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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 19, 2017

Submitted by Alene Kristal

*Editor's note: This is an **unofficial** summary of the BOD meeting of Jan. 19.*

The Board of Directors' first meeting drew a large number of residents. All members of the new board were present. Jay Peskoff, our new property manager, and Pedro Mena, represented management.

Items Brought Up During the Open Forum

- Compliments to the Board on the improved appearance of the community.
- An inquiry as to whether there were job descriptions for the management team, and if so, whether they were drawn up by BOD or Castle. This question was not answered.
- A query as to whether having the BOD president's wife serve on the clubhouse decorating committee created a possible conflict of interest because of the potentially large expenditure involved. The concern was dismissed by the president as groundless.
- A request that a stop sign be installed at the corner of Imperial Seas Blvd. and Island Reach; the matter was referred to the Safety Committee.
- Lastly, resident Bob Freiburger reported that twenty homeowners have signed contracts with a vendor of hurricane shutters at a volume discount. Additional residents interested in exploring this option should call Bob Freiburger

Treasurer's Report, Bob Edinger

- The treasurer reported on the amounts in the HOA accounts and in reserve. (*Call Castle at 954-792-6000 to request the full report.*)
- Currently 94% of the community's assets are held in cash.
- Income for the previous reporting period exceeded expenses and expenses were modestly lower.

Management Report, Jay Peskoff

- A weekend pool attendant has been hired and has started work.
- 31 out of 32 work orders were processed and completed.

COBWRA, Joel Cohen

- Unlocked automobiles have been the cause of 80% of the burglaries in the county.
- Residents must pay the yearly Sheriff's Permit of \$25 to ensure that the police respond to a call from ADT.

Security Committee report, Steve Bayer

- There will be free CPR training given to 20 people through a contractual arrangement with a licensed provider; sign up in the back lobby to participate. The course will include training on use of the defibrillator equipment.
- The sheriff's department conducts a six-week training course on citizen policing.
- There is an upswing in sober homes in the county.

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To Stan Davidson on the loss of his wife, Janice.

To the family of Mimi Hauser.

To Lois Richman on the loss of her husband, Norman.

MESSAGES

To the entire Majestic Isles community: Your kind expression of sympathy upon the passing of my beloved wife, Janice, is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. As the days and weeks pass, I will feel comforted by the love and support of my family, my friends and, of course, the Majestic Isles community.

Stan Davidson

Submit items to Elaine Jay by email at ElainJay@aol.com with Good and Welfare as the subject. Acknowledgement of each email will be sent as verification of receipt.

Around the Internet: INTERESTING ORIGINS...

1 ... **WHY?** Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left? **BECAUSE:** When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

2 ... **WHY?** Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help? **BECAUSE** This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

3 ... **WHY?** Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'? **BECAUSE:** In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

4 ... **WHY?** Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'? **BECAUSE:** Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares. *More "Interesting Origins" on page 16.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 19, 2017

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- There will be a shredding event in March. Check Channel 63 for dates and time.
- So far, 17 residents have signed up for the Sheriff's Citizens Observer Patrol and 30 are needed to bring the program to Majestic Isles. Males and females with valid driver's licenses are encouraged to participate. The time commitment is about three hours per week.

ARC Committee report, Ed Mordis

- Eight ARC applications were accepted and 2 were denied since November.
- Residents were also advised that all exterior hurricane shutters must be either white or ivory.
- Due to an oversight, the ARC completion form (to be filed by the resident after the work is completed) was omitted from the documents package recently sent out to the community. By unanimous vote, the form was accepted as part of the documents.

Recreation Committee, Jerry Ehrlich and Duncan Hopwood

- The shuffleboard area is not draining properly. Jay will obtain bids to fix the problem.
- New first aid kits, tables, water fountain, and mister have been installed in the tennis courts.

New Neighbors Committee, Iris Rothstein

- Of last year's 36 new Majestic Isles residents, all but two have had a welcome meeting
- As yet, there are no new residents for 2017.

Paint Committee, Iris Rothstein

- Seventy-five homes are scheduled to have their roof cleaned and exterior painted in 2017. Painting will begin after mulching is completed – approximately in mid-March.
- Pedro was commended for making a map of color choices for the 2017 plan.

New Business

- Jerry Ehrlich will check with the contractor as to whether the tennis courts truly need resurfacing this year. If so, Jay Peskoff will obtain bids.
- There is some confusion as to the extent to which ADA and Fire Department regulations apply to the community's clubhouse. The Board will investigate this matter further.

- A motion to set up a sweep account to place our excess cash in an interest-bearing account passed unanimously.
- A motion to have M&P put copperleaf plants in front of the areca palms along Imperial Seas Blvd. in the block closest to the gatehouse for \$3,175 was approved unanimously.
- A motion to approve approximately \$560 for new defibrillators was approved unanimously.
- A motion to replace the broken treadmill with a new elliptical machine for \$7617 was approved unanimously.
- **Entrance lighting.** A proposal to replace the lighting at the entrance with halogen bulbs was explained by Eddon. After some discussion, it was agreed that more information was required, and the proposal was tabled.
- **Cleaning Service.** A motion to hire a temporary cleaning company to fill in for Fatima while she is out for a few months was approved unanimously.
- **Insurance.** A representative from the insurance company that carries our HOA policy addressed the residents at Jay Peskoff's request. The agent distributed a one-page document outlining recommendations to the Board, and one item on it sparked lively debate. As a preface, the agent expressed concern that several lawsuits have been lodged against the HOA for accidents that occurred on clubhouse grounds, and pointed out that these could be very costly to us in the near future. As a solution to this problem going forward, the agent recommended that all clubs in our community carry liability insurance to insulate the Board from any lawsuits arising out of a club event. The sentiment expressed by those residents and Board members who spoke on this subject was that this was both prohibitively costly and unnecessary. One resident also noted that the Travel Club carries liability insurance.
- **Miscellaneous.** Joel Cohen noted that the back bulletin board looked very messy, and asked residents who post there to use index cards whenever possible.



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CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Submitted by Sylvia Arbesfeld
and JoAnn Schwartz, co-chairmen**

The Decorating committee is made of up of seven resident volunteers: Sylvia Arbesfeld and JoAnn Schwartz, co-chairmen; Sally Galan, Sandy Kastner, Rita Keller, Doris Levin and Ruth Oppler. As we write this, the committee has not decided on a decorator, nor do we know what the cost will be.

