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Manager's Corner

I realize it's only March, but the Snowbirds will be heading back north soon. I'm directing this newsletter article to all of our migratory residents.

Most Snowbirds will be leaving South Florida in March or April and will probably not visit their homes again until fall or winter. If you are one of them, it is **very important** that you secure your property for hurricane season before you leave. Walk around your house and make sure any objects that could become projectiles in a storm are safely stored inside your home or garage. Potted plants, patio furniture, wall hangings, and landscape decorations are just a few of the items that need to be put indoors before you vacate your home for the summer. If a hurricane decides to head this way, we have no one to tend to the individual homes. We're much too busy securing Association property, so please take the responsibility of protecting both your home and your neighbors before you leave.

Stop by the office and let Bonnie or me know you're leaving. We'll confirm your northern mailing address and double-check your emergency contacts. Tell us if someone local has your house key and is entering the house on a regular basis just to make sure everything is okay. Turn your water off at the house, flip the breaker for your water heater and arrange with the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department to turn the water off at the curb. Leave your A/C set to 78° so you don't come back to walls fuzzy with mold.

If you would like the Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) to check on your house while you're gone, fill out one of the forms in the back hallway and put it in the COP box. If you're going to allow your neighbors to park in your driveway, indicate this on the form. Likewise, permanent residents who will be using their neighbor's driveway need to ensure that the COP checking on the homes can identify the cars. All residents should have the new yellow decals clearly visible on the cars. Visitors must place the Guest Pass from the Guardhouse in the lower left hand corner of the front window so that it is clearly visible. If a car is parked in the driveway of a house on the COP House Check list and it can't be identified, the COP has been instructed to call 911 and alert the Sheriff's Office.

Snowbirds are as much a part of the Majestic Isles as our full-time residents and have the same responsibility to do their part to make our community a place everyone can be proud to call home – even if it's only for a few weeks at a time to get away from the snow.

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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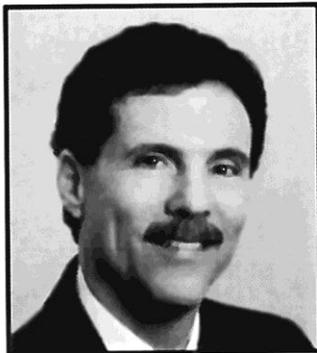
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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, February 10, 2011

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

President's Report, Joel Rosenthal

- The February 8, 2011 auction of one of the homes in foreclosure has been delayed by court order.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- As of 2/10/11 two units are in arrears for a total of \$15,041.65. Both turned over to our attorneys.
- If you make your maintenance payments online, be sure all information, including payment amount, is up to date.
- AutoPay is available for residents. Request forms from Sy Kugelmas.
- The 2010 annual audit has begun and all information has been turned over to Gerstel Rosen.
- Continental has made changes to our financial statements that we do not agree with. Discussions are ongoing with Continental.
- *(Residents may request report of cash positions and statement of operations at the office.)*

COBWRA Report, Steve Bayer

- Meeting at M.I. on Jan. 19 was well attended and we had many complimentary comments from the guests in regard to the facilities.

Safety and Security Committee, Steve Bayer

- We've been doing well with the new car decals. Bonnie has been calling residents. We're looking into what can be done about residents who have not picked up their decals.
- The committee recommends an additional stop sign at the El Clair entrance.

Painting Committee, Harvey Galan

- The painting continues and many homeowners have chosen the new colors.

Unfinished Business

- Motion by Harvey Galan to accept the Florida Patio Furniture's proposal at a price not to exceed \$13,000, passed 6-0.
- New canopies have been ordered.
- Motion to accept the \$2150 proposal from Hartzell to paint the canopy poles, passed 6-0.
- Motion to allow a one-time-only waiver of the late fee and reminder notice fee for unit owners who have

not been late in their maintenance payments for the last five years, passed 6-0.

- Motion to accept the \$500 proposal from Universal Tile for the upstairs women's restroom repair, passed 5-0-1.
- Motion to accept the proposal from Universal Tile to repair the men's steam room, passed 6-0.
- Board agreed Steve Bayer's request to purchase an additional stop sign for the El Clair entrance.
- Motion to purchase new umbrellas from Florida Patio Furniture at a price not to exceed \$1800, passed 6-0.

