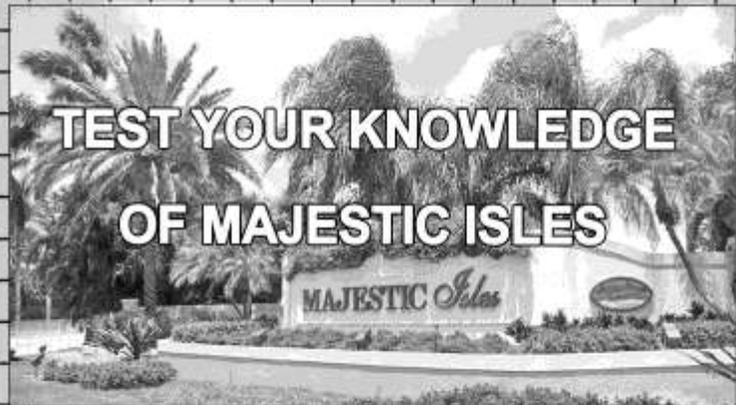


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Welcome to the start of hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to November 30 every year. Even though the dates stay the same from year to year, many South Florida residents are caught by surprise when a hurricane sets its sights on the Sunshine State. This year, the National Weather Service is predicting a total of 15 storms, with eight becoming hurricanes and four growing into Category 3 or higher major hurricanes. Although it's only the start of the season and there's nothing on the radar as of the writing of this article, you should start preparing now.

If you have a generator, have you checked it recently? Generators should be run for at least 15 minutes each month to insure proper operation. Good luck getting a generator repaired in the face of an approaching storm. Make sure you plug a lamp (or something else electric) into the outlets in your generator to make sure that it's really producing electricity. If the brushes are worn down, your generator will sound fine, but not be worth much more than a noisy gas burner.

Accordion shutters won't do much to protect your home if they're stuck and won't close. Get out there now and check all of your shutters. If you can't close them now, when it doesn't matter, how much luck will you have under pressure? Trust me, when a hurricane is approaching, all of the companies that install shutters will be working until the last minute to install new shutters. Repairs will be the last items on their lists. If you have hurricane panels, check all of the bolts that attach the panels to your walls. This is South Florida and things rust. If the bolts won't come out because they're rusted or cross-threaded, make arrangements now to have them replaced. Are you going to close your shutters or put up the panels yourself? If you can't or don't want to do it yourself, do you really want to make frantic calls as a storm is passing through the Western Caribbean? Find a handyman, son of a friend, or a willing neighbor and make the necessary arrangements early. Residents who have hurricane panels should have all panels clearly numbered for each window.

Grocery shopping should also include purchasing a few extra canned and non-perishable foods to keep your pantry well stocked. It's a good rule of thumb to have a 2 week supply of canned goods and other types of food that are easy to prepare and eat and don't require cooking.

Walk around your house and make a list of everything that needs to be picked up and brought inside if a storm threatens. Note, too, where you're going to store these items. Where do the patio table and chairs go? On patio homes with privacy walls, it's a simple matter to install two eyebolts into the wall, stand the table up flat side to the wall, and secure it with rope. That takes care of the table.

Nothing helps with a good night's sleep more than knowing you've already done all you can to, "Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst."

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, May 5, 2011

Minutes of the May 5 meeting will not be available until the Board approves them at the next meeting. To inform residents in a timely manner, we present the unofficial and abbreviated notes below.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

As of May 5, 2011

(Residents may request report of cash positions and statement of operations at the office.)

- A new money market account was established with First Southern Bank.
- Maintenance receivable as of May 5, 2011 totals \$21,345. Four residents have not yet paid their maintenance fees, one house is in foreclosure, the bank took title to one, and 10 units have a portion of maintenance unpaid. (Prior late charges and reminder notice costs are first deducted from the owner's maintenance check and the balance of the check is then applied to the current maintenance due. This is in accordance with Florida law and our documents. The balance then due is for the unpaid portion of the maintenance.)
- The expenses and income for the 2011 budget are running within the parameters of the budget.
- There are no unpaid vendors as of 5/5/2011.
- Residents can be sure to avoid late fees, etc. by signing up for Autopay.
- During 2010, 14 homes were sold for an average price of \$228,125.
- Our attorney has filed for foreclosure on one residence.

Editor's note: For COBWRA information, please see the COBWRA Highlights on page 6.

Safety and Security, Steve Bayer

- COBWRA sent a letter responding to specific questions to the county concerning the new residence going up on El Clair Ranch Road. The full response from the county is available with the Board minutes posted in the back lobby.

Grounds Committee, Mort Goldstein

- We have a proposal from M&P for summer plantings, but we have no rain. A motion to accept M&P's proposal, but to postpone planting until the rainy season starts, passed 6-1.



Clubhouse Committee, Harvey Galan

- The painter came back to paint the upstairs but painted it the wrong color. He'll be back to correct Sherwin Williams' mistake.

Insurance Committee, Janice Davidson

- All of the policies have been paid except for the flood insurance.

Documents Committee, Doris Davidoff

- According to our attorney, many "immediate changes" can be changed by a Board vote.

ARC Committee, Harvey Galan

- Motion to allow a resident to remove and replace two trees from the back of his property passed 6-1

Unfinished Business

- Motion to accept the proposal from Miller Mills to recover 73 chairs passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to trim the ficus hedge on the east side of the community to 8' passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Motion to replace the wind screens at the tennis courts per Pro Tennis' proposal passed by a 6-1 vote.



GOOD AND WELFARE

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MESSAGES

I want to thank the Men's Club and all my neighbors in Majestic Isles who wished me a speedy recovery after my surgery.

Raul Freidkes

Thank you all so much for your calls, cards, donations and prayers during my hospitalization. It was a pleasure coming back home. Majestic Isles neighbors are the very best.

Renee Stichel

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SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

Both full time and seasonal residents should review the information below about keeping your home safe.

In addition to securing your home with a Devcon monitored security system, there are other steps you can take to protect your home and family:

- If you plan to be away for an extended period, use lights and timers to make your house look as though someone is home.
- Accumulation of mail and/or newspapers is a good sign that no one is home. Stop the paper and have your mail forwarded, held at the post office or picked up by a neighbor.
- *Always* lock your doors and windows and make sure to close your garage door when leaving your home.
- Keep your blinds and/or curtains closed to the street. This prevents passers-by from seeing what's in your home.
- *Never* leave extra keys or garage door openers in the mailbox, under a doormat, or in other nearby hiding spots. Instead, ask a neighbor or close friend to keep an extra key at their house.
- Remember to set your alarm! In the majority of burglaries, the resident did not even have their security system armed.
- Call 800-878-7806 to test your system monthly to ensure proper operation and signal transmission to Devcon's Central Station.

