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Manager's Corner

After more than three years, several committees, lots of yelling, and a few hurt feelings, the endeavor to change and update the Association Documents has finally been completed with the vote on March 13. Although they all knew it would be a thankless job, a big ***thank you*** is in order for all who volunteered their time and experience taking on this project.

Out of 450 homes in the community, we had a total of 301 votes cast on the recommended changes, of which we needed 2/3 voting in favor of each amendment to pass. After counting all of the voting ballots – twice – we found that each amendment was approved by the community. Even with the slight variation between the first and second counts, all of the amendments were approved by a large enough margin that the deviation between the counts didn't change the outcome.

Although all of these amendments were approved, none of them will go into effect until they are recorded with Palm Beach County. Please don't ask, because I have no idea how fast the county offices work or exactly when the changes will take effect. Our attorneys will be working on having the amendments recorded and will keep us posted on the progress.

Averaging the total from the first and second count of the ballots, the results on each amendment were (approved/disapproved):

ITEM # AND SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT	VOTE
1. Capital fund	215/76
2. Special assessment in case of damage	250/43
3. Single family use	229/61
4. Commercial vehicles	258/35
5. Animals and pets	271/24
6. Garbage and trash	260/34
7. Outdoor electric lighting	271/24
8. Owners maintenance and repair responsibility	253/39
9. Association maintenance and repair responsibility	250/40
10. Amendment and modifications of this declaration	256/38
11. Association approval of leases	245/51
12. Policy re: facilities/religion	247/51
13. Procedure for amending Articles of Incorporation	263/33
14. Procedure for amending Bylaws of M.I. Association	261/32

Several residents voted on each item separately in Section 2, but did not vote on every item. This explains the difference in the number of votes cast for each item compared to the 301 ballots that were turned in.

Not everyone will agree with me on this, but I believe that all of these amendments are good for the community. When you purchased your home here, you expected to live in a community that would be maintained in the same manner today as it will be 10 years from now. These amendment changes are one more way that the Board and residents alike are working to see that Majestic Isles is a community that everyone can be proud to call "home."

Ken Miller, Association Manager



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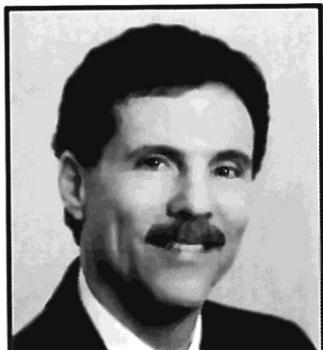
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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, March 6, 2014

Minutes of the March 6, 2014 meeting will not be available until the Board approves them at the next meeting. To inform residents in a timely manner, we present the unofficial and abbreviated notes below.

President's Report, Harvey Galan

- We have a lawsuit against the bank to force it to make a decision about the unit under foreclosure. There will be trial on March 18* for the courts to make a decision.

Treasurer's Report, Saul Siegel

- *(Residents may request a report of the 2/6/14 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)*
- Maintenance receivable: The unit in foreclosure is still unpaid with a total outstanding of \$14,817.

Safety & Security and COBWRA, Steve Bayer

- At the Feb. 19, 2014 COBWRA meeting, we found out that we're going to be giving flu shots in the M.I. ballroom again this year. Ralph Oppler has again volunteered to organize this.
- The April 30 COBWRA general meeting will be at Banyon Springs.
- Don't let down your guard because there is still a lot of crime in the area. Indian Springs had car and vehicle burglary yesterday [3/5/14].
- Lake Worth Drainage District is taking care of canals in advance so we won't have the flooding issues of the past.
- We've had a couple of issues with the gates. Devcon and TEM have both been responsive in repairing gates and access.
- At the March 31 town hall meeting Palm Beach Fire Rescue will discuss ways of preventing falls.

Grounds, Bill Broth

- Cold weather has affected some of the fall plantings. We've spent \$96.90 of the \$200 the Board approved for replacement of some of the plantings.

Insurance, Ken Keller

- Insurance must be renewed by May. Plastridge has been contacted about renewing the policies.

Architectural Review Committee, Mark Jaffie

- Many approvals have been given for landscaping changes to individual properties.

Calendar Committee, Mark Jaffie

- All dates for meetings in the clubhouse must be approved at the calendar meetings or they will not be put on the calendar.

Welcoming Committee, Iris Rothstein

Fifty-five new residents have been contacted, including one more this month. Six residents are still to be seen.

New Business

- Ken Miller will get proposals for repainting the pool deck and the ballroom.
- Ken Miller advised the Board about the proposals received for adding ceiling fans to the card rooms. He will get one more proposal for the electrical work.
- Motion to do a full audit for 2013 passed with a 5-2 vote.

*As this issue went to press, the decision had not yet been announced and recorded.



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10 COMMON MYTHS ABOUT LIGHTNING



Though lightning strikes peak in summer, people are struck year round. In the United States an average of 60 people are killed each year by lightning, and hundreds more are severely injured.

Often, these injuries and deaths are due to misinformation around the seriousness of thunderstorms and lightning. Below you'll find the truth behind ten common myths about lightning.

Remember: *When thunder roars, go indoors.*

Myth: If it is not raining, there is no danger from lightning.

Fact: Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. This is especially true in the western United States where thunderstorms sometimes produce very little rain.

Myth: Rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning.

Fact: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. The steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

Myth: "Heat lightning" occurs after very hot summer days and poses no threat.

Fact: "Heat lightning" is a term used to describe lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for the thunder to be heard.

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Fact: Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit nearly 100 times a year.

Myth: If it's not raining or there aren't clouds overhead, you are safe from lightning.

Fact: Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. "Bolts from the blue" can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm.

Myth: A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch the victim, you'll be electrocuted.

Fact: The human body does not store electricity. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give first aid. This is the most chilling of lightning myths. Imagine if someone died because people were afraid to give CPR! Call 9-1-1 and begin CPR immediately if the person has stopped breathing. Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for information on CPR and first aid classes.

Myth: If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

Fact: Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties. Better to get wet than to get fried!

Myth: If you are in a house, you are 100% safe from lightning.

Fact: A house is a safe place as long as you avoid anything that conducts electricity. This means staying off corded phones, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, computers, plumbing, metal doors and windows.

Windows are hazardous for two reasons: wind generated during a thunderstorm can blow objects into the window, breaking it and causing glass to shatter. Second, in older homes, in rare instances, lightning can come in cracks in the sides of windows.

Myth: If thunderstorms threaten while you are outside playing a game, it is okay to finish it before seeking shelter.

Fact: Many lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough. No game is worth death or life-long injuries. Seek proper shelter immediately if you hear thunder.

Adults are responsible for the safety of children.

Myth: If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, lie flat on the ground.

Fact: Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current.

