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MANAGER'S CORNER

As we start off another New Year, I want to take just a minute to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work throughout the last year. Under the direction of Joel Rosenthal, President, Harvey Galan, Irene Weinstein, Janice Davidson, Sy Kugelmas, Saul Siegel, and Mort Goldstein have all taken a personal interest in their chosen duties for the entire community. Their hard work and attention to detail shows in the fact that the Association Dues have been lowered for the 2010 fiscal year.

I also want to touch on some of the accomplishments made in the community in the last year. Zimmerman's Tree Service was here like clockwork in January to trim all of the canopy/hardwood trees and again in June for the palm tree trimming. We've signed another three year "as needed" contract for trimming; we're not obligated to have the trimming done and can cancel without penalty.

The biggest and most apparent accomplishment was the renovation of the second floor of the clubhouse. The card room has newly recovered and refinished tables, more comfortable chairs, new carpet, and fresh paint. The hallway has an updated look with new carpet and paint. The billiard room has new carpet and paint and the two billiard tables have been recovered and the bumpers replaced. The library has a fresh paint job, new carpet, and refinished tables. Lots of work went into the renovation and thanks are due to the Board and the Redecorating Committee.

DekoTek was applied to the swimming pool deck to make it both skid and stain resistant. Every time we've had to gently power wash the deck, all stains have come up with little or no effort. The coating also makes the pool deck cooler during the hot summer days. We removed the plexi-glass from the pool gate and replaced it with a much lighter material that doesn't catch the wind and allows the gate to close much more quietly.

We had a new computer installed in the office for the treasurer, complete with remote access so the president, treasurer, and assistant treasurer can obtain the information from home without having to come into the office. The computer also will be used by the on-site bookkeeper when Prime Management takes over the accounting and bookkeeping beginning in 2010.

2010 promises to be another productive year for Majestic Isles. Some of the projects are well into the planning stages prior to bringing them to the Board of Directors for approval. I look forward to seeing the accomplishments of the 2010 Board of Directors and the exciting improvements being considered...all to make Majestic Isles a community everyone can be proud to call "HOME"!

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, December 10, 2009

Minutes of the December 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, Joel Rosenthal

- H1N1 vaccine will be available through COBWRA.
- Bd. approved employee increases and holiday bonuses.
- Still looking into bar codes for gate entrance.
- Attended a meeting about insurance and collections. Rates should be coming down this year.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- Only accounts we now have are with First Southern Bank, Td Bank and Capital One.
- Residents who are not on AutoPay will receive coupon books, letter and 2010 budget. Those on Autopay will receive letter and budget.
- Association needs special micro-printer and micro-toner to print checks here when necessary. Cost approx. \$300.
- Two units still in arrears on maintenance. Both have been turned over to our attorneys for further action.
- Loan payments to be made by check, not automatic debits, so we can close remaining Wachovia acct. Lockbox acct. closed 11/1/09, saving almost \$600 per month.
- Comcast hasn't yet sent door fee of \$50,000. Check will be mailed as soon as Comcast has executed contract.
- Our actual expenses and income are within 98.3% of 2009 budget.

Current cash position as of Dec. 9, 2009:

Cash in Operating Accounts	\$175,095
Cash in Reserve Accounts	<u>182,928</u>
Total Cash Position	\$358,023

Current Operations to Nov. 30, 2009:

Total Revenues	\$1,630,096
Operating and Owners' Expenses	- <u>1,494,520</u>
Net Income from Operations	135,576
Transfers To Reserves	- <u>106,943</u>
Revenue over expenditures	28,633

COBWRA Treasurers' Meeting:

- Some communities have taken over foreclosed homes to recoup unpaid costs and expenses. Others,

- including M.I., have budgeted Bad Debt amts. to cover foreclosures.
- Communities that use reclaimed water pay over \$80,000 for that water. They showed interest in installing recharge wells like ours.

Finance Committee Report, Sy Kugelmas

- FDIC regulations explained so committee understands that FDIC insures all our funds under Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program effective until June 2010.
- Board's approval of 2010 budget explained.
- Discussed re-calculation of painting fund allocations. Original calculation, incorrectly determined for '08 budget, had to be revised to balance payments correctly.
- Foreclosure proceedings explained to committee. We'll receive further information concerning the unit from our foreclosure attorney.

Grounds Committee Report, Mort Goldstein

- M&P will try to keep hedges at current height.
- Two Royal Palms lost to lightening strikes. It will cost about \$6000 to replace both.
- Ganaderma is killing palms throughout the community. It can't really be stopped.
- No Ficus Whitefly so far this year.

Old Business

- Motion to accept M&M proposal to replace damaged sidewalks, along with getting a price to install the header curb along new walking path near the shuffleboard courts passed unanimously.
- Motion to keep perimeter hedges no more than 12' passed unanimously.
- Motion to pay off the current loan and put interest saved back into reserves was tabled.

New Business

- Motion to renew the contract with Becker & Poliakoff for 2010 passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept proposal from Gerstle, Rosen, & Goldberg for 2010 annual audit passed unanimously.
- Motion to replace the condenser for Unit #5 now passed unanimously.
- Motion to replace all the other original A/C units at this time. (four 4 4-ton and one 3-ton) passed 5-1.
- Motion to accept proposal from Aspen Air to replace A/C units passed unanimously.



SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

Happy New Year. I have a few resolutions I'd like you to consider for your safety.

In case you haven't noticed, we have 13 red, octagonal signs on green poles scattered around the community. On the red signs is a word printed in white. Many of our residents and guests think that the word is SLOW, but in reality, it is **STOP**. We have come close to accidents numerous times but fortunately, that hasn't happened - yet. Please, resolve to come to a complete stop each and every time. Are you in such a hurry to get to dinner, movies, a doctor's appointment, tennis, golf or all the other excuses that I hear?

There are a few residents who continue to give their gate cards to aides and workers. This is against our community rules, and a campaign to end this practice has begun. We have the ability to deactivate a pass electronically and will do so if necessary. Our Board of Directors is considering going to a large expense to convert from a gate card and transponder system to a bar code system to prevent the use by unauthorized people.

Please use the voice mail system to authorize guests at the guardhouse. Calling the guards' telephone rather than the computer voice mail makes the process more difficult for everyone. Call the voice mail system at **375-8406** and follow the prompts. If you are unsure of how to work the system, call Bonnie or Ken at the clubhouse, and they will walk you through the procedure.

There have been a few instances of cars piggy backing through the El Clair Ranch gate. It is a dangerous practice, and it is easy to resolve. After coming through the gate, come to a full stop, which allows the gate arm to come down behind you. After stopping, continue on your way.

And last but not least, I'm sure that you have all noticed the small white signs with the 19 MPH speed limit. We ask that you use common sense when driving in the community before we have to investigate an unfortunate accident.

We wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Helen Aldoroty	Estelle Levy
Ruth Dessler	Sy Lubchansky
Stan Fox	Eileen Mehlman
Barbara Goodman	Paul Mendelsohn
Bernice Kozlin	Val Petroff
Rita Leidner	Irwin Shaneson
Myrna Levine	Jack Spinner

SYMPATHY

To Roz Jacob on the loss of her husband, Jake.