The Safety and Security committee recommends that all residents purchase a #5401D Masters wall mounted lock box. (See photo below.) This is a secure way to keep a house key outside your front door in case you call 911 in an emergency and are unable to get to the door. You can give the code to the 911 operator to pass on to the fire and rescue crew. The lock is available at Home Depot for \$30.

Please call me if you want further information.



MATURE DRIVING CLASS

By Ken Keller

Congratulations to the 51 residents who completed the Mature Driving course at the clubhouse in May.

The driving classes that have been given here in Majestic Isles twice a year for the past several years have been sponsored by the Safety Council of Palm Beach County, but we have to have a local coordinator in order to hold the classes at Majestic Isles. The May class that was just completed is the last one that I will coordinate, and unless someone else volunteers to do the job, we will not be able to hold our own classes. If a Majestic Isles resident volunteers to be the coordinator for these classes, I will be happy to turn over my records and to provide whatever consultation is needed.

Many of you would like to take these classes every three years in order to obtain a discount on your automobile insurance. If we discontinue on-site classes, there are three alternatives. The Safety Council of Palm Beach County runs classes several times a year. To find out when and where these classes are given, call 561-669-4733. AARP also runs a Drivers' Safety Program. For information about that program, call 1-877-846-3317 or go online at www.aarp.org/driving30. Information about the third option, AAA, is available at any local AAA office. Most insurance companies accept all three of these programs, but it is worth a phone call to your insurance agent, just to be sure.

I invite anyone interested in coordinating the program so we can continue to hold the classes right here in Majestic Isles to call me at 738-9401.

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Highlights of the May 18, 2011 COBWRA Meeting at Bellagio

State Legislators Report on '11 Session

Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto (R), District 27, stated the Legislature filed over 3,000 bills, of which 295 were passed by both houses. The most critical bill was to overcome a \$4B deficit and pass a balanced budget. She said they called her "The Library Lady" since she fought so hard to keep funds in the State budget for libraries; the budget keeps **library funding** at \$23M. Her priorities were to protect the children and the elderly. She worked with Rep. Abruzzo to pass the **Silver Alert** bill to help find Alzheimer's patients when they go missing. She serves on the State legislative redistricting committee. Follow redistricting online at www.floridaredistricting.com.

Editors' note: Remarks by legislators other than our own have been abbreviated here: **Representative Bill Hager, District 87**, ... The legislature balanced the budget by decreasing spending by \$4B. ... Another bill that passed **prohibits smoking** anywhere on public school properties.

Representative Steve Perman, District 78, said he ... was able to add language to the Medicaid bill that **allows seniors to stay in their homes** on Medicaid instead of going into a facility, saving the State over \$1.2B a year....his bill passed that makes it a felony to possess a **stolen credit card**.

Representative Lori Berman (D), District 86, stated she felt the Palm Beach County delegation, led by Rep. Abruzzo, worked well together for the benefit of County issues. She sponsored the bill to permit the Lake Worth Drainage District to issue bonds so they can build a **reservoir** for our future drinking water. Another bill of hers requires student drivers to be taught the dangers of **texting while driving**. She regrets the education budget that cuts over \$500 per student. Some 4,500 state jobs were cut in the budget. The Legislature also made it harder for laid-off employees to collect unemployment insurance. She expects the League of Women Voters to challenge the voting rights bill that passed.

Representative Joe Abruzzo, District 85, ... sponsored a bill changing the penalties to a minor for **sexting** – sending inappropriate texts and photos via phone - ... Current law makes sexting a felony and requires kids to register as sex offenders until they are 47 years old....The bill that passed makes the first

offense a violation requiring community service, the second offense a misdemeanor, and the third offense a felony. He **voted against the budget** because the cuts were too drastic and did not try to collect more income.... Rep. Abruzzo serves on the Federal redistricting committee.

Officials' Reports: Commissioner Burt Aaronson, District 5, reported that the county-wide **Ethics Ordinance** passed is the most stringent ethics law in the country. We are Corruption County no more. This ordinance applies to the county and all municipalities. **Lyons Road construction** will begin this summer and be completed in November 2012. Completing Lyons Road will help so many people driving north and south in the area. The County is considering revising the **County Charter** for the first time in 27 years. What do you think should be changed? Your ideas are wanted. The Jog Road library has limited copies and you can also read the County Charter online at

<http://www.pbcgov.com/countycommissioners/pdf/charter.pdf>

Capt Marty Bechtel, PBSO District 6 reported the crime stats for April: 12 stolen vehicles and 45 vehicle burglaries, 37 residential burglaries and 10 business burglaries, 344 false alarms.

COBWRA Reports Growth Management.

COBWRA delegates voted to recommend approval of two proposals:

- To change zoning from Commercial General to MUPD for **Pinewood Square Shopping Center**, Jog and Lantana Roads, to permit Monkey Joes, an indoor playground facility for children ages 3 to 12, in unoccupied space in an existing building. Approval is required to satisfy current zoning regulations.
- To change the Land Use from LR-3 to Commercial Low and change the zoning from RTS to CL-O for medical and professional offices for the site located on the SW corner of Lantana and Hagen Ranch Roads. Two medical/professional office buildings will be constructed and their designs are compatible with the surrounding area.

Future Meetings (Open to the public)

June 7, 6:30 pm: Growth Management at Lantana Library, 4020 Lantana Rd. Informational meeting on a Mosque approved on Military Trail N of Le Chalet. **July:** No meetings in July.

—**Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications**
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Gardening in the Isles

By
Stan Davidson

It is a known fact about growing palm trees in south Florida that of all the damages to the landscapes south of Palm Beach County resulting from the Category 5 Hurricane Andrew, the one and only palm to survive with practically no damage was the phoenix roebellini. We have many of these wind tolerant palms growing in our community. This palm occurs naturally in northern Laos, Vietnam and southern China, where it is found growing along river banks in areas that are periodically flooded. Common names for this palm are pygmy date palm and miniature date palm.

The mature trunk of the roebellini usually grows 6 to 8 feet tall but may reach 10 feet. A roebellini located directly in front of the front window of a Majestic Isles home will block the window. The gracefully arching leaves are 3 to 5 feet long. The palm is hardy to cold temperatures slightly below freezing. This cultivar is thirsty and needs constant moisture. It relishes slightly acid soil and it grows more slowly in partial shade than in full sun. Although the palm has a single trunk most gardening centers offer it in containers with 3 to 5 branches. When grouped like this, the branches tend to gracefully curve away from the center of the clump creating an especially attractive arrangement.

