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Manager's Corner

This article is adapted from literature provided by Palm Beach Aquatics.



Summer is here, temperatures are climbing and water levels are dropping. Most of the water lost in lakes and ponds is lost through evaporation and the second biggest cause of lower water levels is groundwater recharge,* and use of water to irrigate lawns from lakes is another factor. Other causes of dropping water levels are biologic, such as evapotranspiration** through plants and by animals drinking the water. In the absence of structural or drainage issues in the lakes, these are the largest contributions to lower water levels. Unfortunately, as water levels drop, unsightly plants start to become exposed. Lake banks that are usually underwater become exposed to wind and dry out. Without vegetation the banks may begin to erode. April and May are usually the months with the lowest water levels and the lakes begin to rise again as they receive more input from rain and storm water runoff.

Six major factors affect the rate of evaporation: wind, temperature, surface area, humidity, properties of water and vapor pressure. Increased temperatures and longer days cause increased evaporation. Humidity is the other main factor affecting evaporation. In less humid conditions, more water can evaporate into the air, but once the air is saturated, no more water can evaporate into it.

Dropping water levels and increasing temperatures create ideal conditions for submersed weed and algae growth. Algae populations explode when the water levels drop because nutrient concentrations increase and the first layer of water heats up to an ideal temperature for algae growth. You may see algae blooms on the surface of our lakes. This is normal as the lakes respond to the increase in temperatures and nutrient concentrations. Submersed weeds grow very fast in lower water levels because the increased sunlight and temperatures in the water create favorable conditions for the weeds to grow.

Palm Beach Aquatics adds beneficial bacteria containing organic digesters to help reduce nutrient content and the chemical input into our lakes. They also help reduce the algae blooms in our lakes by creating a fertilizer buffer between the yards and the lakes. Majestic Isles never uses reclaimed water that can eventually end up in lakes, where it would provide additional nutrients for weed growth and algae blooms. Reducing man-caused (e.g., car exhausts) nutrient discharge into the lakes is the biggest key to reducing summer time algae blooms.

Lastly, we have a recharge well just for the lakes that pumps out 300+ gallons per minute. South Florida Water Management District restricts the amount of water we can pump out of the well to an amount equal to what we use for irrigation and restricts us to only watering 2 days per week – Thursdays and Sundays. Evaporation without additional rain will cause a drop in the water levels, but we should be able to retain enough water in the lakes to keep using the irrigation.

Ken Miller, Association Manager

* Ground water recharge: deep drainage or deep percolation is a hydrologic process where water moves downward from surface water to groundwater.



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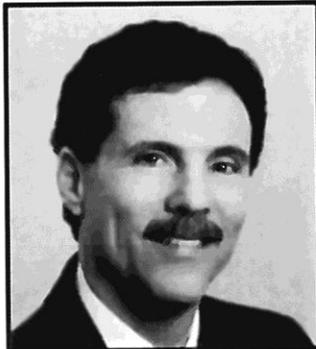
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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, May 1, 2014

Minutes of the May 1, 2014 meetings 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, Saul Siegel

(Residents may request a report of the 5/1/14 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)

COBWRA, Barbara Goodman

- In two months, two more communities will be joining COBWRA, making 108 communities representing approximately 125,000 residents.
- Land has been set aside since 2007 for Parks and Recreation behind Sunset Palms Elementary School.
- The Agricultural Reserve is looking for ways to save farmland for farming because too many farmers are selling out to development.
- There have been several cat burglaries in which homes were entered while residents slept. Make sure you lock your doors and set your alarms.

Safety & Security, Steve Bayer

- Reminder: your security begins at your front door.
- There is an occasional roving patrol by our security company throughout the night.

Insurance, Ken Keller

- Saul Siegel, Howard Schultz and Ken Keller are the members of the Insurance Committee.
- The discount received from Citizens was eaten up by increases in other areas.
- Our flood insurance will be going up by at least 6%. Hopefully there will be no mid-year increases.
- Plans for a new reserve study should be made before budget time. This may increase our insurance, but we are a little underinsured on the clubhouse.

ARC, Mark Jaffie

- Two residents cut their street trees without permission from the ARC. Trees were improperly pruned and are in violation of county guidelines. No work outside of your homes is permitted without approval from the ARC.
- Two residents were sent Final Notices of Required Maintenance for their fences. One was spoken to and will take care of painting the fence. We haven't been able to get in touch with the other.
- Motion to fine the resident \$50 for trimming oak tree without permission passed by unanimous vote.

Calendar Committee, Mark Jaffie

- Everything that goes on in the community has to go through the Calendar Committee and obtain approval before notices are posted on the bulletin board or Channel 63.

New Neighbors Committee, Iris Rothstein

- Twenty-eight 2012 new residents were contacted in 2012 and 25 in 2013. There have been total of 56 residents contacted and a total of 44 visits.
- We're working with The Neighbor2Neighbor Program. They will have representatives here in the clubhouse the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Harvey Galan announced formation of a Contracts Committee to be headed by Ken Keller.

Unfinished Business

- The house in foreclosure has been sold and purchased by the bank. Certificate of Title will be issued in 3-4 weeks and after that we should start getting the money back.
- Motion to accept all nine paint motions passed by unanimous vote. The Motions will be made a part of the Rules and Regulations, included in the Manager's report, and in the newsletter. All painting motions are included with the [full] minutes [available in the back lobby].
- Motion to approve M&P's proposal for summer plantings for \$3100 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept the LBS's proposal for power washing for \$850 per month on a month-to-month basis passed by unanimous vote.
- Ken Miller is to get a sample of fabric for the backstage curtains and the 17" length for the valances to enable a vote at June meeting.
- Ken Miller will schedule the fire extinguisher service for the clubhouse and residents during May.
- Bids will be sought for a new painting vendor.
- Motion to rescind the ballroom-painting contract, passed by unanimous vote.
- Saul Siegel recommended approving the draft of the audit. The Board agreed.
- Ken Miller will send a letter to the resident who has not complied with fence maintenance, and cannot be reached, notifying the owner that if the fence were not finished by May 15, 2014, the Association would do the work and bill the cost back to the owner.



GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Jerry Cowan
SaraLee Weinstein

MESSAGES

I never thought I would write a thank you in this paper, but I do want to tell all my MI friends that their love and support shall make my next journey an easier one. Thank you.

Jerry Cowan

Thanks to all our friends in Majestic Isles for your calls, cards and good wishes. It's a comfort to be part of such a caring community.

Sandy Dick

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

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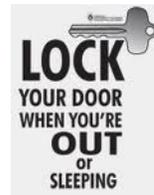
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SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer



Captain Mark Murray, Commander of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) District 6 started our Safety and Security meeting off with the suggestion that we tell residents of our communities to secure their sliding glass doors with broomsticks in the bottom channel or some other locking mechanisms, and not to leave them open when going to bed at night. There have been several home burglaries recently that have taken place when the home is occupied. Locking the door of the "bird cage" is *not* enough; burglars simply cut the screen. The "cat burglars" take advantage of open or unlocked sliding glass doors and alarms that are not set.

