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In last month's newsletter, I made a prediction that, based on news and weather reports, the mild winter and more rain in the first two months of the year than we've had in the last three years, the oak trees would be putting out more pollen, which meant that there would be more acorns, followed by more squirrels. It's a vicious cycle and it's already started happening. If you check the Weather Channel ([www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)), you will find an alert for Boynton Beach about the high pollen count and how it is likely to get a whole lot worse before it gets better.

I'm going to go ahead and make another prediction that 2012 could be a very good (or bad) year for hurricanes. The water temperature is already very warm and storm cycles throughout the country are stronger and more frequent than in years past. We've even had a tropical low form right off the coast of Cuba in January, well before the June 1 start of Hurricane Season. *(Note the opposite prediction in Bill Harris' article, page 21)*

With this thought in mind I want to remind residents – especially our migrating snowbirds – to start making plans now for the upcoming season. First and foremost, take a walk around your house and make a list or at least a mental note of everything outside that will need to be secured if a storm is predicted to hit our area. While the heavy winds are a big concern, what does the most damage is projectiles being blown around. Snowbirds need to go ahead and secure their homes and properties before they leave for the summer. While many residents have someone checking on their home while they're away, when a storm is bearing down on us is *not* the time to begin thinking about preparing. You may only be one house, but your house sitter is probably checking on many more houses than just yours. And, in some cases, we may only have a day or two to prepare for a hurricane. Time becomes a valuable commodity at that point. Safely storing your patio furniture, potted plants, wall decorations, and landscape ornaments before you leave for the season or a long vacation will help protect your home and property as well as your neighbors'.

**Start stocking your pantry now!!!** There's nothing worse than rushing to the store as a hurricane approaches and fighting the crowds of people doing the same thing, only to find the shelves emptied of canned goods, water, batteries, and everything else you'll need after a storm. Every time you go grocery shopping, pick up a few extra cans to put on your shelves. Even if you may not need the items, it's well worth the comfort knowing that you've planned ahead.

All residents have the responsibility and obligation to make their properties secure for a storm, either by themselves or through a house sitting service. As the adage goes, "Hope for the best but prepare for the worst."

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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## **Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, March 8, 2011**

*Minutes of the March 2012 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's Report, Ken Miller for Sy Kugelmas**

- (Residents may request, at the office, the report of the 3/8/12 cash positions and statement of operation.)
- The Association's annual audit is complete. The draft has been reviewed and we await the final report. The audited financial statements will be available after the Board accepts them.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **COBWRA, Steve Bayer**

- At COBWRA's meeting on 2/15/12, Sharon Bock reported that her office has a new Guardianship Fraud Hotline (561) 355-FRAUD (3728) for confidential reports of suspicious loans, missing money, property, etc. If you suspect physical abuse, please call (800) 926-2873.
- Chief Todd Blake, Fire Rescue Battalion 4 has a new program to install smoke and fire detectors for people with hearing loss. Call Chief Blake at (561) 498-3334 x 102 for more information.
- (For the complete report of the February COBWRA meeting, please contact Steve Bayer.)

#### **Painting and Roof Cleaning, Harvey Galan**

- The weather has delayed the painting and roof cleaning but Hartzell is still working on the project.

#### **Insurance, Janice Davidson**

- The Insurance Committee agreed that reappraisal is not needed this year.
- At the April 12, 2012 Board meeting Plastridge will make a presentation about 2012-2013 insurance coverage and will address other concerns of the community, as well as answer questions.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Motion to power wash the sidewalks every year, instead of at 18 month intervals was passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to purchase one NuStep, one sit-down elliptical trainer, one recumbent bike, and one treadmill at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 plus shipping passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to add light tan as an additional driveway color passed by unanimous vote.

- Motion to accept the recommendations of the Sign Painting Committee for new colors for the five Majestic Isles signs passed by a 5-1 vote.
- Harvey Galan will appoint a committee to change a few of the house color choices for the 2013 house painting.
- Motion to cover the cost of repainting two homes that were brought to the Board's attention, passed by 5-1 vote.
- Motion to rescind the October 16, 2008 vote requiring residents who sandblast their driveways to paint them passed by unanimous vote.



## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **GET WELL**

Lenore Gerber	Edie Goodman
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Sylvia Goldstein	Marilyn Sumberg

### **SYMPATHY**

To Rita Leidner on the loss of her husband, Leon.  
To Fanny Lust on the loss of her husband, Jack.  
To Estelle Pincus on the loss of her brother.

### **MESSAGES**

A heartfelt thanks to all our friends in Majestic Isles for the cards, gifts and get well wishes after my recent surgery.  
*Peter Fazio*

Thank you for you for your cards, donations and phone calls during my two hospital stays in January and February.  
*Allen Finer*

Dear M.I. friends, on behalf of my family and myself, I want to express thanks for your warmth and devotion at this very sad time.  
*Rita Leidner and family*

How wonderful to live in Majestic Isles, such a caring, supportive community. I am so grateful for the cards, donations, visits and calls after the loss of my beloved husband, Saul.  
*Mim Marder*

*Please note: We reserve the right to edit for length (30 word maximum) and clarity. Submit items to Elaine Jay by email at ElaineJay@aol.com with Good and Welfare as the subject. Acknowledgement of each email will be sent as verification of receipt.*

## MY DRIVEWAY SPEAKS . . . .

by Liz Hopwood

I have a sick driveway. I am not alone. There are multiple layers of paint or stain on my driveway which makes it very hazardous when wet from rain or the sprinklers. Two people have already fallen and, once put vertical, it was discovered that, indeed, they were bloodied.

At the Board Meeting on March 8 it was voted that residents can sandblast their driveways and do not have to stain or paint afterwards. This vote does *not* mean that everyone has a free pass and anything goes. A driveway committee to establish standards for all driveways will be formed under the leadership of Joel Rosenthal. Ken Miller will continue to inspect driveways on a regular basis. If something is wrong (such as an oil spot on a sandblasted driveway or the driveway is not clean), a letter requiring restoration will be issued which is the same as procedure followed for paver driveways. When I have my driveway sandblasted, I will have a clear sealer put on it to prevent stains from penetrating in. I know I will need to reapply this sealer about every two years, but I want my driveway to be safe and as clean as possible with a minimum amount of effort and expense to me.

This seems to be a good spot to talk about compliance and what that means. The Board does not want to impose fines on anyone. The Board works with the community to resolve issues. Obviously, for the house colors and driveways to be changed, the Board has to be flexible enough to realize changes are needed. However, there are residents who feel that the Board has no real power. On page 35 of our documents, paragraph 5 (blue booklet) it says, "The Association shall have the right but not the obligation, upon fifteen (15) days written notice, to enter the property of the Defaulting owner for the purpose of performing the maintenance referred to, set forth and described in the notice." "The cost of performing such maintenance and the expenses of collection (if any) together referred to herein as the 'Remedial Maintenance Fee,' and Legal Fees, shall be assessed against the Defaulting Owner." What does that mean? Recently we have had to remove three dead queen palms for a homeowner who refused to do so after numerous personal contacts and legal notifications. Leaving the dead trees would be dangerous to our community as they could fall over, and dead palms could conta-

minate other trees in the neighborhood. The homeowner has been billed for these services and legal fees.