This palm enjoys growing in large containers of all kinds. Roebellinis also look great adjacent to patios and entry ways. Use clumps of these palms as specimens to serve as focal points in a

mass planting of annuals. Also the palm looks nice when combined with evergreen shrubs as a mixed hedge.

The palm has sharp needle like porcupine spines arranged near the base of each branch. These spines can easily penetrate the skin tissue, so be careful when near or handling this plant.

To plant roebellini palms, locate a site in your landscape that receives direct exposure to the sun. The more sun exposure the better growth and the healthier it will look. Too much shade will produce a spindly looking palm tree with sparse foliage. Plant roebellini palm trees in a mix of soil rich in nutrients and composted organic materials. Water the new plantings deeply and frequently. Deep and frequent watering will help establish an extensive root system and provide sufficient nutrients to the tree during dry hot weather and between waterings.

Small stature, delicate graceful appearance and easy care make this exceptional palm one that everyone can enjoy. The roebellini palm is relatively inexpensive.

If you happen to be in the south Miami area, a large bed of roebellinis are a centerpiece planted in a grid in Miami Beach's fabulous Lincoln Park Mall.

With the hurricane season on the horizon, you may want to include the wind-tolerant roebellini palm in your landscape! ***Happy Gardening!!***

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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

Our two bordering rivers defy convention. Most rivers are characterized by a narrow, deep, channel and either swiftly flow down steep gradients in V-shaped valleys, or slowly meander over broad floodplains. Not so our western river. Prior to agricultural and urban land development in central and south Florida, the Everglades stretched almost 100 miles from the southern shore of Lake Okeechobee southwest to the Gulf of Mexico and Florida Bay. Our western river was a broad, almost 60-mile wide, expanse of river that slowly traveled as a thin sheet of water about half mile a day through sawgrass prairies; hence, the name "River of Grass". This Everglades historic sheet flow originates as surplus rainfall on the Kissimee River floodplain and Lake Okeechobee. For almost all of the past 5,000 years, the surplus water has spilled out of the lake during times of excess rainfall in the northern part of the 120-mile long Kissimee River - Lake Okeechobee - Everglades drainage basin. The result has been a unique highly bio-diverse, yet exceedingly fragile, eco-system, our Florida Everglades.

And then came "Big Sugar," the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the South Florida Water Management District and now an earthen dam completely surrounds Lake Okeechobee. Tracts of houses and "Big Sugar's" cane fields and processing plants replaced the former Everglades natural drainage spillway from the lake. The swamps inland of the coastal ridge have been drained. The western drained swamps are partitioned into polygonal freshwater impoundments. We built extensive systems of canals that extend from these western water conservation areas to the ocean. We engineered a complex storage and discharge system that stores wet season rains in Lake Okeechobee and water conservation areas that, during south Florida's dry season, moves freshwater from these reservoirs through the canal systems to the Treasure Coast, the Palm Beaches and the Greater Fort Lauderdale - Metro Miami megalopolis.

Sheet flow in the Everglades is so slow that water is typically stored in the area's porous subsurface limestones from one wet season to the next. Excess surface runoff from local late spring-summer seasonal rains and from hurricanes is channeled to the sea by the canal systems thus keeping our urban

communities dry. During the dry winter season, flood gate dams at the ocean end of the canals are kept closed, turning the canals into linear reservoirs that recharge our underground drinking water supplies. In addition to local out-of-season winter rainfall, water at this time may be transported from Lake Okeechobee and the water conservation areas to irrigate the western croplands and nurseries, and to maintain the groundwater supply water levels. If out of season rainfall threatens to flood our developed lands, canal water can be discharged to the ocean, or giant pumps can reverse the flow and pump canal water back up into the water conservation areas.

And what of the Everglades, an eco-system stressed to the max? Competing needs for more and more water by our cities and farms threaten to leave the Everglades high and dry. Only a trickle of the natural water flow is allowed to seep through the sluice gates on the southernmost conservation area's bounding Tamiami (Trail) Canal into the Everglades. If you haven't seen the "glades" as yet, you had better experience them now. Even with current plans to restore, *i.e.* mimic, the natural flow, or improve the artificial flow of water to the "glades," these measures may be too little or too late.

(continued on page 15)

PET PATCH

By Molly



A sad weekend – the last of my "snowbird" friends, Lacy, goes North tomorrow. I'll miss her – especially since her mom always had treats for all of us!

But there are lots of others here – my neighbors Honey and Herbie always check in on me. And little Muffin is down the street – but she doesn't come out too much. Abby is a little white poodle – just my size. I only see her sometimes, but we get along great. Sporty is a nice dog – my mom gets after me because I bark at him.

We have another new dog – named Lucy – that makes two Lucys here. But the new Lucy has to get used to us – she barks when she sees us. We'll give her time.

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Investors Discussion Group

By Al Silverman Facilitator



We held our last meeting before the summer on Monday, May 9, 2011. Throughout the past nine months we have discussed many issues affecting the stock market and enjoyed the benefits of investing for income with growth. The monetary policies employed by the Federal Reserve to maintain a low interest rate environment in order to help stimulate economic growth has been, arguably, reasonably successful, although jobs and housing are still disaster areas.

The market, in all probability, will continue to be very volatile, as long as the government policies (the SEC, etc.) allows what the market calls “Investors” (but should be renamed “Gamblers, Short Term Traders, high speed traders and Short-Sellers”) to trade on low borrowing margin and without the Up-Tick Rule.

Now we are in the month of June. Some advisors, based on history, tell their clients (the Gamblers) to “Sell in May and go away,” expecting, of course, that the market would fall or at least struggle during the summer months. At our Investors Discussion Group meetings, the predominant interest has mostly been the production of income with some growth, if possible. We do not predict which way the market will trend either short or long term. However, dividends that are paid by securities help support their prices, or at least help support their values in a down market.

Well, at least they help, but cannot stop a market reversal. Suddenly, in early May, treasuries strengthened, and oil, gold and silver, the recent hot commodities, tumbled. Margin calls went out to all the gamblers, traders and hedge funds, accelerating the selling. Cramer said “This should continue until all the margin holders are cleaned out.” Many investors holding carefully selected securities are holding fast and will hopefully come out of it in reasonably good shape, as has happened before. Of course there are no guarantees, but that’s how it looks at this time.