During the past few weeks we have seen pleasant weather that allows people to sleep with the windows open. We need to resist that temptation, close and lock doors *and* windows and set the alarms. No one wants to wake up during the night and see a stranger in his or her bedroom.

Please: Remember to lock your front doors, sliding glass doors and windows and to set your alarm. Also, of course, please remember to turn *on* your outside lights at night.

PET PATCH

By Molly



It's almost the end of May – can you believe it? Time is flying by so fast. I'm going to be 14 soon – I'm starting to show my age (hair thinning and graying, losing teeth), but I still get around very well – I love walking past the back gate – that's really a long walk for me.

At the end of the walk I go past the clubhouse and past the homes of a few friends and get treats of various kinds – that renews my energy.

I guess all of the Snowbirds have gone North now, including some doggie friends I'll miss them. But they'll be back here in the fall. Until they come back, my Mom is enjoying much lighter traffic on the roads; shorter (if any) lines at restaurants; and even coupons for a lot of the restaurants. Enjoy it while it lasts – and have a happy and healthy summer.



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Claire Deveney reviewed all the facts with a Supervisor of Elections office employee on May 16, 2014.

- Primary: Tuesday, Aug. 26
- General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 4
- Election day hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

As a resident of Majestic Isles and a registered voter, you are in:

- Precinct 5028
- For U.S. House – District 21
- State Senate – District 34
- State House – District 91

The Primary election for national, state and local offices will be held Tuesday, August 26 and the polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Our precinct votes at the Chabad Lubavitch Synagogue, 10655 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach.

Voter registration deadline for the Primary Election is July 28 at 5 p.m. and for the General Election the deadline is October 6 at 5 p.m.

To vote by mail and receive an absentee ballot, simply call the Supervisor of Elections in Palm Beach County, toll free at 866-868-3321 or at 561-656-6200 or request online at www.pbcelections.org. Absentee ballots will be mailed four weeks prior to the election and cannot be forwarded.

Early voting for Primary elections will be held for 14 days from Monday, August 11 through Sunday, August 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at an area library and at other locations to be announced in area newspapers. Absentee ballots may be requested no later than 5 p.m., August 20.

Early voting for the General Election will be held for 14 days starting on Monday, Oct. 20 and going through Sunday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at an area library and at other locations to be announced in area newspapers. Absentee ballots may be requested no later than Wednesday, 5 p.m., Oct. 29.

To check that you are registered to receive an absentee ballot, go online to pbcelections.org, select the Voter Information Lookup option, enter our name and birth date, answer a security question and click on Absentee Ballot status.

Officers to be elected in the Primary and/or the General election are:

- U.S. Representative
- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Chief Financial Officer
- State Commission of Agriculture
- State Senator
- State Representative,
- District Court of Appeals Judges (General election),
- Circuit Court Judges
- Palm Beach County Court judges.

For more voting information, contact the Supervisor of Elections office toll free at 866-868-3321 or 561-656-6200 or on the website: www.pbcelections.org. For more details on candidates, check the website options for “Candidate Information” and “Announced and Qualified Candidates.”

Reliable web sites for information and links to your elected officials are:

- Palm Beach County: www.pbc.gov
- Florida Governor: www.flgov.com
- U.S. Senate: www.senate.gov
- U.S. House: www.house.gov
- State Exec. Branch: www.myflorida.com
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M.I. resident Claire Deveney at 10800 Royal Caribbean Circle, (home 742-7869 or cell 561-504-3842) will answer questions and offers to deliver your completed absentee ballot to the Supervisor of Elections office for both the Primary and General elections.

Please note: If you requested an absentee ballot but choose, instead, to vote at the polls, you **must** bring the absentee ballot with you so that it can be counted as returned. If you do not do so, you will not be allowed to vote at the designated polling site. To be counted, voted absentee ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office **no later than** the close of elections. *Completed* absentee ballots may not be turned in at the polling place.





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CREATE STRONG PASSWORDS

By Elaine Jay



If you use a computer on a regular basis, you know how often you are asked to create a password to access your accounts, from email to the library to online stores.

The recommendation has always been to use different words for each site and not to use common words or number combinations. Believe it or not, many people use “password” or “12345678” in an effort to keep it simple.

In April this year, it was divulged that there was a significant flaw in what had been designed to be secured sites. The bug, dubbed “Heartbleed,” had existed for two years and allowed cyber crooks to enter a secured connection between two computers. Once in, they could steal security keys, log-in credentials and all of the encrypted data. Incredibly, there would be no trace of the interception of the data until used by the cyber thieves.

It was estimated that over 600 secured web sites had been affected by this flaw. All of the secured sites have been hard at work to fix the problem and the response was rapid. Most of those originally affected are no longer vulnerable. However, all internet users have been advised to create all new passwords in the event that their information has been intercepted. It doesn’t matter how strong your original passwords were. If they have been intercepted by those who intend to defraud you, they are of no value at this point. A November 2011 PCMag.com article by Eric Griffith had some excellent advice on how to create strong passwords. The following information is adapted from that article.

To create a good password, it is recommended that you use a string of text that mixes numbers, letters that are both lowercase and uppercase, and special characters. The password should be at least eight characters, but preferably more. The characters should be random. Some suggestions for creating such a password are:

1. Spell a word backwards. (Example: Turn Boynton into notnyob.)

2. Substitute numbers for certain letters. (Example: Turn notnyob into n0tNy0b.)
3. Randomly throw in some capital letters. (Example: Turn n0tNy0b into n0tNy0b.)
4. Add a special character. (Example: Turn n0tNy0b into n0tNy0b!)

Other tips for creating passwords include choosing something simple to remember, but whenever you type it, put your fingers on the wrong keys, perhaps one key to the left or right. Then a password like “notnyob” becomes “birbtiv” or “mpympn.” Another option is to pick a pattern on the keyboard and type based on that. For example, a counter-clockwise movement around the letter g could result in “ytrfvbh”. Then throw in some random capitals and numbers to make it more secure.

One of the easiest options to remember in this password process is to use an acronym from a phrase of your choice. “God bless America, land that I love” becomes “gbaltil” based on the first letters of each word. Once again, transform some letters into numbers and add a symbol and you have something difficult to decode.

Remembering these combinations of letters, numbers and symbols is nearly impossible. To meet this problem, password manager web sites have arisen. For the most part, they are fee based and generate new, random passwords for every one of your sites that requires a login. The password manager will save each of your newly revised passwords and sync them across your devices.

However or wherever you choose to list or save your newly revised and more complex passwords, there is one additional issue that most individuals fail to consider. If anything should prevent you, your spouse, or significant other from keeping up with your online bill paying, email responding, brokerage account monitoring, whether temporarily or permanently, it is extremely important that an additional party know how to access those accounts or where the information for access to those online accounts is kept. One solution is to give a trusted person the login information to your email accounts because most accounts are tied to email addresses. The other is to enroll in one of several online legacy password managers.

