and their children Ally, 9, and Taylor, 5, live in Calabasas, Calif.

Enid was a full-time homemaker until her children were in their early teens. She then worked in a men's sportswear company for 15 years, and, for the six years before she retired, she was office manager of a medical and dental facility for a labor union. "I loved it," Enid said.

The Gerards enjoyed their vacation home in the Poconos for 10 years. They have traveled extensively including many trips to Europe, two visits to China and the Orient, Israel and other places.

"We always said we would retire to Florida," said Enid. One of their friends sent them development and model plans of Majestic Isles. "We visited, liked what we saw and signed the papers. It is a wonderful place to live." They moved to M.I. 13 years ago.

The Gerards give of their time and talents to many M.I. activities and clubs. Enid was one of the founders of the M.I. Cancer Research Unit of the Pap Corps and Ed was the chapter's first president. Enid has served as financial treasurer for the past four years, is a past vice president of fund raising and has held several other positions. She recently marked her ninth year serving as M.I. chairman of the Pap Corps annual Walk-a-Thon, She ran the M.I. blood drive for three years. Enid and Ed were both certified in CPR, became first responders and were CERT members.

Tackling a new project for the M.I. Pap Corps, Ed, along with Ed Strauber and David Lader, is co-chairman of the "Football Mania" fundraising program. Tickets are on sale now through August at \$20 each for the entire football season.

While on the Social Club board of directors, Ed instituted the "lottery system" used to assign tickets. He has appeared in many M.I.L.T. productions. One of his signature moves is clicking his heels in the air as he did most recently in the "Bernstein Murder Retrial" play this past November. Ed is an active M.I. tennis player and has won a number of trophies as a league member. He currently plays tennis here a couple of days a week and is an elementary school substitute teacher.



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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Facilitator

In the March 1, 2010 edition of Barron's Michael Santoli stated, "The stock market is essentially an argument over the future, staged over six-and-a-half hours each weekday, among people who can't even agree upon what's most important to be arguing about at any given moment." I guess that is one way to explain the meaning of the word "**volatility**."

Volatility is the pace at which stock prices move higher and lower. If a stock is more volatile, it is also more risky. Increased volatility of the stock market is usually a sign that a market top or a market bottom is at hand. What really causes volatility today? Short term, day-to-day, volatility can be caused by any news or rumor, or by manipulative movements of the day traders, hedge funds, short-sellers, institutional investors, etc. They may buy in the morning and sell later in the day, or visa versa. These maneuvers can also be spread over several days.

As an example of this mania, a headline for an article in Barron' reads "How To Make \$500 In The First 59 Minutes of Every Trading Day." Buying and selling **Puts** and **Calls** on stock indexes can move hundreds of thousands of shares of stocks in an instant. These and other devices add to volatility. The market has increasingly become a gambling casino on a short-term basis. The term "Investors," used by the "suits or talking heads" of the media, should be replaced by the term "gamblers, traders or speculators."

However, the market is useful for longer-term investors who are interested in income and/or growth. While everything we do in life has some risk, pursuing income with some possibility for growth incurs less risk than the hoped for growth with or without minimal income. In other words, for retirees, it may be more desirable to get paid now rather than wait for a future payoff, which may or may not occur. This discourse leads us to one of our favorite themes: 'investing for income with some growth potential.

Many of the high dividends that prevailed last year are still available, (though some dividends have been reduced), but the calculated yields have fallen because their current market values have risen. So where do we go from here? Should we continue to invest for income? Let's evaluate some possible future scenarios as they may influence your investment decisions.

Many experienced guessers, called analysts and traders, are concerned that the market may fall (retrace up to 10%) over the next six months before possibly continuing its upward climb. For the longer term (approximately one to two years or more) inflationary pressures could separate dividend income and market value into two categories: those that rise and those that fall with inflation. If so, how will this affect dividend yields? In the short term, prices could fall, making yields more attractive, provided that dividends are not reduced. For the longer term, many stock prices may fall, but commodity investment prices could rise along with their dividends as long as inflation does not get out of control.