News Item: A recent separate news item is disturbing, however. According to an article on the web site, which reads, “As part of a plan to reduce the

deficit, the Obama administration is mulling ending pass-thru treatment of LLC’s (Limited Liability companies), MLP’s (Master Limited Partnerships) and S Corporations.”

(In review, several decades ago, the government wanted to stimulate the growth and expansion of the infrastructure of energy related enterprises by encouraging investment in these facilities. The tax code permitted companies to pass through income to investors instead of being double taxed. Only the investors are liable to pay the taxes. This is similar to the way the Government attempted to stimulate the construction industry some years before, by allowing this treatment for REITS.)

This action may make a positive impact on the Government’s effort to reduce the deficit but it could create a harmful effect on income investors. In addition it will reduce the incentive of investors in energy companies to invest and expand the pipeline and energy infrastructures required to deliver energy to a growing population and at reduced cost. As a matter of fact, if there is no change in the rules, the government will essentially still collect the taxes on the income on a delayed basis when the security is sold. A better action to help reduce the deficit would be to reduce or eliminate subsidies to those energy companies who have huge profits and don’t need the subsidies. There is no assurance this action will occur, but it bears watching.

News Item: In a departure from our normal theme, there are those investors who have a sufficient time horizon to consider longer-term growth. The Sun Sentinel, on page 7D of the Sunday May 6 issue, had an interesting article by Sandra Ward, of Barron’s Insite, about a stock, International Paper (IP), with a current yield of 3.4% and a potential for a 40% total return in the next year. This should not be considered as a recommendation but rather as information. Always do your due diligence and research for this or any other investment as to suitability, etc. and discuss with your financial consultant.

Enjoy the summer season and we’ll see you all in September.

Do not value money for any more nor any less than its worth; it is a good servant but a bad master. ~Alexandre Dumas fils, Camille, 1852

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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

(continued from page 11)

Take a walk on the wild side. The Wakodahatchee and Green Cay wetlands in Delray Beach on Jog and Hagen Ranch Roads, respectively, try to duplicate the natural “glades” environments. These wetlands are home to many easily observed species of water birds and reptiles, including alligators, yet also act as filter marshes, removing fertilizer nutrients from highly treated reclaimed (gray) water. They also recharge the groundwater aquifer. Each area has easy access, through-the-marsh boardwalk trails and Green Cay even has a nature center where live animals, including alligators, are on display. The Green Cay Nature Center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and Saturday. The boardwalk is open 7 a.m. to sunset every day. Restrooms are available at Green Cay when the nature center is open. Wakodahatchee is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, Water Conservation Area 1, is accessible from US 441 south of Boynton Beach Blvd. It’s a little farther from M.I., but its easy-access boardwalk trail loops through a natural bald cypress swamp instead of sawgrass wetlands. There is a nature center, with restrooms. Across the road from this complex, an ongoing survival drama between fish, herons and alligators can be witnessed from the canal banks that segment the wetlands. Alligator nests with numerous eggs or young can often be seen here in autumn. Just watch out for “momma.” Follow the canal banks to the rustic “fire tower” overlook and climb its stairs to view the extensive marshlands. From the parking lot, you can easily access the levee that borders the eastern side of Water Conservation Area 1. Here the infinite vista stretches out over open water and sawgrass prairies to the horizon. Guided seasonal kayak and canoe trips, pier fishing, and water bird observation, are available. If alligators become a problem, “No-Fishing” signs are posted. Locally, this is as close to the real “glades” as you can get.

Loxahatchee usually charges admission during the winter season. Seniors, age 62 or older, can purchase a Golden Age Passport lifetime entrance pass for \$10. (For details, see www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm.) The grounds are open daily from sunrise to sunset. The visitor’s center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Plan about two hours for each of the local wetlands.

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By Barbara Portnoff

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TO TELL THE TRUTH

By Phyllis M. Cohen



A few weeks ago, in the midst of the congressional debate over the budget for the next fiscal year, Senator Jon Kyl (R. AZ), trying to cut funding for Planned Parenthood clinics, stated that 90% of their business was abortions. When the assertion was immediately proven to be false, a spokesman for his office claimed that it wasn't meant to be an actual statement of fact. (i.e., it was a big fat lie). The incident scarcely created a ripple or even a significant number of tweets. In fact, there were more comments about the hats that Fergie's daughters wore to the wedding of Kate and William than about this fabrication. Politicians telling lies was not big news.

As children, we were taught that telling the truth was considered a great virtue. It was right up there in the top ten along with all of those other "shalls" and "shall nots." Abraham Lincoln was nicknamed "Honest Abe" and the legendary founding father George Washington was held up as a paragon of truthfulness. Every child had heard the oft-repeated tale of little Georgie who took his ax one day and chopped down his father's cherry tree. When faced with the results of his deed, he immediately confessed. "Father, I cannot tell a lie. I did it with my little hatchet." We don't know whether this noble gesture after the fact saved him from getting whacked himself, but it did show his love of truth, despite the possible consequences. Alas, as I learned later in life, the story itself is a big whopper fashioned by a later biographer, Parson Weems, who had sought to make the first president more human and sympathetic.

And as I grew older, I quickly learned that truth is a hard thing to pin down, and there are as many shades of truths and definitions of the word as the supposed Eskimo words for snow. There were half-truths and white lies, hypotheticals and misstatements, hyperbole and assumptions, stretching the truth and fudging the truth, the whole truth and ---you get the picture. In polite society, tact and diplomacy necessitated the little white lies and duplicity necessary for survival. Where is the husband or even best friend who would answer truthfully the question, "Does this dress make me look fat? And is there any other possible comment at the sight of a homely newborn but, "Isn't he cute?"

Living in this great scientific age hasn't made recognizing the truth, let alone telling the truth, simpler. In fact, the development of propaganda techniques and mass advertising made disseminating lies, falsehoods and misstatements even easier. And as the Nazis discovered, the bigger the lie, the easier it is to make people believe it. Coupled with the advancements in communication technology, it's easier to fill the media with lies and falsehoods about a country or religion or ideology, or in its more benign form, promote the inflated virtues of Happy Meals and face creams and flavored vitamin waters.

The Internet and the social media make it possible for everyone to add their "facts" and opinions to the issues of the day. Though lots of writers seemed to have last practiced their writing skills on the walls of public lavatories, that doesn't stop them from adding their ideas and information to any issue being discussed. And there's a focus group or chat room for every kind of belief and ideology, from former alien abductees to would-be presidential candidates. Thanks to Photoshop and other sophisticated programs, you can publish your own real pictures of the death of Osama or Elvis in the supermarket. Don't underestimate the power of numbers. Ideas and pictures that go "viral" (spread throughout the Internet) take on a life of their own, true or false.