MESSAGES

To all my good friends and neighbors at Majestic Isles: Thank you for all the cards, gifts, donations and visits. Your caring was most appreciated.

Helen Aldoroty

Thank you all for your cards, visits, calls and "transportation service" for Ellie's visits to me. Without your support, my surgery and recuperation would have felt much longer.

Stan Fox

Many sincere thanks to my Majestic Isles friends and neighbors who called, sent cards and visited. Your concern was most appreciated.

Rita Leidner

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your best wishes and phone calls during my recent illness. Luv ya.

Sy Lubchansky

Many thanks to all my friends who called, sent cards, and visited me while I am recuperating from my recent surgery.

Harold Unger

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GOOD TO KNOW: The Florida Highway System has an emergency contact Web site where you can register so they will know whom to contact in the event of an emergency. www.flhsmv.gov/eci

MEET THE NEWSLETTER STAFF



We at Majestic Isles have our own "Music Man" – Josh Katz – who has been writing his popular monthly column for seven years. When he first started the column, it was called "The Big Band Era," but Josh broadened its scope by changing to "More Than Just the

Big Band Era." We all are privileged to learn some of the history of American music and the endless trivia facts with which Josh entertains us.

Josh has loved music, especially big band and Dixieland jazz, since he was a child. After his Army service in the mid-40s, Josh worked as a DJ and the musical director for a radio station in New Jersey. During this period of his life he got to meet many famous singers and band leaders, and even had dinner at Frank Sinatra's home in New Jersey.

In the early 1950s, Josh "got a real job" as the Director of Training for ADP (Automatic Data Processing). He was on the road frequently, training people and helping ADP open offices in a variety of places. This didn't help very much with his marriage.

Josh and his second wife, Lee, moved to Florida after Josh retired from ADP in 1996 and they were married in 1997 at the St. Regis Hotel in New York. They were the fifth family to move into Majestic Isles.

Josh purchased a set of drums for his son, who quickly became bored with them, so Josh "fooled around" with the drums and taught himself how to play. He learned so well that he was able to play professionally. He even served as an alternate at a jam session with Gene Krupa. Josh has been the drummer for many activities at Majestic Isles, although he finds it difficult these days to manage the physical work needed to carry and set up the drums.

As if music and his "real job" weren't enough, Josh also has much experience in sports. He was the statistician for WMCA for the NY Giants and was even offered a contract to play for a Class D minor league team, which he turned down.

Do you have a special interest that would make a good regular, occasional or one-time column for the newsletter? We're always looking for new features.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010

Harvey Galan and Sy Kugelmas have been reelected to the Majestic Isles Association Board of Directors and Doris Davidoff has been elected to a first term.

The officers for 2010 will be:

President	Joel Rosenthal
1 st V.P.	Harvey Galan
2 nd V.P.	Mort Goldstein
Treasurer	Sy Kugelmas
Asst. Treas.	Saul Siegel
Secretary	Janice Davidson
Member-at-large	Doris Davidoff

Best wishes for a productive year.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS

SPECIAL ELECTION

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19

Feb. 2, 2010: Special primary election for candidates to replace U.S. Representative Robert Wexler (D), who has resigned his position effective Jan. 3, 2010.

Candidates for U.S Representative are: Democrats: Ted Deutch, Ben Graber; Republicans: Joe Budd, Edward Lynch and Curt Price.

April 13, 2010: Special general election for Wexler's seat.

To vote in the special primary election, you must be registered by Jan. 4, 2010. For the special general election, you must be registered by March 15, 2010.

REGULAR ELECTION

LOCAL AND STATE OFFICES

Aug. 24, 2010 Primary election

Nov. 2, 2010 General election.

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

Information on all candidates may be found on the web at www.pbcelections.org. To obtain an absentee ballots call Palm Beach County Elections Office 561-656-6200. M.I. Resident Claire Deveney (561-504-3842) can also provide information.

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Highlights of the December 16, 2009 COBWRA Meeting

The December meeting of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations was held at Bellaggio.

Robert B. Hill, Bethesda Healthcare System

Mr. Hill joined Bethesda in 1971 and is President and CEO of Bethesda Healthcare System. BHS includes Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Bethesda Health City and the future Bethesda West Hospital. Their mission is “to provide quality health services in a caring manner.”

Bethesda was the **first hospital** to open in south Palm Beach County, opening its doors in 1959.

Bethesda is one of only three non-profit community hospitals in Palm Beach County. Every dollar earned stays in Palm Beach County to support and grow the facilities. No profits are shared with shareholders.

Bethesda West Hospital will be built on the NW corner of Boynton Beach Blvd. and US441/SR7. Having 58 acres allows for future expansion as needed by community growth. Groundbreaking will be in the spring 2010. Construction will take about 36 months.

The hospital will have 70 patient all-private rooms and 10 all-private critical care rooms – the only hospital on the East Coast of Florida providing all private rooms. It can expand to up to 400 rooms.

The hospital will be full service with a 24-hour emergency room, complete diagnostic and imaging services and laboratory and pharmacy services.

There will be four operating rooms, 22 post ambulatory surgery preparation/recovery bays, two endoscopy suites and eight post-anesthesia care areas. Services include respiration therapy, infusion, and physical rehab.

The hospital is designed to be energy efficient utilizing natural light and a unique design for mechanical and air conditioning equipment. All mechanical equipment will be installed on the third floor. This makes the A/C work better since cooled air does not have to be pushed as far. The equipment is not exposed to the elements and hurricane winds.

The new hospital features patient and visitor friendly designs. There will be separate elevators for patients and visitors. Meal service is like hotel room service: When ready to eat, call and order your meal.

All medical records are electronic and doctors and nurses will be connected at all times. Medication is prescribed electronically and supervised bedside to make sure each patient gets the right medicine at the right time and at the right dosage.

There will be conference facilities for family and community education as well as a private chapel and healing garden. The entire hospital will have Wi-Fi.

The Bethesda West Campus will have a 48,000 SF medical office building opening at the same time and has space for more medical offices when needed.

Mr. Hill thanked COBWRA saying Bethesda West would not have been approved without the support of COBWRA and the people in West Boynton.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

BCC Chair, Commissioner Burt Aaronson apologized that the **traffic signal at Flavor Pict and Hagen Ranch Roads** is delayed and may not be completed until early next year but he hopes it will be working by Dec 23. He was pleased the BCC passed the Ethics Commission, Inspector General and Code of Ethics ordinances.

State Representative Maria Sachs, Dist 86, said she believes ethics legislation is needed in Tallahassee citing the “Wafflegate” e-mail scandal recently revealed.

Capt. Marty Bechtel, PBSO Dist. 6, reported 80 **vehicle burglaries** with 46 unlocked cars. If valuables can be seen inside a locked car, thieves smash a window

COBWRA Reports

President Ken Lassiter: City of Boynton Beach Commissioners authorized discussions with the County on **annexations of western communities** east of the E-3 canal (between Military Tr. and El Clair Ranch Rd.) over the next 20 years. COBWRA is watching.