Communities typically refurbish every 10 years. Twelve years ago we redid our ballroom and lobby, making architectural changes, and redecorated. We added carpet and window treatments to the downstairs cardroom and carpet in the poker room and exercise rooms. The furniture remained the same in these rooms. Several years later we put new chairs in the upstairs cardroom and carpet throughout. In all the other rooms on the second floor the furniture is 20 years old.

This is what the committee has done so far:

We discussed the need to redo the clubhouse. Of vital concern is that our bathrooms and front door do not conform to the standards of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) because they are not handicap accessible. In addition, the ballroom chairs must connect in order to conform to the Fire Department Code. (*Editor's note: At the Jan. 19 Board of Directors meeting there was a question raised as to the extent that these rules apply to our clubhouse. The Board will look into the issue further.*)

Members of our committee met with the executive board of the clubs and charity organizations. We invited their input and the input of their members. All suggestions were given to our co-chairs.

We visited nine communities similar to ours whose clubhouses were recently redone: Avalon Estates, Villagio, Ponte Vecchio East and West, Platina, Cascades, Lakeridge Greens and Tuscany Bay.

We got in touch with their decorators. We met with all three, and walked them through our clubhouse.

Two decorators brought in their staff, electrician, plumber, painter, etc., in order to estimate their costs. This was at no cost to our community.

The third decorator said he would charge us a \$15,000 fee to continue. The committee chose not to proceed with this individual.

In February, we hope to meet with the two remaining decorators to receive their proposals for renovation, with approximate costs; actual costs would depend on final selections. We will announce these meetings on Channel 63 and invite the community to attend as non-participating observers. (*Note: At the Jan. 19 BOD meeting, residents were invited to submit their ideas about the project to the committee.*)

Our goal is to maintain the beauty of our community, to meet the changing needs, and maintain the value of our homes.

A Thank You to Publix

After the following letter by a Majestic Isles resident appeared in the Sun Sentinel several residents suggested that the author submit it to the Majestic Isles News. Too often, we humans are quick to complain when things go wrong and not quick enough to express appreciation for acts good service or acts of kindness. With this in mind, we are reprinting the letter:

My husband and I were shopping Publix on Woolbright Road and Military Trail on Dec. 19. My husband realized that he dropped the car keys in the trunk when he retrieved a package. We went to the Publix service desk and explained what happened. They called a manager and he said he would drive my husband home to get our extra set of car keys and drive him back to Publix.

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COBWRA CLIPS

January 18, 2017 Meeting at Indian Spring

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- **County Commissioner Mary Lou Berger:** Atlantic Avenue will be widened east of 441. Talk of a Flavor Pict bridge over the turnpike is just talk.
- **Supervisor Of Elections Susan Bucher** mentioned what a wild election cycle it had been with record setting turnout of 75%, an increase of 5% over 2012.
- **District 3 School Board Representative Karen Brill** announced that a COBWRA representative will be appointed to the 1 cent sales tax oversight committee.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

- **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 6 Captain Christopher Keene** mentioned a few statistics for District 6 in 2016: 124,000 calls for service; 10,000 traffic stops initiated; responded to 100 overdoses; currently 17 known sober homes in Dist. 6.
- **Palm Beach County Fire Rescue HOA Liaison Tony Keeler and Captain Doug Mcglyn** reported 2016 statistics: 225 overdoses, a 30% increase from 2015 within COBWRA area; 163,000 calls to 911 of which 136,000 fire rescue responded; \$100,000 spent on the use of NARCAN, the drug administered to revive overdose victims; received a grant for 4 thermal imaging systems, \$10,000 each for use in 4 engines; hopefully, more to come. \$600,000 grant for LUCAS, an automated mechanical chest compression tool for CPR, PBC save rate has risen from 14% to 50%. A New Mobile Integrated Health initiative tracks patients after release from the hospital, to improve outcomes. Finally look out for the new "Get in the NO" campaign; NO Carbon Monoxide from running cars in the home, Carbon Monoxide kills.

PRESIDENT GLEN HARVIE'S REPORT

- COBWRA is forming a Water and Wetlands Committee.
- COBWRA is reestablishing a Parks Committee to meet with the Parks Department to design the Park south of Sunset Palms School.
- A committee of Myrna Rosoff, Steve Oseroff and Lew Doctor has been established to review the Ag Reserve plan developed in July 2014 to determine any needed adjustments.

Next Delegates Meeting Feb. 15, 2017 at Valencia Pointe, 9:30 a.m.

By Warren Danz

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: WHO TO CALL FOR WHAT

The Board members with the responsibilities listed below are not committee chairmen, but rather Board liaisons to the respective committees. There is a non-Board resident chairman for each committee.

The current responsibilities of the individual Board members are as follows:

President, Harvey Galan: Clubhouse, Grounds
2nd V.P., Duncan Hopwood: Pool, Shuffleboard
1st V.P., Jerry Ehrlich: Tennis courts
Secretary, Iris Rothstein: Painting, Insurance
Treasurer, Bob Edinger
Member-at-large, Joel Cohen: Safety
Member-at-large, Mark Jaffie: Architectural Review and Compliance

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Another Good Book To Check Out “Killing the Rising Sun”

by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
By Stan Kaish

Fox News broadcaster Bill O'Reilly and co-author Martin Dugard have latched onto a pretty good thing. This is their sixth historical study of the circumstances surrounding a famous assassination or assassination attempt. Each of these books has enjoyed profitable time atop the bestseller lists, despite unenthusiastic reviews.

This one is a brief history of our World War II conflict with Japan, with particular emphasis on the building, testing and dropping of the atom bomb, first on Hiroshima and later on Nagasaki. Those of us of a certain age will faintly remember much of what is presented, but I was also offered quite a bit of this history that I didn't recollect. So even though, as some reviewers point out, it has all been written down somewhere already, these authors have presented it here in a fast-paced 300 pages. And they are good storytellers.

The dropping of the bomb was, and remains, a controversial issue, opposed by both Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur, and favored by every GI scheduled to invade Japan. Our authors are clearly satisfied that although dropping the bombs cost an estimated three to four hundred thousand Japanese lives, failure to end the war then and in that way would have forced an invasion of the Japanese homeland and cost perhaps a million dead, many of them American fighting men. The pro-bomb argument is bolstered by descriptions of the ferocity with which places like Iwo Jima, Peleliu, Guadalcanal and particularly Okinawa, were defended. Surrender was not an option for the Japanese. And when the barbaric behavior of the Japanese towards populations they conquered and troops they captured is detailed, readers are encouraged to accept that the Japanese people deserved whatever fate was delivered to them.