If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

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GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Helen Benowich

Estelle Levy

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SYMPATHY

To Paula Goldberg, on the death of Al Kadden

MESSAGES

Heartfelt thanks to our friends in Majestic Isles for your good wishes and prayers. We appreciate the support and are very glad to be part of this wonderful community.

Helaine and Peter Fazio

To all my wonderful and caring Majestic Isles friends: I want to thank you for your wonderful support, cards and donations in memory of my daughter, Nita.

Paula Geyer

To my Majestic Isles friends and neighbors: Thank you for your cards and calls following my recent surgery. Your good wishes are greatly appreciated.

Ellie Wertheimer

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PARAPROSDOKIANS

A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

Two guys walked into a bar. The third one ducked.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

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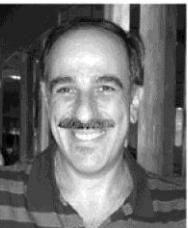
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APPRECIATION OVERDUE

By Barbara Lader



Majestic Isles volunteers make living here a pleasure in so many ways. We turn the spotlight on two individuals who deserve recognition: Buddy Koch and Jack Moss. Both

Buddy and Jack have been working the audio and visual systems for years to enhance the variety of entertainment in our ballroom.

Jack has been manning the control booth for about 12 years, a service he began because of his interest in converting his library of cassettes of "old-time radio shows" into CD's. At about that time, he began working with a former resident who taught him the fundamentals of our old network.

Buddy, as many of us know, is a fine musician who plays flute, saxophone and clarinet, and when asked how he became involved with our audio/visual system, replied, "It just seemed inevitable," and he has been working behind the scenes for eight years. Buddy credits our manager, Ken Miller, for training him over many hours. Ken studied sound and lighting at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and has been integral in repairing and getting approval to add additional equipment to our current system.

An illuminating visit with Buddy and Jack inside the sound/lighting booth reveals a close-up of the equipment required—including cables, microphones, receivers, spotlights, as well as the “mixer” which controls the volume and quality of tone (treble, base, etc.) transmitted to the speakers on each side of the stage. Many outside performers bring discs and scripts that are monitored by our wonderful volunteers, who also attend rehearsals. The microphones are individually adapted to each singer’s voice and to the keyboards and instruments that may accompany a performer.

In addition to Jack and Buddy, Doris Davidoff, Ed Strauber, and Marty Baron also assist in the sound booth. All of the volunteers would be pleased to have more residents join them in working behind the scenes so we can continue to enjoy the diversity of

entertainment provided by M.I. Little Theatre (M.I.L.T.), shows with professional performers brought by the Social Club, movies, as well as other programs through our various clubs.

Thank you Buddy and Jack for giving of your time so that we may all have a good time.

MATURE DRIVERS TRAINING COURSE



We are holding a Mature Drivers' class in our ballroom on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Note that in previous years this course has been given on two consecutive mornings. **This time the two sessions will take place on the same day.**

After taking the class, you will receive a certificate that may qualify you for a three-year 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.

In the back lobby, there is a list of residents who took the class in 2011, who will need to take the course again to continue receiving their discount.

Both those who have taken the course before and those who wish to take it for the first time should give Bonnie their checks for \$12 per person, made out to the Palm Beach Safety Council. If Bonnie is not in the office when you come by, please drop your check in the mail slot on the office door. Your check is your registration.

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU LIST WARNS OF TOP SCAMS OF 2013

If you can spot a scam when it comes your way, you have a better chance of not falling for it. The Better Business Bureau recently released its “Top 10 scams of 2013,” and they have all been reported by consumers in South Florida.

“These are not necessarily the scams with the biggest losses, or those with the most victims, as many people don’t report scams or even know they’ve been victimized,” said Katherine Hutt, a spokeswoman for the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

“These are the scams that seemed to be the most widespread, aimed at the most vulnerable, growing in popularity, or just plain audacious. Scams are every-changing, but we want to help people recognize them and be prepared the next time they get a suspicious call, email, text or solicitation.”

The Affordable Care Act Scam: This one takes the “prize” as the scam of the year, the BBB says.

Scammers use the ACA as a way to fool Americans into sharing their personal information. Scammers call, claiming to be from the federal government and saying the would-be victim needs a new insurance card or Medicare card, then say that before they can mail the card, they need to collect personal information. They may have your bank’s routing number and ask for your bank account number, credit card, Social Security number or other personal information. **Sharing such information puts you at risk for identity theft.**

Medical Alert Scam:

With promises of a “free” medical alert system, this scam targeted seniors and claimed to be offering the system free of charge because a family member or friend had already paid for it. In many cases, seniors were asked to provide their bank account or credit information to “verify” their identity and, as a result, were charged the monthly \$35 service fee. The system, of course, never arrived and the seniors were left with a charge they had trouble getting refunded.

Easy rule — be wary of “free” offers that require your personal information upfront and always verify with the supposed friend or family member that the caller says paid for the service.

Scam Texts: Known as “smishing:”

These are designed to steal personal information. They look like a text alert from your bank, asking you to confirm information or “reactivate your debit card” by following a link on your smart phone.

Invisible Home Improvements:

These scams involve some type of shoddy workmanship from unlicensed or untrained workers. Often they offer to work on roofs, chimneys, air ducts or other areas that you can’t see. Scammers may simply knock at your door offering a great deal because they were “in the neighborhood,” but more and more they are using telemarketing, email and even social media [thereby bypassing the guard gate].

Foreign Currency Scam:

Scammers advertise an easy investment with high return and low risk when you purchase Iraqi Dinar, Vietnamese Dong or, most recently, the Egyptian Pound. The plan is that, when those governments revalue their currencies, increasing their worth against the dollar, you just sell and cash in. Unlike previous hoaxes, you may even take possession of real currency. The problem is that it will be very difficult to sell, and **it’s extremely unlikely it will ever significantly increase in value.**

Arrest Warrant Scam:

In this scam, con artists are taking advantage of technology that can change what is visible on Caller ID and allows them to pose as a law enforcement officer. They call to say there is a warrant out for your arrest, but that you can pay a fine to avoid criminal charges. Of course, these “police” don’t take credit cards; only a wire transfer or pre-paid debit card will do.

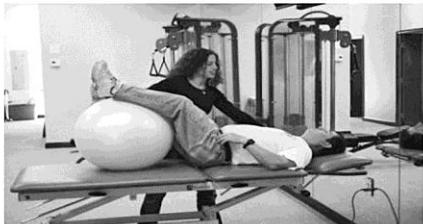
Do Not Call Scams:

The National Do Not Call Registry offers consumers a free way to reduce telemarketing calls. Scammers call anyway, of course, and they’ve even found a way to scam consumers by pretending to be a government official calling to sign you up or confirming your previous participation on the Do Not Call list! In one variation, scammers ask for personal information. In another, scammers try to charge a fee to join the registry. **Either way, just hang up.**

(Because of space limitations, we have not included all ten scams. The full list can be found online at the following address: www.bbb.org)



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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

What's a polar vortex? Seems like every local TV weather person has been fascinated by the term since the Weather Channel first aired its use in early January 2014. Let's look into Meteorology 101 for the answer.