Gerry Morrison, Growth Management Chair: reported a proposal for a 103 child Day Care Center in the Shoppes of Woolbright on Jog Road. The request for Development Order Amendment to allow a day care center was approved by the delegates with 2 conditions to improve the safety of children.

Joan Brunswick, Health & Flu Shots Chair: the **H1N1 Vaccine Clinics begin Monday, Jan 4, 2010**. Forty-seven communities and 10,000 people signed up for shots. The vaccine is free and most health insurance plans will pay for the \$15 administrative cost of inoculation.

Future Meetings (Open to the public)

Jan 5, 6:30 pm: Growth Management at PBSO Dist. 6
Jan 20, 9:30 am: COBWRA meeting at **Platina**, (Boynton Beach Blvd. west of Military Trail) Speaker: Gary Nikolits, PBC Property Appraiser and Primary Candidates for the special Congressional Election
—Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications
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Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*



If you asked ten people their favorite flower, probably nine would say the rose, and in south Florida the one exception would be an orchid lover. It is very easy for me to answer this question because I am a lover of roses. Why? Because no other flower offers so much! There's the wonderful, almost sensuous way a rose opens. The petals unfurl slowly, gently and softly. The colors are so vivid and brilliant on a bright sunny day. How about the fragrance when you stick your nose in a rose and take a deep breath? In south Florida we can enjoy the blooms all year in 2010.

Let's explore growing roses in containers in Majestic Isles. Roses are great plants for growing in containers. Choose the right pot, a sunny location and you can turn this plant into a feature on your patio or along the entry to your home. Growing roses in containers makes the plant mobile so that you can relocate it when not in bloom, cart it off to a sunnier location, and when adverse weather is upon us, you can move the plant to a protected location.

To illustrate container rose gardening let's select and plant the Knockout rose that is ideal for a container and is one of several varieties that grow well in the hot humid south Florida environment. This rose produces non-stop deep cherry double blossoms with 5 to 7 petals and has a light fragrance. Knockout is a compact bushy plant that has deep green foliage and is exceptionally resistant to diseases.

You can choose from dozens of containers, such as clay pots (terra cotta), plastic pots or wooden pots. As a general rule, bigger is better. The more soil a container holds, the more root space your rose has and the more moisture it can retain. I prefer a plastic pot some 14 to 22 inches in diameter. Your pot must have drainage holes in the bottom so that water can drain.

Use a good soilless mix, not the sandy soil from your garden. The mix should contain a mixture of peat moss, perlite, ground bark and a touch of fertilizer. Fill the container halfway with the soilless potting mix and wet the potting mix. Place the rose plant in the container on the top of the mix. Fill the rest of the container with potting mix so that the bud union is about an inch above the surface. Water the pot thoroughly, let it drain and then repeat. Because the potting mix dries out fast on hot, windy summer days, particularly in a container, you must water often. Frequent watering leaches nutrients from the soil, so you need to fertilize container grown roses often, at least every two weeks with a water soluble fertilizer.

Just a reminder for the New Year: a few nice pots of Knockout roses can turn a patio into a perfectly ornamented garden room, or they can turn a front entry into an entry that elegantly says "Welcome."

Happy Gardening in 2010!

MILESTONES

By Joan Sorkin

Eileen and Marvin Paul celebrate 60 years of marriage.



Wedding Date: Nov. 18, 1949 eloped – Jan. 29, 1950 Orthodox synagogue wedding

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

How they met: Eileen and Marvin lived across the street from each other, and their families encouraged them to date, which they gladly did.

Former occupations: Marvin worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad and then went into automobile sales. He retired as a top ranking Cadillac salesman for the Philadelphia Region. Eileen worked as a medical secretary for ten years. They both did volunteer work for the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia. After vacationing in Florida for many years, they decided to live in Majestic Isles. They were snowbirds for four years, then moved here permanently in 2004.

Family: The Paul's son, Mitchell, is an attorney in Philadelphia. They have two grandsons. Matt will graduate from Penn State this year and Jarrett is finishing college and lives in Costa Rica.

How they celebrated: At a future date, they will be celebrating with their family.

Secret of a successful marriage: Like most of us, the Pauls have gone through good times and bad, but somehow their love pulled them through. Love brought them together and gave each a friend for life. They are very thankful for all the 60 years together and pray for many more healthy and happy ones.



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VISITING:**Harvey and Sally Galan**

By Claire Deveney



Harvey and Sally Galan are friendly and hospitable and very helpful.

Harvey, who was born and raised in Borough Park, Brooklyn, went to P.S. 131, John J. Pershing Junior High School and New Utrecht High School. He graduated from Colby Academy and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at Long Island University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 and was stationed at the Army's Chemical Center in Edgewood, Md.

Harvey and Sally met on a blind date set up by Harvey's next-door neighbor. On their first date they went to Greenwich Village. Eight months later they became engaged and were married two months after that, in June 1959. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past June.

Sally was born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens. She attended P.S. 117 in Briarwood, Queens, and graduated from Forest Hills High School. She's an alumna of Hunter College where she majored in sociology and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. Sally went to graduate school at Long Island University where she earned her master's degree in special education. Sally taught elementary and junior high school special education classes in Queens for many years. "I loved it," says Sally.

Before she met Harvey, Sally worked in the jewelry business. After they were married and while their children were young, she worked as a substitute in special education. When her children were older, she became a full time special education teacher until her 1998 retirement.

The Galan's first apartment was in Queens. Harvey worked for four years as a chemist for a medium-sized paint manufacturing company. During W.W. II, Harvey's father worked in a Bronx defense plant that made paint, and in 1946 he started a small paint manufacturing company. When his father died in 1962, Harvey was 30 years old. He took over the business, developed it, bought another paint factory

and moved the business to a larger building. He expanded the business and ran it very successfully for 36 years before retiring in 1998. Lewis, his son-in-law, now runs the paint business.

Harvey's grandfather on his mother's side owned a paint factory. His grandfather on his father's side was a house painter. "We had paint on both sides," explains Harvey with a smile.

Harvey and Sally have two grown children who live in Long Island, N.Y. Their daughter, Abbe, son-in-law, Lewis, and their children, Emily 19, and Matthew, 14, live in Great Neck. The Galens' son, Steven, lives with his wife, Shari, and their two children, Amanda, 17, and Jenna, 14, in Plainview. Abbe and Steven's spouses are brother and sister, whom Abbe and Steven met as children while spending their summer at a bungalow colony in the Catskills. Abbe met Lewis at age 13, and Steven met Shari when they were age 10. Shari attended Steven's Bar Mitzvah!

Harvey and Sally say they moved to Florida to "get out of the snow" and "get out of the cold." They moved to Majestic Isles 11 years ago. They spend their summers in New York. This gives them about 10 weeks to enjoy visiting with their children, grandchildren and New York friends.

The Galens are life members of the M.I. Cancer Research Unit of the Pap Corps. They are also members of the Social Club and M.I.L.T. Sally is a member of the Women's Club. Harvey has just been elected to a third term on the M.I. Board of Directors.

The Galans' have traveled to every continent, except Antarctica and Australia. Their next trip is in the planning stages. They also enjoy musicals and shows.