The main players on both sides of the conflict are presented, subject possibly to the authors' biases. MacArthur does not fare well in this portrayal. We see him as vain, self-indulgent and happily planning the upcoming invasion of the Japanese mainland, which will place him ahead of Eisenhower in the pantheon of World War II generals. A cynical hypothesis is offered that he may have counseled against use of the bomb

lest it produce a premature surrender and deny him the glory of commanding the invasion. Truman, who receives glowingly favorable treatment, withheld knowledge of the successful testing of the bomb from MacArthur as well as the imminent bombing of Hiroshima.

Emperor Hirohito is disclosed as a man believing in his own divinity and standing as an obstacle to surrender during the closing months of the war. Isolated in the royal palace, unaware of or indifferent to the punishment his cities and people were receiving from the B-29 raids, he sided with the militarists in rejecting unconditional surrender. Prime Minister Hideki Tojo, Japan's strongest advocate for war, is portrayed, not unsympathetically -- just doing his job -- although he did suffer an eventual hanging at the hands of the war crimes tribunal. Hirohito died in bed decades later.

The exploits of several American heroes and Medal of Honor winners are told in considerable detail as well. But to my mind, the most dramatic tale, about which I knew nothing, involved the dropping of the second A-Bomb on Nagasaki. While everything went as planned in the Hiroshima bombing, nothing went right on the second mission plane, *Bockscar*. First, the intended target was the city of Kokura. But clouds covered the city that day, and after circling much too long and burning too much fuel, pilot Charles Sweeney turned his plane toward Nagasaki, the alternate target. He was supposed to rendezvous with a photography plane that would record the event, but the bomber and the plane turned out to be circling, looking for each other at different altitudes. More gas consumed. Ultimately the bomb is delivered. But with little gas remaining, Sweeney breaks radio silence and gives a May Day distress radio call to advise rescue ships that they are in trouble. Unfortunately, rescue ships had been called back when a misinterpreted transmission led to the assumption that the plane had gone down. *Bockscar* makes it to Okinawa, as the engines are dying, and lands, unexpected by traffic control, with only fumes in the gas tank.

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Gardening in the Isles

***By
Stan Davidson***

Some 20 years ago, when my late wife, Janice, and I moved into the Majestic Isles Community, the landscape was composed of “builder’s special” plantings. The live oaks were some 10 feet high, the ixoras were blooming but only a few feet high, our royal palms in the median were half the size they are now, many homes were not sodded, and the shrubs surrounding the clubhouse were hardly noticeable. All of the homes of specific models had the same plantings in the same locations.

After several months, my wife laid the law down and said: “the builder’s landscape is terrible and it has to go. Lets hire a landscaper and show the community what the difference the renovation can make.” The ixoras were removed, a silver buttonwood tree was removed between my house and the neighbor’s, and almost all of our mulched areas were replaced with egg rock stones.

As a focal point in the front of the house, I planted a bottle palm, sort of rare palm species, and to provide accents in the landscape, I installed several rocks surrounded with low growing plants. To spruce up the back of my house I removed a builder’s 15-foot

Live oak and a brittle mahogany tree. I also designed a kidney shaped island in which I planted a three-trunk adonidea palm with under plantings.

I always adored a tropical fish aquarium, so I designed a 100-gallon pond with a water feature and installed it in my attached atrium. Every day I observe the beautiful goldfish that are almost hand fed. I also reflect on how my wife enjoyed the serenity and soothing sound of the water feature.

The quick loss of my wife after 55 years of a happy marriage was tragic, and she can never be replaced. However, I do have the landscape as a reminder of what she wanted. *It’s alive and growing!*

I usually end my articles with some quotations that are related to the gardening topic. This is a special article devoted to my wife’s favorite flower the rose.

“A rose’s appeal is in its contradictions - so delicate in form, yet strong in fragrance, so small in size yet big in beauty, so short in life, yet long on effects.” (Terri Guillemets)

This quote was for Janice!



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FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson



Lake Worth's Street Painting Festival, February 25 and 26. Lake Worth is a charming, quaint, artsy town. The festival area is between Lake and Lucerne Avenues where artists paint on the streets and the results are fantastic! See Mona Lisa on Lake Avenue! Take a stroll in the beautiful sunshine and take in the sights! You will not be disappointed!

Celebrating Art in Motion: Feb 3-5 in downtown Boynton Beach. Exhibits of art that move and light up are on East Ocean Avenue along Federal Highway and Seacrest Blvd. www.intkineticartevent.org.

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The Delray Playhouse: 272-1281. For years my husband and I ushered at this wonderful playhouse. It is a beautiful venue on the lake and Randy Del Lago is fun, fun, fun!

JCC: 8500 Jog Road, Boynton Beach, call 272-9774. On February 16, at 2:00 p.m., they are presenting Famous Women of the Theater. Sandra Rothenberg-Lurie (Majestic Isles Resident) will present profiles of famous Jewish Women such as Molly Picon, Lauren Bacall, Shelly Winters, Beverly Sills, and Fanny Brice. Come and learn many interesting facts.

Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival: Call 877-318-0071 for dates and performances.

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Reel Impressions "LION"

By Edye Frankel



When you first see the title, "Lion", your first thoughts might be of an animal, perhaps an offshoot of Lion King or Jungle Book. But no, this movie is a far cry from any "animal tales." The true meaning of the title will not become evident to you until late into the progression of the story.

It begins with two brothers in India helping their mother in a quest for survival by collecting rocks of coal. Saroo is the youngest of the two, only five years old. At one point Saroo is left alone to wait for his older brother's return. He falls asleep on a bench, awakens, and then wanders onto a nearby empty train, and falls asleep again. He is awakened by the noise of the train which has begun to move. This train, which is empty of any people, does not stop until it is over 1000 miles away from Saroo's home. He is now a lost child who does not know where his home is, and begins to experience the very difficult and often frightening life of an orphan.

Then he is adopted by a wonderful couple from Australia, lives a comfortable and happy life with them for 25 years until he is haunted by the memories of his brother and his mother. The long search begins...