One of several semi-permanent weather systems over the Earth, the polar vortex is a whirling dervish of low pressure in the upper atmosphere that, on average in the Northern Hemisphere, typically has centers in two main areas; near Arctic Canada's Baffin Island, and over northeast Siberia. The vortex is strongest in winter, thanks to an increased temperature contrast between the polar regions and the mid-latitudes, including the United States. Occasionally, the polar vortex can either be forced well south of its typical position, or a significant piece of the larger spin can break off and plunge south into the U.S.

In the case of this winter's outbreak, a large piece of the vortex broke off and was forced well to the south over Ontario and the northern Great Lakes. Contributing to this southward buckling of the jet stream was a pronounced northward diversion of the polar jet stream over the eastern Pacific Ocean and West Coast of the U.S. To the east of this northward diversion, or ridge of high pressure aloft, the polar vortex was forced southward.

Incidentally, this eastern Pacific ridge of high pressure aloft has been a persistent feature since Dec. 2013, helping to keep the central U.S. stubbornly cold. On the flip side, it has starved the Sierra Nevada of needed snowfall, precipitating a major drought in California.

In essence, instead of cold, Canadian air grazing the northern tier of the U.S., then draining off into the North Atlantic Ocean, the heart of this Arctic air plunged south into the U.S. As this pattern set up, the central, southern and eastern U.S. plunged into a deep freeze, with subzero cold over large swaths of the Midwest, interior Northeast and parts of New England. Although it hasn't happened yet this winter, freezing temperatures could even plunge deep into Florida, including inland locations of South Florida.

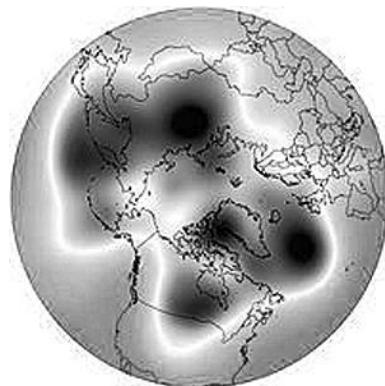
Gale-force winds repetitively brought subzero temperatures to the Midwest and Northeast. Wind chills were at 0 to -23 °F. Temperatures that were some 14 to 30 °F colder than average January

temperatures blanketed the eastern half of the U.S. Temperatures were 22 °F below the January average in Orlando and 12 °F below this average in Miami.

As I write this column on March 12, 2014, named winter storm "Vulcan" is blasting the Midwest and Northeast. That's the 22nd named winter storm so far this winter. In February, every one of our 50 states except for Florida had some amount of snow cover (Yes, even the Deep South and Hawaii's "Big Island"). The Midwest has been especially hard hit. This winter officially became the third snowiest on record for Chicago when Vulcan dumped 3.6 inches of new snow at O'Hare International Airport, bringing the season's total to 79.1 inches, just 10 inches short of the all-time record for snowfall in a given season. Icebreakers trying to keep shipping channels open slam into the icepack on many of our rivers *e.g.* New York's Hudson, Philadelphia's Schuylkill the upper Mississippi and much of the Great Lakes. As of March 13, more than 93% of Lake Michigan was frozen solid.

As Vulcan's snows linger in New England and parts of eastern Canada, one can only wonder when this "winter of our discontent" will finally end.

In this winter's cold snap there is no Greenland high-pressure block aloft which effectively would keep cold Canadian air from sweeping into the North Atlantic Ocean. So the Arctic outbreak of cold Canadian air, while dangerously cold, should not persist much longer. All we can do is hope that with Spring imminent, the seemingly stalled polar vortex will soon return home to near Baffin Island, Canada, its southern vacation finally over.



INFRA-RED IMAGE OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE POLAR VORTEX ON JAN. 5, 2014

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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Co-Facilitator

What is the investor's dream? The answer is easy?? High income, good cash flow, growth, very low or no risk – and knowing a magic genie that can create this for you?? Why the question marks? Aside from the fact that my computer stutterssss – no one believes there is such a thing as a magic genie. Yet, at our meetings, we discuss high income and good cash flow. OOPS!!! We left out the RISK factor.

Let's talk about risk. Two recent events occurred a day apart – aside from Russia invading the Ukraine – over which we have no control. Two rock fly-bys (not a stock symbol), a 100 foot **rock** zipped close to earth and passed within the orbiting moon at 217,000 miles from earth – and the next day, a smaller **rock**, 33 foot-wide, passed within the moon's orbit 34,550 miles from earth. Researchers estimate that the chances that it will ever strike the planet the next time round are currently 1 in 2.7 million. – If it ever does, in all probability neither short nor long term investments would retain their value.

From remote risks to nearer-time reality, (aside from crossing the street and driving a car among others), risk caused by volatility in the stock market continues to cause investors to get shaken up when comfortable investments don't behave the way you would like them too. That is why a well-planned portfolio that is reasonably diversified and producing income to assist in meeting your cash flow needs should give you some comfort. However, being fully invested is not recommended. It is important to retain sufficient cash to not only cope with many of life's unforeseen events – but to be in a position to take advantage of bargains when they occur in a down market.

Oh! You don't want to speculate! Well, you don't have to. Wait until a fundamentally attractive investment, that now appears overpriced, comes down to reality. Ah!!! And what is reality? "There's the rub." Come to our meetings for some knowledgeable insight, prognostications, estimates, guesses, etc. but, unfortunately, without any guarantees.

On the other hand – you may want to put some of your cash hoard to something more productive now. Two newsletters, "High Yield Investing" and "The

Motley Fool," have suggested a Limited Partner security with a current yield of 9.8% and an ample 130% coverage ratio of the monthly \$0.164 distribution. "They have hedged gas production through 2017 at \$4.88 per 1000 cubic feet (Mcf) and future oil output at a minimum weighted average price of \$92.57 per barrel. These hedges essentially convert the firm's growing inventory of oil and gas into predictable cash even before it comes out of the ground". **Oh!** – the name of the security? (We mentioned that at our meeting on March, 10, 2014.)

Our Co-Facilitator, Bill Harris, made a very interesting presentation using two completely different securities – Prospect Capital (PSEC), a high income, growth, Business Development Co. and Market Vectors Israel (ISRA), an exchange traded fund (ETF) – to evaluate price movements and volatility and explaining in great detail the meaning and usefulness of Bollinger Bands. He explained that this is only one of many components or factors in the use of technical analysis. While it may have sounded complicated or bewildering to some attendees, others listened and were fascinated by its scope. While we usually rely on Fundamental Analysis at our meetings to evaluate securities, some investors may find Technical Analysis to be a very useful and informative approach. Your inputs are always invited and encouraged.