Unfortunately, we seem to have gotten accustomed to the lack of truthfulness. We see candidates routinely distorting the truth, banks and businesses hiding their motives and practices, job seekers with inflated resumes, grade inflation in universities and schools, and corruption in local and federal government. So let's not take anything for granted. Ask questions and be skeptical. Being in print, on the Internet or broadcast on FOX or CNN doesn't make it true (even if you saw it in my column).

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By Elaine Jay

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MEET THE STAFF



Judy Radin was a member of the M.I. Newsletter staff from its inception and initially wrote articles on travel and on the local culture. After a hiatus, she helped out with proofreading for a few years

before finding a niche as a movie reviewer in her column, "The Reel Story."

Judy, a retired teacher and guidance counselor, grew up in the Manhattan Beach section of Brooklyn, attended Day School in Flatbush, and then Lincoln High School in that borough's Brighton Beach area. She earned a B.A. and an M.A. from Brooklyn College and an Ed.S. degree from Florida's Nova University. She stayed home for eleven years to raise two children, and for the next eleven years she taught elementary school in Canarsie, Brooklyn. Upon moving to Florida, she served as a guidance counselor in the Fort Lauderdale schools for 17 years. The Radin's twenty-year-old granddaughter is completing her sophomore year at Columbia and their eighteen-year-old grandson will attend the University of Florida starting this summer.

Judy and her husband Mitch, are former Brooklynites who moved to Hollywood, Florida in 1977. They are among the original residents of Majestic Isles, having moved to this community in 1996. The Radins are avid travelers and continue to visit appealing and exotic places to this day. They are also lovers of the theater, classical music, ballet and opera and have pursued these interests in South Florida, other states, and abroad.

An active member of her synagogue for the past 16 years, Judy has served as Chairperson of the Adult Education and Ritual Committees and has taken an energetic role in ritual activities during the Sabbath and Holy Days. She has also taught Hebrew Studies, Jewish Philosophy and Culture to adults.

In the fall, Judy, Phyllis Cohen and Fran Ost, will share the Presidium of Majestic Isles Hadassah.

CLUES FOR THE COVER PUZZLE

ACROSS

2. LONGEST STREET
3. THERE ARE TWO PER WEEK
6. RED OCTAGON
9. THERE ARE EIGHT
12. TALLEST PALM
13. THE LEGAL STREET
15. DAILY INFORMATION SOURCE
17. THERE ARE THREE
18. ISLAND _____
20. SOURCE OF INCOME FOR M.I. NEWS
23. RECYCLABLES PICKUP DAY
24. EYES AND EARS OF THE COMMUNITY
25. SHORTEST STREET
30. DON'T EXCEED THIS
31. THEME OF THE PUZZLE
32. SHOW VENUE
33. EARLIEST TIME FOR TRASH TO CURB

DOWN

1. THERE ARE SEVEN
3. SW FIFTEENTH
4. KEEP US GREEN COMMITTEE
5. SOMETIMES HAS THREE TRUNKS
7. REPRESENTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES
8. FOWL WITHOUT WINGS
10. NEWEST CLUB
11. AEROBICS LEADER
14. BOARD PRESIDENT
16. THERE ARE FOUR
19. FUND RAISING ORGANIZATION
21. FUND RAISING ORGANIZATION
22. ELECTION MONTH
26. OLDEST CLUB
27. THE BUILDER
28. CUTS OUR GRASS
29. THEATER GROUP

The solution to the puzzle is on page 28.

"The nice thing about doing a crossword puzzle is, you know there is a solution." - Stephen Sondheim



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THE REEL STORY “THE CONSPIRATOR”

By Judy Radin;

Most Americans were taught that John Wilkes Booth (an actor and Confederate supporter) assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. He was killed by Union soldiers in his attempt to escape Ford’s Theatre. What most didn’t learn was that Booth did not act alone but was part of a larger plot that included the planned assassination of Vice President Andrew Jackson and Secretary of State William Seward. Though neither of them was killed, Seward was stabbed repeatedly.

The conspiracy surrounding Lincoln’s assassination is an ideal historical film and an excellent drama. “The Conspirator” is directed by Robert Redford who is not only a brilliant director, but a history “buff” determined to tell the true story.

The film makes us aware that history has lessons for us that resound clearly many years later. When Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, members of his cabinet were willing to sacrifice basic rules of justice for what they felt was “the greater good” of a country suffering from the horrific effects of the Civil War. James McAvoy offers a compelling performance as Frederick Aiken, a young Union captain and novice attorney. His mentor, a prominent Southerner, insisted that Aiken was the only one who could guarantee that Mary Suratt, mother of conspirator John Suratt, would not be condemned without due process. Could the McCarthy witch-hunt of the 1950’s bear some resemblance to the 1865 trial of Mary Suratt?

The young attorney wrestles with matters of lawful justice in that Mary Suratt, a civilian, is being tried in a military tribunal. Aiken is also most disturbed by the possible harmful social effects of defending a woman in public court who is detested by most members of the community. His own personal reservations as to her guilt or innocence and the contempt of his fellow Union officers plague him. James McAvoy’s convincing performance depicts the calm strength and confidence of a Union Captain who slowly develops faith in his client’s innocence despite the tremendous odds against her.

History has never told us how young Johnny Suratt was caught. All the film tells us is that Frederick Aiken found him in a hiding place provided by two Jesuit priests, and pleaded with him to testify in his

mother’s behalf. Oddly enough we’re told that he never came forth to save his mother’s life.

The film takes place in 1865 when the truce to end the Civil War had been signed, but not every Confederate general had accepted defeat. The conspirators then developed the idea of kidnapping the president to throw confusion into the Union government. Unfortunately, President Lincoln changed his travel plans unexpectedly. This change put holes in the original conspiracy to hold Lincoln hostage in return for the release of the Confederate prisoners...and wound up a murder.

Though the film was slow moving at the beginning, it accelerated as the talented script writers, actors, costume designers, director and cinematographers showed their ability to recreate events of the past and make the viewer feel part of them. These brilliant professionals worked seamlessly together to deliver a most gripping historical drama.

You will have to view the movie to find out if justice triumphs.

“The Conspirator” is the first production from *The American Film Company*, a group committed to presenting movies based on historic themes. This writer feels that their first product is evidence of a great start!