This story will captivate you, move you to tears, and elevate you. The director (Garth Davis), the actors Nicole Kidman (the Australian mother), David Wenham (the Australian father), and Dev Patel (the 30 yr. old man who had been that lost 5 yr. old) were all exquisite performers. This production was entirely skillful on all levels. It is not to be missed. Enjoy!

When we think of friends, and call their faces out of the shadows, and their voices out of the echoes that faint along the corridors of memory, and do it without knowing why save that we love to do it, we content ourselves that that friendship is a Reality, and not a Fancy--that it is builded upon a rock, and not upon the sands that dissolve away with the ebbing tides and carry their monuments with them.

Mark Twain - Letter to Mary Mason Fairbanks

Around the Internet: INTERESTING ORIGINS...

WHY?

5 ... **WHY?** Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses? **BECAUSE:** In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

6 ... **WHY?** In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from? **BECAUSE:** When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

7...**WHY?** Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'? **BECAUSE:** In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

8 ...**WHY?** Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'? **BECAUSE:** Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the center of attention.

9 ... **WHY?** Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast? **BECAUSE:** In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

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The answer to the last question is “a dedicated staff of volunteers who put in a great deal of time and effort to bring the Newsletter to our community.” Another question: Would you like to be one of them? We are an interested and interesting group seeking more like-minded people to join us.

The Newsletter is celebrating its 20th year in 2017 and many of us have been on the ride almost from the inception. Others have hopped on along the way. Many of us are feeling our age and just getting tired. We need some new blood to pick up the slack.

What can you do? The opportunities are almost limitless: editing, proof-reading, writing articles, designing graphics, suggesting topics, page layout - and maybe you have some other things you think we should be doing!

We would love to have some more of our neighbors participate in this project which informs and we hope, inspires. If you are up for giving us a try, please contact either Phyllis Cohen (Floridphy@aol.com) or Betty Wachtel (brwachtel@comcast.net), our editors. We are waiting to hear from you!



"OLDIES, BUT GOODIES" In Commemoration of the 20th Year of The Majestic Isles News

The Majestic Isles News was first published in June 2017. We're rushing the commemoration by a few months, but for the remainder of this publication year, we will mark our 20th publication year by reprinting items from years gone by. This month's centerfold features two of the four pages of the very first edition.

While you are thinking of the Majestic Isles News, please take time to read the article immediately above this one – and do come join us!

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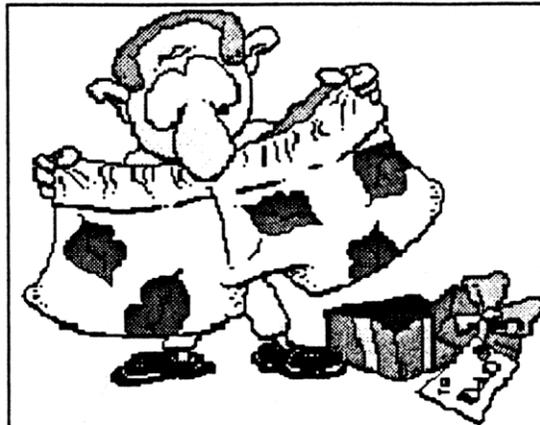
FOCUS.....Meet our new social director.... by Gerri Herman

Allison Tardonias with over 16 years in South Florida Adult Communities, has the experience and know-how to create a great program for Majestic Isles.

Allison received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and Leisure Services from Montclair College in New Jersey. Allison came to Florida to supervise a summer youth program at the Breakers in Palm Beach. She worked at Colony Point in Pembroke Pines as athletic director and later as social director at Las Verdes in Delray. In 1988 Allison became director for Huntington Lakes Inc.. That same year she became a Florida Licensed Community Association Manager.

Allison joined Oriole Homes Corp. in 1991 as Social Director at Summer Chase and Club House Marketing Coordinator at Huntington Point before coming to Palm Isles in May 1993.

As our Social Director she is looking forward to



HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL

meeting and working with all of us. When asked, "how do you envision our Club House", Allison replied, "I envision your Clubhouse going non-stop. The excitement and enthusiasm is exciting for me to see."

You will find Allison in the Club House Monday through Thursday afternoons. Specific hours are posted on the office

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS - by Sandy Levine

I have met a lot of new and wonderful people in the last few months and cannot say enough about the great attitudes they all have on moving into Majestic Isles.

We've had many conversations about all the "boxes" they have to empty - but rest assured they do all get emptied and the garbage pickup men breathe a sigh of relief.

I want to thank all our new residents for allowing me into their homes and I sincerely hope that I have helped in some way to ease these trying times.

HINT FOR THE DAY - A new product at Home Depot - Vinyl Window Cleaner" - great for bathroom sinks and tile. Water beads up; however, do not use on floor tile in shower stalls or bathrooms. It makes them slippery. **GOOD LUCK.**

door.

Allison has initiated a variety of classes including water aerobics, low impact aerobics, body sculpting, line dancing, ceramics, modern soft sculpture basketry, painting and bridge lessons.

Keep watching the bulletin board in the Club House for upcoming programs.

The Social Scene

Can you believe all the wonderful happenings we have had? Our social year began back on Nov. 1st with a great Halloween Party. Thanks to Sherry Allit and her committee.

No one suffered from sea sickness in December on our "Winterfest Boat Extravaganza", captained by Judy and Mitch Radin and Phyllis and Lee Pinsel. We appreciate their efforts.

Also in December our zealous theatre committee (oy vey) offered the wonderful Broadway production of, "Too Jewish".

Thank you David Grossman for having arranged our festive New Years celebration at the Holiday Inn.

In January our successful social year continued with the theater groups evening at the Lake Worth Playhouse with a delightful performance of "The World Goes Round".

As we headed towards February, Sherry Allit and Marilyn Levy planned a LOVE'ly Valentine's Day Dinner Cruise.

Our adventurous residents witnessed the "Murder at the Jewish Italian Wedding" in March.

An alligator was sighted from the airboat during our March safari to the Everglades. To our leader Ziggy Freidman we say many thanks.

Okay you "Fools", didn't we have a great time at the Fool-Around Picnic? Smiles and cheers to our fun loving merrymakers with thanks to Joan and Marty Baron.

The Holocaust Exhibit and Ziff Jewish Museum visit was held in April arranged by Arlene and Joe Graffeo. Those who attended had similar reactions ranging from emotionally draining to pride in our heritage.

Bernie Maltz organized a safe auto driving course for May 5th and 6th in the clubhouse.