New Business

- Motion to close the clubhouse for the second and third week in August every year, passed 6-0.
- The recycle bins will be removed.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Joel Rosenthal



It is important for the community to know that we have a very active and dedicated Board, so I'll start with a few words about our first Vice President, Harvey Galan. Harvey has been overseeing the house-painting project for the past few years, and this year he has introduced new paint colors and some new color combinations. Over the next three years, most of us will have an opportunity to put a little variety in our choices.

Harvey has also chaired the committee concerned with finishing the second floor and replacing the pool furniture. After months of discussions, the Board has approved new chairs, new canopies, and new lounge chairs that will be higher off the ground and easier to use than the old ones. It is not easy to pick colors and try to satisfy everyone. Harvey and his group of residents took on a tough job.

Steve Bayer and the security committee have also been very busy as they continue to upgrade our security with structural improvements and resident meetings.

Be sure to watch channel 63 if you wish be part of the fun and excitement at Majestic Isles.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

David Aldoroty Cal Miller
Bernie Berger Erwin Silling
Susan Horowitz Irv Sultan
Herb Mai

SYMPATHY

To Saralee Weinstein on the loss of her husband, Al.

MESSAGES

A sincere thank you to my Majestic Isles friends and neighbors for their caring and concern and for wishing me a speedy recovery.

David Aldoroty

I want to thank all my friends and neighbors for the many cards, calls, donations and good wishes after my recent knee surgery. Majestic Isles is truly a wonderful place.

Sue Horowitz

Thanks to all my friends and neighbors for their cards, visits and calls wishing me a speedy recovery.

Puggy Weiner

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CONSERVE WATER

We can't do without it



The "COBWRA Highlights" page (p. 9), report that a representative of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has asked communities to conserve water because we will need it in the future. Not only communities, but individuals can and must conserve water in every way possible. An individual may think, "I use so little it won't make a difference whether I'm careful or not." Remember the poem we learned in childhood, "Little drops of water, little drops of sand make a mighty ocean..." If each of us is careful, together we can make a difference.

SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

The Safety and Security committee thanks all the residents who have cooperated and received yellow stickers for their automobiles. The change to yellow stickers is for the security of the whole community. When the committee or the C.O.P. members see a car in a driveway they can easily tell if it belongs to a resident or possibly a stranger. They will keep an eye on a car that is not registered to a resident and make sure that it isn't someone emptying your possessions. If you are one of the few residents who hasn't picked up your stickers, please see Bonnie and get your car registered and entered into the computer. The stickers are being put on the window, not the bumper, and can be easily removed when the car is sold.

Now that the weather has turned mild, people are walking around the community. If you walk in the evening, *please* wear light colored clothing. Even better, purchase a reflective vest at a sporting goods store so that you will be more easily seen. You might also be able to purchase a small red flashing light to attach to your clothing.

When you walk your dog, we suggest keeping the leash short. With the new leashes that allow the dog to move further away from you, it becomes easier for him or her to be injured by a passing car in the dark.

We had an incident at the four way stop on Imperial Seas Blvd a few weeks ago. This was an accident waiting to happen. It will probably happen again unless everyone stops at the STOP signs. Luckily, neither driver was injured but major damage was noted on one of the vehicles (see below). Please watch out for other drivers who may be daydreaming or on the phone and cruise through the signs.



GEM: M.I. GOING GREEN

By Irene Weinstein



It has been brought to the attention of the GEM Committee that our residents are not using the recycling bins that are placed near the gate at the pool. These bins are exactly like the bins you are using at home and should be used in the same way. Each of the bins, yellow and blue, has a list on the side of what should be placed in each bin. If you are not sure whether your trash should be placed in either bin, please put it in the trash basket at the pool or take it home.

Recycling is practiced in most communities and government offices in Palm Beach County. The county will be making recycling mandatory.

I am sure your children and grandchildren have spoken to you about the importance of recycling for their generation and generations to come. Recycling is not difficult, and when you think about future generations, it is well worth whatever inconvenience may be involved.