Disclaimer: Keep in mind that the Facilitators are financial news reporters who may bring financial subjects to your attention to stimulate discussion at the meetings but these are not meant to be recommendations. If you find anything interesting, do your own research and due diligence with regard to suitability, investment objectives, etc. and consult your investment advisor. Above all, for any investment you make, you are buying into someone's business. Make sure you understand the nature of the business and the potential pros and cons for its future.



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Reel impressions: “GLORIA”

By Edye Frankel



“Gloria,” a film from Chile about a woman of “a certain age” (namely, over 50), is the most recent film I’ve seen. The film won Best Foreign Language Film at the 85th Academy Awards. Even though such an award might impress one (and that is what drew me to the film initially), I came away with a basically negative reaction and I still can’t figure out why such a prestigious award was bestowed on this film!

Gloria is over 50 years old, divorced for several years, still employed, and looking for some “*joie de vivre*.” She goes about her “search” by going to dance halls, and does finally meet a man (Rolando), also divorced and looking for “fun.” He turns out to be a spineless, wimpy person without any possibility of a happy or meaningful relationship.

The film is lacking in action, and lacks much, if any, character development. There are some explicit sexual scenes that don’t really make much sense in the scheme of things and I think are almost discardable. The film is very slow moving and so very, very long – painfully so. I found myself wishing for the end, and was terribly bored. In all honesty, I cannot recommend this film as a ‘must see’ – only a must-not-see.

PET PATCH



Whoops – there goes another one down. What’s going on in our community? We’ve had so many people falling recently – both in the house and outside. Please everyone – walk *carefully* - watch where you’re going! And that includes my Mom.

I’m sure everyone is enjoying our weather this winter – especially when we see what’s going on up North. The only snow I’ve ever seen is on TV – that’s enough for me!

Enjoy the rest of our “winter.”

Love, Molly

AN ACCIDENTAL WITNESS

By Doris Davidoff



About a year ago, I was sitting in the manager’s office right at the front of a Village Square bank, when a strange-looking, tall man in hospital scrubs walked into the bank. While I was talking with the manager, I heard a loud, authoritative and firm voice behind me say, “Open the bottom drawer.” A few seconds went by and the command was repeated a little more sharply. Suspecting what was happening, I turned around to look behind me at the counter. The manager also realized what was happening and bent down to reach under his desk for the silent alarm.

As I turned, the robber dashed out of the bank swinging a white bag. Rather stupidly, but instinctively, I got up and rushed out the door behind the robber to see where he was headed. I thought it could possibly help the police get him if I knew where he went and what kind of car he had. I never saw the car because as he ran, he turned a corner and ran between the stores to the back of the center. The bank manager was right behind me.

When my logical mind kicked into action, I realized it was not very smart to run after a bank robber. I did, however, get to see the bag he held explode in a cloud of red dust from the dye pack the teller had put in the bag. I’d seen this on TV, but never before in real life.

Witnesses to the robbery had to stay in the bank for several hours. While there, I learned that the robber had grabbed the teller’s iPhone on his way out. Using the “Find my Phone” function on another employee’s phone, the teller was able to track her phone as the robber headed north.

By the time the police came, the robber was up around Gateway, and the police were able to track exactly where he was. The police in the bank were communicating with the ones on the road who were able to stay on his tail to eventually arrest him inside a house he had entered.

It turned out that he had robbed a number of banks in South Florida in a similar manner, and was finally caught and arrested due to the iPhone – a smart phone, indeed.



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SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

On the adjoining page is our fabulous Winter Series 2015. Your entertainment committee worked very hard to secure these terrific performers. At \$75 per person for three shows, we believe we have held to a moderate price. Sales will start for the series on April 1 and continue until April 18 for priority seating. Again, you can pay a non-refundable deposit of half and pay the balance in October. If you have special needs, please get your checks in early.

Our 2014 series ended with a great show “Sounds of Soul” and thanks to the last minute sales, we were able to meet our budget. We know with our great lineup for next year, we will have your support again.

The next Social Club general meeting will be on Sunday, April 6. After a business meeting at 7 p.m., the Drama Troupe of Santaluces High School will entertain us. Come and support your Social Club, as well as our local high school students. Of course, refreshments will be served.

The Saturday, April 26 Showtime at 8 p.m. will feature the singing voice of “Jamila.” This will be a great show, at only \$14. Please leave your checks in the Social Club box in the back lobby.

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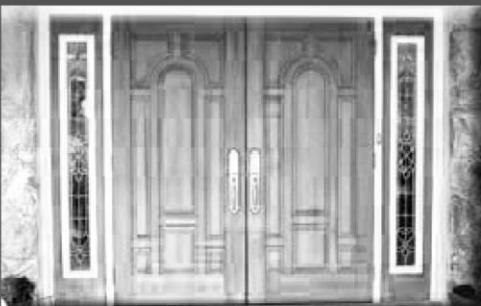
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BURIED TREASURE

By Phyllis M. Cohen



I've been puzzling over this recent tale of a California couple who went out walking with their dog and discovered a cache of gold coins. Though the story has enough holes to drive a truck through it, the bare bones of the tale were simple. A year or so ago, (time not specified), this couple (name not given) and even their anonymous dog were out walking on their property (place unknown) when they came across a bunch of old moldering cans filled with thousands of dollars' worth of gold coins. Cleaned up and evaluated, the coins were revealed to be \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces from the 1840's to the 1890's. Though the face value was about \$28,000, their present value as solid gold, was estimated at \$2,000,000 and actual worth as collectible coins as high as \$10,000,000. Not bad for a walk with Fido.

Of course, the big questions remain. How did the coins get there and who buried them? Speculation abounds. Were they the result of a robbery from a bank or even the San Francisco mint? One report claimed to have found an old article describing a robbery in the 1920's. The San Francisco mint denied that they had been the source of the coins and the last update on the discovery posed the idea that it was a private collector's treasure that had been squirreled away and somehow **forgotten**.

I have since heard similar stories from friends about people who in an attempt to "burglarproof" their house, hid their valuables in all sorts of places. One story I've heard so often that I think it is an urban myth told of a lady who hid her jewelry in the pocket of an old fur coat that she kept in a back closet. Several months went by and she cleaned out her closets to make donations to a local charity, and yes, donated the coat, forgetting about the jewels. One day, she needed a necklace and remembered where she had hidden them. Of course the coat was long gone and the thrift shop was clueless as to the purchaser. Another friend told me the story of how her elderly mother kept several hundred dollars of "mad money" in the pockets of old robes hanging in the back of her closet and her diamonds buried in jar of washing machine soap powder under her sink.