They are dedicated individuals who contribute to all their endeavors and we are fortunate to have them as neighbors at M.I.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Did you hear that loud bang? That was the sound of the door closing on the first decade of the 21st century. Maybe you were one of those people hiding under a desk or in a cave on December 31, 1999, while you waited for the modern world as we knew it to implode when the computer run society failed as the calendar rolled over to 2000. Satellites would fall from the sky, traffic lights and bank machines would fail, and riots and mayhem would ensue. Well, none of that happened, but if you are still into that doomsday philosophy, you will have to wait for 2012 when the Mayan calendar predicts the end of the world. You might want to buy another case of bottled water and carton of beef jerky.

In spite of the fact that we did manage to make it through the millennium, there's no denying that in the ten years since then we have managed to give ourselves and our planet a good shaking up. Nine-eleven effectively jolted us out of our complacent pose as safe, isolated Americans. Ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq seem endless. In the meantime, all kinds of things that seemed so safe have become menacing. Almost every day a food safety issue warns us of hidden dangers from everything from toys to dry wall. Even Mother Nature has become quirky. Natural disasters all over the globe had horrific impact: earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in the paradise of Hawaii, tsunamis in Pacific nations, hurricanes so powerful that levees were breached and wiped out almost the entire city of New Orleans.

You don't have to believe in global warming to see changes in glaciers and weather all over the world. Scientists observe polar animals far from their natural habitats searching for food, and droughts and forest fires seem more and more common.

Of course, shaking up the world can have some interesting effects. The Red Sox managed to shake off their near century old "Curse of the Bambino" and win not one, but two World Series. An historic presidential election that seemed to be a precursor of welcomed social change occurred, but unfortunately has shown great fissures in American society and hardening political party lines making politics even more venomous than before.

Familiar political faces have disappeared. Bill Clinton, thinner, grayer, can be spotted occasionally,

lurking like the ghost of Christmas Past in the background. A super-sized Al Gore still turns up with his calls for a greener environment. The former administration figures are almost invisible, though presidential rival McCain is prominent on the Washington scene while running mate Sarah Palin makes the talk show rounds, apparently trying out for Oprah's slot now that Oprah has announced her departure. Talk about an earthquake in the media!

But some things never change. Governor Rod Blagojevich of Illinois was accused of corruption in office and forced out. Governor Mark Sanford of South Carolina faced charges of being an idiot while in office for his unexplained absence to romp with his South American mistress. Potential vice-presidential candidate John Edwards was "outed" for making whoopee while on the campaign trail. And even our mighty sports hero, Tiger Woods showed that he was too human. He apparently needs a scorecard to keep up with his extra-curricular activities as well as his golf strokes.

And of course, to top off the decade, a worldwide recession similar to 1929 and a pandemic of flu, like the post World War influenza epidemic have created havoc. Whew! Any wonder that we are glad to leave 2009 behind?

So what's an ordinary person to do once the balloons have been popped, your hangover from apple juice and cheap wine has gone, and a new decade has started? If you are like me, you'll write in 2010 on your first 20 or so blank checks so you can remember the date, and try to figure out whether the new year is pronounced, "twenty-ten" or "two thousand and ten."

The IRS tax forms will arrive in the mail along with the bills for all the holiday presents you weren't going to buy. In short, life will go on and with it our hopes that things will get better. And instead of just complaining about everything, may we all help to be part of the forces that make life better, starting here in our own little paradise.





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By Arlene Levin



If you are looking for a really great crab cake, Baltimore is the place to be. Bordered by the Chesapeake Bay, “Charm City” offers some of the finest seafood and much more. Since the opening of Harborplace, located at the foot of a once flourishing downtown area in 1980, multitudes of residents and tourists have been treated to its sights, sounds, and tastes. This waterfront oasis boasts a first class aquarium, science center, convention center, and an amphitheater featuring top performers. A short water taxi ride can take you to the quaint Fells Point neighborhood where the television series *Homicide* was filmed.

Just a stone’s throw away from the harbor is Camden Yards, home to the 1966 World Series Orioles. Today, football fans cheer for the Super Bowl winning Ravens. The pain of seeing their beloved Colts spirited away to Indianapolis has not dampened support for the game.

Historically, Baltimore’s harbor has served as more than just a magnet for visitors. Its growing economy relied on industries such as General Motors, McCormick Spice Co., London Fog and Lever Bros. to name a few. Some are still operating today. The now defunct Glen L. Martin and Bethlehem Steel plants were vital contributors to the war effort, turning out airplanes, ships, and steel for defense.

In the 40’s and 50’s Baltimore had the flavor of a small town. The local pharmacy, with its pinball machines and soda fountain, was the neighborhood hangout. For a nickel, you could purchase a codfish cake that was perched atop the counter along with mustard and crackers. Five cents more bought a cherry coke to wash it down. Nothing could satisfy the summer heat as well as a flavored snowball with a scoop of ice cream in the middle. Whenever I return to Baltimore I seek out the one place that still makes a plain chocolate soda. The “Diner,” made famous by Barry Levinson, served delicious toasted cinnamon nut sticks, a perfect compliment to a cup of coffee after a movie date.

On a more serious note, landmarks that serve and lend prestige to the city are Johns Hopkins Hospital and University, the Kennedy Krieger Institute founded by Eunice Kennedy, The Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the Peabody Institute of Music. Cultural appetites are nourished by many museums, concert halls and professional theatres.

Most prominent among past and present residents of Baltimore were literary giants Edgar Allan Poe and H.L. Mencken. Speaker of the House Nancy D’Alessandro Pelosi, whose father and brother both served as mayor, traces her roots to the still thriving Little Italy community. Other personalities of note are Babe Ruth, Wallis Simpson (for whom King Edward VIII of England gave up his throne), Mama Cass Elliot, Rosa Ponsell, John Waters, Redd Fox, Anne Tyler, and Oprah Winfree, who was discovered on a morning talk show she co-hosted.

From a fledgling seaport in colonial days, my hometown has earned recognition as a modern metropolitan center. It also has the distinction shared by no other city in the United States....it was here, at Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key penned the words to “The Star Spangled Banner.”

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MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz



LOUIS PRIMA

Best remembered for his Vegas act of the 50s, Louis Prima was the ultimate showman. Loud, boisterous, and completely out front, his mix of rhythm and blues, big band music, Italian novelty tunes, and Dixieland made him one of the hottest performers of his era.

Raised in New Orleans, Prima studied violin as a child. He took up the trumpet at age fourteen after his brother, who was also a musician, went on tour and left behind an old instrument. Prima taught himself how to play. In the late 20s he began to perform professionally, influenced by **Louis Armstrong** and the rich jazz heritage of his hometown.

In 1934 Prima moved to New York at the suggestion of bandleader Guy Lombardo. He soon organized his own band, the New Orleans Gang, for an engagement at the Famous Door. They quickly proved popular via recordings. Despite this success, Prima remained relatively unknown to the general public, except as composer of the song "Sing, Sing, Sing," a big hit for **Benny Goodman** in the late 1930s.