Most important of all, one must bear in mind that passwords are valuable. With new instances of cy

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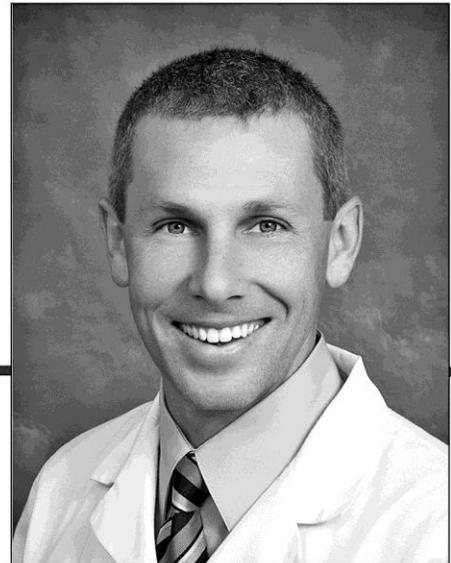
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WOOLBRIGHT ROAD WORK

by Elaine Jay

An inescapable component of excursions outside of Majestic Isles' gates for the past few months has been coping with the ongoing road work on Woolbright Road east of Military Trail. We should consider ourselves lucky that the construction plan did not include the portion of Woolbright Road that borders our community. According to the merchants and professionals at the Village Square shopping center, life has not been easy of late.

The Boynton Beach Water Utilities' \$10.7 million plan to provide more water for the city's increasing population required installation of a 36-inch raw water pipeline to link its west and east treatment plants. You have undoubtedly passed the west plant on the north side of Boynton Beach Boulevard west of Military Trail innumerable times. The east treatment plant is located at Seacrest and Woolbright near the water tower. The west plant has abundant water resources, but limited capacity to treat the water. The east plant has extra capacity but limited water supply.

The total three-phase project is just about halfway completed. The first phase, along Boynton Beach Boulevard, south on Military Trail to Woolbright, started in September 2010 and was completed 13 months later. The current work is projected for completion in July. The last phase, which involves the stretch of road from the intersection of Congress Avenue and Woolbright Road, running east under the CSX railway tracks and Interstate 95 to the Little League baseball field, is anticipated to start in the summer and will require months to complete.

As we all know, water is a necessary life-sustaining element. We should be happy that this construction project has been planned and implemented within a reasonable period of time. Compare this with New York City's plan for the critically necessary Water Tunnel No. 3 to supply the city's needs. It was authorized in 1954, begun in 1970 and just started to supply water to Manhattan in October 2013. The final completion of the tunnel will not occur until 2021. It is considered to be the largest capital construction project ever undertaken in New York's five boroughs, costing over \$4.7 billion!

A Palm Beach Post article (April 3, 2014) by Alexandra Seltzer and the Boynton Beach City website were the sources for the information above.

Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Avalon Estates, May 14, 2014

Because of space considerations, we are printing only an excerpt of the May COBWRA Highlights. The full Highlights are posted in the back lobby. – Ed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The six legislators who represent the COBWRA Service Area provided their insight into the 2014 Legislative Session. Among the issues reported by the Legislators were:

- This was a relatively quiet session with just 250 bills passing. Being an election year, it was a "kinder, gentler" legislature with less bickering.
- Penalties for public school employees who harass or sexually abuse students have also been increased.
- While this year's education budget of \$18.9 billion represents an increase, it is still significantly lower than the 2006 education budget.
- The Medicare Expansion bill did not pass which was a great disappointment to our representatives.
- A bill passed to protect victims of human trafficking by placing them in safe houses and safe foster homes.
- A G.I. Bill was passed offering tuition benefits to veterans.
- An Immigration Bill passed that allows for undocumented individuals to pay in-state tuition to attend State Universities.
- The Yellow Dot Bill, supported by COBWRA and other area civic associations, passed.
- A bill to increase the speed limit passed, but it is anticipated that the governor will veto it.
- "Gun friendly" bills, backed by gun rights advocates, passed.
- A plan was approved to increase eligibility for school vouchers.
- There was no additional funding for teacher raises.
- Three Condo Bills passed.
- Very little was done to address environmental issues in this session.
- A National Flood Insurance Bill passed.
- There was an animated discussion among the Senators and Representatives regarding property insurance issues. A major goal for next year's session is to address Mental Health issues.



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Gardening in the Isles

By

Stan Davidson

The hot summer will shortly be upon us and we ask ourselves, when should our landscapes be watered? Many people living in south Florida and those who just moved to south Florida are not familiar with Florida plants and their growing conditions. The problem is further complicated by the district's restricted water usage and the wide variety of soil types in the area.

The variables such as different plant species, watering requirements, soil types, the time of the year, as well as plant exposure, locations and the weather conditions, determine when and how much plants should and can be watered. Provided below are some guidelines to consider in watering your plants. Considering all of the above variables, it is difficult to offer specific watering procedures.

Irrigate only when a plant requires water. This may present issues for our lawns, mulched beds, and container plantings. During the summer, established plants need no water for 2-3 days after heavy rainfall or from an irrigation system that provides at least one inch of water a week. In the winter, plants can go longer between waterings.

Many of summer plants such as coleus, caladiums, wax begonias, and sun impatiens demonstrate lack of water by wilting. If they show signs of wilting into the evening, water them the following morning. In 90-degree heat, container plants may require daily watering -- if not twice daily.

Landscape bedding plants and lawns should be watered early in the morning when wind and

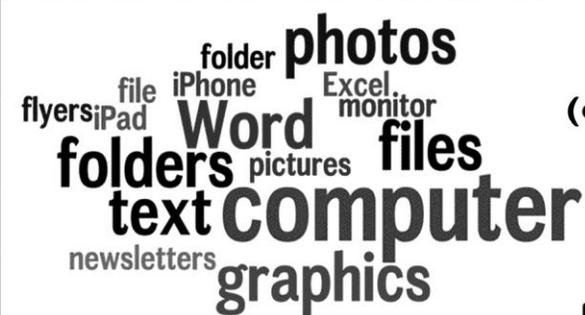
temperature levels are generally lower. Irrigation during the late morning, mid-day and during the afternoon usually results in increased water loss due to evaporation. Watering at night is not advised, since the plant foliage will remain moist and be more susceptible to fungal diseases.

Frequent light sprinkling wastes water and does little to satisfy the water requirements of a plant growing in hot dry soil. Therefore, soak the soil thoroughly when watering. Water container plants until the water comes out from the bottom drainage holes.

Our community complies with the current local and district water regulations. Irrigation in Palm Beach County is allowed only on certain days (here, Sunday and Thursday) with specific watering hours.

During and after a torrential rainfall our irrigation systems should be turned off. This can be accomplished with a rain shut-off device installed in a clear location, preferably close to the irrigation controller, in an area where it can receive the full amount of rain. When sufficient rainfall is received at the sensor, the electrical circuit in the irrigation control is interrupted and shuts off the irrigation clock. Irrigation resumes when the sensor dries out and the normal irrigation program is restored. An alternate to the above system is a soil moisture monitor shutoff system.