So what if a homeowner says, "Okay, I believe that Florida Statutes 720 states that I cannot be fined more than \$100 per day for a total of 10 days, meaning that I owe \$1000. Fine! When I die, my estate can pay our Association \$1000 and everything is done. Right?" Wrong! I encourage everyone to read Article 720.305 in the Florida State Statutes that explains that fines can be levied against a resident or a guest of that resident of up to \$1000, which ultimately may result in a lien being placed against the property. When the maintenance payment is made, the first amount goes to the fine; whatever is left over (if anything) goes to the maintenance payment. What that means is that one is now late with the full maintenance payment and has late fees to pay too. (Please note that in our documents on page 38, paragraph 4, it states: ". . . however, no such fine may exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) in the aggregate for said violation.") Also in Article 720.305 it clearly states that there can be a suspension of a variety of privileges, including but not limited to, use of common areas, facilities, voting rights, disabling transponders, etc. until full monetary restitution is made.

I love living in Majestic Isles. I love my friends and neighbors and I love the security I feel here. We all agreed to accept the rules (either through bylaws, minutes or the State of Florida's statutes) when we bought our homes.

Your Board wants to hear from you before a small problem becomes a big issue.



*"The U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would tax Botox. When Botox users heard this, they were horrified. Well, I think they were horrified. It's difficult to tell." --Craig Ferguson*

*"I'm not going to pay taxes. When they say I'm going to prison, I'll say no, prisons cost taxpayers a lot of money. You keep what it would have cost to incarcerate me, and we'll call it even." --Jimmy Kimmel*



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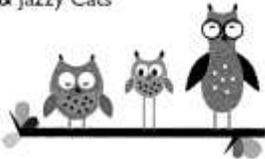
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Once again we are offering a Mature Drivers' class in our ballroom. It will take place Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

After taking the two-day class, you will receive a certificate that may qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance. (Check with your insurance company to be sure.) In a one-car family, only one member of the family is required to take the class. If there are two cars and two drivers, each must attend.

This year, the Safety Council requires preregistration and prepayment of a \$10 check made out to Safety Council of Palm Beach County Inc. Please see Bonnie for the preregistration forms. She can also accept your checks.

On the back lobby bulletin board, there is a list of residents who took the class in 2009 and would, therefore, be due to take it again. The certificate is good for 3 years. New people who want to attend the class should add their names to the list and see Bonnie to preregister and prepay.

If you are unavailable on May 7 and 8, you may want to take the Mature Drivers Course online. The website is [www.safetycouncilpbc.org](http://www.safetycouncilpbc.org). Click on "Driver Improvement" and then on the "Mature Drivers Insurance Discount" course. The cost is \$20, compared to the class, which is only \$10, but taking it online is better for people who will be away on the dates of the class or would just rather do it on their own schedule.

Questions? Please call Bonnie (734-8738).

### ***From the Internet***

*(Source unknown)*

*We're old enough that:*

- *No one expects us to run into burning buildings.*
- *People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"*
- *People no longer view us as hypochondriacs.*
- *We no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.*
- *We sing along with the elevator music.*
- *Our joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.*

## DOUBLE HEADER: MAY 2

### **Avoid Identity Theft Check Your Fire Extinguisher**



Those of you who missed the Micro-Shred truck in February shredding truck – and those who accumulate sensitive papers at an alarming rate – will get another chance to destroy those papers when the shredding truck returns on Wednesday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. You will be able to watch on a video monitor as your papers with credit card account numbers, Social Security numbers and other sensitive information as your papers are shredded.

Micro-Shred can process paper only (staples and/or paper clips are OK). *Do not bring credit cards, CDs, DVDs, notebooks, sheet protectors or other plastic items.*

The Majestic Isles Homeowners Association is subsidizing this event, so you will be charged only \$2 per box. A standard box is 10" x 12" x 15" but you can bring your papers in any paper or plastic bags or in any size box. They will estimate the number of standard size boxes you are shredding to determine the price.

Full information is available on a flyer in the back lobby of the clubhouse. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity, you must put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back lobby by March 29.



Also on May 2, Proctor Fire Extinguishers will be set up in the parking lot for residents to have their personal fire extinguishers checked out. They will be bringing a supply of new extinguishers for purchase if yours is outdated and can't be recharged.

If you have any questions, please call Steve Bayer, (737-0495).

Because of space limitations, the COBWRA Highlights have been omitted from this issue. They are posted on the bulletin board in the back lobby of the clubhouse.

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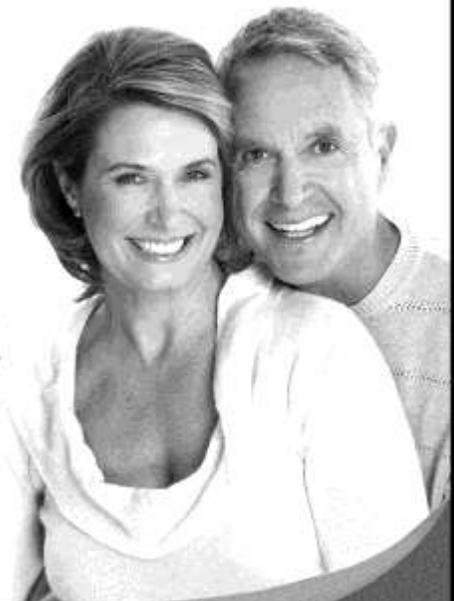


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## FLORIDA ROAD TRIP

By Elaine Jay



This month we're going to visit Lakeland, 40 miles east of Tampa. What made Lakeland a definite stop on my itinerary was its connection to Frank Lloyd Wright, who is considered to

be America's greatest architect. Most of us are familiar with Wright's innovative design of the Guggenheim Museum in Manhattan or his Fallingwater house near Pittsburgh. But did you know that the largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings anywhere is here in Florida?

The campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland is home to 12 buildings conceived by Wright. The architect was approached in 1938 by the college president with a request to design "a great education temple in Florida." When Wright toured the orange grove area selected for the buildings, he envisioned them "rising out of the ground, into the light, and into the sun." A ground-breaking ceremony took place in 1938 and the last building was completed 20 years later. Wright was 67 when he started this project and was often seen in Lakeland in his preferred attire: cape, hat and walking stick. If modern architecture is of interest to you, this campus is a must. The buildings, water dome and esplanades bear the trademarks of this genius. Daily tours of the campus leave from the Child of the Sun Visitor Center, which houses an exhibit about Wright and the project. Self-guided tour brochures are also available.

Lakeland's history dates back to 1882, when Kentucky resident, Abraham Munn, purchased 80 acres in what is now downtown Lakeland. It was Munn's foresight that set the course of growth for the newly incorporated town. In 1885, Munn offered to build a railroad station at his own expense. Later that year, the railroad arrived and with it, the travelers. Munn built the first hotel as the town flourished, luring merchants and professionals.