Obviously, this projection, like many others, has a projected accuracy of approximate 50% +/- 25%. We discussed this further at our meeting on March 15, 2010. If you missed this, then we missed you.

The next meeting will be in two months, Monday May 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.



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INQUIRING REPORTER

By Thelma Mechnic

Living in a Senior Community, such as Majestic Isles, I thought it would be interesting to discover what a lifetime of experiences has taught us. The following kind citizens have shared their thoughts on the question:

What was the best advice or worst advice you remember that was offered to you?

Irwin Finkelstein; (Best) My parents always encouraged me to strive for good grades, and my high school teachers suggested that I go for my BA and my Masters in Accounting. I did ok.

Doris Levin: (Best) Smile and the world smiles with you. Cry and you cry alone.

Sid Bedell : (Best) My father advised me after my discharge to look ahead and persevere, which I did and I'm still hanging in there.

Jack Gordon: (Best) When I was a teenager, I was told to look for a Civil Service job, because of the financial security it would offer and I took that advice.

Gerry Eddy: (Best) I went back to college while I was working and had a family. I got my degree in computer science and never regretted it.

Norma Linden: (Best) My mother told me, and I'll always remember, "Anticipation is more than realization."

Jerry Cowan: (Best) I met my wife on a blind date and I knew that she was the one for me. We'll be married 59 years in June.

Marilyn Friedberg (Worst) At my wedding, I was young and impressionable, and a male relative with whom I was dancing, advised me, "You don't have to consummate your marriage immediately on your wedding night."

Lynn Fischer: (Best) My boyfriend insisted we get married. Fortunately it lasted 65 years, and produced 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, and another due in June. (Worst) Everyone, including my parents and his parents, thought we were too young to get married. I was only 16.)

Mimi Pestreich: (Best) When my children were very young, I decided to start college and get a degree. I persevered and graduated as an accountant. I went into my own business and was successful.

SINGLES SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

The March meeting was attended by both women and men. We anticipate further participation of men in the community. A financial speaker provided information, followed by questions and answers. This was followed by "Name That Tune." Teams at each table enjoyed the camaraderie while vying for prizes. Coffee and a delicious spread (fruit platters, homemade kugel, cake and cookies) were served. Thus ended a fun-filled evening.

Coming Events:

Friday, April 9, 3 p.m. Board Meeting

4 p.m. General Meeting followed by distribution of tickets for Bruce Smirnoff Show

Saturday, April 10, 5 p.m. Meet for carpools; arranged for dinner at Okeechobee Steak House.

Show Time to follow at Rinker Playhouse, Kravis Center (Bruce Smirnoff)

Saturday, May 1, 1 p.m. Meet at clubhouse for carpools to Norton Museum. Dinner following (optional)

Friday, May 7, 3 p.m. Board Meeting

4 p.m. General Meeting

Watch Channel 63 for updates



MAJESTIC ISLES WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

Our Appreciation Luncheon at Boca Greens on March 8 was a huge success. After a delicious lunch we were entertained by Joanna Jordon, "The Broadway Baby," who sang songs from past Broadway Shows.

On April 12, at 12:30 we will have a canasta tournament at the clubhouse. There will be cash prizes, and refreshments will be served. Partners should put their \$7.00 checks in the same envelope.

On May 2 at 11:30 a.m., we are co-sponsoring Parent's Day with the Men's Club at Boca Greens. We will have a great buffet brunch, and entertainment. Couvert: \$25.00 per person. Please keep the date open.

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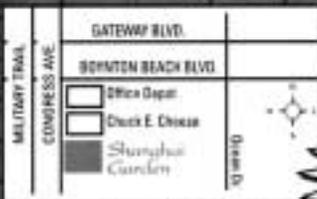
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MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Bobbe Greene



Many thanks to Janice Davidson and Adele Freitag for the wonderful donor luncheon they organized. As always no stone was left unturned.

A dessert party is planned on **April 8** at 1 p.m. to honor our Life Members. Couvert is \$5. RSVP by April 1 to Helen Aldoroty - 733-7216.