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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Co-Facilitator



This May 12 meeting was the last one before the summer recess – a time to look back at what has transpired and a time to look forward with gutsy optimism if you dare. The highlight (???) of the past years' meetings was the

presentation of the document "Stock Selection Using 3 – 6 - 9+ Suitability & Time Frame Criteria" to aid in the selection of relatively conservative stocks, many with a long term track record of steady to gradual growth in dividend payments, while others have higher income payouts. While the listed stocks with the higher income payouts have a somewhat higher degree of risk, nevertheless, they have above-average credentials.

Those in the 9+ list pay an average of 8% to 10% or more. The 3-per-centers, though more conservative, averaged a total return of approximately 20% in the last twelve months. The trade-off is whether you are interested in income or capital gains. You and your financial advisor can be the judge.

The market rises and falls for many reasons. Among those contributing to this volatility are the analysts and newsletter writers with various degrees of credibility. One analyst said: "Calumet Specialty Products L.P. (CLMT) has seen its share price drop this year on negative analyst commentary. As a result, investors feared an impending payout cut. This hasn't occurred and we don't expect it to happen. The issues these companies are facing are fleeting. The company is able to maintain its payout through difficult market conditions which attests to its financial strength. The investment is interesting for the exceptional income of 9.7% and offers the attractive combination of healthy yields and the potential for exceptional price appreciation.

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The Fed expects to continue cutting Treasury purchases if economic progress continues. But long term rates have dropped from 3.9% to 3.4% which is a sign of stimulus but not necessarily a sign of progress. Volatility is still high which can be the result of excessive day trading or uncertainty.

To further clarify, or perhaps muddy the picture, Philip Springer of newsletter Personal Finance wrote: "Meanwhile, the well-known seasonal trend of 'sell in May and go away' is now coming into play. In brief, the stock market on average has done considerably better over time from October to April than during the May-October period. However, this tendency alone is not a reason to sell, given the many exceptions to the rule in 2013. For example, the S&P 500 returned 11% plus during the warmer months. And the index was barely positive thru mid-April this year." A bit confusing. Ay what!!!

Our co-facilitator, Bill Harris, ran the meeting with his usual interesting commentary. We wish you all a happy, healthy and pleasant summer.

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



"Every day, self-proclaimed stock market "experts" tell us why the market just went up or down, as if they really knew. So where were they yesterday?"

- Anonymous.

"One of the funny things about the stock market is that every time one person buys, another sells, and both think they are astute." - William Feather.

"Sell to the sleeping point.-if you are troubled by an investment but still desire to hang onto it, sell just enough so that you can feel that you've 'dealt' with the anxiety and can calmly sleep at night, but you've kept enough to feel comfortable with what you have left." - Anonymous.

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CELEBRATE!

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Ah, June. The scent of roses, the joys of celebrations: blushing brides, smiling dads sporting new ties, ecstatic graduates throwing their caps in the air; and long, long days flowing into velvet purple evenings. Okay. We've had our Hallmark moment. If you have had enough of the hoopla and ceremonies and the gift giving of June's many special holidays, take heart. June is also full of quirky, off-beat events to enjoy. The pundits and merchandisers have compiled* a list of special days to celebrate that by comparison make Groundhog Day look like a dignified noble holiday.

Cast off your inhibitions on June first and take part in "Dare Day" or "Flip a Coin Day." Go on. I double dare you. Like most of the special days listed on this compendium of bizarre holidays, the origins are murky. Yet there is an unmistakable allure. If you couldn't bring yourself to play a trick on April Fool's day, perhaps this is the time to try one. You are sure to find a Whoopee Cushion on line somewhere.

Of course, you could take advantage of all of the days devoted to eating in June: Applesauce Cake Day (June 4), National Doughnut Day, (June 6), Ice Cream Soda Day, (June 20), Chocolate Éclair Day, (June 22) and Waffle Iron Day, (June 29). Doughnut Day originally may have been started as a fund raising effort for the Salvation Army. And if you can't fit into your teeny, weeny yellow polka-dot-bikini after these events, observe either of the two Eat your Vegetables Days on June 16 and 17 or exercise on National Gardening Day (June 6) or Skate Day (June 2).

Some of the suggested days are sweet and goofy. Who can fault "Hug Your Cat Day" (June 4) or "Take Your Dog to Work Day" (June 20)? Both of these days were designed to foster awareness of homeless or shelter animals, so do your thing. I'm not sure about hugging a cat, though. Those I know don't go for such intimate expressions of love. I wouldn't take my dog to work if I thought he might be better at the job than I was. Molly, our resident dog columnist, already has a bigger fan following than I do.

I admit to having a couple of favorites among the many dubious events chosen to celebrate. I love "National Yo-yo Day" (June 6) celebrating Donald F. Duncan Sr. who popularized the yo-yo in the 1900's. Who can forget trying to make the yo-yo "sleep" or

"walk the dog" or any of the countless tricks that real yo-yo players could do. I spent most of my time trying to untangle the string of my yo-yo. You can still buy yo-yos, including souped-up versions with ball bearings and elegant colors and materials. And if you can't play with a yo-yo, how about World Juggler's Day on June 14? Everyone has a few oranges or apples to practice with. I wouldn't try chainsaws just yet. Don't worry if several events are on the same day, such as June 6. Make a festival out of them all. Eat doughnuts while you garden and play with your yo-yo. (Of course, you could always be more serious and commemorate something more important like D-Day, marking the invasion of Normandy).

I have some personal favorites I think would be fun to observe. How about Paul Bunyan Day, honoring the legendary woodsman who cut down trees and dug channels for rivers, with Babe the Blue Ox as his travel companion? He's a great folk hero up there with Pecos Bill and Johnny Appleseed. I'm not sure what the appropriate celebration would be short of cutting down some trees. But we could start small and maybe weed the yard. I also like National Catfish Day proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan on June 25, 1987. Maybe you could celebrate this in tandem with National Bubba's Day on June 2, ("bubba" like the character in Forrest Gump, not to be confused with your saintly Jewish Grandma).

If you've had enough with these bizarre days, I leave you with one close to my heart, National Columnists Day on June 23 originated to memorialize famous war-time reporter Ernie Pyle. No cards, please. Just gifts and checks. Thank you!

Take heart. June has only 30 days. Can the 4th of July be far off?

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Another Book to Check Out “DAVID AND GOLIATH”

By Stan Kaish

If you've never read a Malcolm Gladwell book, you should. They're fun. They're informative. And they are popular enough to offer a high probability of a shared experience with someone you run into. What Gladwell does is call our attention to unexpected, or counter-intuitive outcomes that often arise from social situations, and explain why they happen. He has had five best sellers employing this device. His latest is “David and Goliath, Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants.” The title alone screams “unexpected outcome.” No one, least of all Goliath, expected David to prevail. And yet he did, employing the same means guerrilla armies use to defeat stronger military forces: unconventional and unexpected tactics. Think Washington crossing the Delaware in the dead of winter, or Lawrence of Arabia crossing the uncrossable desert to attack the Turks from behind while they looked out front.

Gladwell isn't just using David and Goliath metaphorically. He gives us a long chapter detailing the several ways in which the youthful shepherd exploited the strengths that turned out to be weaknesses in the giant warrior. Then in a series of ten more chapters he documents the unexpected. Let me give you a few highlights.