Before the Depression and land bust of the late 1920's, Lakeland saw steady development. Today there are six historic districts within the city limits with structures dating as far back as 1900. The historic Polk Theatre opened in 1928 as a vaudeville/movie palace. Restored in 1999 and still functioning, its proscenium's façade is an Italian renaissance townhouse. The blue ceiling with

twinkling stars changes from sunset to sunrise and is known as an atmospheric theatre. This was the first air-conditioned building in Lakeland and when they turned on the air, lights downtown dimmed! Many famous performers found their way to the Polk: Sally Rand, Tom Mix, Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller. A young Elvis left his signature on a wall!

The Polk Theatre was at one time owned by the Paramount Publix Corporation. Publix? Yes, George Jenkins who opened his first "food palace" in Winter Haven in 1930, named the store after a failed entertainment company that had once owned the Polk. In 1951, Jenkins moved the Publix corporate headquarters to Lakeland, providing employment and revenue for the city.

While in the downtown historic district, take some time at the Lake Mirror Promenade. Its lake is one of 38 named lakes within the city. This charming spot is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and provides a peaceful respite in a busy tourist's day. Hollis Garden, adjacent to Lake Mirror, is a lovely botanic garden with patterned flowerbeds and fountains, another delightful spot.

Lakeland attracts baseball fans at this time of year because it is the Detroit Tigers' spring training location. In April, aviation enthusiasts flock to the "Sun 'n Fun Fly In," a weeklong event featuring daily air shows. For those with an interest in history, the Florida Air Museum near the airport has been designated Florida's official aviation museum. Lakeland's ties to aviation date back to the 1920's and during WW II, thousands of Army Air Corps personnel were trained at Lakeland Army Air Field. The Lodwick School of Aeronautics was located at what is now the Tigers' spring training grounds. At Lodwick, American and British cadets learned the basics of flying, eager to serve in their country's air forces in the 1940's. The Air Museum exhibits illustrate this history. In addition, the museum is home to the vast personal aviation collection of Howard Hughes, including a 14-foot model of the Spruce Goose.

Florida is such a wonderful place to tour. With a little digging beneath the surface, one can discover unexpectedly fascinating destinations like Lakeland.

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## Gardening in the Isles

By  
Stan Davidson

Do you know it is a bug eat bug world? In the bug world in south Florida there are the bad, the beautiful and the ugly. For example, the bad guys are the white fly, mealy bugs, the beautiful are the butterflies, ladybugs, and the ugly are the spiders, and caterpillars. Let's do away with toxic chemicals and enlist an army of beneficial insects to help control pest outbreaks that we are currently experiencing. These beneficial insects are the natural enemies of garden pests and are a non-toxic approach for solving many of the pest alerts.

We all know that historically pests were a problem back north. In the past, chlordane, diazaron, DDT and durban were banned from our landscapes. Merit, a residual toxic soil drench, currently used throughout south Florida, has been banned in Canada and France. Just read carefully the content label on many of our pesticides and do some homework concerning the toxicity. The problem with many of our broadband spectrum insecticides is that not only do they kill the bad boys, but also kill the beneficial bugs. If our county were not releasing beneficial bugs we would have an insect world out of control.

Another reason to go natural is that an increasing number of insects are showing resistance to chemical pesticides. Research on fruit flies found that the pesticide did not kill the fly but that the fly was able to metabolize the pesticide and use it as food! A sequel to the "Fly" movie could then be entitled, "Revenge of the Fruit Fly." About 500 insect species that have been studied show resistance to conventional pesticides. No insect has shown immunity to being eaten. The bad guys can run away from the predatory insects, but they cannot hide.

We walk down the aisles in Publix and see vegetables, fruit, dairy products and meat labeled organic. Apparently there is an interest in organic gardening that is creating a demand for pesticide free food. Even if one carefully washes vegetables and fruit, residual chemicals that were sprayed on them may remain.

What can we do around the home garden to reduce our reliance on pesticides? Let's go to the "war room" and do some strategic planning. Do a little homework. Do research in the library or on the web about the enemy. Understand the character of the pest so you can take safe effective measures for your attack. Determine your tolerance level. Can you live with the pest and the amount of damage in your landscape? Many times just a heavy stream of soap and water will cause the enemy to retreat. A spray of horticultural oil can also provide protection. Again, I remind you, if treatment is required, wage war with methods that are the least damaging to the environment and tend to be less costly.

Enlist natural enemies in your battle plan. Palm Beach County, in conjunction with the University of Florida, is currently releasing lady bugs, parasitic wasps and beetles to attack and feed on the various species of white fly that are causing damage in the county. They will leave the good insects alone and only go after the bad guys. *Let's not do toxic foliar spraying and kill the good guys unless it's absolutely necessary!!*

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## INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman Facilitator

Since the market bottomed in March 2009 we have experienced a phenomenal rise in stock market valuations of approximately 50% to 100% or more as the economy struggled, with continuing skepticism along the way, to recover from the crash of 2008. Some, pointing to the improving unemployment rate, say there is growing optimism that the economy will continue to grow.

Contrarians in the market place, however, are warning that we are facing many impediments to this euphoria, which will cause the market to turn on itself, at least during the next few months, as it has done many times during this calendar period in prior years. We are again faced with the possibility of a seesaw, a teeter-totter, or as we have indicated before, *volatility*. So what's new?

Well, aside from the ongoing concept of using high income investments to reduce or minimize the pain while providing good income, there is a mini energy revolution (or not so mini) taking place which will affect businesses, politics, government and the public personally. No, it is not a catastrophic event but rather it may prove generally beneficial to all of the above now and in the foreseeable future.

It began several years ago with *fracking* - the high pressure horizontal drilling and cracking (or fracturing) the immense shale deposits that contain humongous quantities of oil and natural gas. It is projected that the U.S. will become energy independent in the foreseeable future. While this should somewhat offset the rising price of oil, the more significant effect is the drastic reduction in the price of natural gas due to an increasing over-supply.

At our March 12 meeting, we mentioned how this will impact the transportation industry. Westport Innovations (WPRT) is coordinating their natural gas engine expertise with auto and truck manufacturers and re-fitters such as Ford, GM, Chrysler and other engine manufacturers such as Cummings (CMI). Clean Energy (CLNE) is building over 150 additional natural gas delivery stations systems for the major trucking and auto refueling routes for commercial delivery fleets, Fed Ex, UPS, Wal-Mart, ATT and others. They will be using LNG (liquid natural gas) or CNG (compressed natural gas). *(continued p. 15)*

## FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson

### Boca Raton Resort & Club

501 East Camino Real, Boca Raton

[www.bocahistory.org](http://www.bocahistory.org) (Historical Society)

561-395-6766 ext 101

The Boca Raton Historical Society gives 1½ hour guided tours of Boca Raton Resort and Club at 2:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month through April 24. Tickets are \$15. The Resort charges \$11 for valet parking, so go in groups. Reservations are required by noon of the date you want to tour.