Please take the time to recycle and help keep Majestic Isles green and looking well kept.

One more reminder: Food is not permitted in the pool area, so there should be no food containers, such as pizza boxes, to dispose of.



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WE CARE

By Fred Oestreicher



We Care of Majestic Isles is a group of volunteers dedicated to the assistance of handicapped, ill or injured residents. We loan medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, canes, transport chairs and other such items to ease residents' lives during their time of need.

Residents are not charged for the use of the equipment but, over the years, many who have benefited have made appreciative donations to We Care. Because our funds have increased beyond our anticipated need, we have recently made donations of \$350 each to Majestic Isles Hadassah, Majestic Isles Cancer Research Unit and Hospice of Palm Beach. We have retained in our account enough money to cover likely expenditures.

If the loan of medical equipment would help you out, do not hesitate to call Sid Bedell (733-2123) or Fred Oestreicher (734-5169). We are here to help.

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Highlights of the February 16, 2011 COBWRA Meeting at Palm Chase Lakes

Laura Corry, Intergovernmental Representative for the **South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)** spoke on "Proactive Measures Needed to Protect Water Resources." The mission of the SFWMD is:

- To protect the state's water resources
- Encourage conservation
- Plan for existing and future water use

A strong La Niña resulted in abnormally dry conditions. October 2010 was the driest on record since 1932. This resulted in great potential for wildfires and Lake Okeechobee's dropping to 2 feet below normal. Meteorologists predict it will get worse. SFWMD has issued a water shortage warning for the Lake Okeechobee basin. If conditions do not improve, emergency water shortage restrictions may be enacted to mitigate:

- Saltwater intrusion into well fields
- Loss of crops
- Lack of water needed for fire protection
- Wildfires.

Ms. Corry stated that half of all water used by HOAs and COAs is for irrigation. She asked everyone to reduce irrigation and plant watering to a minimum. Save water every chance you get. We will need it in the future. More information is online at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch.

Officials' Reports

Captain Martin Bechtel, Commander, District 6, PBSO, reported the crime stats for January 2011: Residential burglaries, 51; Vehicle burglaries, 43; Stolen Vehicles, 7; Business burglaries, 13; Business Robberies, 4; 128 domestic disturbances or assaults; 422 residential false alarms; 1 shooting on Super Bowl Sunday.

District 6 continues to lead PBSO in recovery of truants with 227 truants so far this school year. He thanked the person who noticed men taking appliances from a house and loading them into a truck. Her description and the license plate number lead to the suspects' arrest.

COBWRA Business Session

Nominating Committee Report: Nominating Committee Chair Lew Doctor presented this slate:

President: Ken Lassiter, Pipers Glen Estates
First VP.: Stuart Caine, Ponte Vecchio West
Second VP: Dagmar Brahs, Tara Estates

Sec'y: Debbie Murphy, Cypress Creek
Treasurer: Madelyn Saul, Palm Isles

Eric Malkin, Boynton Waters, was nominated from the floor for Second VP. **Election is March 16.**

Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws. Bylaws Committee Co-Chair Myrna Rosoff presented the changes to the Bylaws Article by Article. ... A few of the new provisions approved by the Delegates:

- Changed the **COBWRA area boundary** by making Lawrence Road the eastern limit between Hypoluxo and Lantana Roads (was I-95.)
- In the event that a COBWRA member community in good standing is annexed into the City of Boynton Beach, that community may choose to remain a member of COBWRA.

A revised copy of the Bylaws as approved will be prepared and distributed to the Delegates.

Growth Management Committee Chair Gerry Morrison presented two proposals for review: **Bethesda West Hospital** requested replacing the approved 3-story 48,000 Sq.Ft. medical office building with 2 buildings, each 4 stories with 67,500 Sq.Ft. The Delegates voted to recommend approval of two buildings but with the condition that each building have three stories with a height not to exceed 38 feet.