Rosh Chodesh, marking the start of the month of Iyar, will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 14**. Join this gathering of Jewish women in study, song, dance and meditation at 10 a.m. at the Morikami picnic area. Be comfortable, bring your own chair.

The next general meeting will be held on **April 19** at 11:30 a.m. After a light lunch a wonderful film will be shown in honor of Israel's Independence Day, Yom Ha'Atzmaut. This promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon.

A wonderful fashion show by Coldwater Creek is being held on **April 27** in our clubhouse. Fashions for every figure and size will be featured and modeled by your friends and neighbors. A hot and cold buffet luncheon featuring five delectable entrees plus salad and dessert will be served. Please join us for a lovely afternoon. Put your checks for \$25 in our mailbox to the attention of Mimi Hauser. Tables of 8 to 10 will be arranged. The chairpersons for the day are Bobbe Greene and Mim Marder.

The Spring Conference is on **May 2** at the West Palm Beach Marriott. The cost for the day is \$60 and includes a continental breakfast and full lunch. Checks for the day are to be sent to the Regional office at 5341 W. Atlantic Ave. Suite 305, Delray Beach 33484 by April 19.

A new Machon study group is being formed. Anyone interested in joining this stimulating program can sign up in the back of the clubhouse.

SAVE THE DATE: May 24, Installation of officers.

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Sam Levenson

TEST YOUR MOVIE IQ

By Arlene Levin

1. What song did Louis B. Mayer want eliminated from "The Wizard of Oz?"
2. What movie featured the final performance of Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable?
3. In his films, Alfred Hitchcock displayed a preference for blondes. Name three.
4. What unknown performer was a last minute dancing replacement for Fred Astaire in "Flying Down to Rio?"
5. Name the first African American actor and actress to win Oscars. Can you name the movies?
6. What actor/producer gave the first on screen credit to a member of the blacklisted Hollywood Ten?
7. What Oscar winning director first earned recognition for "The Sugarland Express?"
8. Name the star of "All About Eve" who was Frank Lloyd Wright's granddaughter.
9. What actress played a Holocaust victim on the big screen and in a TV mini-series?
10. Name the actor who formed a multimillion dollar charity following a family tragedy.

(Answers on p. 33)

THE REEL STORY *(continued from p. 21)*

Had I been allowed to vote for the Academy Award winners, Helen Mirren would have been my choice for Best Actress. Only one other nominee, Meryl Streep, displays similar talent. However, the difference between the two very talented actresses is the particular vehicles for which they were nominated. I believe that "The Last Station" was the more challenging screenplay and that Helen Mirren was certainly up to the challenge.

If you have not had a chance to see "The Last Station," take yourself out to the movies with a spouse, friend or significant other. If, by the time you read this review, the film is no longer at your local theater, indulge yourself with a Blockbuster or Netflix treat. You'll be pleased that you did.

M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Bobbe Greene

March was a very busy month for our Cancer Unit.

* We thank Enid Gerard, Helen Benowitz, Sandy Kastner and Lois Richmond for chairing the Walk-A-Thon, our most financially successful yet. We thank all walkers and their sponsors.

* Seena Calder and Selma Friedman worked very hard arranging Membership Appreciation Day. We all enjoyed the Chinese Buffet lunch.

* The theatre party to "Singing in The Rain" was a great success. Everyone had a fabulous time at this sold out production.

Something **new!** "Football Mania"...Knowledge of football is not necessary to take part. \$20 covers the entire 17-week season. There will be a **weekly** winner from Majestic Isles sales. Call Ed Gerard (733-1187), Dave Lader (724-0277) or Ed Strauber (732-3344) to purchase your ticket.

Our next General Meeting will be held on **April 29**. After a light lunch at 12 noon, a guest speaker from the Rand Eye Institute will talk about some of those annoying issues we experience with our eyesight.

The Annual Luncheon/Card Party will be at Benvenutos on **May 13**. Get your card and board games together and join us for a wonderful afternoon. Men are more than welcome to join us for their favorite table games.

As in the past our closing meeting will be "Just Desserts" created by our very talented board members. Join us on **May 27** for a decadent feast.