### The Flagler Museum

One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach

[www.flaglERMuseum.us](http://www.flaglERMuseum.us)

561-655-2833

The Flagler Museum, a natural historic landmark, is an absolute must-see for visitors. Through April 22, the museum features "A New Light On Tiffany." Enjoy the beautiful Tiffany glass while touring the fabulous mansion. This is Henry Flagler's Gilded Age Estate. You can also see the train in which he travelled to Florida and have a wonderful afternoon full of history, art and beauty.

### Stage Door Theater

8036 Sample Road, Coral Springs

[www.stagedoorfl.org](http://www.stagedoorfl.org)

954-344-7765

Stage Door Theater will feature "Beau Jest," a fun comedy and romance, April 5- April 28. "The Little Shop of Horrors" will be at the Stage Door April 13-May 20.

### The Plaza Theatre

262 South Ocean Blvd., Manalapan

[www.theplazatheater.net](http://www.theplazatheater.net)

561-588-1820

"Music! Music! Music!" featuring the music of 1950-1956, the beginning of the baby boom, will be at the Plaza Theatre April 12-April 29. Hit songs include "Mr. Sandman," "Life Could Be A Dream," "Rags to Riches" and a lot more. Go and remember the oldies, but goodies.



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## PET PATCH



By Molly

My Mom likes to go shopping – I can tell by the bags she comes home with.

But she recently went shopping for a **whole** day with lots of ladies from our community – to the Vero Beach outlets.

She came home with lots of bags – but would you believe she didn't bring me one thing! When she got home I wasn't talking to her, but we made up and I gave her lots of kisses. The old saying – “never go to bed angry” applies (because I do sleep with her).

So we now have to start our good-byes to our snowbird dog friends – and their families – we wish them a wonderful summer (although this winter has really felt like summer !) – And we'll see them in the fall. Happy Trails!

## INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

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Electric utilities are switching or planning to switch over to natural gas as a fuel source. The chemical industry will thrive on the reduced cost since they convert the fuel to many chemical-derived products. The growing bandwagon is impressive.

Some additional information: There are over 13 million natural gas and other gas vehicles currently on the road internationally but only 1% in the U.S. China will add 125 million cars in 5 years. India plans to spend one trillion on infrastructure. What does this mean? There may be increasing price pressure for oil and gasoline while there should be a growing market for the increasing supply of natural gas. (Interjecting a political commentary---they wrote a song a long time ago about \$2.50 gasoline starting with “Beautiful dreamer wake unto me....”)

As a word of caution, the above securities are not to be considered as recommendations since they have not yet turned a profit and should be considered as **speculative!** However, the potential for this industry growth is exciting. In any event, always consult with your financial advisor.

## GREATEST DYNASTIES IN SPORTS

By Rick Sachs

With the end of football season and both basketball and hockey seasons nearing an end, we now have the beginning of spring and baseball. What a great time to be a sports fan!

With these 4 major sports being played, my thoughts drift to a question. Who are the greatest dynasties of all time? Well, as in any other discussion, some will agree with me and some will not, but here are my choices and why.

**Baseball:** No one even comes close to the New York Yankees. They've won 27 World Series and have inducted 43 players and one manager into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

From the 1920's thru the 1930's the Yankees won eight World Series with players such as Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

From the 1940's thru 1960's, with the likes of Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Whitey Ford, the Yankees won another 12 World Series. But they still were not done, from 1977 thru today, they've won another seven World Series. As I said, no team even comes close.

**Football:** In the days before there was a Superbowl, the Green Bay Packers won nine NFL Championships and they've won four Superbowls, including the first two ever played. They had two of the greatest coaches of all time with Earl "Curly" Lambeau and the legendary Vince Lombardi. The Packers produced 21 Hall of Fame members, including Bart Starr, Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor.

**Basketball:** The Boston Celtics have been in 21 NBA finals and won 17 NBA Championships. The Celtics won their first championship in 1957 and in 1959-1966 they won eight championships in a row. With Hall of Fame coach Red Auerbach and players such as Bob Cousy, Bill Russell and John Havlicek, the Celtics were always the team to beat.

With Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale, the Celtics won NBA Championships in 1981, 1984 and 1986. With 32 players and coaches in the Hall of Fame, this truly is a dynasty.

**Hockey:** The great Montreal Canadians franchise won 24 Stanley Cup Championships and won at least one Stanley Cup in every decade from the 1910's to (Continued on p. 17)

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## The Reel Story GAME CHANGE

by Judy Radin

Friends who are HBO subscribers invited me to view "Game Change" at their home. Though the book by the same name was as much about the 2008 Democratic primary race between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, the film focuses entirely on McCain's choice of Palin as his running mate, and on the unbelievable ups and downs of his campaign as a result of that selection.



The film starts with McCain's political strategist, Steve Schmidt (Woody Harrelson), being interviewed by Anderson Cooper in regard to the choice of Sarah Palin as vice presidential running mate. Cooper went straight for the jugular by asking Schmidt if Palin's selection was to find the best vice president, or to win the election.

In a flashback to the campaign, a majority of McCain's senior advisors, including Schmidt, rejected his preferred running mate, Senator Joe Lieberman. They hurriedly searched among prominent female Republicans who would help him appeal to both women and conservatives. Their investigation brought forth the Governor of Alaska, Sarah Palin (Julianne Moore), who was identified as having the charismatic qualities they desired...and after a brief vetting process, she was chosen.

Though Palin's acceptance speech was well-received at the 2008 Republican National Convention, the campaign became increasingly concerned that she was grossly uninformed about foreign policy issues. The staff tried to fill in broad gaps in her understanding of domestic and foreign politics while Schmidt handled controversies from her past. At times she was so worried about her approval ratings in Alaska that she became indifferent to her advisers, to the point that some of them questioned her mental health. Palin's blunders during the Katie Couric interview (and others), became a source of ridicule in the media and aggravation in the campaign. Schmidt, Palin and staff were shown watching Saturday Night Live's Tina Fey doing her impersonation of Palin, which only hurt Palin's feelings even more.

During 2008, projections for the McCain campaign appeared poor. They advanced a negative campaign

against Obama, which Palin supported but McCain (Ed Harris) opposed. It was accepted that Palin was more adept at memorizing lines than understanding issues, which greatly helped her in the vice-presidential debate. However, Palin became more uncooperative, rejecting everyone including Schmidt, as she gained her own following. Senior campaigners expressed regret that she turned out to be "style without substance." On the night that McCain lost the election, his advisers tried to stop Palin from delivering a controversial concession speech, yet only McCain could dissuade her. McCain consoled Schmidt that a risk with Palin was better than just fading away.

The film returns to the 2010 interview of Schmidt by Anderson Cooper who asked whether he would pick Palin again if he had a chance to do it over. Schmidt's insightful answer was that life does not give you do-overs.

Julianne Moore plays Palin to perfection. Her accent, speech patterns and facial expressions give a sense of the real Sarah Palin (not the comic Tina Fey version).

The most surprising performance was that of Woody Harrelson as Steve Schmidt. Harrelson, who has always played the buffoon, carried off this serious role with true and believable drama.