A Mothers Day Appreciation Brunch was organized for May 11th by Joe Bloom and his committee.

Upcoming.....a Jai Ali excursion organized by Lee Lissak, Josh Katz and Phyllis and Lee Pinsel.

Also, don't forget to wear those Majestic Isles tee shirts and caps. Thank you Muriel Kantrowitz for providing us with these items.

Also, much thanks to Gerri and Norman Herman for their good work in putting together all those who wanted to play "games". As a result Canasta, Mah Jongg and Poker are going full swing.

Three cheers for the time and effort of all chairpersons and their committees. All these activities and events were due to the hard work of the Majestic Isles Social Club and their members.

.....by Marilyn Chermak and
Selma Friedman

THANKS TO....

.....by Rita Leidner
The residents of Majestic Isles would like to express their gratitude and acknowledge the fine work of the social committee. Ziggy and Selma Friedman, Lee Lissak, Josh Katz and Gerri Herman, note taker, all helped to shape Majestic Isles into a warm community. With their guidance and patience we are off to a flying start.

.....by Elsa Stein
Ad-Hoc Committee - short lived but effective.
As of now the ad-hoc committee has been disbanded and the problems within our community are directed to individual committee for solving. However we want to say a THANK YOU to Marilyn Broth and the 15 volunteers who worked so hard to improve our life style.

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Visiting: CAROL AND ALAN STEVENS

By Claire Deveney



‘Warm and friendly’ describe Carol and Alan Stevens who this March will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Alan was raised in White Plains, N.Y. and graduated from White Plains High School. He attended the

University of Buffalo for two years, majoring in business. After working for a year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves where he served for six months on active duty at Fort Dix, N.J.

As a sophomore, he was introduced to Carol (Mehlman), who was a freshman at the University of Buffalo, by a friend of Carol’s from high school who was a member of Alan’s fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi. Alan gave Carol his “pin” at a fraternity party where about 40 students sang, “Let Me Call You Sweetheart.” Soon thereafter they became engaged.

Following his Army Reserve duty, Alan worked in Manhattan as a buyer for a business of women’s accessories for four years.

“When we married, we moved into a one bedroom apartment in a new building in Brooklyn with a pool,” Carol exclaimed. They moved to a two-bedroom apartment after their second child was born.

Later they moved to Manchester, N.H., where Alan worked as a merchandise manager for a year and a half before they moved to New London, Connecticut, which became their home for 40 years. Initially, Alan worked at a catalog store for a few years, but he wanted to pursue his dream about cars. To learn the business he joined an automotive tire and wheel company for approximately two years.

Alan, who describes himself as a car enthusiast, eventually opened his own business, ‘Stevens Tire and Wheel’ and ran it successfully for 10 years. Then he accepted an offer to join Monro Muffler/Brake Service as the manager of its store in New London. He advanced to district manager of 14 store locations and decided that he preferred working as a store manager and did so for 20 years. Alan said, “I’m a people person and I really enjoyed it.”

Carol grew up in Brooklyn, attended P.S. 152 and Andries Hudde Junior High School and graduated from Midwood High School.

After two years at Buffalo University, she interviewed at Metropolitan Life Insurance, now called MetLife, in Manhattan, where she saw a huge room of rows of typists working. Carol asked if she could work in a new district office in Brooklyn, ten blocks from where she lived. The answer was yes. She worked there for a few years until her first child was born, then was a full time wife, mother and homemaker for 11 years. She started back to work at MetLife in administration for a total of 28 years there. Carol also worked for the New London Board of Education in Special Education for five years.

Alan always wanted to retire to Florida. He said, “My requirement was to live in Florida and have a palm tree on the property and now we have three.” Alan said, “We like this community and its active clubhouse and this home; it all fit the bill.” They moved to M.I. in 2013 and have made many friends.

In the garage is Alan’s pride and joy, a 2002 Pontiac Trans Am navy blue convertible with silver stripes and extra horsepower. “2002 was the last year this car was made,” Alan adds proudly. He also collects miniature muscle cars. The second car in the garage is a new Nissan Murano SUV painted in Pacific Sunset. They have been taking a lot of driving trips.

Carol and Alan have two sons, Scott and Robert. Scott is a senior claims representative for Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency, and his wife, Deborah, is first vice president of a bank, and with their children, Andrew, 15, and Sydnie, 11, they live in Bolton, Conn.

Robert works at Booz Allen Hamilton, a consulting firm, as a Defense and Intelligence Principal, and his wife, Ann, is an attorney. With their children Elizabeth, 14, and Samantha, 11, they live in McLean, Virginia.

Carol and Alan are active bowlers, and Alan co-chairs the M.I. league with Al Lynn. They are avid UCONN Huskies basketball fans. They are both members of the Social Club. Carol serves on its board, is a member of M.I.L.T., PAP, and is a life member of Hadassah. Alan exercises at the clubhouse regularly and Carol enjoys mahjong, reading and collecting miniature elephants. The Stevens are gracious and fun!

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SETTLE FOR MORE?

By **Liz Hopwood**

Exactly what does “Settle for More” mean? Yes, I know that is the name of Megyn Kelly’s new book and, although I have not read it, I have followed Kelly’s career on Fox News for several years. Beautiful, talented and intelligent, she has charmed and clobbered her way through some tough interviews with class and dignity. On a recent interview with “The View,” I heard her say that she came up with this inspiring slogan from listening to “Dr. Phil” comment on envy: If you envy someone’s life, know that that person settled for more while you settled for less. Apparently, that was the insight which challenged her to change her life, enabling her to walk away from a lucrative law practice, secure employment with Fox News and recently change careers to NBC’s Today show with a \$20M annual salary. Nice, but I’m definitely no Megyn Kelly.

I thought about envy and wondered if I needed to challenge myself to some Herculean change in my life. One of the nice things about being the age we are is that we have already made difficult choices and (for better or worse) are living out the results of health, finances and life. The last time I felt envious was about twenty years ago when my husband took me to an upscale polo match while we were visiting his cousin in Florida during our spring vacation. Our new acquaintances, actually strangers that his cousin had met at a bar earlier, were talking about how hot it had been the past winter in Argentina. This group followed the polo team from country to country and state to state because they owned horses and employed trainers and riders. I envied their mobility as we were restricted to working in Denver during the long, cold winter. When I whispered my envy into my husband’s ear, he whispered back that this group better be mobile because his cousin told him that these were some of the biggest drug dealers in South America. I think that envy may be a good motivator only if one knows the real life – not the superficial appearance.