A favorite place for stowing treasures seems to be the freezer. Presumably, no burglar is going to go look-

looking through your Stouffers and frozen casseroles. According to one tale, a lady was away on vacation when her home experienced a power outage of several days. Her helpful neighbor reassured her on the phone that she had taken good care of the apartment. She had even thrown out all of the spoiled foods in the freezer. "Even the chicken?" asked the woman. "Oh yes," she was assured. "But that's where I had all my jewelry." In keeping with the freezer anecdotes, I relate the story of a Long Island city commissioner who was surprised by the delivery of a turkey on Thanksgiving Day from a local businessman. Since his turkey was already cooking, he just popped the gift into the freezer and promptly forgot about it. Six months later he found the frozen bird and decided to heave it, but first thought he would at least unwrap it from all of the gift packaging. Surprise! Inside was \$10,000 to help the lawmaker make the right decision on a contract.

Though not exactly a buried treasure story, my favorite tale of loot and jewelry gone astray involved a daring burglary in the New York city jewelry district where several thieves robbed a few of the stores and made off presumably with thousands of dollars' worth of uncut stones, diamonds and other fine jewels. The getaway driver, however, never passed Robbery 101 and had stolen a van with a stick shift that he had trouble operating. A few blocks from the heist, the van stalled by a construction site and the thieves bailed out leaving much of the haul behind as the police closed in. High above their heads, the construction workers were viewing the whole fiasco and they climbed down, looted the truck and went back up on their building site. The police arrived to find thieves and loot gone and an abandoned van. The storeowners couldn't give the police much information on what had been stolen. The jewelers who conducted much of their business on a cash basis were reluctant to reveal to the IRS the extent of their losses and real business activity. None of it has ever been recovered, as far as I know, so keep looking.

Of course, if you really want buried treasure, you'll have to get your feet wet and invest in about one million dollars' worth of salvage equipment. The whole coast of Florida is a treasure trove of sunken ships, everything from Spanish galleons of the 16th century to modern vessels. Just last year, \$300,000 in old coins and chains were salvaged off the coast of Ft. Pierce. There are so many interesting tales that I'll have to leave it for Part II of Buried Treasure.

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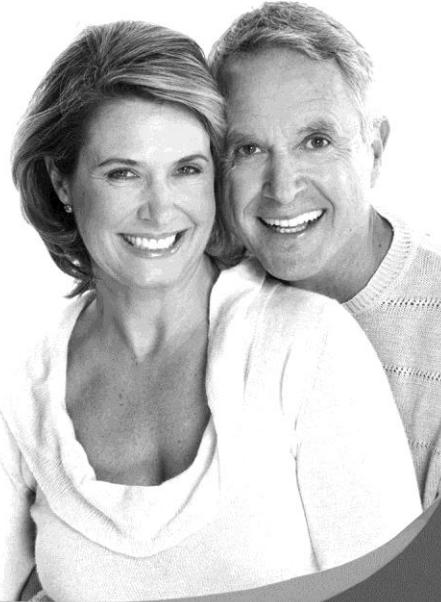


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OUR QUIET TRIP TO NEW YORK

By Gerry Herman

For several months, we had been anticipating our grandson Dylan's March 8 Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El in Great Neck, New York. I had several concerns about the inclement weather situation up north where we were headed. My husband kept saying, "Don't worry, it won't be as bad as you think." After I showed him the 10-day forecast for New York, he finally agreed to buy a hat and scarf.

On Thursday afternoon, March 6, 2014, we arrived at LaGuardia Airport, and took a car service to the Andrew Hotel, a small, elegant hotel in the heart of Great Neck. We'd booked a deluxe room with a king-size bed just like the one we had for our grandson Jordan's Bar Mitzvah two years ago. Our expectations were high!

We checked into the hotel and we were shown to Room 205 by the bellhop. Mr. Wong, a short portly man with thick eyeglasses, wearing a blue hat, jacket and baggy pants, seemed to like Norman and was always smiling at him. Norman sat down on the bed and leaned back on the fluffy pillows to relax. After an hour, Norman got up and put his hand on the cold radiator. The large double window above it was ice cold too.

My hubby said, "If I stay here another minute, I'll get pneumonia." We rang for the maintenance crew. A tall husky man called Damon, brought up a heater. He put it on, smiled and said, "If this doesn't work I'll bring you another." I said, "Nothing is going to heat up this room." Norman replied, "Let's ask for another room." "I am on it," I say.

As I opened my door and stepped into the hall way I saw the Maintenance Manager, Catherine O'Connor, a blond matronly looking woman in her fifties, pushing a luggage cart with room to hang clothing. "Can I help you?" she asked. "Yes, our room is freezing and we would like a warmer one." "Okay, follow me," she said.

Room 219 was warm as a toasted bun fresh out of the oven. It had a king-size bed, plenty of room and a large tray of goodies for bedtime snacks! Catherine helped us gather our clothing that was already hanging in the closet. Norman and I repacked the rest and we moved into Room 219.

As soon as we were settled into our warm surroundings, Jordan called to say he was home from

school and would be there in a few minutes. I could tell he was on his way, because I could hear him breathing hard from the wind and cold. Minutes later, he knocked and I opened the door to a red-headed sixteen-year-old, who collapsed in my arms saying, "I missed you guys so much." He gave his grandpa a great big man hug. We were all hungry, so we put on our coats and hats and walked to the Great Neck diner for an early dinner. Our conversation went from discussing my new i-phone5c and its technology, sports and his plans to be an engineer.

It was wonderful being with him and sharing his ideas and dreams for his future. Back at our hotel room, he enjoyed a snack. Later on his dad came to the hotel room with Jordan's sister, Jackie, and his brother, Dylan, the Bar Mitzvah boy! We laughed, hugged and talked for a while until it was time for them to go back home. (Jackie loved the snack tray.)

Two hours later, our daughter Robin called to say she was coming to give us both hugs. She looked radiant and told us how proud she was to have planned this party for Dylan to celebrate his special day. Saturday, he will become a man. I started calling him "Flopsy-Mopsy" when he was about eight years old. Now he wants to be a doctor. He is a very happy-go-lucky child who is compassionate with people and well liked in school. Jackie, who is 8, is also very friendly and full of energy. She has curly dark brown hair and has a beautiful voice like her mother.

Finally, it was Saturday morning and Robin picked us up to go to the temple. The Bar Mitzvah services were inspiring and spiritually uplifting for our family and friends. Dylan recited his portion of the Torah with confidence.

Following the Bar Mitzvah, we all celebrated at a nearby restaurant. The party was festive and joyous. All our relatives enjoyed being together. There was a lot of kissing, hugging and catching up between us.

When it was time to check out of the hotel, I reminded the young woman at the reservation desk how unhappy we were about the lack of heat. The heat in the second room stopped so we ended up needing two heaters! Last I heard, they were looking into this on our behalf. Maybe that's why we were not charged for all the snacks!

It was all worth the effort to experience a special occasion with our children and grandchildren.