Though there is much debate as to whether the film is politically slanted, the real Steve Schmidt said, "Ten weeks of the campaign are condensed into a two-hour movie. But it tells the truth of the campaign. That is the story of what happened." He later said that watching the film was tantamount to an "out-of-body experience."

## GREATEST DYNASTIES IN SPORTS

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the 1990's. They dominated hockey from the 1950's thru the 1970's, with the likes of Hall of Famers, Howie Morenz, Henri and Maurice Richard, Yvan Courtyer, Ken Dryden and Patrick Roy. Montreal has been the greatest hockey team of all time.

We all have our favorite teams and of course there are differences of opinion as to which teams were the best of their times, but these are my picks.

**Trivia Quiz:** Name the players that go with the following nicknames: Yankee Clipper, The Lip, Golden Bear, Splendid Splinter, Bambi, Brown Bomber, Admiral, Mad Stork, Sultan of Swat, Hebrew Hammer. *(Answers on p. 24.)*

## THE BRICKSKELLER

By Thelma Mechanic

“The What?” you may ask. That was my response to my grandson Jon, with whose family I marked his graduation from American University in Washington D.C. He suggested that we experience an evening at the “Brickskellar.”

For your information, the “Brickskellar” is a “Dining House and Down Home Saloon” popular with tourists and locals. Although I’m not a beer drinker, I was game to experience this widely known saloon. So come along with us to 1523 22nd Street, N.W. Washington D.C. on the edge of Georgetown and a block off Embassy Row.

The entrance is not impressive. One enters through a medieval-looking door and walks (no elevator) down a short stairway lined with pictures of old American breweries. This building (built in 1910) has walls of hand-fired brick that divide the dining area into many private areas. One of the country’s largest collection of beer cans and bottles line the walls, and each was at one time offered on the menu. “The Brickskellar,” which opened in 1957, is family owned and boasts the world’s largest selection of beer on draught and authentic English ales in casks.

“The Brickskellar” is called the “Mother Church of Beer!” Little did I know that next to water, beer is the most universal drink. The history of brewing is said to be over 7,000 years old, and archeologists have translated hieroglyphics that mean brewing. It appears that many civilizations, regardless of how primitive, have had a form of beer. This story goes on to include our Pilgrim Fathers. They landed at Plymouth Rock rather than in Virginia because (it is recorded in their journal), “We could not now take time for further search or considerations our victuals being spent, especially our beer.”

It is also noted that William Penn operated a brewery in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, and others of their time were all also involved in breweries.

You may be wondering with so many different beers offered, “What is considered to be good beer?” The staff of “The Brickskellar” claims that each beer has a flavor and characteristics of its own. It’s really a matter of personal opinions and experiments to try different tastes, to find the one that appeals to you! There are domestics, imports, ales, lagers, stouts, and beer to suit every taste and mood. In every country, talented brewers are producing wonderful brews. It

is up to you to educate yourself to the beer that will satisfy you!

Ogden Nash also offered his thoughts on the topic saying, “Work is the curse of the drinking class.”

May I add, “Know your limit!” and “Cheers to All!”

## OLD MEN AT WORK

By Stanley Kaish

I met an old friend the other day.  
Well, not really a friend—I’d have to say,  
Just someone I worked with a long while ago.  
Just someone I met who I happen to know.

“So how are you doing, what’s going on?  
It’s been a long time that you’ve been gone.”  
I had to admit that really was so.  
I had decided to quit, many years ago.

“You must be pretty bored. What do you do every day?  
How do you pass the time? It must heavily weigh.”  
Answering his question I had this to say:  
“Mostly when you’re working, we’re at play.  
We hit a ball and shoot the breeze,  
And do pretty much whatever we please.”

Then it’s off to lunch at this or that diner,  
We’re not particular about where we eat.  
The food they serve could usually be finer,  
But the price is hard to beat.

At lunch we’ll discuss the latest from Rush,  
And the musings of Maureen Dowd.  
The liberals talk with a proper hush,  
The conservatives can get pretty loud.  
Or we’ll talk about sex ‘cause you’re never too old,  
To repeat a bunch of lies you’ve already told.

And after Bernie has his fish, and Ray his fill,  
And I’ve tried some new dish, that’s added to the bill,  
We gather up the money for the waitress and the till.  
And then each of us drives off in his car,  
To the next activity to fill the day’s gap.  
But after the hard day we’ve had so far,  
That next activity is likely a nap.

So keep on working, is what I say to my friend.  
Keep working beyond your maturity.  
Keep on working so we can play, I amend.  
We can use that social security.

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### POLITICS, POLITICS

In a behind closed door session in the clubhouse, our political action committee met to confer about a pre-election discussion involving candidates from all parties. Tempers flared when a proposal to serve food to the attendees was met with protests over whether offering pastrami to Democrats or roast beef to Republicans was racial or religious profiling. A compromise solution to offer quiche or sushi was dismissed as elitist, food that only college graduates would appreciate. The green team suggested that only organic, free range, fair trade, locally grown items be offered on recyclable paper goods. At midnight it was finally agreed that food purchased no further away than the nearest Publix would suffice. No teabags, however, would be available and water in paper cups was to be the sole beverage.

### ROMANCE, ROMANCE

Romance is in the air with our *Younger Than Spring Time Club* suggesting we set up a speed dating party. (Considering the average age of the residents, the speedier the better.) However, it was agreed that instead of the 15 to 20 minutes usually allowed for couples to switch partners, a half hour would be permitted to accommodate creaky backs and sore knees that make going from table to table difficult.

### LOST AND FOUND

On Wednesday, March 28 a Silver alert was issued by the Florida State Police when a tour bus from our community with 27 octogenarian gamblers failed to return from a day spent at the Hard Rock Gambling Casino. The tour bus company located the driver and bus at the Golden Corral parking lot in YeeHaw Junction. The driver explained that several of the men had hit small jackpots and were anxious to try their luck in Atlantic City. Everyone else went along for the ride. One of the wives contacted later by phone declared they would all return when their money and/or underwear ran out. (And they did).

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### YOU BETCHA!

The Palm Beach County Gaming Commission has agreed to allow slot machines in the clubhouse after a petition from some of our residents confirmed that they were the last members of a famous Indian tribe, the Canarsie Indians, and thus were entitled to run an Indian gambling concession. Six slot machines will be installed and the money from the gambling concession will be allocated to the indigent elderly as well as the tribal members. Originally, there was thought to be about 15 to 20 remaining Indians, but since the concession was awarded, almost 400 have come forward.

### THE DOUGHNUT HOLE TOUR

Our intrepid travel group, *the Adventurers*, is planning a super fired tour to Canada which will combine sightseeing with frequent stops at Canadian pharmacies to allow the purchase of cut-rate prescription drugs for seniors who have exhausted their benefits. There will be no tours of doughnut shops as first assumed.