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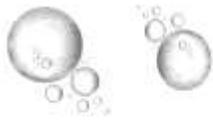
Contributed by Betty Wachtel

1/2 c. oil
2 cu. sugar
3 eggs (or ¾ cup egg beaters)
2 c. flour
2 t. cinnamon
2 t. baking soda
2 t. vanilla
1 t. salt (I cut this to less than ½ t.)
1 ¾ cu. shredded coconut
1 c. chopped walnuts
2 c. raw grated carrots
13 1/2 oz. crushed pineapple, *not drained**



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DEAR DAD

Editor's note: The father-child relationship helps determine in many ways the child's future and how a child sees the world. This letter from one daughter to her dad expresses how important the father's role is in a child's life. The letter was written years ago on the occasion of Jim Wachtel's 60th birthday. BRW

This must feel like a pivotal time for you: turning 60, you and Mom retiring, the grandchild generation successfully launched. Perhaps you're doing some reflecting on things that you wish you had done differently, and things that you're proud of. When it comes to raising children (if I may say so myself), I think you've done just about everything right.

Since all the good bald jokes have been taken by other contributors to this book, I thought I would take as my subject how you managed to raise three children who love you unreservedly and admire you and, not the least, are well-adjusted (in comparison to most people, anyway).

Advice. It was never bad, as I recall, and there wasn't too much of it. The only piece of advice that comes to my mind right now is not to stop at green lights because "creativity is not an asset when it comes to driving." That still rings in my ears whenever I approach a traffic light.

Generosity. Most parents give birthday and holiday gifts, and you and Mom have given me some very special ones – like the contribution to my Israel trip last year.

But what really impresses me as I think about it is the way you used to give us money whenever you got a bonus at work or a fee for a patent award. You could have kept it all for yourself, and we never would have thought twice about it.

Now that we're grown and have our own incomes, you still give us things. But you never give us so much as to threaten our sense of self-sufficiency.

Lack of Sexism. As a woman, this is especially important to me. I was always included in the backyard touch football games. You never expected to be waited on. You were a full partner in parenting, not a shadowy figure in the background.

I never let other women get away with saying things like "all men are jerks" – because I have a father and two brothers who never fail to treat women as full-fledged people.

A Good Example. I could go on and on here, but the qualities of yours that I most want to emulate, and that I look for in my friends, are basic decency, tolerance, slowness to criticize... in short, niceness.

Love and Support. Now I know I'm not the first person to think of this, but as I grow older and am meeting all kinds of people, I'm reminded over and over how absolutely essential unconditional love and parental support are for a child, even a grown-up one. The first gives you the self-esteem you need to make your way in the world, and the latter helps you feel that you're never alone while doing it.

One time that comes to mind in this category:

The night before my Bat Mitzvah, when you and Mom stayed up half the night with me while I cried about how I was never going to be able to do it, and then you got up early with me and the two of us went for a walk, and we practiced singing "Adon Olam" at the top of our lungs. (Too bad for the neighbors).

It's been great being your kid.

Love,
Margie

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I'LL DO IT TOMORROW

By Thelma Mechanic

The monthly bills are accumulating, not due yet, but close. The telephone rings and a friend asks you to join her for lunch and your good intentions to pay the bills go down the drain. "I'll do it tomorrow."

You have a new recipe that calls for many ingredients. It sounds delicious and you are gung-ho to prepare it. Oh, oh. You need to shop for more ingredients. "Oh well, I'll do it tomorrow."

Errands are adding up – the library to drop off books, the gas station, the cleaners, but it's a busy day and getting late. "Oh well, I'll do it tomorrow."

I suppose it's okay sometimes to put your focus on tomorrow, but how often do you delay getting your activities done? Whatever the forces are that tend to put things off, it's called procrastination (Such an ugly word.)

There are all sorts of reasons that make one tend to procrastinate. (There's that word again!) Basically, it's an easy way to avoid a task that you really don't want to do. (Like paying bills)

Some friends I discussed this with claimed they actually work better under pressure. Hence, the pressure creates the motivation to get the work done. But think of the stress it also creates. (Remember how you crammed for school exams – and what a relief it was after the exam!) Thank goodness that's all behind us now.

It's been suggested that procrastination is a form of avoiding commitment. Procrastinators tend to change their options and possibilities – putting off today what can be done tomorrow, and even the next day.

Provided that you're not affected with attention deficit disorder, try to understand what's behind your potential to put things off. Perhaps you don't really grasp or understand the task at hand.

In that case, take time out to acknowledge exactly what it is that you need to do in order to get the task done. Let's use the aforementioned examples:

- Bills to be paid. Date the due date on the envelope, and pay the bill prior to the due date. Keep all your bills together.
- When planning a meal, keep a list of necessary ingredients to shop for prior to your cooking day. Have everything ready.

- In the case of errands, particularly with high gas prices, plan your errands so that you need not backtrack: gas, library, tailor, etc or whatever suits you, and allow yourself enough time for each task.

The higher the motivation, the more apt you are to fulfill your agenda. Losing weight is hard to do, but with a special occasion date set in mind, you proceed and Bingo! – you've lost the weight for your grandchild's Bar Mitzvah (or whatever). The trick now is to stay motivated (think how well you look and feel) and keep those extra pounds off.

Some people claim that procrastination is mind over matter, but it can be overcome by thinking about what you need to do and allowing yourself the time to do it.

Orphan Annie sang her favorite song, "Tomorrow, the sun comes out tomorrow." For the procrastinator it's "Today." "Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today."



WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

Join us Monday, June 13 at 12:30 p.m. when Donna Shaneson will present "Mini Reviews for Summer Reading." Coffee and goodies will be served. Please sign up in the back lobby.



There will not be a Board meeting or Women's Club function in July. Our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, Aug. 1 at 10:30 a.m. Have a great summer!



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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



As usual, many great things are planned for the coming months. The Hadassah group went to see "Music Man" on May 18 and we plan to see another terrific show in October.

The Hadassah-M.I. Cancer Research combined cruise on Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas is planned for January 8, 2012. The exact prices will be announced soon. The planned stops are in San Juan, St. Martin and the cruise line's own private island.

The financially successful calendar has been finished and is on the way to the printer. The calendars will be given out at the end of August.

Our new presidents, Fran Ost, Phyllis Cohen and Judy Radin were installed on May 23. Carole Burstein and Sherry Everitt did another great job of organizing the luncheon.

Don't forget, if you're planning to become a life member, the bargain price of \$100, offered to commemorate Hadassah's 100th anniversary, expires at the end of this year. For the remainder of 2011, the price for Associates is also only \$100. It's a wonderful time to make Hadassah a family affair. Call Sheila Goldstein for more information.