Windsor Place Congregate Living Facility will offer Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Home Care. Located on the SW corner of Lyons and Hypoluxo, it was previously approved as a civic site with a Land Use for a CLF (congregate living facility). The request is for two 2-story buildings for the Assisted Living and Nursing Home care and four 4-story buildings for Independent Living. COBWRA Delegates voted to recommend approval of the 2-story buildings and the four buildings for Independent Living with these conditions:

- That the 4-story buildings be limited to 3 stories with a height not to exceed 38 feet.
- That the site plan and architectural elevations be subject to review by COBWRA.
- That the developer enters into an agreement with Savannah Estates to provide enhanced landscaping for buffering between to two properties.

Future Meetings (Open to the public) Mar 1, 6:30 pm: Growth Management at PBSO Dist. 6 Mar 16, 9:30 am: Delegates meeting at Valencia Shores. (Lyons Road between Boynton Beach Blvd & Hypoluxo.) Speaker: Ethel Isaacs Williams, FP&L



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Gardening in the Isles

By

Stan Davidson



Ordinary white vinegar works magic in our gardens and around the house. For example, over the years that I've been growing potted roses on my landscape, I've encountered black spot fungus on the foliage that was almost impossible to control - until I sprayed the foliage with a mixture of vinegar (one tablespoon), water (one gallon) and a dash of horticultural oil (cooking oil will do). Presto!! Under the summer heat and humidity, the black spot was controlled.

Historically countless civilizations have been aware of the amazing benefits of vinegar, from food to hygiene and sanitation. Vinegar was the world's first bacterial agent. In 5000 B.C., the Babylonians first recorded the use of vinegar made by fermenting the fruit of date palms. The tips below show how you can use white vinegar in and around your garden to do everything from repelling insects to killing weeds.

Suppressing weeds: Mix one part of table salt to eight parts of vinegar and apply to the weeds growing in sidewalk cracks or in stone landscapes. Keep the spray off the lawn and off your plants.

Control red ants: Mix one tablespoon of vinegar to a quart of water. Pour on anthill.

Repel flying insects: Add a tablespoon of vinegar to a quart of water in a hand-held sprayer. Spray in the air and the insects will look elsewhere.

Clay pot cleaning: Vinegar will remove the white calcium deposits on your terra cotta pots. Soak the affected area in a solution of full strength vinegar.

Fresh cut flowers or gift flowers: Vinegar will help the cut flowers last longer. Add two tablespoons of vinegar and one teaspoon of sugar to a quart of water.

Kill slugs and snails: Apply a few drops of vinegar on them, the slugs and snails, but not on your plants as it may kill them.

Sanitize your outdoor furniture: Pour some vinegar onto a rag and wipe over the furniture; it's a great sanitizer that can be used throughout the home.

Feed acid loving plants such as gardenias: Pour a cup of vinegar into a gallon of water and drench the soil around the plant.

Keep rabbits from eating your plants: Place cotton balls saturated with vinegar in a small plastic container. Poke holes in the bottom of the container and place in your garden.

What makes using vinegar in your garden better than polluting our environment with commercial chemicals and cleaners? Vinegar is environmentally friendly and is affordable. Why waste your money on those commercial chemicals and cleaners to do the above garden and household chores when you can purchase a gallon of vinegar for a couple of bucks and take care of all of the above chores?

However, all of you pet lovers, remember do not give your cat a mixture of vinegar, because you will end up with a sour puss!!

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TAX CORNER

By Mel Burstein

Tax Odds and Ends

• The deadline for filing your 2010 Federal Tax Return has been extended to April 18, 2011. Why? In 2011, Washington, D.C., will celebrate Emancipation Day on April 15, a day earlier than usual because April 16 falls on a Saturday. In observance of the D.C. holiday, Tax Day will be moved forward one business day, this year landing it on Monday, April 18. That's the date your form has to be either submitted electronically or postmarked by for your tax return to be considered filed on time by the IRS.

▪ To those of you who handle your own Mutual Funds, remember to increase the cost basis of your fund by the dividends and capital gains reinvested.

▪ The lifetime exemption for gift and estate taxes has been combined and is now five million dollars. You are still allowed to make gifts of \$13,000 per person, if single, and gifts of \$26,000, if married. Any gifts made in one year in excess of these amounts must be applied against the five million dollar lifetime exemption.