MEN'S CLUB

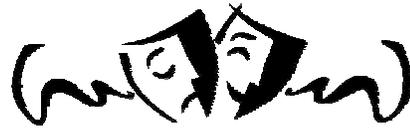
By Joel Cohen

Just a reminder: the Men's and Women's Clubs will hold their third annual Parents Day Brunch on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at 11:30 a.m at the Boca Greens Country Club on Route 441 and Kimberly Blvd. (south of Yamato Road). The cost of \$25 includes a delicious buffet and a marvelous entertainer. Seating will be at tables of 10. Please put checks in together for all those sitting at one table.

The next Hard Rock Casino trip will be on Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

M.I. LITTLE THEATER

by Phyllis Cohen



Once again, our MILT group continues to entertain and amaze our community by their ability to put on wonderful entertainment, month after month. Their March production was the comedy show, "Send Me No Flowers" directed by Edd Bloom. The show was on March 27 and 28.

This wacky comedy was both a stage play and a movie featuring Doris Day and Rock Hudson in the leading roles. The story is about a chronic hypochondriac and his long-suffering wife in a series of mix-ups and misunderstandings that lead to many comic situations and a final happy resolution. The three-act play takes place over a weekend in the home of George and Judy Kimball played by Bernie Fishkin and Enid Bayer. Other members of the hard-working, talented cast included Len Schwartz as Dr. Morrissey, Paul Mendelsohn as Arnold Nash, Ed Strauber as Bert Power, Phil Chermak as Vito, Ed Bloom, understudy for Seena Calder, who was ill, as Mr. Akins, Francine Gitto as Ms. Mason, Linda Kessler as Fantasy Girl Friend, Al Weinstein, Fantasy Man and Phyllis Fishkin as Fantasy Woman.

Thanks also to the many others who helped behind the scenes in the Production Staff: Bill Broth as Asst. Director and Stage Manager; Marty Baron doing set construction and lighting; Buddy Koch and Doris Davidoff on sound; Ira Schneider, videographer and sound effects CD; Fred Stein, producer; Joan Peckins, lighting; Ray Kozlin, playbill; Arlene Levin, publicity; Saralee Weinstein, make-up. Ticket Committee: Marilyn Broth, Beverly Jaffe, Carole Burstein, Helen Benowitz and Elaine Schwartz; Jerry Fefferman, ticket design; and back-stage crew, Milt Swersky and Mark Jaffie.

Once more, MILT had an outstanding production enjoyed by a large audience of neighbors and family.

Remember that you can view all newsletters since April 2008 on our website
www.majesticisles.com

BOOK TALKS AND MORE

by Judy Markowitz



On Wednesday, April 21, at 2 p.m., I will be facilitating a discussion of "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett.

The book is set in Stockett's native Jackson, Mississippi in the early 1960s, and deals with the complicated theme of blacks and whites living in the segregated South. A century after the Emancipation Proclamation, black maids raised white children and ran households, but were poorly paid, often had to use separate toilets from the family, and watched children they cared for commit bigotry.

In Stockett's narrative, Miss Skeeter, a young white woman, is a naïve, aspiring writer who wants to conduct a series of interviews with local black maids. Even if they are published anonymously, the risk is great. Still, Aibileen and Minny agree to participate.

Tension pervades the novel as its events are told by its three memorable women. Is this an easy book to read? No, but it is surely worth reading. Whether you have already read the book or plan to read it in the future, you are welcome to attend our April 21 meeting. We are expecting a lively discussion.

Answers to Movie IQ Test (quiz on page 31)

1. "Over the Rainbow"
2. "The Misfits" written by Arthur Miller
3. Grace Kelly, Kim Novak, Tippi Hedren, Eva Marie Saint
4. Ginger Rogers
5. Hattie Mc Daniel ("Gone With The Wind") and Sidney Poitier ("Lilies of the Field")
6. Kirk Douglas for "Spartacus"
7. Steven Spielberg
8. Anne Baxter
9. Meryl Streep ("Sophie's Choice" and "Holocaust")
10. Paul Newman

Rating your score

- 10 Aficionado
- 7-9 Impressive
- 4-6 Few kudos
- 1-3 Join Netflix
- 0 Get a Tutor!