### MORE FOOD!

In response to repeated requests from residents to have some type of food service at the pool and club house, the Bored Directors have authorized the entry of food trucks every day that will offer various types of food, from sushi to tacos to hot dogs. They're popular in Miami and big cities and now residents will have even more of an opportunity to indulge in cholesterol, salt and sugar as they eat around the world as well as around the clock. The exercise class will expand to two hours a day. An additional cardiac defibrillator will also be purchased.



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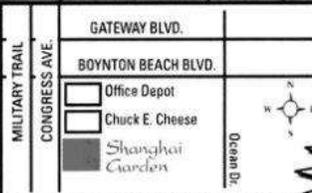
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### TAKE-OUT MENU

## BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

Variations in climatic cycles can severely alter regional and global rainfall and temperature patterns.

This year, as in 2011, La Niña-induced wind shear should impede the development of tropical cyclones during the coming Atlantic Basin Hurricane season. However, look for El Niño to return by December. If it does, the 2013 El Niño-dominated hurricane season will be a different story. In the absence of wind shear, hurricanes would be able to develop to their maximum intensity.

Courtesy of the current La Niña, the opposite of an El Niño, the contiguous 48 states are enjoying one of the mildest winters on record. Florida, Texas, the Deep South and Midwest continue to be mild and dry. The Pacific Northwest, northern New England and the Canadian Maritimes continue to be cold and dry. In contrast, Alaska has been cold and wet.

It was so cold in Nome, Alaska in mid-January (23 degrees below its January average of 5 degrees F) that a U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker had to escort a Russian tanker through hundreds of miles of pack ice to supply the town with 1.3 million gallons of essential diesel fuel and gasoline. To complete the transfer, hoses had to be snaked the final half mile from the tanker to the harbor over impenetrable shore ice.

In Alaska, moose are starving, perishing on railroad tracks and slamming through automobile windshields on roads where they go to escape the shoulder-deep snow. There were more than 600 moose collisions as of early February, about twice the normal number. Snow is now nine to ten feet deep in many parts of south central Alaska. Anchorage totaled more than nine feet by February 28 making 2012 the fourth-snowiest winter in the city's history. Valdez had almost 34 feet of snow on the ground.

At the height of the last major Ice Age, about 23,000 years ago, when Chicago was buried under a mile-deep sheet of ice, global temperatures averaged just 9 degrees F cooler than today. According to historical weather station data, Earth has warmed, on average, about one degree Fahrenheit over the past 130 years, with most of that rise since the 1970's. As expected, this warming trend varies strongly with geography. There is even local cooling in some places.

Nonetheless, the global average is trending upward, along with the steady measured growth of greenhouse

gas concentrations in the atmosphere. Not only are average temperatures rising, the way they are rising is consistent with the greenhouse effect but inconsistent with other known causes such as urban heat islands, changing solar brightness, volcanic eruptions, and astronomical cycles related to Earth's orbital motions. Temperatures are warming more by night than by day; more in winter than in summer; more over oceans than over land; more at high latitudes than in the tropics; and in the lower atmosphere but not the stratosphere.

From spittlebugs in California to butterflies in Spain and trees in New Zealand, all kinds of creatures are on the march, shifting their ranges either toward the poles, or upwards in elevation in response to global warming, moving toward cooler temperatures as their habitats become too warm for them. As a result, we now have a new species...the pizzly bear (*Majestic Isles News*, March 2012). Are we soon to read about a "pumar"? The South American jaguar has made it across the Rio Grande to south Texas where it has invaded mountain lion (puma) habitats. Will we soon have a new hybrid crossbreed?

The peripheral Arctic Ocean now is mostly ice-free during the summer and early fall. Glaciers worldwide are in mass retreat. Massive Antarctic ice shelves are calving into the ocean. Sea level, world-wide, is rising (about one-half to two-thirds of a foot during the 20th century).

For the low-lying South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, the future is now. By 2005, rising sea levels had forced the relocation of an entire village, the first case in the world of the formal displacement of an entire human population because of global warming.

How will the current rise in sea level affect south Florida?



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## GOURMET CLUB

By Joan Sorkin



We started our Italian dinner meeting at the home of Judy Zied with a wine toast to our late wine connoisseur, Larry Calder. Larry will be sadly missed.

We started with a bread salad by Flo Kalestein, then feasted on Pork Tenderloin with Juniper Berries by Joan Peckins, Chicken Marsala by Judy Zied, Shrimp and Zucchini casserole by Paul Mendelsohn, and a Baked Spaghetti with three cheeses by Janice Berger.

Not to be out-done, the desserts by Joan Sorkin and Seena Calder that adorned the table included an Italian Ricotta cheese cake and Torta di Mele al Burro (Italian apple cake). Paul added a cherry jello mold to round out the sweet table. What could be better than a wonderful dinner with good friends?

## HOLIDAY TREATS – Enjoy!

With the upcoming holidays, we offer recipes for some tasty treats.

### EASTER PIE (Contributed by Stella Grottalio)

9-inch double crust deep-dish piecrust  
 3 eggs slightly beaten (save some for egg wash)  
 8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese  
 1 lb. ricotta cheese  
 1/3 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese

Mix all together till blended. Pour into pie shell and cover with second pie shell. (If pie shells are frozen, defrost them first.) Crimp all around to seal the shell. Prick the top with a fork and brush with egg wash. Bake in a 350° oven one hour, until golden brown.

### PASSOVER APPLE TEA CAKE

(Contributed by Joan Sorkin)

4 large eggs  
 6 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
 1 cup sugar (you can use a little less)  
 1 cup unsalted matzoh meal  
 3 Tbsp. potato starch  
 1/8 tsp salt  
 1 med. granny smith apple, peeled, cored and diced  
 Cinnamon and sugar as needed

Preheat oven to 350°. In a mixing bowl whisk together eggs and oil. Add sugar, matzoh meal, starch and salt and mix until blended. Stir in apples. Spray

and salt and mix until blended. Stir in apples. Spray muffin tin with non-stick spray. Fill 3/4 full with batter and dust with cinnamon and sugar. Bake until tops spring back when pressed, (about 15-18 minutes). Cool on rack and remove from tin when at room temperature.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

We "Shopped till we dropped" at Vero Beach. Thanks for your support. It is now time to sign up with a partner for our canasta tournament on Monday, April 30. The cost is only \$10 per person, prizes will be given for first through fourth places and we'll enjoy refreshments.

The May 6 Parents' Day Brunch at Stonebridge Country Club will start at 10:30 a.m. The event will include entertainment. Please set up your tables of 10 people. If you do not have a table we will find a seat for you. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for guests.

On June 11, a guest speaker from the sheriff's department will talk about scams and other situations we should be aware of. Refreshments will be served.

We may offer Canasta and Mah Jongg lessons. (Sign up in the back lobby if you are interested.) Another possible activity is Delray Yacht's two hour narrated sightseeing cruise. We are still open to your suggestions of other activities that you would like us to consider for our members. Please drop your dues of \$10 in our mailbox in back lobby.

## WANTED: Bridge Players

By  
 Bobbe Greene



After a short hiatus duplicate bridge is back. If you like the game, you'll love our Tuesday night get together. The group is congenial and *not* com-petitive. So if you are a beginner, advanced, or somewhere in between, joins us.