All of this brings me to my real concern: my granddaughters, the oldest of whom is going to college next year in California (much to my dismay). Society seems to embrace and emulate entertainment snap slogans. In the 80s it was “Greed is good;” today it is “Settle for more.” It takes a measurable amount of maturity and insight not to confuse self worth and net worth; America is a conspicuous consumption society. Regrettably we have all seen friends and relatives lose their way with values that ultimately destroy their souls if not their lives. I wish I could teach that lesson to my granddaughters but know they will have to learn it the same way I did – through life’s experience.

So, my new motto is “Settle for **Less.**” I need less furniture, less clothing, fewer cars, and less stuff! The only thing I need more of is time with family and friends.

FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

(Continued from page 15)

Lake Worth Playhouse: 713 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth. 586-6410. Evita from January 19-February 5. www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

31st Art Festival in Mizner Park: Saturday, February 4 –Sunday February 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Call 392-2500. www.bocamuseum.org.

Boca Art Guild: 512 E. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, 278-7877. You are invited to join the opening reception of exhibitions of fine art, sculpture, and photography on February 16 from 6-8 p.m. Complimentary wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Green Cay Wetlands: Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach. Today I saw a darling baby alligator and many varieties of beautiful birds. There is a Natural History Museum and classes in science for seniors. It has a wonderful boardwalk what winds around paradise!





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LIGHTS, ACTION, CAMERA

By Phyllis M. Cohen

It's that time of the year: Golden Globes, Academy Awards. A time for the movie industry to celebrate its works and its artists. And judging from the Golden Globes ceremony I saw last week, it was also a time to display the newest in fashion and décolletage (for women only; the men kept their shirts buttoned). The announcers stopped women to examine their attire. Remember the late Joan Rivers asking, "Who are you wearing?"

I must admit that I am a long-time movie fan. I loved the movies even before they were upgraded to "films." Unfortunately, now I watch most of my movies on Netflix or HBO, always behind the current crop of favorites. You have to forgive me if I didn't recognize most of the winners in all of the award categories though I had seen some of the earliest releases in the year and judging from the descriptions of a few of the winners, it is unlikely that I would want to see them. One of the big winners, a musical "La La Land" was dismissed by some friends of mine as only "so so." After all, we were a generation that was brought up on big, splashy musicals and would find it hard to be impressed by what was considered a musical now. I am also so bombarded with visual images from television, computers and movies that the recent movies have all become blended into one big blur.

To make matters worse, I can hardly tell the difference between the actors and actresses on the modern screen. For the most part, the men all seem scrawny and scruffy, (with the exception maybe of George Clooney and Matthew McConaghney) since three day's-worth of chin stubble seems to be fashionable and the women are for the most part wash-board thin wearing as little as they can. Among the exceptions at the Golden Globes were Sarah Jessica Parker dressed like a wedding cake and Meryl Streep clad in an elegant sparkly gown.

My problem is that I have been watching movies for decades, (don't ask me how many) and the ones I saw as a child and the actors of 50 years ago seem more vibrant to me today than any of the current movie idols. I can, in fact, remember one of the first movies I ever saw. I was probably around five or six and an older sister took me to our local movies house—12 cents for children! -- and I was suddenly swept up into a technicolor musical extravaganza, "Dubarry Was a Lady" starring Lucille Ball in her first big role. As the dancers made their way on to the screen, some of them

scantly clad, I turned to my sister and asked, in that high-pitched child's voice that carried throughout the audience, "Is that lady naked?" My sister hurriedly shushed me as I was getting more laughs than Red Skeleton, another cast member, and reassured me that it was a sheer costume. Despite my inauspicious start, I was hooked. I loved the movies and since the theater was around the corner from my house, cost almost nothing, and had a separate supervised children's section patrolled by a matron in a white uniform carrying a big flashlight, I soon was able to go to the movies on my own. What could compare with an afternoon on a rainy day or a scorching hot day to watching a double feature, a cartoon, a newsreel and maybe even a serial?

Not long after, I was dazzled by the re-release of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". This was the first full-length animated film, stunning in its color, music and action. No one wondered if the queen disguised as a scary witch would frighten children. Years later, I had to take my own four-year old from the movie when that scene took place.

Then, of course, there were all those films about World War II as Hollywood produced films to support the war effort. Again, I was only four or five when I saw "Mrs. Miniver", a movie about England during the war that went on to win numerous awards,. It was there that I first saw the handsome Helmut Dantine, one of the many young actors who had escaped from Hitler's Nazi empire. Alas, poor Helmut. He was doomed to portray German soldiers or U-Boat captains for most of his career.

Other great stars filled the screens: Cary Grant, Gregory Peck, John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart and equally dynamic women: Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, Kathryn Hepburn, Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman. There was no shortage of stunning females like Betty Grable, Lana Turner and Rita Hayworth, to mention only a few.

I know it's only hindsight that makes even the B rated movies seem wonderful so that the endless gangster movies with Edward G. Robinson or westerns with Roy Rogers or Gene Autry seem like gems. A few years ago, I made my teenagers watch "The Kiss of Death" with Richard Widmark and Victor Mature, a frightening noir crime story. They fell off the couch laughing at Mature's wooden acting style and the gruesome torture scenes. The good old days live on only in my mind.

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COMPUTER SHORTCUTS

By Ray Kozlin

For those of you who have purchased or upgraded to Windows 10, there are many shortcuts that you can use to make navigating easier on your PC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To open the Start menu, click the start button or press . This is in the lower left corner of your computer screen.

When you turn on your computer you will see many many images, which we used to call icons and we now call apps. (“Apps” is an abbreviated way of saying “applications.”

Although we sometimes refer to the icon/app as though it is the program itself, it really only represents the program; clicking on it is a way of activating the program. If you want to resize an app on the start menu, you should right click on the tile and click size then select new size.

If you want to see “all” the apps on your computer, select all apps from the start menu.

If you want to add additional apps to your computer, go to the Windows apps store and select which app you want and then download it.