▪ The IRS is working on a major compliance effort to sniff out gift tax cheats. Their immediate targets are going to be taxpayers who transfer real estate to family members and fail to file a Form 709 to report the gift.

▪ How would you like to receive distributions from a partnership and only have to report a small portion of the distribution as income? If you are interested, then look into Master Limited Partnerships. Master Limited Partnerships are required to distribute approximately 90% of their earnings, of which a small portion is taxable as ordinary income and the balance of which is applied against the partner's basis. After the partnership basis is reduced to zero, all distributions are fully taxable. When the partnership interest is sold, any gain will be taxed as a capital gain. It is recommended that you not put a Master Limited Partnership interest into an IRA. *(I have mentioned MLPs only as something you may want to research yourself or with your financial advisor. This is not a recommendation.)*

▪ The Tax Court recently handed down a decision relating to a home sold by a mother to a child and

paid for by the child. The court said that, even though title was in the name of the child, the fact that the mother occupied and retained possession and enjoyment of the home warranted inclusion of the home in her estate.

▪ Gains from the sale of a taxpayer's primary residence that is from a "period of nonqualified use" can no longer be excluded. A "period of nonqualified use" is defined as any time after 2008 when the property was not used as the taxpayer's primary residence.

▪ First-time homebuyer tax credit claimed for homes bought after April 8, 2008 and before Jan 1, 2009 generally must be recaptured in equal installments over a 15-year period beginning in 2010. Tax breaks that were not extended by the Tax Relief Act of 2010 include:

- Paid real estate taxes, which can no longer be added on to the standard deduction.
- Exclusion of up to \$2,400 from unemployment benefits, which are no longer permitted.
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Other changes under the Tax Relief Act of 2010 include:

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FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson

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The Palm Beach County Library is hosting many authors this month:

- March 2 at 2:00 p.m.: **Michael Palmer and Daniel Palmer**, father & son thriller authors will be at the Glades Road Branch.
- March 3 at 2:00 p.m.: **Meg Gardiner**, the bestselling author of "The Liars Lullaby" will speak at the West Boca Branch.
- March 26th at 2:00 p.m.: **Harlan Cobin** will discuss his bestseller "Live Wire" at the Hagen Ranch Library Branch.

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At the March 10 morning book discussion, Nora Natke will discuss "The Shipping News" by Annie Proulx. The group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For the afternoon group, which meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Ms. Natke will discuss "October Sky" (Rocket Boys) by Homer Hickam.

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Last month, I mentioned the exhibit "Cut, Costume & Cinema," which features costumes from the movies. Since that time, I went with a group of six and we all loved the exhibit. This show is fantastic! Johnny Depp's costume from "Pirates of the Caribbean" and Keira Knightly's magnificent gown from "The Duchess" are among the exhibited items. The ball gowns are works of art. The show will be at the museum through April 17th. Another show at the museum is California Impressionists, a selection from the Irvine Museum. The light depicted in all these wonderful landscapes shows why people so love California.



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REAL WOMEN LOVE HOUSEWORK

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Newsflash, Newsflash! According to an article in the “Palm Beach Post’s” feature section last month, a survey of women revealed that lots of women love house cleaning, tend to clean when they are stressed, and are upset and are disconcerted when their home is not properly picked up. I kid you not.

Now for my, non-scientific purely personal spin on this, I offer a few observations gleaned from my life experience. Interestingly, the first to comment on the idea that women love housework was my daughter who said, “Where did they find those women, in an insane asylum?” And she was not alone. When I read the title of my article to a group of friends at our monthly get together, men and women alike shrieked with laughter.

In spite of the rise of feminism and the increased blurring of the lines between what men’s and women’s functions are at home and on the job, it still seems to me that housekeeping remains the province of the female members of the family. Yes, I too have sons who cook and bathe the children, carry out the trash, load dishwashers and fold laundry. But as any woman can tell you, keeping a house clean and tidy is much more than that. For some reason, whether by nature or nurture, women seem to get it about cleaning and men just don’t.