Vivek Ranadive was an inexperienced basketball coach with a team of inexperienced players. No way could his team win by playing conventionally. They couldn't dribble and they couldn't shoot. So he employed a full court press, hounding opponents as they try to inbound the ball (they have only five seconds to do so) and bring it up to half court (they have only ten seconds). If the opponent fails in either of these tasks, Ranadive's team is handed the ball. Over and over, this exhausting tactic led to lopsided victories over frustrated conventional teams who weren't used to this sort of treatment.

We learn that sometimes it is better to attend lesser universities than to attend than great ones. Upper ten percent science students often feel dumb when surrounded by upper one per cent students at places like Harvard and Brown, and frequently drop out of the program in which they can't keep up, in favor of one with an easier curriculum. He cites Caroline Sacks, an outstanding high school science student who was accepted to both Brown and University of

Maryland. At Maryland she would have been a top student. But she chose to go to Brown, grew depressed, and failed. Gladwell tells us that acceptance to Harvard costs society many physicists, and gives it lawyers in exchange.

Conditions that impair normal learning and opportunity should handicap one economically, but they often produce compensating qualities and talents. For example, dyslexia, which inhibited reading skills in attorney David Boies, forced him to develop memory and debating skills that led him to the top of the legal profession. Gladwell cites a study that points out that an extraordinary number of entrepreneurs are dyslexic: Richard Branson, Virgin brand; Charles Schwab; David Neeleman, founder of Jet Blue; John Chambers, CEO of Cisco; Paul Orfalea, founder of Kinkos; Gary Cohn, Chairman of Goldman Sachs. If you can't read in school, you are an outsider. You must plan or scheme to get along. You find new ways. You become good at these skills, which are so necessary for business.

Losing a parent early in life is another handicap that oddly enough turns out to develop resourcefulness, self-reliance and a measure of disagreeableness also needed in business and government. Two thirds of Britain's Prime Ministers are reported to have lost a parent before age 16, as did twelve of the 44 presidents of the United States, starting with George Washington and continuing to Barack Obama.

And so on, including the Civil Rights struggle where the under-resourced Martin Luther King prevailed against the white establishment by inducing Bull Connor to sic his dogs on children, thereby earning the animus of the nation.

Gladwell bolsters these discussions with copious footnotes, tables, citations of studies, appendices and all of the paraphernalia of social science. Yet as popular as he is among the lay public, that is how suspect he is with the scientific community. They say he cherry picks his cases. His evidence is anecdotal. He consistently omits contrary evidence. Mostly, they worry that through his popularity he has an undue influence in shaping beliefs about these things that aren't true. Or as one writer titled his review, “Malcolm Gladwell is America's Best Paid Fairy Tale Writer,” to which Gladwell responds: “If my books appear oversimplified then you shouldn't read them. You are not the audience.”

I think, oversimplified or not, we all deserve to be part of his audience.

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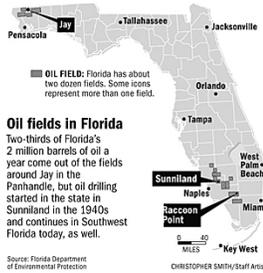
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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris



The letter was printed on plain white paper in plain black type, and but for its unfamiliar globe logo "Total Safety" and its unsettling message, it was no different than most of the junk mail filling the mailboxes in our community.

"Dear Sir or Madam," it read, "Total Safety US, Inc. is currently going around your area gathering information on households for Dan A. Hughes, so that we can develop a contingency plan. We need the name of the main contact of the household, the number of people in your household, address and a number where you could be contacted in case of emergency, if you have transportation to evacuate and if you have any special needs."

This message from "the world's leading provider" of safety service solutions to the petrochemical industry" went on to instruct recipients to contact the company with any questions about the still unspecified project coming to their neighborhood.

With a little research, one of the many perplexed recipients learned that Dan A. Hughes was a Beeville, Texas-based oil outfit and that the company planned on drilling a test well on the pasture alongside his home less than 1000 feet from his front porch. This letter filled the mailboxes of 30 homes in a rural south Florida area called Golden Gate Estates, east of Naples. Could this someday be mailed to us?

Undeveloped or developed land, it makes no difference to this new breed of "wildcatter." As the price of oil climbs, American prospectors employing new drilling technologies are increasingly looking for untapped plots to sink their wells. Pasture or HOA, it doesn't make a difference. Who owns the mineral rights under your home? Is it you, the builder, the original landowner, the State? Do you know?

Florida has had some small-scale conventional (vertical well) oil production since 1943, from porous carbonate mounds in the upper part of the Sunniland Formation that stretches from Ft. Meyers to Miami. There are now 162 wells operating in the Panhandle and in Collier, Henry, Lee and Dade counties. Peak production for the entire South Florida basin was

reached in the mid 1970s at 17,000 barrels of oil per day (bbl/d), and since inception 120 million bbl have been produced from 14 oil fields. The best vertical wells made 4 million bbl each, and 40 of them have each produced at least 1 million bbl. Current production in the basin has declined to a few thousand bbl/d, but recently, non-conventional horizontal wells drilled into the Upper Sunniland are starting to turn production around.

Dan A. Hughes and Sunrise Exploration & Production Co. are convinced that the next big crude discovery is just around the corner and are actively seeking land leases and permits in the western Everglades. Sunrise has leased and recorded 8-year leases on 135,000 acres hoping to produce 1.2 million bbl oil (Mbbbl)/well completed in the Upper Sunniland using horizontal drilling techniques.

Publicly traded BrightBurn Energy Partners has 7% of its proven reserves in the Sunniland. It currently is using directional drilling to reach new VW-sized oil deposits, 10,000 feet down and miles away from the original wellhead. Since 2007, it has operated five Sunniland fields with 19 actively producing wells. BrightBurn's estimated proven reserves were approximately 10.4 billion barrels (MMBbls) at the end of 2012. Production in 2012 averaged about 1.9 MBbl/d. Production from its Raccoon Point field in the Big Cypress National Preserve just west of the Collier-Broward County line and halfway between Tamiami Trail to the south and Alligator Alley to the north currently accounts for more than half of BrightBurn's annual production.

The Lower Sunniland Shale, found at 11,500 ft. just beneath Upper Sunniland limestones, has the right mix of rock properties to be the next repeatable liquids-rich south Florida oil play. It has produced around 300,000 bbl of oil over 40 years at rates of 30-120 bbl/d. It has not as yet been drilled horizontally or fracture-stimulated with modern "fracking" techniques.