Keyboard shortcuts

Start Menu	
Cortana (speech recognition)	 +C
Cortana (Text)	 +S
Actions Center	 +A
Task View	 +Tab
Lock Computer	 +L
File Explorer	 +E
Run Dialog Box	 +R
Copy a Folder/File	Ctrl+C
Cut a Folder/File	Ctrl+X
Paste a Folder/File	Ctrl+V
Print	Ctrl+P

If you recently bought a computer or installed Windows 10 on an older computer, I suggest you go to a book store or on-line and order “Windows 10 for Dummies.” Good for us old folk.

NEWS N’ VIEWS

By Stephen Karten



Walking into the meeting today, the feeling was different, not knowing what to expect. The turnout was large. There were some new faces, and some old ones that had been missing for a while. Discussion was more animated than any since starting the group. But, we’d never had a weekend like the one just past. An inauguration of a new president; controversy about the size of the crowd; marches of dissent throughout the country and the world; bad blood between the new administration and the press already, and this was just the beginning. I think, perhaps, we’re in for a rough ride ahead.

For me, my personal feelings aside, it was very gratifying to see the size of the meeting and the different viewpoints. When starting the group, I hoped to create a venue where anyone and everyone could come, share, vent, and discuss the news, how they felt, how it affected them, and learn something. Unfortunately, or perhaps the opposite, we had one of the most unusual and contentious campaigns and elections that I’ve ever seen in my lifetime, and it seemed to dominate the meetings since the group’s inception. Finally, today, it appeared as if the debate could branch out. Of course, the new president and what was anticipated of him continued to be the major topic but now, with the election over, the inauguration passed, we could finally expand our discussion to related issues; Israel, trade, the new cabinet, the Supreme Court, education, immigration, ISIS, Russia, and more. It was interesting from my viewpoint to see hands constantly up with as many as three or four at a time, wanting to speak and air their views. As usual, the group leaned to the left, but we did have a few opposite viewpoints that made for interesting dialogue. Those who have been with the group since it started, know my politics. Right or wrong, I’ve never made my leanings unknown. Too much so, perhaps, I’ll admit. So, it may surprise some see me saying: now, all we need is a few more Conservative Republicans.

MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE Spares and Strikes

By: Joyce Stoudermire



HIGH GAME

Week 12 – MEN:

Bob Wolff	172	Jerry Elefson	422
Steve Herbin	161	Steve Herbin	421
Jerry Elefson	157	Al Lynn	415

Week 12 – WOMEN

Ilene Gross	145	Ilene Gross	422
J. Stoudermire	135	J. Stoudermire	337
Zita Granoff	110	Fancine Gitto	306

Week 13 - MEN

Alan Stevens	154	Alan Stevens	401
Jerry Elefson	124	Bob Wolff	343
Bob Wolff	123	Jerry Elefson	339

Week 13– WOMEN

Ilene Gross	158	Ilene Gross	407
J. Stoudermire	130	J. Stoudermire	378
Carol Stevens	125	Carol Stevens	348

Week 14 – MEN

J. Schecterman	166	J. Schecterman	458
Jerry Elefson	146	Bob Wolff	393
John Shilling	143	K. Ramnarine	385

Week 14 – WOMEN

J. Stoudermire	158	J. Stoudermire	420
Ilene Gross	157	Ilene Gross	419
Natalie Herbin	149	Natalie Herbin	361

Week 15 – MEN

Steve Herbin	177	Steve Herbin	448
Al Lynn	156	Alan Stevens	400
K. Ramnarine	153	Al Lynn	375

Week 15 – WOMEN

J. Stoudermire	169	Ilene Gross	398
Ilene Gross	148	J. Stoudermire	393
M. Ramnarine	124	Carol Stevens	321

The Majestic Isles Bowling League would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Elinor Katz on the passing of her husband Fred. Fred was one of the original bowlers and he continued to bowl until a few months ago. Elinor was at the bowling alley every week with him. We miss you Fred – Rest in Peace.

If you're interested in joining our fun group, please call Al Lynn 742-9937 or Alan Stevens 336-4223.

THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen



The Men's Club will be making plans to go to the ISLES CASINO on Wed. Feb. 22 in the evening (4:30), since the previous trip was a success.

As previously mentioned, we will be planning to make some trips to the MIAMI MARLINS' baseball games starting in April or May. We are probably looking at three games on Thursday nights (seniors are free) if there is any interest.

If anyone is interested in going on Wednesday nights to the Marlin's and St. Louis Cardinal's minor league games in Jupiter, let me know. Games start at 6:30 PM.

The cost is \$26 for 21 games and you get a free hot dog and soda. You must provide your own transportation. We have about 12 or so people from here that go.

It's time to pay your 2017 dues of \$20.

THE PAP CORP

By Renee Stichel and Marilyn Chermak



Here we are in a new year. Pap wishes you all a healthy and happy year and let's all try to prevent cancer from wiping us out!!

We will start off with a great meeting on January 26 with a speaker, radio host and author Scott Greenberg including a wonderful lunch with dessert as well. We know everyone will have a good time.

Keep in mind February 9 is our fashion show by Chico's with our gorgeous models (who are members) and our wonderful escorts who will look so handsome. The Chinese food by the Bamboo Wok will be superb as usual. The dessert will be just as enjoyable. All members come and bring your friends and family. Price is \$25.00 and you will have a great afternoon!

March 23 will be your doing with all games that you arrange. If you do not have a game, call us and we will try to arrange. Food to be announced. It will be a yummy lunch so you can get to your games quickly. We will have excellent noshes for your enjoyment while you play. Price TBA. Please feel free to bring your family and friends as this is open to all.

April 27 is pap membership appreciation, members only. Further details later.

May 25 is our last event for the season and we will be entertained by Carolyn Smiley. We will serve our board's extra delicious desserts which you always love. Price is \$10.00 and you will go home licking your fingers and smiling!!

Let's all try to support pap and see if we can help to wipe this dreaded disease out of our lives!!

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

By Selma Friedman

“Literature and Mental Health – Troubled Authors and Troubled Characters,” is a thought provoking topic presented by our own in-house professor, Dr. Harvey Vetstein.



It really was overwhelming to hear Harvey speak of over 25 writers from various countries and of notable eras easily known to all of us, who have suffered from Alcoholism, Depression, Bi-Polar Disorder, Schizophrenia and Drug Usage. Do you recognize these names: Tolstoy, Platt, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Kafka, Capote, Poe, Williams, Dickens, Wilds and Fleming? They all suffered from one, or possibly more, of the aforementioned diseases and some eventually committed suicide.