I trace it back to the early days of man’s development. When Fred Flintstone went out to hunt a mastodon and left Wilma home, it was probably a good thing that he never took a bath and wore dirty, ratty furs. The hunted animal wouldn’t catch any kind of warning scent that a man was approaching. Meanwhile, back at the cave, Wilma may have figured out that all the dirt and garbage remains from hunting and cooking were filling the home with unpleasant odors and attracting bugs and animals into the cave. She might not have cared, but she may not have been happy about baby Pebbles being bitten by animals and flies. Undoubtedly her first words to the returning hunter were, “Don’t bring that bloody, dripping mess into the cave. I just cleaned it.”

And to this day, I continue to notice that men and women differ about what constitutes being dirty. I always remember watching little boys blissfully covered in dirt and mud playing in sandboxes, or in marshy waters or in the back yard. And in their grown-up versions, football players covered in mud

gleefully hug each other and cavort. And while little boys and big boys are congratulating each other about their high scores, sand castles or trapped frogs, their mothers are wondering how they are going to get their filthy clothes clean.

So my packrat teen-aged sons would state reasonably that making beds or picking up their room was a waste of time since they were just going to get back into bed in a few hours (or take off their dirty clothes again). After long battles, we “compromised” by closing their door and for the next couple of years we threw clean laundry in when they threw dirty laundry out. When the youngest left for college, I called a painter intending to get into the inner sanctum and finally clean it. After the painter was finished, she remarked that she had never been in such a clean teenager’s room. Except for the fact that she had to spackle an entire wall where a thousand pin holes testified to their posters and dart board, the room itself was clean. Who knew beneath their clutter? As a footnote, both boys married women who are so obsessive about keeping their homes clean that they make me look like a slob. Ah revenge!

And so this difference in perception continues between the sexes. When I ask my husband to check the guest bathroom before guests come, he replaces our towels with a basket of pretty little cloths. I go in and disinfect the bowl, wipe the sink and empty the waste basket.

So do real women like housework? Most of us do what we have to, but love having someone else do the heavy lifting. Although women have done it for generations with little respect, real housework is hard, dirty and time consuming work. Curtains and blankets need to be washed, mattresses have to be turned and vacuumed, the fridge needs to be emptied and scoured, windows and furniture need to be polished. And who notices? But worst of all, it takes only a few hours for the shiny clean house to revert to its original status. Dust returns, a bottle of milk spills across a newly washed floor, a cyclone of children or grandchildren strew their belongings across the neat living room.

Oh well. Put on the dimmer and burn a scented candle. No one asked me to take that poll.



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SOCIAL CLUB

By Rita Dick and Arlene Koch

The first show of the 2011 Series, starring Mike Gold and Robert Kole, was very successful with a standing ovation for Mr. Kole. The musical talent of Mr. Gold brought back the nostalgia of the Big Band era.

We are looking forward to the second show of the series starring Hal Linden and Jeff Laub on Sunday, March 27. Some seats are still available. Sarge will be appearing for our last show.

Our tri-fold for the 2012 series is available in the back lobby. The price will remain at \$70 per person and \$140 per couple. Checks and tear-out forms *must* be in the Social Club mailbox prior to March 18 for priority seating. Please do not deposit them before March 1.

We enjoyed the performance of the award winning Choral Group from Santaluces High School at our most recent general meeting.

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INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman Facilitator

The direction of the movement of interest rates is a key indicator of the health and potential growth of our economy. Mr. Bernanke said he will endeavor to maintain low short-term interest rates in order to continue to stimulate economic growth and keep inflation at bay and he does not recognize any significant inflation at present.

However, long-term interest rates are rising. The yield curve, the gap between the short and long term rates, has steepened to near-record levels and is likely to widen even more this year. According to many analysts, a rising interest rate has been a fairly reliable indicator of impending stronger economic growth. Typically, when the yield curve is steep, bank-lending picks up – banks can borrow cheaply and lend at higher rates -- feeding a rising credit demand, which prompts the economy to recover. But that hasn't happen so far.

Perhaps it is the other way around and the fear of the overhanging humongous debt, rather than an improving economy, may be causing pressure on long-term interest rates to begin to rise. Banks can then take advantage of the increasing spread between long term and short term rates to lend more profitably, feeding a rising demand for credit -- and so on and so on. This scenario may be acceptable as long as interest rates don't rise so high that economic growth is stifled. What a confusing state of affairs!!