The Summer Sizzler Games will be on July 18; the price will be \$18 and all are welcome.

Right now, the Donor Luncheon is scheduled for March 22, at a location to be announced later.

SINGLES' SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

The May meeting was well attended. Suggestions were made by the board and the members regarding future activities and tickets were distributed for the May 28 Harid Ballet performance. Dinner reservations were made for \$22 at Sabor's following the ballet.

Coming up:

June 3 - Board Meeting at 4:30, General Meeting at 5:30

July 16 - "Song Man, Dance Man" tickets at Stage Door Theater for \$33.00. Put check in the Single's box, if you haven't yet paid. We are also looking into obtaining tickets for "Billy Elliot" at the Kravis Theater.

Oct 10 - Pot Luck dinner discussed. Prepare a dish or pay \$10 to attend.

Check Channel 63 for further notices.

M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Claire Deveney and Arlene Levin



Thank you to M.I. Pap Corps Card Party planners: Jan Grove, Tillie Citron, Cissie Sirota and Evelyn Klein. Also thank you to the organizers of the Walk-a-thon: Enid Gerard, Helen Benowitz, Sandy Kastner and Marge Chappell. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Football Mania for 2011-2012 season tickets are available. Get in on the fun. Your \$20 ticket, for 17 weeks, may make you a winner! Contact Ed Gerard, Ed Strauber, David Lader or Paul Mendelsohn for tickets.

Save Saturday, July 30 at 6 p.m. for a Caribbean Summer Festival with a Caribbean/Cuban light dinner with a tropical twist at the Club House and a night of fun, games and prizes. Tickets are \$19 per person. Watch for flyers.

If you ordered Dunkin Donuts coffee, it will be delivered to your home the week of June 13-17. Two dollars from the sale of each pound of coffee will be donated to the Pap Corps by Dunkin Donuts.

The Pap Corps is sponsoring a White Elephant Sale to take place on Sunday, October 30, 10 a.m. to 4 pm at the Palm Beach Civic Center. Begin to save new or gently used items you can donate. The donations will be held in garages in M.I. Begin collecting your items to donate now. For more information call Claire Deveney, Marion Brandwein or Barbara Lader.

SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

We expect our Memorial Day Party to be a great success thanks to the efforts of Rita Dick and her hard-working committee.

We are planning a Showtime for July 2. As we get closer to the date, see Ch. 63 for more information.

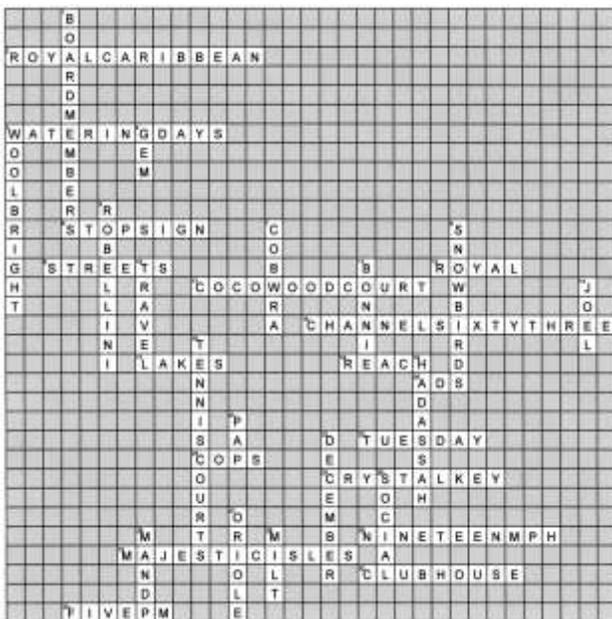
We are taking reservations for another fantastic New Year's celebration at the Clubhouse. Lawrence of Florida, along with two motivator/dancers will provide our high-energy music. Food will be by 3G's and the price will remain at \$50 per person. Deposits of \$25 per person are being accepted now.

The 2012 Winter Series tickets are going fast. You can still purchase the entire series at \$70 per person. We are now starting to sell individual tickets: Paul Tanner, Jan 28 - \$25 per person, Brad Zimmerman and Patrick Murray Feb. 25 - \$25 per person and "Let's Hang On" a tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons March 24 - \$35 per person. Please leave checks in the Social Club box.

The Nominating Committee is presently working on our 2012 Board. If you would like to serve, please get in touch with Florence Cohen.

Have a very happy and healthy summer!

Solution to cover puzzle



MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

8 p.m. at the clubhouse

SAT., JUNE 4: MOTHER AND CHILD

Fifty-year-old Karen (Annette Bening) regrets giving up her daughter, Elizabeth (Naomi Watts), for adoption; years later, Elizabeth questions her own approach to life. Their stories intersect with that of Lucy (Kerry Washington), who hopes to fulfill her dreams of motherhood through adoption. Rodrigo Garcia writes and directs this drama about parenting, sacrifice, romance and self-fulfillment. Eileen Ryan and Samuel Jackson co-star.

SAT., JUNE 18: WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS

Trader Jake (Shia LaBeouf) tries to mend the broken relationship between his fiancée, Winnie (Carey Mulligan), and her father, Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas), while avenging the fate of his mentor, Lou (Frank Langella), by getting close to Wall Street's new megalomaniac, Bretton James (Josh Brolin). Centered on the 2008 financial crisis, director Oliver Stone's follow-up is a modern-day ode to unfettered capitalism and, of course, greed.

There will be no clubhouse movies in July.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

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MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting May 15, 2011

By Selma Friedman



“Show Stoppers,” conceived by Larry Stander, is a tribute to some of the great Broadway moments throughout the years. These songs have become classics and are known probably around the world. Great music is just great, and the audience knows it when they hear it.

It would be too much to list all 24 songs that were performed, but I will say the great composers and lyricists were well represented by Stephen Sondheim, Julie Styne, Marvin Hamlisch, Oscar Hammerstein, Richard Rodgers, Alan Jay Lerner, Frederick Lowe, Jerry Herman, Jerome Kern, Mitch Leigh, Lorenz Hart, Martin Charnin, Charles Strouss, Johnny Mercer, Harold Arlen and Irving Berlin.

Performing all these wonderful compositions were Marilyn Chermak, Julie Capozzoli, Lynn Fischer, Selma Friedman, Georgie Gilbert, Francine Gitto, Gerri Herman, Roberta Jaffie, Herb Levin, Nancy Levitan, Dave Katz, Norman Katz, Linda Kessler, Barbara Portnoff, Fran Silling, Erwin Silling, Al Silverman, Estelle Snyder, Larry Stander, Gloria Steingart and Harriet Strauber.