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ONE MORE BOOK TO CHECK OUT

By Stan Kaish



I just finished reading a book of great interest to foreign policy junkies. It is called "My Promised Land" by Ari Shavit, and subtitled, "The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel." That last term, tragedy of Israel, may turn you off and I understand that. Where does this left wing, Peacenik, Haaretz journalist get off finding tragedy in a country that was built on desert and swamps by the remnants of a people decimated in the Holocaust, to emerge seventy years later as a military, economic, cultural, scientific, thriving powerhouse?

Shavit's narrative is built around biographical pieces of dozens of people who have played a role in Israel's history. He tells us of Herzl's Zionist dream to build a refuge for the abused Jews of Europe. He has interviewed early settlers, holocaust survivors, participants in the war of independence in 1948, the Sinai War, the six day war, the Yom Kippur War, the Lebanon invasion. There are interviews with politicians, judges, teachers, bankers, scientists, industrialists. He tells us about Middle Eastern immigrants, who weren't the Israelis Herzl intended, but who, outside of the United States, comprised most of surviving Jewry. He has interviewed West Bank settlers, Israeli Arabs, orthodox and secular Jews and pieced together his narrative of Israel's heroic history and uncertain destiny.

My personal involvement with Israel consists of a couple of visits, the most recent about fifteen years ago, the giving of Israel bonds to our grandchildren on significant occasions, and many years ago I read Leon Uris' 1958 book, "Exodus." From that book I drew my everlasting belief that the Arabs who fled Israel did so of their own volition despite pleas to stay. Shavit informs us that it wasn't exactly that way and therein lies the beginning of tragedy.

Knowing that the Arab nationalists would reject the UN declaration dividing the holy land, David ben Gurion, the first President of Israel, ordered removal of the Arab population from strategic areas. Villages that had been in place for generations, we are told, were razed, their populations scattered at gunpoint and often times killed by the Israeli military. And so they went from agrarian life in their comfortable villages to idleness in squalid camps. This ethnic

cleansing of much of the Arab population was the equivalent of original sin in their eyes, and it makes peace without the right of return unlikely. It is not just a Palestinian ploy that will be easily traded away in return for some other concession. It is a basic longing, and one the Jews, insisting Israel is a Jewish nation, cannot afford to consider.

And then there are the settlements to which so much attention is currently paid. Shavit interviewed the first settlers of the first settlement, a community called Ofra. We learn how religious zealots occupied an abandoned Jordanian military base on the pretense of using it as a work crew dormitory, and how they persisted despite governmental efforts to dislodge them. This has come to be called "the occupation," and Israel "a colonizer," in spite of itself.

And we meet Aryeh Deri, an immigrant from Morocco, who was given by his impoverished mother to be raised by the ultra orthodox, and came to represent, in the Knesset, the rapidly growing community of Sephardic Oriental Jews. We learn they are an angry minority, separated from the Ashkenazi European descendants by culture, economic success, and social position.

We meet the engineer who headed up the building of the Dimona nuclear reactor and learn that it was the French who provided the technology that allowed the Jews to acquire this insurance policy against catastrophe. This leads, naturally enough to the history of the Israeli's bombing the Iraqi and Syrian nuclear projects, and the ominous threat posed by the Iranian program. The Begin doctrine, that Israel maintain its nuclear monopoly in the Middle East, is in jeopardy, and so too then, is the existence of Israel.

In short "My Promised Land" is a detailed essay on peace advocate Shavit's ruminations over missed opportunities and future obstacles to the attainment of his wished for peace. He has no solution to offer. He sees the passage of time working against a solution. He laments the disarray of the government. He laments the social changes occurring in the values of the youth. He worries about population trends working towards making the Jews a minority in their own land. He worries, and those reading these pages will have plenty of material to worry about too.

Reading is a means of thinking with another person's mind; it forces you to stretch your own." Charles Scribner, Jr.

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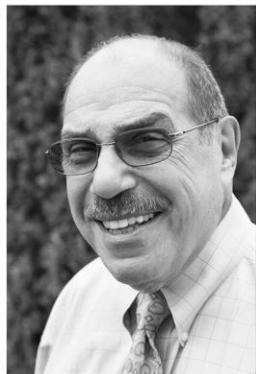
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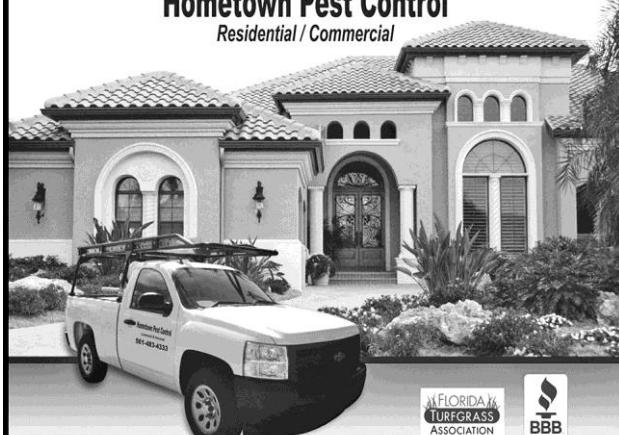
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Gardening in the Isles

By
Stan Davidson



After retiring to Florida from the North, we've learned that the lots that were advertised as "lake views," really backed on retention ponds. These man-made ponds, often pricey additions to our home sites, are required by Palm Beach County to collect and manage storm water runoff from our storm drains to control flooding and downstream erosion. Our "lakes" are retention ponds, artificial small bodies of water with vegetation around the perimeter, which is known as a littoral shelf.

Storm water runoff is typically channeled to the retention ponds through a system underneath our community streets and parking lots that is connected to a network of below-ground piping. A weir, a means of control that can be manually opened and closed, allows us, with permission from the Lake Worth Drainage District, to discharge the pond overflow to our canals.

Retention ponds also catch and remove pollutants (i.e., fertilizers and pesticides from our lawns, sediment and suspended solids) from runoff. These pollutants have a negative effect on the overall water quality. Collecting the runoff pollutants allows them to settle out of the water and get consumed through biological processes, thus improving the water quality of the ponds.

How does one maintain the ponds to be more productive? From the onset of our community construction, aquatic plants and fish were added by professional aquatic maintenance services for func-

tionality and beauty. The vegetation also serves as a food source and hiding place for various wildlife species. Floating and submerged vegetation filters the unwanted nutrients out of the water. All forms of aquatic vegetation surrounding the ponds can add beauty. It is important to have a balanced ecosystem of fish and plant life. Our lake management contract calls for an annual restocking of fish and periodic shoreline plant maintenance.