In 1939 Prima formed a large band and finally broke through in 1944 with "Angelina," the first of several Italian novelty hits. Other songs written or performed by Prima during the late 40s include "Bell Bottom Trousers," "Robin Hood," and "A Sunday Kind of Love." In 1948 Prima hired 16-year-old Dorothy Keely. He found a perfect foil in the shy young singer, whom he renamed **Keely Smith**. The two produced a strong chemistry together. Playing off their opposite personalities, they quickly became the focus of each performance. In 1950 Prima broke up the band and formed a successful nightclub act with Smith. In 1953, they married.

By late 1954, Prima began to look towards Las Vegas. He recruited popular New Orleans tenor saxophonist **Sam Butera** to put together a small group for a booking at the Sahara Hotel. Billed as the "Wildest Show in Vegas," the new act was an immediate hit, and Prima was suddenly in demand, appearing frequently on TV and in film. He signed with Capitol Records, producing several albums over

the next few years and charting several hits." In 1958 he and Smith won a Grammy for their rendition of "That Old Black Magic."

In 1961 Prima took his show to the Desert Inn. His popularity was at its peak, and the move resulted in lucrative contracts. At the same time, however, problems in his marriage with Smith finally came to a head. She divorced him and left the act, causing him to lose out on both deals. Prima signed singer **Gia Maione** and continued performing. His popularity suffered, though, without Smith.

In 1967 Disney signed Prima to voice the character of King Louis in the *Jungle Book*, briefly bolstering his flagging career. By the early 1970s Prima was no longer able to draw the same type of crowds that he had previously drawn, and he and Butera moved back to New Orleans, where they frequently played in the French Quarter. In 1975 he underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor. During the operation he fell into a coma and never regained consciousness. Louis Prima passed away in 1978.

Keely Smith is still alive and still performing. We saw her last year with the Palm Beach Pops. Sam Butera passed away a few months ago.

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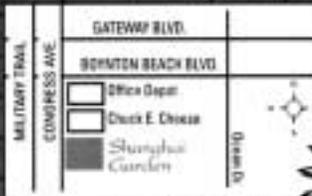
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By Donna Shaneson

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LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

From the Internet

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Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

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NOSTALGIA

By Thelma Mechanic

Wistful memories of “the good, old days” are called “nostalgia.” In retrospect, we have many memories, good and bad, etched in our heads.

Songwriters often take us down memory lane with lilting lyrics that were understood and often sung. “The Anniversary Waltz” and “I’ll Be Loving You, Always” were played at many weddings in the 50’s. Compare that to “rap” music and the incomprehensible words that accompany the “music” today.

Radio was the only source of news and mass communication before T.V. President Franklin Roosevelt was known for his “Fireside Chats” and families would sit together to listen and/or be entertained by radio serials: Jack Benny, Amos & Andy, Joe Penner (“Wanna buy a duck?”) were favorites. Television was the breakthrough in the 50’s. Those with newly acquired TV sets had “television parties,” in which the have-nots would join the TV homeowners on Tuesday nights to watch “Uncle Miltie” on the Texaco Star Theatre. There was no competitive TV then, and families sat together to watch the show. Today, each family has multiple TV sets; children have TV in their rooms; you have one in the kitchen, den, etc. Now we also have HDTVs and VCRs and DVDs and more channels than we can watch!

Then suddenly we were in the Computer Age with lots of new technology; bye-bye to the handwritten letter. Forget the stamp; send e-mails. Give away your typewriter – the computer does it all, and more! Now we have Facebook, Twitter, I-pods, and the “Smart Phone”.

“Ma Bell” has been largely replaced by the cell phone. Cell phones definitely have many advantages. Still, I recall telephones where you dialed “O” for operator and got a human response. Your phone number usually indicated the area you lived in: ESplanade 7, PEnnsylvania 6, etc.

How many of you experience the following: Punching in the area code and number, only to be told that a “1” must precede the area code. Hang up and follow directions, only to be told that “1” is not

necessary for the number called. Truly, it’s a “Catch 22” experience.

They tell us that bills can be paid by phone. I complied and someone took my credit card number, followed by name, address, and then, “What country?” At that point I asked where I was calling and without hesitation, he responded, “Bangladesh.” Has the world shrunk or what?

Technology has taken over our lives. But there are disadvantages as well as the many advantages gained. (Do we need to be concerned about our computer catching a “virus,” or even “crashing?”)

Or the addiction some computer owners exhibit – seldom leaving the computer (playing games, seeking plane tickets, researching information, etc.). Our lives today are completely computerized -- automobiles, the alarms in our homes. What will be next?

That’s why I am so nostalgic. Life was not as frenzied as today, when people become stressed trying to be supermoms and dads. Fortunately, our children and grandchildren were born “wired” to function in this new technology. They have become our tutors and we are the students.

Am I being too nostalgic about the good, old days? Yes and NO. I look forward to 2010 and wish you the best in the year ahead of us “For Auld Lang Syne.”

New Year Wishes

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So you may enjoy each day in comfort.

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And Peace within your heart.

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That you may enjoy the work of God.

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TAX CORNER

By Mel Burstein

Your Federal Personal Tax Exemption for 2009 has increased from \$3,500 to \$3,650. The standard deduction for 2009 for married couples filing jointly, or qualifying widows is \$11,400, for singles \$5,700, for married filing separately \$5,700, and for head of households \$8,400. There is an additional standard deduction for those 65 and older or blind. That amount is \$1,100 for those who are married and filing jointly, qualifying widows or married filing separately. The amount for those who are single or head of a household is \$1,400. If a taxpayer does not itemize his deductions and the taxpayer uses the standard deduction, the deduction is increased by the lesser of the amount allowable to the taxpayer as a deduction for state and local real estate taxes or \$500 if single, and \$1,000 if married filing jointly. Filers who add real estate taxes, sales tax on vehicles or disaster losses to their standard deduction must file a new schedule L with their tax returns.

The standard deductible mileage rate for use of your automobile in 2009 is 55.5 cents per mile for business use, 24 cents for medical and moving and 14 cents for charitable use.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act you can make energy efficient home improvements and take an energy credit on your tax return up to 30% of the cost not to exceed \$1,500. The improvements include exterior windows and doors, storm windows and doors, roofs, central air conditioning (must meet certain requirements), hot water heaters and other types of improvements. The credit does not apply to new construction and the improvement must last a minimum of five years. It is a non-refundable credit, meaning that it can only be applied against any tax you owe for the year of purchase (2009 or 2010). If you owe less than \$1500 in taxes, the result will be that your tax would be zero and any balance of the \$1,500 not applied will not be refundable.

Do you have a home that has appreciated in value, a small mortgage or none at all, or do you itemize your deductions and have adult children? You can create a tax break by selling your home to your children. If you are no longer reaping any of the homeowners tax benefits why not sell the house to your children at a

fair price (qualified appraisal) and rent it right back from them at the going rate. You immediately gain access to your home equity (without moving or refinancing) and the kids would pick up some generous new tax deductions.