Don't be surprised if when you open your front door one of these mornings you see wildcatters scurrying around your front yard, and a drilling pad under construction. Do not panic, just kidding! The geology just isn't right along Florida's east coast. Even if it were, you probably don't own the mineral rights

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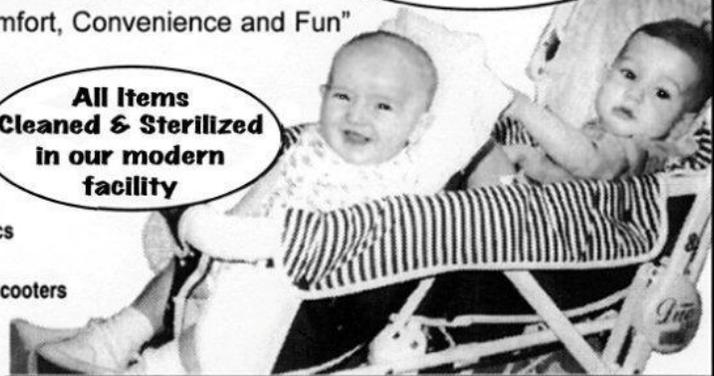
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PARKING PLACES FOR THE DISABLED

By Paul Mendelsohn



Because of the unusually large number of persons with difficulty walking and the limited number of designated parking places available, Florida has much more stringent requirements than most states for obtaining disabled license plates and placards. Physicians must cite on the application the medical condition which limits mobility. These conditions must meet specific criteria. Physicians can be monitored and asked to provide medical documentation to support the information they provide on the application. If they misrepresent the disability, they are subject to penalties.

Under Florida law, a person displaying a handicapped permit can be asked by a policeperson to show both the issuing documentation and your government issued identification card or driver's license to validate that only the person who has been approved for the permit is using it.

There are sanctions for using a permit inappropriately including fines and revocation of permits for both the permit holder and the driver. Many of us could not use a motor vehicle if we did not have the ability to park close to where we wish to go. At times, when no close space is available, we are unable to park at the intended destination. Therefore, we all must be conscientious of our use of designated spaces. Obviously, this means that if you are not the person for whom the permit was issued, and you are not driving that person, you have no right to use a designated space.

Also, for those who are entitled to this privilege, use it with consideration. If there is an available non-designated space which is near, use that space and leave the designated space available.

I often hear people saying that they see people using designated spaces who are "obviously" not handicapped. Indeed there are some who are using the permits illegally, however, I must remind you that

many disabilities which limit mobility are not obvious or visible, e.g., neurological or respiratory disorders. Also, a person with a permit may have a disability which does not always limit their mobility and only should use it when it is necessary. However, one should not "accost" a person who they believe is misusing a permit but rather notify motor vehicles administration of the license or placard number and ask them to investigate. If a policeperson is available, a person can also call the presumed offender to the officer's attention who can check their permit.

Another issue that disturbs some people is that in certain situations, those with permits do not pay parking fees. Why is this fair, because obviously many of these people have the ability to pay? The purpose of this policy is the recognition that a person with a mobility handicap cannot easily return to move their car or feed the meter. Of course this



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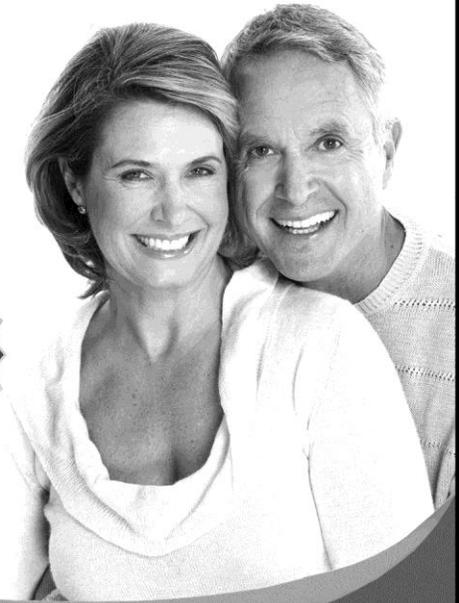


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FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson

Florida is a visitor's wonderland. Here are some suggestions for all ages, including some places for long time senior residents and their guests to keep cool:

- * Walk the malls
- * Go to the new Palm Beach Outlet Mall
- * Jungle Island (305-400- 7000), located at 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail in Miami (South Beach)
- * The Museum of Discovery & Science in Downtown Ft. Lauderdale, Goose Bumps, the Science of Fear www.mods.org
- * Palm Beach Zoo (561-547-wild) 1301 Summit Blvd. WPB 33405
- * Paintless Paint Ball, Laser Tag, Zipline, Rock Climbing Wall. Trampolines 1401 Green Road 33064 Deerfield Beach (954-HaveFun), www.planetairsports.com
- * Monster Mini Golf, www.monsterminigolf.com, 14435 Miramar Parkway (954-589-1878) ? mile east of 75. Glow in the dark monster themed mini golf. Fun family experiences.
- * If you really want to be cool, try Palm Beach Ice Works 1590 N. Florida Mango Rd. WPB, Fl 33409. (561-656-4046) www.pbiw.org
- * Lion Country Safari www.Lioncountrysafari.com on Southern Blvd, 10 miles west of Fl Turnpike. (561-793-1084). 2003 Lion Country Safari Rd., WPB 33470. Turnpike Exit 97, I95 to exit 68. This is a fantastic time for out-of-towners and grandchildren. There is a safari park plus amusement park in one visit.
- * Putt Around 36 holes of exciting mini golf in Downtown Delray Beach, 350 N.E. 5 Ave., Delray Beach 33483 (561-450-6162) www.puttingaround.net Open Daily.
- * Horseback Riding, 4000 NW 43rd St, Coconut Creek Fl 33073, (954- 326-2528), www.acts2acres.com. Take riding lessons. Great place to take grandkids.
- * Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables, Fl 33136. Explore the magnificent tropical plants that are lush, lovely, and beautiful. (305-667-1651 ext 3322.
- * Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Rd., Boca Raton, Fl (561-347-3700) www.sugarsandpark.org
- * Check out the Y's for indoor sports programs. De-Vos Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach (1-800-322-8453). It's right around the corner on Military and Old Boynton. My son joined for \$20.00 per month. It has great classes and a wonderful pool.

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Visiting: RENEE STICHEL

By Claire Deveney



Renee Stichel was born and raised in the East Bronx, in New York City, and went to P.S. 50. She graduated from Herman Ridder Junior High School and James Monroe High School. She is an alumna of City College of New York where she earned a B.A. degree in accounting.

After graduation, Renee went to work in the bookkeeping department of a large textile company in New York City's garment district. She worked there for six years, during which she met her husband "Stich" (Sidney) at the Concord Hotel while on a double date.

Renee fondly recalls their whirlwind romance saying, "We met in May, became engaged in August and married that February."

Renee and Stich had their first apartment in Rego Park, in Queens. Renee stopped working when their first child, Fred, was born a year after they were married. Three years later, they had their second child, Beth, and moved into a larger apartment in the same complex. Renee and Stich had many friends and a busy social life.

When her younger child started first grade, Renee went back to work as a part time secretary at the New York Life Insurance Company, at an office within walking distance of her home. "I always wanted to be near my kids, I was around the corner when they were at school and I was at home when they arrived from school," Renee said. After Beth was in high school, Renee was recruited to be the company's office manager at its 660 Madison Avenue location. "I worked for that company for almost 20 years until we moved to Florida," comments Renee.