Don't be intimidated by the word "duplicate." This is a low key, non-sanctioned game with friendly, amicable players. Marty Blumenfeld, the director, receives a mere \$4 per person.

The group meets in the clubhouse ballroom, Tuesday nights at 6:45 pm. If you enjoy playing bridge come down and test the waters. *Try it, you'll like it!*

## SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

The Singles had a busy March. Some enjoyed "Billy Elliot" in Broward and some found the Follies excellent. The "New Shanghai Circus" at the Kravis' Senior Leisure Series was truly fabulous. The performers' contortions were unbelievable. Afterwards we went to Prime Catch for a delicious dinner.

April will also keep us on the go. A group is going to see "Laffing Matterz" for \$60 at Broward Theater and will have dinner at the theater. The presentation starts at 4:30 p.m. On the April 21, the Singles will have a box dinner from TooJays at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse, then hear Myrna Goldberg, who is always entertaining. The price is \$15.

On May 26, we will attend the final performance of the year of Harid's Ballet at Spanish River H.S. The price is \$24. Roberta (736-6387) has details.

Watch channel 63 and the newsletter for information about other future activities.

## MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

By Dave Feinberg



The 2011-2012 bowling season has ended. We held a fabulous dinner dance on March 22 and the winners were all given their trophies and prize money. The season is over, but the fun does not stop. Starting April 10, we'll be bowling on Tuesdays during the summer months. We'll meet at 11:45 and bowl at noon. We have a great time with friends, family, and interested neighbors during our practice bowling. We welcome all to our sessions at Greenacres Bowl, where there is no charge for shoes (a savings of \$3.00). You only pay to bowl when you are there. No reservations are needed. Just come on down!

Fran and I wish you a sweet Passover or a Happy Easter, and a very safe and healthy summer.

## MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES 8 p.m. at the clubhouse

### SAT., April 14: BARNEY'S VERSION

Golden Globe winner Paul Giamatti stars as Barney Panofsky, a Jewish Canadian television producer who reflects in flashbacks on three strange decades -- and three wives -- in this adaptation of Mordecai Richler's acclaimed novel. There's Clara (Rachelle Lefevre), a free-spirited proponent of free love; "Mrs. P" (Minnie Driver), a self-centered princess; and Miriam (Rosamund Pike), the right woman who comes along at the wrong time.

**SAT., MAY 5: IDES OF MARCH** Dirty tricks stand to soil an ambitious young press spokesman's (Ryan Gosling) idealism in a cutthroat presidential campaign where "victory" is relative. The film, directed by George Clooney, is inspired by the real-life experiences of an aide who worked on Howard Dean's failed 2004 run.

**SAT., MAY 19: BRIDESMAIDS** Named her best friend's maid of honor, down-on-her-luck Annie's competition with a fellow bridesmaid, the wealthy and beautiful Helen, threatens to destroy the wedding. Meanwhile, a local cop takes a liking to Annie.

**NOTE: We are now showing films with closed captioning.**

*The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.*

## Answers to Trivia Quiz (Quiz on page 17)

Yankee Clipper: Joe DiMaggio  
 The Lip: Leo Durocher  
 Golden Bear: Jack Nicklaus  
 Splendid Splinter: Ted Williams  
 Bambi: Lance Alworth  
 Brown Bomber: Joe Louis  
 Admiral: David Robinson  
 Mad Stork: Ted Hendricks  
 Sultan of Swat: Babe Ruth  
 Hebrew Hammer: Ryan Braun



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## MAJESTIC ISLES SOCIAL CLUB (MISC)

By Marge Chappell and Florence Cohen

Long before our clubhouse was built, a grassroots plan to bring new community members together began to take hold. In the fall of 1996, there were about 25 families living in the community. The late David Grossman arranged the first social outing. Following this get-together, Lee Katz, another resident, had an idea to keep the momentum going. Lee contacted Selma Friedman, whose husband Ziggy volunteered to act as spokesperson, and so began our Social Club.

The purpose of the Club was to develop social activities for the residents. During the early stages, the Club held meetings to gather suggestions for future events and to plan future get-togethers, such as a boat ride, Halloween party, and the first of many New Year's Eve parties.

The anticipated opening of the clubhouse occurred on April 1, 1997. Ziggy Friedman was elected Social Club president; meetings were held monthly. By-laws were established, as were annual dues. The Club, today, remains as committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents of the Majestic Isles Community, as it did when it was first started. Through a wide variety of programs, like the parties, the trips, dances, movies and shows, we honor our mission to maximize the pleasure and enjoyment of all individuals who make up our membership.

Professional entertainers are featured monthly and appear on our ballroom stage. MISC negotiates contracts with the providers of various entertainment providers and agents. Channel 63 and flyers posted in the clubhouse provide members with dates, ticket prices and other information about the events and performers.

Regular membership meetings are held four times per year. Meetings include refreshments and each features an entertainment program. If you haven't already joined the Social Club, we hope you will soon. Dues are \$10 per person. We look forward to seeing you at all of our activities.

**Social Club today:** Our next quarterly general meeting is Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. We will have a business meeting first. After the meeting we will have *special* guests— **John and Tina DiMare** – our former neighbors and fabulous entertainers! We are very excited to have them and I'm sure you will feel the same way. "Coffee and ..." will be served.

On April 28, at 8:00 p.m. the Cannoli family would like to invite youz to our "mangia mangia" mystery show, or who killed the Don? There are some important issues to be, ya know, discussed ya know, maybe a little mystery, mayhem...even moida. It's an offer you can't refuse. Refreshments include coffee, tea, soda and a Viennese Table. Tickets are \$14 apiece. Please put your checks in the Social Club mailbox in the back lobby.

Tickets for the 2013 series are now on sale. See the tri-fold flyer in the back lobby for descriptions of the shows, and get your checks in early. It should be a fantastic season.

Watch Channel 63 for further information on these evenings, and be sure to sign up for movies that are coming up – only \$1.00 for the movie, drink and snack – what a bargain!

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming exciting events.

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## SNOWBIRDS

By Bobbe Greene

The "My Fair Lady" theater party was enjoyed not only by club members but several other residents of Majestic Isles. The productions at the Broward Stage Door are not only delightful, they are very professional, and we have not yet been disappointed by any shows that we have seen. Next season, on February 6, 2013, we will return there to see "Damn Yankees."



Judy Goldsmith did an outstanding job of chairing the end of the season luncheon at Latitudes on March 14. The food was delicious and the entertainer was outstanding. Thanks Judy.

At the luncheon, Mark Jaffie went over next year's calendar. A general meeting will be held on December 14, and the Welcome Back Brunch will be on January 11, 2013. Plans are being made for a one-night trip to Naples. Watch the newsletter and Channel 63 for details. All members, friends and neighbors are invited to participate.

It does not seem possible, but the snowbirds season has come to an end. So until next fall we wish you all good health, good weather and good times.