Oxygenation is the key ingredient in any healthy marine environment, whether it be an aquarium in your home or a retention pond. Dissolved oxygen in the water is essential for aquatic life, such as fish, plant life, insects, bacteria, etc. Without the proper water levels of oxygen, a pond will not be able to support life and serve as a healthy ecosystem. The presence of oxygen helps to oxidize and decompose certain elements that are suspended in the water and can emit a foul odor. Our three retention ponds have a series of submerged aeration diffusers that agitate the water surfaces. These diffusers emit compressed air to vent certain undesirable gases and pollutants emanating from the water. Also, venting prevents insects from breeding and controls the algae buildup.

In conclusion, our Majestic Isles retention ponds should be appreciated not only for their esthetic beauty, but for the way they prevent flooding damage and protect our water quality and wildlife. Think "Retention," and not "Lake George" when you sit back on your patios and enjoy the view of our ponds!



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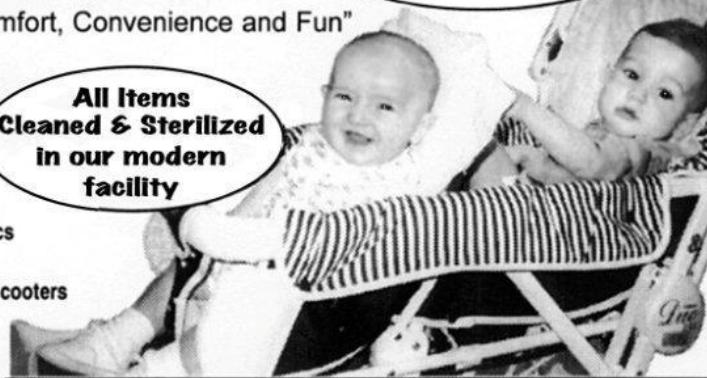
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MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



Our trip last month to the Coral Castle, Schnebly Winery and the Fruit & Spice Park was one of our most successful trips. None of us knew just what to expect from any of the attractions, but we were very pleasantly pleased, and even amazed, with all of them.

The Coral Castle is not really a castle. It is a collection of sculptures and a home created from coral rock by one person over a period of years. Unfortunately, the creator died without ever revealing how he was able to create this amazing place.

Schnebly Winery is a family-run operation that creates intriguing wines from tropical fruits rather than from grapes. All of this is in a relaxing and beautiful setting much more reminiscent of Hawaii than the Caribbean.

The Fruit & Spice Park tour took us by tram and introduced us to tropical plants that we had never known and we learned how they are used in many common products or foods we know quite well. Our guide there was wonderful.

We are planning overnight trips to Charleston, SC, in April and to Mt. Dora for the Holiday Lights in December.

There is still room on our riverboat cruise from Prague to Budapest in early November. There are flyers and reservation forms in the back lobby and on our website at www.majesticisles.com. We will sail on the Blue Danube River, visiting places like Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest.

Send an email to dorisday@aol.com if you want to be added to our email list. Your address will only be used for Travel Club information.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month (check Channel 63 for any changes). Our trips have a mixture of couples and singles. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club.

MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

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



Save the date: Thursday, April 24, for a lunch meeting at 12:00 noon. The guest speaker, Alan Mason, will discuss "National Public Radio and TV." Cost is \$2,

to be paid at the door.

Thank you to all supporters of the M.I. Pap Corps and all who contributed to or walked at the 14th annual Pap Corps Walkathon at FAU on Saturday, March 15. Many thanks to M.I. Walkathon chairs, Helene Riffle and Ilse Cowan and to Helen Benowich for her help. Also, thanks to Chair Emeritus Enid Gerard for her 13 years of work for this cause. The weather was beautiful and it was a successful fundraiser. Final donation results will be posted as soon as they are available.

As this is being written, we're looking forward to the March 27 M.I. Pap Corps annual card party, including dominoes. Applause and many thanks to all attendees and to Vice Presidents of Fundraising Marsha Steiner and Suzanne Skinner for planning this outstanding event.

Latest fashions from our jewelry boutique of costume jewelry from New York City are available at our meetings or call Marilyn Chermak, 735-0695.

The Pap Corps is offering on-line shopping. To participate, shoppers may go on the Pap Corps website (www.papcorps.org) and then click on "shopping." A percentage of the sales will be donated to the Pap Corps. Prices have not been increased.

The Pap Corps is working with a thrift shop in Lake Worth. Next date for collection of clothing, accessories and small household items will be posted in this column in a future issue and on Channel 63.

Our Desserts Meeting will be held in the clubhouse on May 29 at 1:00 p.m. Yum!



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“The Odd Couple (Female Version)”

By Selma Friedman

Director Lenny Schwartz summed it up when he said, at the close of Saturday night's performance of “The Odd Couple (Female Version),” “I didn't get a good cast, I got a great cast!” Yes, you did Lenny. Everyone involved in the production did a great job. Within the first three minutes of the performance, the audience was already laughing. Each character had a distinctive touch of personality which shows how wonderful M.I.L.T. actors have developed and grown with each of their performances.

There was a sad undercurrent for some of the characters, but Neil Simon's fabulous script was full of laughs, which were hilariously delivered, so that there was no gloom or doom.

Lenny and Assistant Director Barbara Portnoff are to be congratulated for their directing of this enormous undertaking. The performers are to be appreciated for their memorization of this very lengthy script. They were Marilyn Chermak, Iris Rothstein, Francine Gitto, Isabel Lubchansky, Roberta Jaffie, Linda Kessler, Ira Schneider, and Ed Strauber.

Sound was important for this production, and for that we thank Doris Davidoff and Buddy Koch. Thank you to Marty Baron for set construction and lighting; to the stage crew, Bill Broth, Mark Jaffie and Marty Baron; and to the producer, Doris Davidoff.

There are always many positions that need to be filled in preparing shows for performance, and so we thank the ticket committee, Helen Benowich and Marilyn Broth; publicity, posters and program, Doris Davidoff; ticket printing, Ray Kozlin; photographer and videographer, Stan Rothstein; sound effects CD, Ed Srauber; and make-up, Saralee Weinstein. Thanks also to Jerry Fefferman for the February cover of the M.I. Newsletter.

As you can see, there are many ways to contribute to M.I.L.T. (and have a great time, make new friends, maybe do something you always wanted to do, but for whatever reason never did). Watch channel 63 for plans that you might want to investigate for yourself.



HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



The March 2 dinner honoring Sheila Traum was enjoyable and delicious. The biggest hit was the kasha varnishkas, which disappeared very quickly. The piano player was entertaining, and the speeches were good too. We all enjoyed it very much and, hopefully, so did Sheila and her family.

To buy a brick on our sixth Brick Lane, call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garellick (364-0533).

Remember, there is a \$2 charge for a light lunch at our meetings. We are also looking for bakers so we can serve coffee and If you are willing to bake, call Marcia Steiner.