After the December issue of the Majestic Isles News went to press, Congress passed an amendment to the first homebuyers' rules. The tax credit of \$ 8,000 for first time homebuyers that was originally scheduled to lapse Nov. 30, 2009 has been extended to April 30, 2010. You must have a binding contract signed by April 30, 2010 and must close by June 30, 2010. The amendment now includes current homeowners who have owned their home for five consecutive years out of the last eight years. They will now qualify for a credit of 10% of the purchase price of the new home, not to exceed \$6,500 if they purchase another home after Nov. 30, 2009 and before May 1, 2010. Homes selling for more than \$800,000 don't qualify for either credit. To qualify, the home must be the principal residence of first time homebuyers as well as current homebuyers. To close a loophole in the rules barring the credit to relatives, no credit will be allowed for purchasing a home after Nov. 6, 2009 from your in-laws.

The 2009 tax returns will be a little more complicated than before, even if you have an uncomplicated return. If you use the standard deduction rather than itemize your deductions you will now have to fill out a schedule L. The draft form of Schedule L has presently 21 steps you may have to go through to complete. Another new form that must be filed is Schedule M. This form is necessary because of the stimulus credit that you received during 2009. If you fail to file this form, you will not be allowed to claim the credit, and in effect you will be repaying the stimulus cash you received in 2009. Schedule B for reporting interest and dividends is now a separate form, and is no longer on the back of Schedule A. The sales tax deduction for new vehicles used by itemizers requires a new worksheet which now takes up the back of Schedule A.



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INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Al Silverman Facilitator

Continuing with last month's discussion, little has changed. The market is in a recovery mode. The economy is struggling. The housing market is still in serious stress. We are fighting two wars. Our national debt is humongous and may endanger our relationship with other countries. No wonder it is difficult to make a forecast for the coming year.

So let's look at what is happening now as of Dec. 14, 2009. We are into tax selling time where we match our gains vs. losses to minimize our taxable income. We may also sell losing positions and, after 31 days, buy back the same stocks or similar stocks to re-establish new positions at a lower cost basis. Investment companies are engaging in window dressing by selling losing positions and replacing them with better securities to impress their investors that they are in quality issues or have better growth potential.

At every meeting we ask the question, "Where do we go from here?" If we remain guided by the quest for income with some growth if possible, we remain on a safer path than if we go for long term growth, – which may be more rewarding – but far more risky. Barron's ran an article on Dec. 7, 2009 titled "Even Better Than Bonds." This article favored buying utility and telecom stocks – as well as master limited partnerships (MLP) focusing on the transportation and storage of natural gas and oil-related products. How will utility stocks be affected if we experience inflation? Will telecom stocks act the same way? Once again, how about MLP's? We discussed the possible effect that inflation may have on these securities at our meeting.

We have talked about Master Limited Partnerships (MLP) on many occasions in the past because of their ability to provide high income with a modest amount of growth. Their yields currently run in the range of 7% to 10% and offer the potential for capital gains and rising income to offset inflation. Similarly, we've discussed the attributes of Canadian Royalty Trusts. Since the Canadian Government will alter the tax rules for trusts in 2011, many Trusts have converted or plan to convert to a corporate structure where they will be taxed at a lower corporate rate than that of a trust. If they remain with the trust structure, the tax

rate will increase to 40% from the present 15%. For the record, MLP's and Trusts issue tax Form K-1 while corporations issue the more familiar Form 1099. What is the difference? – You may need an accountant or TurboTax to prepare your tax return if you receive a Form K-1.

As we usually do at our meetings, we reviewed a large number of income producing securities including many that were mentioned by some of the attendees. The meeting was well attended. Come on down in January and join the fun.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to all.



Flavors of Florida (cont. from p. 21)

March 28. The exhibit tells the art and history of the games and features a great collection of pinball machines. Family Day is Jan. 30 from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

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MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

General Meeting Dec. 14, 2009

By Selma Friedman



The whimsical “Who-people,” citizens of “Who-ville,” filled our screen in M.I.L.T.’s joyous presentation of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”.

The original story was penned by the wonderful, lyrical and humorous Theodore Seuss Geisel, Dr. Seuss. He credits his mother with both his ability and desire to create the rhymes for which he became so well known.

Marilyn Milano, Irene Freedman, and Claire Friedman brought the classic story to life visually with their charming drawings. Ira Schneider, AKA the computer guru, transferred these adorable pictures onto a CD. Doris Davidoff then transferred the entire project from her computer onto our screen, and there we were in “Who-ville.” Ed Stauber, who efficiently operated the computer showing us the artwork as the story progressed, was assisted by Marty Baron on the spotlight. Ed also took care of all audio work.

Doris Davidoff and Estelle Snyder served as our “Who-ville” narrators, delighting us with every mood change. Selma Friedman composed eight songs for the presentation, adding another dimension to the show. Our “Who-ville” singers were Marilyn Chermak, Doris Davidoff, Francine Gitto, Roberta Jaffie, Linda Kessler, Herb Levin, Estelle Snyder, Marvin Sorkin, and Gloria Steingart.

The combination of the arts – poetry, art and music – made for a multi-sensory program. It was very well received and enjoyed by the delighted audience.

Enid Bayer began the program with an informative and interesting introduction, telling about Theodore Geisel’s life, background and success as a world-famous author of children’s books.

On a personal note, my thanks to all involved. This program has a special place in my heart. And another thank you to those who gave a helping hand along the way whenever needed.

January 10, 2010 is our next meeting. Seena Calder will present “Chuckles with Chekhov.” Feb 14th will be “One More Time”, produced by Arlene Levin and Selma Friedman. Our paid show, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28 will be the well-known book show, “Send Me No Flowers.”

Remember to participate in a M.I.L.T. show, you must be a M.I.L.T. member. Dues for 2010 are now payable. Join us; it really is fun.



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MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Bobbe Greene

Majestic Isles Chapter of Hadassah is proud to announce that Adele Freitag has been selected as the Woman of Valor from our chapter. The award dinner will be held at Broken Sound Country Club on Sunday, March 14, 2010. A tribute journal is being published and anyone wishing to honor Adele can put checks in the Hadassah box to Marge Rosin's attention. One line is \$18, 1/2 page is \$50 with a maximum of three names, and a full page is \$100 with a maximum of 6 names. Mazal Tov Adele!

The Membership Appreciation luncheon will be held in the clubhouse on Monday, Jan. 25 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy the music provided by singer, Blanca Bassion. Get your tables together, and put your checks for \$14 in our box in the back lobby.

Judy Radin and Phyllis Cohen have been presenting some very interesting study groups sessions. On January 18 at 3:30 p.m. the program will be "A Taste of Machon," at which the Machon group that has been meeting monthly in homes will hold their discussion of David and Bathsheba at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to come see what we've been up to and to participate.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, a very interesting day is planned at the FAU Live Oaks Pavilion. A Women's Symposium entitled "Jewish Women: Agents of Change" will include four seminars and a kosher box lunch. The covert is \$36 for the day. For more information on classes and car-pooling call Joan at 737-8722.

The annual card party is being held at Benevenuto's on Feb. 3, 2010. There will be many vendors with lovely purses, jewelry and clothing. Organize your card game now and put your checks with your meal choice (salmon, tilapia or vegetable quiche) for \$33 into our mailbox.

This month Rosh Chodesh, the gathering in honor of the new moon, will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Morikami picnic area.

We want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year. May the year 2010 bring peace to Israel and to the world.