SNOWBIRDS

By Marilyn J. Levy



The March 5 meeting of the Snowbird Club was very productive. Arlene Koch, the president of the M.I. Social Club, spoke to the group about the New Year's Eve party and next season's show series. The Social Club will present the singer Robert Kole on January 22, 2011. In February, Hal Linden will perform in our clubhouse and in March, the comedian Sarge will be here. The series will cost \$70/person. Checks will be collected after April 1, 2010.

The farewell dinner party on March 10, was a great success. Irwin Finkelstein, Joyce Spiess, Joan Greenwald and Paula Stein arranged this affair. We are grateful to all of them for this lovely evening.

The main portion of the meeting was devoted to planning for next season. Our first meeting back will be on Friday, December 17, 2010, at 11 a.m. This season's welcome brunch was so successful that we are planning another one. The cost will be \$10/person. Please pay your \$5 dues as soon as you return to Majestic Isles and before you sign up for the brunch.

Bobbe and Jack Greene will try to arrange a theater party to Coral Springs to see "Mame" and to the Delray Playhouse to see a Musical Memory matinee. Sid Kaufman is working on an overnight trip by bus to Naples. The trip will be packed with fun events including a visit to a casino.

We hope you have a happy, healthy summer and will return to Majestic Isles prepared to have a busy season.

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TENNIS CLUB

By Bobby Blitman and Sandy Kastner



The tennis season at M.I. is in full swing. The cold weather and its blustery winds didn't keep the players off the courts. Now that's dedication! True tennis players are like the postal service – neither snow, wind nor “very cold weather,” keeps them off the courts.

We have decided that you must sign up on the sheet in the back lobby. The deadline is 11:30 a.m. the day before you want to play. Otherwise it is considered a “no sign up” and you must sit out the first game of the day.

The lottery is working well. The second group of ladies plays at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

We bring cards to the court, deal them out, everyone picks a card, and then the confusion starts. What card did I pick? What court am I on? But, in the end, everyone gets to the assigned court. It's just a little complicated.

When a ball is called out by one player and called in by his partner, the point goes to the opposing team, except on the serve, when the server gets a second serve. If a serve hits any line of the service box and the receiver can't return the ball, it is an ace.

The weather is starting to get warmer, so we all should remember to drink plenty of water.

We are planning a Tennis Club party in the fall. Let's hope all the tennis members will attend.

NOTICE: The tennis courts are for tennis only. No other sport will be accepted.

BOWLING

By Dave Feinberg

By the time you read this article, the season will be over, and all the winners will be known and awarded accordingly. We may return to Greenacres Bowl next season, depending upon whether or not we can keep our 12 noon start time on **Tuesdays**.

Snow birds - please call and let us know when you plan to return to Florida. I'll post sign up sheets in the back lobby on April 15. Have a safe, healthy summer. I hope to see you all in September.

Second thoughts: Don't forget to recruit some of your friends and neighbors for the bowling league.

TAX CORNER *(continued from p. 21)*

Do you know that if you rent or lease your home or condo in the State of Florida for a period of six months or less, you are required to collect sales tax (also known as a bed tax) of 6.5% on the rent collected? Well you do. To make matters worse, if that rented property is located in Palm Beach County, you are required to collect a "Tourist Development Tax" which is 5% of the rent collected, making the total State and County taxes a total of 11.5%. The tax is due and payable to the State by the 20th day of the month following collection. You must register with the State and obtain a sales tax number and they will send you the Sales Tax Form to be filed. You also have to register with the county and obtain a number from them.

YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Jerry Raske

At the March 7 Yiddish Club meeting, Norm Katz, on the harmonica, accompanied the group singing of “Hatikvah” and “God Bless America.”

We welcomed new members Wynne and John Shilling. Reggie Zee mentioned that John Shilling had sailed on the steamship St. Louis from Europe to the United States and back to Europe. The St. Louis became well-known after its attempt to land on our shores with refugees fleeing the war in Europe and was refused entry. That voyage became known as the “Voyage of the Damned” because so many of those passengers later died in the Holocaust.