Stich had worked for the U.S. Post Office and then for Seventeen magazine where he was a member of the security and office staff. As a tribute to Stich, Seventeen published his photo on the cover of its December 1993 issue describing him as "totally sexy and totally cool." He worked there for 10 years. "He

liked to be around young people," says Renee. Stich retired and wanted to move to Florida to "fulfill his dream" Renee explains.

Renee and Stich moved to Coconut Creek in Pompano where they lived for four years. One day they visited Majestic Isles with friends who were interested in the property, and they loved it. "We chose a model and moved into Section Two in 1997, 17 years ago. We watched our home being built and visited here very often, mostly on weekends when construction was underway seven days a week." At the time, Renee was a bookkeeper for the Jewish Federation in Boca Raton, where she worked for nine years. Stich, who enjoyed M.I. and loved being at the pool, died seven years ago.

Renee joined all the clubs that were here. She is a former co-president and president of the Social Club, and has served on boards of Hadassah and the Women's Club. For the past 13 years, she has served on the M.I. Pap Corps Board of Directors where initially she was the first financial secretary. This year marks her eighth year as a co-president of the non-profit fund-raising organization for cancer research. She is also a member of M.I.L.T. and recently performed at a script-in-hand event.

Renee's home is decorated in Mickey Mouse colors (red, white and black) and lots of Mickey memorabilia. "It makes me happy," says Renee. There's a distinctive Mickey Mouse style kettle on her stove and other Mickey Mouse objects in the kitchen. Renee enjoys giving catered-in parties at her home. She also regularly enjoys shows performed at the Kravis Center, Delray Playhouse, Stage Door, Plaza Theatre and other local theatres.

Renee loves time with her children and her teenage grandchildren. Fred and his wife, Karen, live in Ashville, N.C., with their two girls, Johanna, 15, and Sammie, 14. Beth and her husband, Keith, who works for Jet Blue, live in South Bellmore, Long Island, N.Y., with their children Michael, 16 and Morgan, 13.

Renee is always friendly, helpful and involved with everyone she knows at M.I. She is always stylishly dressed. Renee is determined and has successfully overcome health setbacks such as a broken hip two years ago, and an operation or two. She recently recovered from a broken pelvis. She is irrepressible and like an energizer bunny she keep on going. Hooray Renee!

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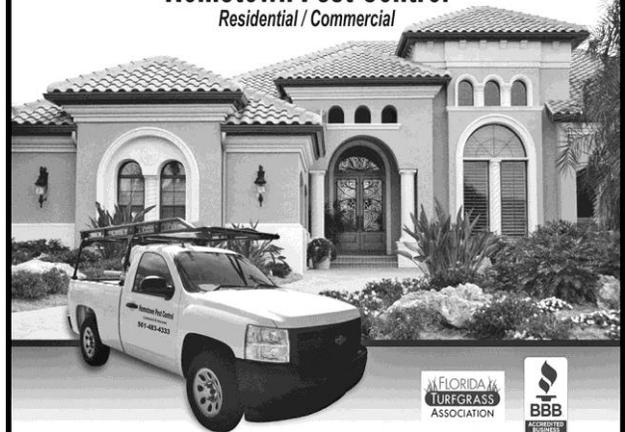
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SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorokin

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Thank you all for the generous contributions to the "Forgotten Soldiers Outreach." We surpassed last year's collection. In the name of the soldiers that will receive our packages - Majestic Isles you are the best!!

July 5th, Suzi Cruz will perform again on the Majestic Isles stage. Her performance last time was outstanding and we are happy to welcome her back. As an added bonus, we will be serving "Make your own Sundaes" after the show. All this for \$12.00, so get your checks in early. Seating will be done as checks are received.



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tickets. \$75.00 per person buys the series and half payment can be made now and the balance in October. Individual shows are \$30.00 per person. All three shows will be fantastic.

Our next movies are all winners, so mark your calendars and join us. The paragraph at the bottom of this page explains why our movies are almost always scheduled for Saturday evenings.

Keep cool this summer. We hope to see you "around the campus."

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21: NEBRASKA When a cantankerous old boozier thinks he's won a magazine sweepstakes prize, his son reluctantly takes a road trip with him to claim the fortune. As they drive from Montana to Nebraska, they visit friends and relatives to whom the dad owes money.

SATURDAY, JULY 12: PHILOMENA Floundering BBC journalist Martin Sixsmith and aging Irishwoman Philomena Lee form an unlikely bond when they pair up to find the son Philomena was forced to give up for adoption 50 years ago.

SATURDAY, JULY 26: SAVING MR. BANKS When Walt Disney sets his sights on obtaining the rights to the children's classic "Mary Poppins," he reaches out to the book's author, P.L. Travers, only to find that she proves a tough nut to crack.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.



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

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|| **MOVIE NIGHTS:** Why don't we accommodate residents who, for religious reasons, are not able to attend Saturday evening movies during the daylight savings months? Why don't we show movies more often than once or twice a month? The main answer to both of these questions is that we don't have enough people to run the projection equipment.

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The M.I Pap Corps raised \$28,000 for this year and a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their support of all our programs and events.

Our year extends from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014. All funds were donated to the Pap Corps for cancer research at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center (SCCC). For the same period the Pap Corps announced it raised a total of \$4.5 million.) \

The Kings Academy High School Choral Group performed on Thursday, May 29 at 1 p.m. at the annual Desserts Meeting at the clubhouse. All the delicious desserts were homemade or donated by M.I. Pap Corp board members. Cost was \$5 per person. Special thanks to Selma Friedman, programming vice president, for planning the entertainment. Thanks also to the hospitality volunteers: Myrna Bader, Selma Friedman, Fran Silling, Suzanne Skinner and others who helped set-up the tables and dessert buffet and serve coffee.

Save the date for the sixth annual Summer Event at the clubhouse on Saturday, August 2 at 6 p.m. The evening will feature a full catered Italian dinner, desserts, photo booth, and DJ/entertainer to be announced. At the professionally operated photo booth, you'll receive 2 strips of 4 photos each. You decide on the hats or other accessories you'll choose that will be provided for the photos. Applause and many thanks to Vice Presidents of Fundraising Marsha Steiner and Suzanne Skinner for planning this fun event. Call them if you have any questions. Watch for flyers in back lobby and on Channel 63. Tickets are \$27 per person. Place checks, made out to the M.I. Pap Corps, in the mail box in the back lobby. Write table groupings on the envelope, if you wish, and tables can also be arranged for you.

Latest fashions from our Jewelry Boutique of costume jewelry from New York City are available at our meetings, or call Renee Stichel, 733-2871.

The Pap Corps is working with a thrift shop in Lake Worth. Over 20 bags or donations of clothing, accessories and small household items were donated and picked up May 15 from Renee Stichel's garage. We appreciate everyone's donations. Fall donation

dates will be posted on Channel 63 and will appear in this column.