SNOWBIRDS

By Marilyn J. Levy



Our welcome back brunch was held on Friday, Dec. 18 at the clubhouse. The committee did a wonderful job, shopping, preparing, setting up and cleaning up. We owe Mark Jaffie, Sid Kaufman, Sy Bochner, Lil Desnet and Pearl Kornblau a big thank you for all their efforts. Joel Rosenthal and his wife, Rosalie were our guests for lunch. Joel spoke and brought us up to date on life at Majestic Isles.

Bobbe and Jack Greene have organized a theater party for us on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. to see "42nd St." at the Stage Door Theater in Coral Springs. The tickets are \$29 for club members and \$31 for nonmembers.

Ellen Alexander has arranged a trip to Jonathan Dickinson Park in Hobe Sound 5 miles north of Jupiter on Route 1. The headwaters of the Loxahatchee River are in the park. Trapper Nelson built several buildings on an island in the river. A park ranger will take us by boat to the island and give us a tour of the buildings and fill us in on the history of the land and the river. The park is home to much wildlife, golden eagles and sand cranes.

For March, Irwin Finkelstein, Joyce Spiess and Joan Greenwald are planning a farewell gala.

Please mark your calendars for our short informative business meetings on the third Friday of the month. These will be on Jan. 18, Feb. 5, and March 5. We need your attendance and input at these meetings to keep the club active.



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M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Bobbe Greene

Many thanks to jewelry designer, Phyllis Pinsel, for holding the "Joy for Jewelry" sale in her home to benefit Cancer Research. The afternoon was a huge success, and Phyllis was a most gracious hostess.

For the first time, on Jan. 28, 2010, Coins for the Cure will be held in the beautiful Majestic Isles ballroom. An elegant, varied, hot buffet will be served by the staff of reputed caterer, In Good Taste Catering by Stacy. Former Broadway entertainer, Steve Leeds, will add to the afternoon's enjoyment. Vendors will arrive at 11 a.m. for your shopping pleasure. Table arrangements will be made for you or you may put all checks for \$37 per person in one envelope for your own table of 8. Don't miss this event of good entertainment and great food for an even greater cause.

The next general meeting will be on Feb. 25 at 12 noon in the clubhouse. A light lunch will be served and we will enjoy the beautiful voices of the Olympic Heights High School Chorus.

A few tickets are still available for "Singing in The Rain." Please note a correction from last month's column: The show at the Broward Stage Door Theatre will be for the 2 p.m. performance on Saturday March 6. Tickets are \$32 each.

The Annual Walk-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the FAU-Boca Raton Campus. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$15 and includes a tee-shirt, a bottle of water, continental breakfast, health fair, entertainment, camaraderie and lectures by the Sylvester staff. For further information, call Enid (733-1187); Helen (733-4244); Sandy (742-5865) or Lois (742-8693)

SAVE THE DATE:
March 25, 2010, Membership Appreciation meeting

Happy New Year everyone!!!!

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Sandy Gardner and Myrna Levine

A special thank you to Marcia Vetstein for organizing the collection of items for Abused Women. We filled a complete truckload! Gladys Cohen deserves credit for assisting in this endeavor.

Our installation of officers on January 11, 2010 will be held in our ballroom and our Honorary Women's Club member, Bonnie Haberstick, will install them. A light lunch will be served for \$10 per person. The checks should be in one envelope for tables of 10. The entertainer will be singer Mindy McGee. This function is for **members only**.

Saturday evening Feb. 13, 2010 will feature our joint Valentines' Party with the Men's Club. Further information will be forthcoming, so watch for fliers in the back lobby and on Channel 63.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 we will be going back to Murder On The Beach Bookstore. Price \$25 per person includes lunch and a copy of the book autographed by the author, who will also discuss the book. The author's name and book title are not available at this point, but that information will be in the February newsletter. Check fliers in the back lobby for choice of menu that should be noted on your check.

Hold date open for our Appreciation Luncheon on Monday, March 8, 2010.

We wish everybody a Healthy, Happy 2010



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Contacts: Marilyn Friedberg - 742-5766
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SOCIAL CLUB

By Florence Cohen, Rita Dick and Sylvia Fefferman

The Social Club Board wishes everyone in our community a healthy and happy new year.

In 2009 we presented a number of shows, with some top entertainers at our Series Shows. Beginning in January, we featured Mal Z Lawrence and Andy Davis; in February, Judy Scott and Rick Corso; and for the final show in March, The Platters. Our audiences were delighted with the performances. The 2010 Series lineup should prove to be just as appealing.

Other functions organized by the Social Club were a Memorial Day Party with entertainer Larry Brendler and a Labor Day Luau with music and a show by Randy Stevens. Both events were fun-filled evenings for the partygoers. We concluded the season with a Halloween Square Dance featuring caller Burt Somers.

Bimonthly movies provided residents with a variety of genres. We thank Marvin Sorkin and his helpers for their commitment in making these showings possible.

Shows and parties are being arranged for another great year. Your Social Club welcomes all residents to volunteer their help for our functions. Without them our parties would not be as successful as they have been.

Dues, now being accepted for 2010, are \$5 per person.

Just two reminders:

Tickets are still available for the 2010 Series with more comfortable seating. Contact Arlene Koch (736-4315) or Joan Sorkin (733-8380) for information.

Our first show on January 23 will start with a champagne reception at 7 p.m., one hour prior to showtime.

SINGLES SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

The Singles who attended the holiday party reported a great time. We enjoyed a delicious dinner and a surprise entertainer.

We expect our New Year's Eve celebration will be great. We will be touring Sarasota and Venice (FL) December 31 and January 1.

Upcoming events:

January 9, Sunday at 4 p.m.: Board meeting, followed by a general membership meeting at 5 p.m., with a box dinner from TooJay's and games. Please plan your own game. Cost per person is \$5 (paid up members only). Put your check in the Singles Box.

Coming up:

February 7, Sunday: Dinner and show. \$20 per person. You may pay at January Meeting

March 5, Sunday: Plans are pending for a gambling evening at The Isles. Additional information will be available at the January and February meetings.

April 10, Saturday: Bruce Smirnoff, at Rinker Playhouse- Kravis Center. Sold out; wait list only.

May 1, Saturday: Norton Museum with docent. We'll meet at 1 p.m. Dinner, after the tour, is optional.

"In the Works:" Trip to Washington D.C.

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BOOK TALKS AND MORE

By Judy Markowitz



On Wednesday, January 20th Harvey Vetstein will review the book “**The Spire**” by Richard North Patterson. The book is a psychological suspense novel focused on characters, story and setting.

The story opens as a relatively young but extremely successful Boston trial lawyer named Mark Darrow returns to Caldwell, a small private Midwestern college where 20 years before he had been a football star. There he had discovered the love of reasoning and the power of ideas under the tutelage of Lionel Farr. Farr’s philosophy classes defined Darrow’s studies the way the so-called spire, the bell tower at the center of the campus, marked Caldwell’s grounds.

When Darrow returns to take over the presidency of Caldwell, the college is facing a major financial scandal. Even as he tackles this problem, Darrow becomes intrigued by the possibility that his college best friend, Steve Tillman, has served nearly 20 years in a nearby prison for a murder he did not commit.