Selma Friedman and Ellen Rosenbloom accompanied most of the singers. We thank the wonderful hardworking technical crew – Jack Moss, Marty Baron, Mark Jaffie, Morris Berman, Ed Strauber and Milton Swersky. And a really BIG thanks to our great Hospitality Staff. Enjoy!!

The M.I.L.T. Board and membership presented a plaque to Marty Baron in recognition of his years of dedication and service to M.I.L.T.

We are always planning something for your enjoyment. Keep reading our notices and watch Channel 63.



MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

Doris Davidoff



We are looking forward to our 3-night trip to Atlanta, Georgia. We plan to tour the World of Coca-Cola, CNN headquarters and the brand-new Aquarium, the largest in the world. At the

Aquarium, we will enjoy the spectacular displays and a dolphin show.

We'll be spending two nights in downtown Atlanta at the Hilton Towers hotel and one night at a hotel near the Georgia/Florida border. On the drive home, we will be making stops along the way to view a variety of interesting places. Also included is a visit to the Air Force's Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Georgia. As on all Travel Club trips, even the bus rides are part of the fun.

Three breakfasts, three dinners and two lunches are included in the price. Full information about this trip, including prices, is available in the flyers in the back lobby and at www.majesticisles.com/travelclub.htm. The final price will depend on how many people join the trip. This is all explained on the flyer. To join this trip, complete the form at the bottom of the flyer and put it, with your deposit, in the Travel Club mailbox in the back lobby.

We are also planning a one-day motor coach trip in September to Miami for a Jewish Heritage Tour. Another one-day trip in our future plans will be a visit to the Seminole Indian Museum and the Everglades. We are also planning a trip to Branson. More information on these trips next month.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, June 26 at 11 a.m., and we'd love to have you join us. You are welcome if you like to think about travel, even if you don't plan to take any trips. The old cliché that “planning a trip is half the fun” is true. We learn about the world and share experiences. We also make sure to have some fun.

Check our website (see address above) to see what happening. If you want to receive emails advising you of new plans and reminding you about meeting dates, please send an email to dorisdav@aol.com requesting to be put on the list.

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

With 171 attendees, we had a record attendance for our Parents' Day Brunch on May 1. It was wonderful seeing all of you. Unfortunately, I wasn't entirely happy with the affair.

The Men's Club and the Women's Clubs pride themselves on making everyone happy with their events. We had some complaints about this one and I, sadly, must agree with some of them. Below is a portion of a letter I sent to Boca Greens regarding the brunch:

Dear Mr. Anderson:

You told me we would have the adjoining room as we had 171 in attendance. Of course this did not happen.

The previous three years all the salads, including the whitefish and nova were on an "L" shaped table in the rear. This time they were put into what seemed like a three foot area by the chafing dishes. The whitefish and nova were by the omelet station which became inaccessible because the line for the omelet blocked their view.

The bagel situation was horrible. There was no excuse to run out of bagels.

I pride myself on making great parties for my people and this didn't make me feel too good.

(End of letter)

I know this can't undo what occurred but I feel that most of us had a wonderful time in spite of the problems. Be assured that the next event will be as wonderful an affair as you have been accustomed to in the past.

We've just signed a contract to go to Stonebridge Country Club, a beautiful facility in Boca, for our 2012 brunch. They do brunches every Sunday throughout the year and really know how to put across a nice spread, including a carving station, breakfast meats, two omelet stations and an extensive array of food that is far better than our last one.

There will be a menu in the back of the clubhouse in a couple of weeks to give you an advance look at it. The date is May 6, 2012. I am sure those that attend will be very, very happy.

Our next Hard Rock Casino trip will be on July 27th will be.

BOOK TALKS

By Judy Markowitz



On Wednesday, June 15 at 2 p.m. Jackie Fineblit will facilitate a discussion of "Little Bee" by British author Chris Cleave.

The novel examines the treatment of illegal immigrants by the asylum system, as well as issues of British colonialism, political violence and personal accountability. Cleave clearly wrote the book in an attempt to humanize the plight of asylum-seekers in Britain. The book has been praised for its focus on underlying human decency; however some reviewers felt its events were contrived, relying too much on coincidence. The novel is very well written. A film adaptation of "Little Bee" is being developed.

The book begins with Little Bee, a young Nigerian refugee, being released by error from a British immigration center, where she has been held under terrible conditions for the past two years, after narrowly escaping a horrific fate in her homeland of Nigeria.

Alone in a foreign country, with no money, and no family or friends to call, she seeks out the only English person she knows. Sarah and Little Bee first encountered each other on a beach in Nigeria, where Sarah and her husband Andrew were vacationing. Horrific events occurred on that beach and the repercussions from those events form the basis of the novel's story.

Readers must like the book since it was ranked 13 on the 2009 Sunday Times bestseller list. Read the book, form your own opinions and I hope to see you on June 15.

The Board of Directors needs your help in keeping expenses down. In order to minimize the cost of electricity, the last one to leave the cardroom, gym, library, etc. should shut all the lights. Also do not leave any of the clubhouse doors propped open. This lets the cold air out and wastes a lot of electricity.

Thank you, Harvey Galan

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR
June 1, 2011 – July 31, 2011

June

2	Thu.	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Citizen Observer Patrol B.O.D	Meeting (f, h) Meeting (f, h)
3	Fri.	11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Newsletter staff Singles	Meeting (f, h) Meeting (f, h)
4	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p, h)
5	Sun.	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Yiddish Club	Breakfast (p, h) Meeting (f, h)
6	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop (f, h)
9	Thurs	7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
12	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T	Workshop (see above, h)
13	Mon.	12 noon 4:00 p.m.	Women's Club Investment Group	Meeting (f, h) Discussion (f, h)
15	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks and More	Book Discussion (f, h)
18	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
25	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Show Time (p, h)
26	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)

July

2	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime (p, h)
7	Thurs	10:00 a.m.	C.O.P.	Meeting (f, h)
8	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting
9	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p, h)
10	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p, h)
16	Sat	1:00 p.m.	Singles	Show (p,a)
18	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Summer Sizzler (p,h)
23	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night
24	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting
22-25	Fri.-Mon..		Travel Club	Atlanta trip (p,a)
27	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino
30	Sat	6:00 p.m.	Cancer Unit	Summer Event

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

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