## ROYALS BOWLING

By Shelly Mehlman



**FLASH!** Iris Rothstein breaks Royals women's record with a score of 204. Congratulations Iris.

The pressure is building as the teams are "fighting" to reach first place and the big trophy. Tom Shaughnessy is doing his part with high scores for his team.

The Royals will continue fun bowling for the summer months on dates to be announced.

Watch for the May issue of the newsletter to close out this season of bowling and fun.

New members are always welcome to join us. You don't need to have previous bowling experience. For information, call Shelly at 733-8070.

## M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Marilyn Chermack and Claire Deveney



We thank the M.I. Pap Corps members who made our recent fundraisers wonderful successes. First, thanks to Helene Riffle for her good work in promoting and selling tickets to the student production of "Curtains" at West Boca High School, March 4 and 9. Also, thanks to everyone who attended the regional Pap Corps trips to Hard Rock Casino in February.

As this is being written, we're looking forward to the annual M.I. Cancer Research Pap Corps Card Party at Indian Springs Country Club on March 23, with buffet, raffle prizes, and vendors of fashion clothing, jewelry and other items. We know it will be well attended. Many thanks to Marilyn Broth and Phyllis Pinsel for co-chairing this event. Also, we have surpassed last year's M.I. participation and the amount raised in the Pap Corps' annual Walkathon being held March 24 at FAU. Thank you to all supporters and congratulations to chairs Enid Gerard, Helen Benowich and Helene Riffle.

**Dates of Future M.I. Cancer Research Activities:**  
**April 26** at 12 noon: Lunch and program with our own Donna Shaneson discussing "The Influence of the book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* on Cancer Research Today."

**May 24** at 1 p.m.: Delectable Desserts at the clubhouse to celebrate Pap Corps 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Guest speaker Randy DeLago, director of the Delray Playhouse, will speak on "Community Theater."

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## HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



Hadassah kicked up its heels with a rollicking Purim celebration at the February general meeting, where noisemakers and foot stomping accompanied a reading of the Megillah.

Next there was a delightful Queen Esther Beauty Pageant play, scripted by Phyllis Cohen and featuring Rita Dick, Liz Hopwood, Judy Radin, Iris Rothstein and Estelle Snyder as the merry contestants. Mike Ost played a humorous King Can-You-Hear-Us and Sy Lubchansky enjoyed his role as courtier. In addition, a hamantaschen baking contest included home-made hamantaschen made by Janet Davidson, Rita Marderstein, Marcia Steiner and Betty Wachtel. Everyone was a winner. Selma Friedman concluded the program by leading several Purim songs.

Our gala honoring Iris Rothstein was held in the clubhouse the following week on March 3. The event was catered by Ben's Deli and everyone agreed that it was a fantastic affair. The journal, in honor of Iris Rothstein, was wonderful.

Don't forget about the bricks for the tower in Israel. They cost \$18 and give us 100% donor credit. They can be bought for any sort of special occasion, birth, death, bar/bas mitzvah or "just because." Call Lee Katz for information.

The new price for life membership is now \$212, celebrating the year 2012. We have 341 life members in our Majestic Isles Hadassah; that's truly extraordinary!

Donna Shaneson has prepared really exceptional Hadassah Study Groups for third Mondays at 2 p.m. Check channel 63 for complete information.

We are looking forward to the Donor Luncheon on March 20 at Boca Pointe Country Club.

The personal pages and ads for the calendar are slowly coming in. Please see me (Ellin Goldstein) for the forms.

Hadassah is looking to put together another great cruise, possibly for January, 2013. For details, call Roberta (736-6387).

In March we will be honoring another wonderful Member Behind the Scenes, Janet Davidson. See you at the meeting.

## MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

Because of clubhouse scheduling and the up-coming holidays, we will not have our regular Men's Club breakfasts in April or May. However, on May 6, we are holding our Parent's Day Brunch in conjunction with the Women's Club.

Please keep in mind that for the brunch, each resident attendee must be a member of the Men's or Women's Club. If one member of a couple is not a member, the guest rate will apply to that person. For example, if a husband and wife attend, or a member's significant other attends, **each** must be a member of their respective club. This is necessary because both clubs are subsidizing the affair. All non-residents, of course, will pay the guest rate.

We will have another casino trip on May 23.

We wish a wonderful summer to all our seasonal residents and look forward to their return.

## Yiddish Culture Club

By Jerry Raske & Reggie Zee.

As expected, the Yiddish Culture Club Membership Party was a huge success. Norm Katz began the meeting with his masterful harmonica rendition of Hatikvah. We then had a moment of silence and prayer for our lost members and friends, Jack Lust, Saul Marder, Larry Caldwell, and Leon Leidner. May they rest in peace!

The club then discussed that all members must take responsibility for cleaning up the Social Hall and kitchen after each of our meetings where food is served and entertainment is present. Our thanks to Fran and Mike Ost, Mindy Barcham, Norm Katz, and Morris Berman, who brought a tremendous no-sugar-added tray of cookies and goodies, donated by Glick Caterers! Thank you, Bob Sheiner. All, please be sure to patronize Glick's Kosher Caterers.

Our entertainer, Dr. Stephen Z. Cohen was well received for his humorous, excellent show. We look forward to having him entertain again!

Thanks to Bonnie, Buddy Koch, and all the many worker angels. It was a great evening.

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

April,1, 2012 – May 31, 2012

<b>1</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>M.I.L.T</b>	<b>Show: “Arsenic &amp; Old Lace” (p, h)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>C.O.P.</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Investment Group</b>	<b>Discussion (f, h)</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time (p, h)</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>M.I.L.T.</b>	<b>Workshop (f, h)</b>
		<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Laffing Matterz (p, a)</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hadassah</b>	<b>Study Group (f, h)</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Talks and More</b>	<b>Discusion (f, h)</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Royals Bowling</b>	<b>Luncheon (p,h)</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>TooJay Night (p, h)</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Men’s Club</b>	<b>Breakfast (p, h)</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Travel Club</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Hadassah</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>23- 26</b>	<b>Mon. – Thurs.</b>		<b>Travel Club</b>	<b>Trip to St Augustine (p, a)</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pap Corps</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>ShowTime (p, h)</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Women’s Club</b>	<b>Canasta Tournament (p, h)</b>

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<b>2</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Shredding truck</b>
				<b>Fire extinguisher check</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Citizens Observer Patrol</b>	<b>Meeting (f,h)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>4:30p.m.</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Meeting (f,h)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time (p,h)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Men’s &amp; Women’s Clubs</b>	<b>Parent’s Day Brunch (p,a)</b>
		<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Yiddish Club</b>	<b>Meeting (p,h)</b>
<b>7-</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>9-12 a.m.</b>	<b>Mature Driver Course(p,h)</b>	
		<b>2:00 p.m</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>9-12 a.m</b>	<b>Mature Driver Course(p,h)</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Meeting (f,h)</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>Investment Group</b>	<b>Discussion (f,h)</b>

Too many events – too little space! May events scheduled on or after the 16th will be listed in the May issue of the Majestic Isles news.

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