Elaine Grossman writes that Camp Judea is beginning to process enrollment for the summer of 2014. M.I. Hadassah is working hard to aid the camp in providing scholarships. Please look around your house to see if you can donate kappot, tallism, talis bags and t'filot. Call Elaine at 736-3636 and just leave these things in her foyer.

Elaine is also continuing to arrange the “dine-arounds.” She has found various places in the area that will give 10 to 20% back on diners' checks that is then donated towards Camp Judea. The next one is April 27 at Ben's Kosher Restaurant, 9942 Clint Moore Rd, Boca Raton (470-9963). Don't forget to bring the flier from the back lobby.

On June 1, we'll visit Chico's on Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with coffee, bagels and a "schmear." Personal assistance provided.

Also, remember that Benny's Restaurant in Boynton Beach continues to support our dine-around efforts. If you don't have a flier when visiting Benny's just write "Lee Katz" on the top of your check and we'll still receive the credit.

Evelyn and I have also begun the 2014-2015 calendar. You can earn 100% donor on any personal listings and 50% for any ads you bring in. Forms are always available at meetings and I usually bring them to the clubhouse when I am there. Please continue to support our efforts.

On Wednesday, June 11, there will be “Schmooze & Booz”, held at Lee Katz's house. More information to follow.

SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

Our card party was so much fun that we have decided to have another one in June. We'll announce the exact date and the caterer later.

On April 27 we are going to the Plaza Theatre in Manalapan to see "Music of the Night," a tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. That should be great! Afterwards we are going to "Copenhagen," a restaurant new to our area, but not to most of our residents. We're looking forward to both.



On May 24 we are returning to Harid's to see the graduation performance. We have seen most of these ballet students for a few years, and the result should be quite enjoyable. We need recommendations for dinner. Let us know!

There will be more plays and musicals next season, but virtually nothing for the summer. Please let us know if you have any ideas. Have a Happy Passover and Easter.

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"We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."

"They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen, President

Please check out the front cover, which describes our fabulous Parents' Day party.

We have **moved** our regular Men's Club breakfast **up a week** to Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. At this time we are trying to get a speaker.

There is still time to sign up for the Silver Slugger's program at Roger Dean Stadium.

To remind you, it is \$25 for 20 games of the Marlins' and Cardinals' minor league teams. You also get a free hot dog and a soda at each game. You will have to arrange for your own car pools.



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(Source: All recipes.com)

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1 cup pareve margarine
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2 3/4 cups matzoh cake meal
3/4 cup potato starch
1/2 tsp salt
1 cup chopped walnuts
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
2 tsp white sugar
1 tsp ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a large cookie sheet.

1) In large bowl, cream together the 2 cups sugar and margarine until smooth.

2) Beat in eggs, one at a time mixing well after each one.

3) Combine cake meal, starch and salt. Stir into creamed mixture.

4) Mix in walnuts and chocolate. The mixture will be heavy.

5) Form into two long oval loaves. Place onto prepared baking sheet.

6) Sprinkle top with mixture of 2 tsp. sugar and the cinnamon.

Bake 50-55 minutes, until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cut into thin slices.

MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

By Dave Feinberg, President



The season will end on March 25 and as of today (March 13), with the first and second place bowlers only one point apart, I can't predict the winner.

WEEK 24– MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	169	Al Lynn	439
Dave Feinberg	168	Dave Feinberg	443
Ken Ramnarine	162	Ken Ramnarine	409

WEEK 24 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	150	Estelle Snyder	366
Toni Kohn	144	Toni Kohn	366
Gladys Feldman	136	Gladys Feldman	363

WEEK 25– MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Ken Ramnarine	199	Ken Ramnarine	441
Al Lynn	190	Al Lynn	496
Dave Feinberg	163	Dave Feinberg	402

WEEK 25 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	131	Estelle Snyder	347
Sandy Gardner	123	Sandy Gardner	339
Joyce Stoudermire	123		

WEEK 26– MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Ken Ramnarine	190	Ken Ramnarine	509
Al Lynn	161	Al Lynn	398
Mike Ost	138		

WEEK 26– WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	176	Estelle Snyder	417
Gladys Feldman	157	Gladys Feldman	352
Joyce Stoudermire	137		

WEEK 27 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Bill Harris	160	Bill Harris	405
Dave Feinberg	146	Dave Feinberg	409
Al Lynn	136	Al Lynn	388

WEEK 27 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	148	Estelle Snyder	393
Joyce Soudermire	136	Joyce Soudermire	312
Toni Kohn	119		

(See box on this page for dinner information.)



BOWLING LEAGUE DINNER

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WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

Hope you were able to join us for the very enjoyable visit to the Boca Museum on March 14.



Updates:

May 4: Parents' Day at Broken Sound Country Club, \$38 for members and \$45 for non-members: brunch and entertainment.

May 5: Canasta tournament at 12:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. The cost is \$10 per person. Please put the checks for you and your partner in our mailbox. We'll have prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place.

June 10: Delray Yacht out of Delray. Cost is \$22 per person, time 1:30 pm. Lunch on your own.

July and August: no events

Please drop checks for dues of \$15 in our mailbox in clubhouse. We will keep you posted of any changes in our plans. Be well.

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April - May 2014

3	Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting
4	Fri	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter staff	Meeting
		4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting
5	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
6	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Cub	Breakfast (f, h)
		7:00 p.m.	Social Club	Drama Group (f, h)
7	Mon	4:00 p.m.	Investment Club	Discussion (f, h)
9	Wed	11:00 a.m.	Club Presidents	Meeting
10	Thurs	6:00 p.m.	Bowling	Dinner (p, a)
13	Sun	7:30 p.m.	MILT	Workshop (f, h)
24	Thurs	12:00 noon	Pap Corps	Meeting (p, h)
26	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime (p, h)
27	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
		1:00 p.m.	Singles	Show (p, a)
		5:00 p.m.	Hadassah	Dining Out @ Ben's (p, a)
28	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting (p, h)
29-May 2		TBA	Travel Club	Trip (p, a)

APRIL

MAY

1	Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Director's	Meeting
2	Fri	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter staff	Meeting
3	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
4	Sun	10:30 a.m.	Parents' Day	Brunch (p, a)
5	Mon	12:30 p.m.	Women's Club	Canasta Tournament (p, h)
6	Tues	9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.		Mature Drivers Course (p, h)
9	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles Club	Meeting (f, h)
11	Sun	7:30 p.m.	MILT	Workshop (f, h)
12	Mon	4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion
16-18		TBA	Travel Club	Trip (p, a)
19	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting (p, h)
21	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion (f, h)
24	Sat	1:00 p.m.	Singles	Harid's (p, a)
25	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
26	Mon	5:30 p.m.	Social Club	Memorial Day Party (p, h)
28	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino Trip (p, a)
29	Thurs	1:00 p.m.	Pap Corps	Dessert Party (p, h)

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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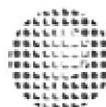
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