On a lighter note, it was a great night to enjoy the talents of our own friends and neighbors. Agnes Lee delivered the humor, followed by flutists Buddy Koch and Wynne Shilling, accompanied by Reggie at the piano. Paula and Harold Geyer and Gloria and Harry Steingart were the lucky winners of certificates for dinner at Toojays, supplied by our sponsor, Medical Mobile Monitoring.

Many thanks to Josh Katz for supplying the song sheets for “Some of These Days.” It was great fun for the entire group to sing. Thanks to all the individuals who provide us with delicious refreshments. And remember, you don't have to speak or understand Yiddish to enjoy our meetings.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

April 1, 2010 - May 31, 2010



April

- Apr. 6,** Tues, 11am, Calendar Meeting
- Apr. 7,** Wed., 11 a.m., Presidents' Meeting
- Apr. 8,** Thurs, 1pm, Hadassah, **Life Member Party (p, h)**
- Apr. 10,** Sat, 8pm, Social Club, **Movie Night (p, h)**
- Apr. 10,** Sat, 5 p.m., Singles Club, **Rinker Playhouse Kravis Center**
- Apr. 12,** Mon, 12:30 pm, **Women's Club Canasta Tournament (p, h)**
- Apr. 16,** Fri, Social Club, **Movie Night (p, h)**
- Apr. 18,** Sun, 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo (p, h)**
- Apr. 19,** Mon, 3 p.m., **Hadassah Study Group (f, h)**
- Apr. 21,** Wed, 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More (f, h)**
- Apr. 24,** Sat, 8 p.m., **Social Club Showtime (p, h)**
- Apr. 27,** Tues, 11:30 a.m., **Hadassah Fashion Show (p, h)**
- Apr. 29,** Thurs, **12 noon, Cancer Meeting**

APRIL GENERAL MEETINGS

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| Apr. 2 | Fri. | 11 a.m. | Newsletter |
| Apr. 9 | Fri. | 4 p.m. | Singles |
| Apr. 11 | Sun. | 9:30 a.m. | Mens' Club |
| | | 7:30 p.m | M.I.L.T. |
| Apr. 19 | Mon. | 11:30 a.m. | Hadassah |
| Apr. 20 | Tues. | 7:30 p.m. | Social Club |
| Apr. 21 | Wed. | 4 p.m. | Computer Club |
| Apr. 22 | Thurs. | 4 p.m. | Tennis Club |
| Apr. 20 | Thurs. | 12 noon | Cancer Unit |

MAY GENERAL MEETINGS

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|---------------|--------|-----------|------------------|
| May 2 | Sun. | 7:30 p.m. | Yiddish Club |
| May 6 | Thurs. | 7:30 p.m. | Bd. Of Directors |
| May 7 | Fri. | 11 a.m. | Newsletter |
| | | 4 p.m. | Singles |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | M.I.L.T. |
| May 10 | Mon. | 4 p.m. | Investment Group |
| May 19 | Wed. | 4 p.m. | Computer Club |
| May 27 | Thurs. | 1 p.m. | Cancer Unit |

- May 1,** Sat, 1 p.m., Singles Club, **Norton Museum**
- May 2,** Sun, 11:30 a.m., Men's and Women's Clubs, **Parent's Day Brunch (p,a)**
- May 3 & 4,** Mon & Tues. 9 a.m.-12 noon, **Mature Driver's Course**
- May 4,** Tues, 11 a.m., Calendar Meeting
- May 8,** Sat, 8pm, Social Club, **Movie Night**
- May 13,** Thurs, 11:00, Cancer Unit, **Card Party, (p, a)**
- May 16,** Sun, 7 pm, Men's Club, **Bingo (p,h)**
- May 19,** Wed, 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More (f, h)**
- May 22,** Sat, 8 pm, Social Club, **Movie Night (p, h)**
- May 24,** Mon, 11:30, **Hadassah Installation (p, h)**
- May 26,** Wed, 10 a.m., Men's Club, **Casino trip (p, a)**
- May 31,** Mon, Social Club **Memorial Day Party (p,h)**

May

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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