To read or watch lectures given at the Pap Corps Presidents' monthly meetings by the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center (SCCC) faculty go to the web site: www.papcorps.org. Suzanne Skinner has provided these brief summaries of the latest news from this site: 1. Molecular subtyping of breast cancer shows potential of personalized medicine. A new study at SCCC shows the potential of personalized medicine to guide therapy in early stage invasive cancer. Therapy on the molecular level may prove to be successful. 2. A new strategy for treating leukemia was reported in Nature, an international scientific journal published weekly. A groundbreaking laboratory study indicated that blocking the formation of cancer-producing protein complex in blood cells could treat a deadly type of leukemia in children and adults. "By shedding new light on the protein-to-protein interactions that lead to acute myeloid leukemia, our study points to a potential therapeutic strategy," said Stephen D. Nimer, M.D., Director of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler

Did you miss our Parent's Brunch at Broken Sound? I hope not, as it was wonderful!

Did you miss our Canasta Tournament in the clubhouse? Here are our prize winners:

First place: Lee Katz and Elaine Grossman

Second: Helen Mai and Rita Logiudice

Third: Helen Aldoroty and Barbara Rosen

Fourth: Gladys Feldman and Rita Keller

Fifth: Sylvia Fefferman and Doris Silverman

Our next event will be a Delray Yacht cruise on June 10. The price is \$22 per person and the departure is 1:30 p.m. from Delray Beach. Free parking. All details are in the flyer in the back lobby of the clubhouse.. Lunch on your own. This trip is open to all, family, friends etc.

Dues \$15. Please drop your check in Women's Club mailbox in back lobby.

HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



Hadassah will have a busy summer so mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

On June 1 Hadassah members go to Chico's. The store will open early, at 10:00 a.m., and remain open until noon just for Hadassah. They will be giving discounts and money back to Hadassah. The store is located at 777 E. Atlantic Ave., near the Intracoastal, in downtown Delray. Personal Service will be provided, and a nosh of bagels and coffee.

Wednesday, June 18, will be the date of the "Schmooz & Booz" at Lee Katz's house at 1:00 p.m. Cost per person will be one half chai (\$9).

On Monday, July 14, Hadassah will have its annual summer card party, The Summer Sizzler. It will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. Flyers are in the back lobby.

Support Hadassah by purchasing a brick on our sixth Brick Lane. Call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garelick (364-0533).

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

On July 27 the dine-arounds are returning to Duffy's. This activity contributes to Camp Judea's needs. Join us. Be sure to pick up the flyer in the back lobby.

Evelyn and I are finishing the 2014-2015 calendars. You can earn 100% donor on any personal listings and 50% for any ads you brought in. Please continue to support our efforts in the future. We are sending it to the printer at the end of May.

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

Oscar Wilde: He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends

Irvin S. Cobb: I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial.

SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

The Singles first card party was so much fun, we have decided to have another one on July 19 (not on June 14). The original meeting date of June 6 has been reinstated. Our board will meet at 3:30 p.m. and the regular meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. We are still planning to use 3G's for catering. The box lunches will cost only \$6 as the club is subsidizing the rest. Please bring your form and a check for \$6. Because we are subsidizing the meal, only members can come to the card party. At the June meeting, we will also try to organize the card games. Please ask around and try to get your games established before the meeting.

On May 24, we returned to Harrid's to see their graduation performance. We have seen most of these ballet students for a few years, and the resulting entertainment was most enjoyable. Dinner at the Kee Grille after the program was delightful. Thank you, Renee for organizing the dinner.



There will be more plays and musicals next season, but virtually nothing for the summer. Please let us know if you have program ideas.

See you on June 6.



MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

The Men's and Women's Clubs would like to thank all of you who attended our annual Parent's Day Brunch at Broken Sound.

From the feedback we have received, those who came enjoyed themselves immensely. The food was outstanding and the entertainer was fabulous. We hope to be able to continue this for a long time.

The Men's Club has a quiet summer ahead. There won't be any breakfasts in July or August.

Enjoy your summer. We will look forward seeing you in the fall.

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Doris Davidoff



Our trip to the Palm Beach Zoo was another rousing success, thanks to Jack Moss' hard work in planning our visit. We started at the zoo's hospital, where we

learned much about the medical treatment of zoo residents and of the needs of very large animals such as elephants. Our local zoo works with veterinary medical organizations throughout the world to help maintain the health of animals in zoos and those out in the field.

This was the Travel Club's 17th trip and its 17th one with wonderful weather. We were a little afraid we were going to break our streak of good weather, but the rain stopped before our trip.

Flyers are in the back lobby for our August 13 trip to the Flagler Museum, lunch and a motorcoach tour of the Palm Beach mansions. This trip is limited to 30 passengers so book early; it's filling up quickly. We will maintain a waiting list.

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

In December we will take a one-night trip to enjoy the wonderful holiday lights in Mt. Dora and other activities in that area.

We are already making plans for 2015. In January, we will visit the Miami Seaquarium. A trip to Charleston is planned for February. We hope to have many of our snowbirds join us on this trip. We are also looking into a Fall 2015 Alaskan cruise .

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

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting May 4, 2014

By Doris Davidoff



Our last workshop for this season was an immersion into a truly dramatic performance. Ed Strauber, M.I.L.T.'s president, introduced a video of the great British Shakespearian actor, Sir Ian Mc-

Kellen, that was made in the early 1980s, when he was in his early 40s.

The audience was mesmerized by the talent of this man, who was twice nominated for an academy award, and we were amazed with his phenomenal acting talents and his ability to bring Shakespeare's characters to life.

The video, a mixture of vignettes from Shakespeare's plays performed by McKellen, provided interesting and, sometimes humorous information about those times and life. Shakespeare's plays tell every kind of story from comedy to tragedy, history, adventure, love stories and fairy tales.

McKellen taught us about how many phrases we use today came from Shakespeare, such as "the world is my oyster," "parting is such sweet sorrow," "a rose by any other name," and more. If you say, "It's Greek to me," you are quoting Shakespeare.

Although, M.I.L.T. doesn't have meetings or performances again until October, we do not take the summer off completely. Selma Friedman will again be conducting some "Sing for Fun" sessions. Watch Channel 63 for dates and times.

The M.I.L.T. Board is hard at work setting up plans for next year's (October – May) workshops and for our major show in March. Watch for information on these. Again, as we did this year, we are planning to have a variety of different types of workshops.

M.I.L.T. is always seeking not only new members, but also people who want to take an active part in providing entertainment. We need actors, actresses, singers, musicians, set designers and builders, people to work the sound and lights (we'll teach you how), people to help with costumes and all the other activities that go into creating entertainment. Don't be shy – we'd love to have you. No prior experience is needed.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR
June - July 2014

JUNE

1	Sun	9-11a.m.	Hadassah	Chico's special discounts
		9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (f, h)
5	Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting
6	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f, h)
7	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
10	Tues	11:30 a.m.	Women's Club	Boat Ride (p, a)
14	Sat	5:30 p.m.	Singles	Card Party (p, h)
18	Wed	1:00 p.m.	Schmooz and Booz	Lee Katz's home (p, h)
21	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
22	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
26	Thurs	TBA	Travel Club	One-day trip (p, a)

JULY

5	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Show Time (p, h)
6	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (f, h)
12	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
14	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Summer Sizzler (p,h)
19	Sat	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Card Party (p, h)
23	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino (p, a)
26	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
27	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
		12 noon	Hadassah	Duffy's (p, a)

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