If you wish to learn what happens next, you will have to read the book and/or come to our January 20 meeting to hear the dynamic Harvey Vetstein.

MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY, JAN. 16 at 8 p.m.: THE PROPOSAL When she learns that she’s in danger of losing her visa status and being deported back to her native Canada, overbearing book editor Margaret Tate ([Sandra Bullock](#)) forces her put-upon assistant, Andrew Paxton ([Ryan Reynolds](#)), to marry her. Directed by [Anne Fletcher](#) (27 Dresses), this romantic comedy also stars [Craig T. Nelson](#) and [Mary Steenburgen](#) as Andrew’s parents, Joe and Grace, and [Betty White](#) as the outspoken Grandma Annie.

GOURMET CLUB

By Joan Sorkin



On Dec. 5 our group met for a Chinese buffet at the lovely home of Janice and Bernie Berger. Sipping a glass of good wine, we helped ourselves to delicious homemade spring rolls made by our hostess and the most wonderful spareribs made by Joan Peckins. Then, sitting at the dining room table it was time for soup. Joan Sorkin made a meatball soup with cellophane noodles, napa cabbage and bean sprouts. Next, it was off to our buffet table filled with sweet and sour chicken by Seena Calder, a bok choy salad by Janice Berger, cold rice noodles with beer-cooked shrimp made by Flo Kalestein, orange steak by Judy Zied and fried rice made by Flo. Authentic almond cookies by Seena and a steamed sponge cake by Joan Sorkin with tea and coffee rounded out this extraordinary meal. It was a lot of work for everyone, but we all agreed it was well worth the effort. Who said retirees do not cook anymore?

YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Jerry Raske

Reggie Zee welcomed members and guests to the fabulous Chanukah party on Dec. 6. Harold Morris gave the Chanukah blessing over the beautiful menorah made by Lee Katz’s grandchildren. Dr. Raul Friedkis enchanted the audience with a welcoming medley in Spanish.

We then enjoyed the wonderful food platters presented on each table.

Bob Weiner, a versatile and dynamic entertainer enthused the audience with his marvelous piano renditions. Bob also invited Reggie to join him in presenting more wonderful musical favorites.

A delicious variety of desserts topped off the evening.

Many thanks to Fran and Mike Ost, Florence and Ted Lipschitz, Leo Zimmerman, Lee Katz and everyone who joined to assist this simcha.

Next YCC meeting is Sunday, Feb. 7.

And remember, you don’t have to speak Yiddish to enjoy our meetings.

STRIKES AND SPARES

By Dave Feinberg

MEN

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WEEK 10 – HIGH GAME

Bob Rosenhouch	180	Sandy Rosenhouch	148
Ted Shapiro	162	Eileen Mehlman	143
Fred Katz	161	Gladys Cohen	139

WEEK 10 – HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	450	Sandy Rosenhouch	367
Ted Shapiro	432	Eileen Mehlman	365
Fred Katz	406	Gladys Cohen	345

WEEK 11 – HIGH GAME

Bob Rosenhouch	182	Estelle Snyder	186
Al Lynn	175	Sandy Rosenhouch	147
Shelly Mehlman	171	Sandy Gardner	136

WEEK 11 – HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	476	Estelle Snyder	425
Al Lynn	475	Sandy Rosenhouch	358
Shelly Mehlman	441	Sandy Gardner	358

WEEK 12 – HIGH GAME

Bob Rosenhouch	174	Shirley Scheffel	180
Milt Swersky	172	Estelle Snyder	165
Dave Feinberg	167	Ruth Rossi	163

WEEK 12 – HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	467	Shirley Scheffel	402
Milt Swersky	409	Estelle Snyder	447
Dave Feinberg	431	Ruth Rossi	423

WEEK 13 – HIGH GAME

Bob Rosenhouch	185	Shirley Scheffel	164
Al Lynn	177	Estelle Snyder	157
Fred Katz	176	Ruth Rossi	148

WEEK 13 – HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	503	Shirley Scheffel	426
Al Lynn	471	Estelle Snyder	364
Fred Katz	468	Ruth Rossi	409

WEEK 14 – HIGH GAME

Stan Snyder	190	Toni Kohn	153
Shelly Mehlman	188	Estelle Snyder	145
Al Lynn	185	Gladys Feldman	122

WEEK 14 – HIGH SERIES

Stan Snyder	483	Toni Kohn	407
Shelly Mehlman	475	Estelle Snyder	386
Al Lynn	492	Gladys Feldman	353

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January 1, 2010 – February 28, 2010



January

- Jan. 2, Sat.,** 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
Jan. 3, Sun., 9:30 a.m., Men's Club, **Breakfast** (p, h)
 7:30 p.m., Yiddish Club (f, h)
Jan. 8, Fri., 11 a.m., Newsletter Staff
Jan. 10, Sun., 7:30 p.m., M.I.L.T. (members free, non-members \$2, h)
Jan. 11, Mon., 12 noon, Women's Club, **Installation** (p, h)
 4 p.m., Investment Discussion Group (f, h)
Jan. 13, Wed., 11a.m., President's Meeting (all clubs)
Jan. 16, Sat., 8 p.m. Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
Jan. 17, Sun., 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p, h)
Jan. 18, Mon., 2:30 p.m., Hadassah, **Study Group** (f, h)
Jan. 20, Wed., 2 p.m., Book Talks and More, **Harvey Vetstein** (f, h)
 4 p.m., Computer Club (f, h)
Jan. 21, Thurs., 4 p.m., Tennis Club Meeting
Jan. 23, Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Winter Showtime Series** (p, h)
Jan. 24, Sun., 2 p.m., Snowbirds, **"42nd Street,"** (p, a)
Jan. 27, Wed., 10 a.m., Men's Club, **Casino Trip** (p, a)
Jan. 28, Thurs., 11 a.m., Cancer Unit, **Coins for Cure** (p, h)
Jan. 31, Sun., 2 p.m., **Art Show** (f, h)

- Feb. 3, Wed.,** 11:30 a.m., Hadassah **Card Party at Benvenuto's** (p,a)
Feb. 5, Fri. 11 a.m., Snowbirds Meeting
 11 a.m., Newsletter Staff Meeting
Feb. 6, Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
Feb. 7, Sun., 9:30 a.m., Men's Club **Breakfast** (p, h)
 7:30 p.m., Yiddish Club (f, h)
Feb. 13, Sat., 7 p.m., Men's & Women's Clubs, **Valentine's Party** (p, h)
Feb. 15, Mon., 2:30 p.m., Hadassah, **Study Group** (f, h)
Feb. 16, Tues., 7:30 p.m., Social Club
Feb. 17, Wed., 2 p.m., Book Talks and More (f, h)
Feb. 18, Thurs., 4 p.m., Tennis Meeting
Feb. 20, Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
Feb. 21, Sun., 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p, h)
Feb. 24, Wed., 11:30, Women's Club, **Mystery Book Store** (p, a)
Feb. 25, Thurs., 12 noon, Cancer Unit Meeting
Feb. 27, Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Winter Show Series** (p, h)

February

Watch channel 63 for additions, cancellations, or changes in date or time.

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