Harvey spoke of names and of their characters as easily as we might say our children's names. I guess that knowledge is what made him such a great professor. He still is and we are lucky to have him share his retirement years with us. Thank you Harvey!!

PET PATCH

By Molly



During our recent “cold snap” did you notice a “red plaid streak” running down the street? That was me! My Mom bought me a red plaid coat for the cold weather – it's nice and soft and cozy. Now they're predicting another cold wave, so I'll get to wear it again.

As many of you folks know, with age comes hair loss, and that's what I'm experiencing – very thin hair. I really need the coat. That's part of what you are finding out too – they call it the Golden Years. Mom sometimes calls it the Rusty Years.

But we're still here and kicking!

So, enjoy our wonderful weather here in Florida and have lots of good times!

Around the Internet: INTERESTING ORIGINS...

WHY?

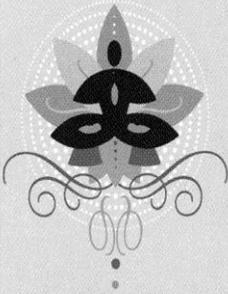
5 ... **WHY?** Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses? **BECAUSE:** In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

6 ... **WHY?** In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from? **BECAUSE:** When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

7...**WHY?** Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'? **BECAUSE:** In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

8 ...**WHY?** Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'? **BECAUSE:** Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the center of attention.

9 ... **WHY?** Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast? **BECAUSE:** In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.



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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



In January, the members enjoyed the Card Party which was sold out!

There will be a Dine-Around at Duffy's for lunch and dinner on Sunday, Feb. 19. Remember to get a flyer from the back lobby to give to Duffy's, so Hadassah will get proper credit.

The next general meeting will be on Feb. 20 at 11:30 a.m. *Note the change in date.* If you wish to order lunch, your \$5 check must be placed in the mailbox by Wednesday Feb. 15.

"The Coquettes," a senior tap-dance and entertainment troupe from greater West Palm Beach will entertain us at the Feb. 20 meeting. The group is made up of approximately 25 dancers ranging in age from 55 to (can you believe this?) 96 years old!

The board meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m.

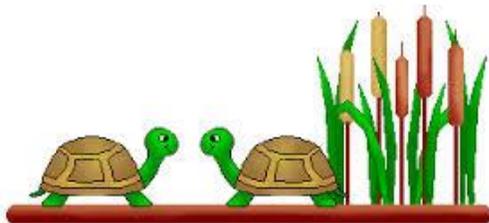
Rosh Chodesh will be observed Friday, Feb. 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Morikami Picnic Area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Women's Seder is being planned for Monday, April 3. If you are interested in being on the committee call Bobbe Greene or Sylvia Fefferman to volunteer.

Bricks are still being sold for \$18 each. Call Lee Katz for more information.

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The chapter is very sad to lose Janice Davidson, a wonderful treasurer and past president. To make a donation in her memory, please put your check in an envelope marked for Adele Freitag's attention in the Hadassah mailbox.



SINGLES GROUP

By Renee Stichel and Marilyn Chermack

The swinging singles wish you all a healthy and happy new year!! We all had a marvelous New Year's Eve. The cruise was terrific and the Randy Delago show and hors d'oeuvres at the Delray Playhouse were great. After the show some went home to celebrate and most of us went to the poker room in the club house to usher in the New Year with more hors d'oeuvres and champagne and wine. Not all of us went home tipsy.



February will start with a trip to the Boca Raton Museum of Art in Mizner Park and lunch at a restaurant of your choice.

We were going to King's Academy for *The Lion King* however the theater is not completed.

In March Kings Academy will offer *Les Miserables* if the theater is finished otherwise we will plan something else. We always have another plan ready!

April 5 we'll have lunch at Harriid's and then we've been invited to see the young artists in practice. Trust me, this is a great experience.

On May 5, back by popular demand we'll have our pot luck dinner and afterwards we will play games of our choice. This is always great and we're sure you will enjoy it.

We end our season with the ballet performance of Harriid's graduating class. The performance is always fantastic and then we have dinner at the Kee Grill – also fantastic.

We will let you know at next issue which plan will work and which will not, however we always have a swinging great time!!

George Washington:

Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble.

Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pain to bring it to light.

Abraham Lincoln

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

SOCIAL CLUB

By Rita Dick and Arlene Koch

Our New Year's Party was very successful and everybody enjoyed bringing in the New Year with good food and lively music.



On March 12th we will be having our next General meeting. We will be playing Bingo with prizes for the winners. \$3.00 for non-members and dues will be collected at the

door. Enjoy coffee and.... with us after the games.

Plans are underway for another individual show in April. More information to follow. Watch for flyers in the back lobby.

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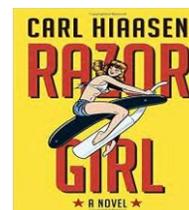
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- National Cherry Month
- National Condom Month
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- National Haiku Writing Month
- National Hot Breakfast Month
- National Laugh-Friendly Month
- National Mend A Broken Heart Month
- National Parent Leadership Month
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- National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
- National Therapeutic Recreation Month
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- North American Inclusion Month (NAIM)
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- Pull Your Sofa Off The Wall Month
- Relationship Wellness Month
- Responsible Pet Owner's Month
- Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month
- Spay/Neuter Awareness Month
- Spunky Old BROADS Month
- Sweet Potato Month (see also November)
- Wise Health Care Consumer Month
- Worldwide Renaissance of the Heart Month
- Youth Leadership Month



What's Happening

4	Sun	8:00p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p, h)
5	Sun	9:30a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast	(f, h)
7	Tues	11:00 a.m.	Calendar Meeting		
9	Thurs	12:00 noon	Pap Corp	Fashion Show	(p, h)
11	Sat	8:00a.m.	Pap Walkathon	Miami	
		1:00 p.m.	Singles	Lion King	(p,a)
12	Sun	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop	(f, h)
15	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion	(f, h)
18	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p,h)
19	Sun	lunch-dinner	Hadassah	Dine-a-round	(p,a)
20	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting	(p,h)
25	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime	(p,h)

Weekly Activities

Mon.	12:00 p.m.	Ceramics	(f,h)
	3:00 p.m.	News & Views Discussion	(f, h)
Tues	12:00 p.m.	Bowling	(p, a)
Wed	10:45 a.m.	Sing for Fun	(f, h)
	1:00 p.m.	Bunka Crafts	(f, h)
Mon/Wed/Fri	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	(f, h)

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