Whichever came first, the chicken or the egg, long rates are on the rise and the economy is slowly improving. Hopefully, the job market will also improve -- someday! If you find the above commentary slightly discombobulated, it may be the result of an attempt to describe, as briefly as possible, what is happening in the marketplace.

Many retirees seeking income to enhance their Social Security, etc., are facing the effects of inflation: higher interest rates, rising costs in this “Non-inflation” economy and reduced yields from their investments. Stay calm, however, since there are still yields available in the 5% to 10% range and even 14% to 19%. To take advantage of them, you may need to consider departing the safety cocoon of CDs (you mean you still have them?) and climb the ladder of RISK. Ouch, what a shocking word -- RISK!!! By

the way, if CD's fit in your comfort zone and still meet your objectives for low risk and safety of principle even though your total return may be negative, then you may want to continue to hold them. Keep in mind, however, that risk is not something to be feared. Instead, try to understand the degree of risk in each activity or each investment in evaluating suitability to your needs. Remember, there is serious risk in having your purchasing power reduce with time if you do not at least keep up with inflation.

Several lists of income producing investments obtained from various sources on the Internet and elsewhere have been discussed at our meetings. Some of the securities are better than others from the standpoint of reliability, stability of income, possibility of suitability, etc. in this economic environment, but most have met the objective of providing attractive income with some growth. Remember, they were provided for information only and are not to be considered as recommendations. Do your own research as to suitability and the degree of risk you are willing to take in this volatile and uncertain market.

At the meeting on Feb.14, 2011, Mel Burstein made an interesting presentation discussing tax issues relating to Master Limited Partnerships, including ordinary income, tax sheltered distributions and capital gains. He also discussed some of the highlights of recent changes in the tax laws. Credit should also be given to Larry Calder for his enlightening discussion of security research and analysis at the January meeting.

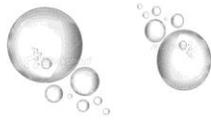
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By Elaine Jay

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THE REEL STORY - "BARNEY'S VERSION"

By Judy Radin



"Barney's Version" tells the story of Barney Panofsky (Paul Giamatti), a man of many flaws, and the beautiful woman who loved him in spite of them. He is a dangerously functioning alcoholic, a chain smoker of Monte Cristo cigars and a hockey fanatic, who is short, paunchy and badly groomed. He earns a questionable living as a producer of extremely bad T.V. shows.

Barney, the son of a retired Montreal detective (Dustin Hoffman), reflects back thirty-five years to when he met his third wife at his second wedding. At the very "glitzy" wedding gala, the inebriated Barney, (Paul Giamatti), catches a breathtaking glimpse of the statuesque Miriam (Rosemund Pike) and promptly forgets the shallow ninny he just married (Minnie Driver).

Having recognized Barney's blundering energy and crude grace, the viewer might easily ask, "What does she possibly see in him?" The answer to the riddle becomes apparent a bit later when Barney chases Miriam down aboard a train headed to New York where she lives. In her hands she holds a paperback copy of Saul Bellow's "Herzog," which signals to the observer her high tolerance for vain, long-winded and offensive Jewish men. This is a well-chosen cinematic touch.

It is a wonder that Barney and "Saint" Miriam do marry and have two children. They live happily though he remains a mess and she accepts it. Then, at an important moment in her career (as a radio personality), he decides to get drunk at a bar and watch hockey rather than to be with her. Eventually when he confesses to an indiscretion with another woman, Miriam has had it and leaves him...though she continues to love him.

"Barney's Version" was the last (1997) literary work of the author, the late Mordecai Richler (known for his 1959 novel, "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravis"). Barney's story is told in retrospect in response to a book written by a cop who is convinced that Barney murdered his best friend. This puzzle is resolved well at the end of the movie at a time when Barney is unfortunately, unable to understand.

Mordecai Richler was born in Montreal and situated his books in that city as well. The movie was dedicated explicitly to his memory and to some of the touchstones of his native Montreal. The Canadian producer and scriptwriter inject their patriotism in the film's tribute to the Montreal Canadiens and to several Canadian movie giants who traipse across the lot of Barney's second-rate film company.

It was a stroke of genius to select Dustin Hoffman to portray Giamatti's loud, vulgar, life-affirming father. Hoffman seems to be having a wonderful time with the role and conveys a sense of energy and wry humor to both the film and the audience.

Paul Giamatti actually becomes Barney with a unique ability to emanate the man's every flaw yet appeal to three women who are poles apart. His cherished Golden Globe Award is well deserved.

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Ron and Margarita Seitler

By Claire Deveney



Ron and Margarita Seitler are amazingly talented, fascinating, friendly and charming. They moved to M.I. in September 2009. Ron was born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens and educated in Manhattan. He is an internationally known artist and a retired professor of art with masters' degrees in fine arts and computer graphics. He graduated from the prestigious High School of Music and Art, now called the LaGuardia School of Fine and Applied Arts in New York City. He is also a veteran of almost 30 years of community and professional theatre productions.

Ron's works hang in corporate and private collections in Germany, Canada and numerous venues throughout the U.S. He has participated in various juried exhibits at galleries and museums in many states including Florida. His complete portfolios may be viewed on his personal website, www.rongallery.com. Currently Ron is in his third semester of teaching two courses, Drawing Classics and Color Design, at Palm Beach State College.

In his own words, Ron is constantly reinventing himself. After high school and one year at college, he worked in advertising. He served in the Army for two years and was stationed in Nuremberg where he was a chaplain's assistant. He returned to New York, completed 55 credits in eight months and earned a B.A. degree in advertising from New York Institute of Technology and a master's degree in fine arts from Long Island University's C.W. Post campus. In 1978 he was an adjunct college teacher at Long Island University of Fine Arts for a year. He taught at Youngstown State University in Ohio for four years and in 1982 returned to the New York Institute of Technology where he earned a master's degree in computer graphics. In 1983 he joined the faculty at Bergen Community College in New Jersey where he taught for 18 years becoming an associate professor of fine arts and computer graphics. He started its

program with 230 majors and it increased to 3,000 majors by 1999.

That same year, Ron moved to Ft. Myers, Florida "for the weather." He became active in several professional art groups and served as co-president of the Ft. Myers Art League. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Florida Art Council, comprised of 13 area art leagues, and as a founder and vice president of the Pastel Society of Southwest Florida. Ron is a member of the National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic and the Pastel Society of America.

Ron creates an eclectic mix of styles and subject matters including landscapes, nudes and portraits and a collection of whimsical jazz images and many others. For the past two years he has displayed a few of his paintings at the annual Majestic Isles Arts and Crafts show.

Margarita was born in Bogota, Colombia. She married very young and raised two daughters. As a young woman Margarita studied languages at the University of the Andes and later in life returned to study interior design for a year. After her divorce, she was active in community work and became involved in politics. She obtained political asylum in the U.S. and initially settled in Sarasota, Florida. Margarita then applied for legal status and moved to Denver, Colorado, where she worked as an interpreter and translator of Spanish to English. She worked with teachers, students and parents in a public middle school. Margarita explains that because the weather was cold, she decided to relocate to Ft. Myers.

Margarita's two grown daughters, who live in Bogota, Columbia, are Catalina, an industrial engineer with an M.B.A. degree, and Carolina who earned her master's degree in innovative design management in London. Ron's daughter, Shawn-Dana, lives in Kingman, Arizona.

Ron's first wife died in 2004. In Ft. Myers Ron and Margarita were introduced by mutual friends at a real estate opening where they initially talked for hours. Ron then invited her to an art show the following week. They began dating and married in New Jersey five and one-half years ago.

Meeting Ron and Margarita is exhilarating and we are fortunate to have them as neighbors in our community.

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Bye- Bye Space Program

By Thelma Mechanic

Up close, the Kennedy Space Center is an awesome sight, as it appears to me during a Travel Club visit to NASA and Cape Canaveral. A two-hour guided bus trip takes visitors within range of historic launch pads and the Vehicle Assembly Building. I'm still fascinated by the idea that man actually walked on the moon, in response to John Kennedy's audacious challenge.

From Flash Gordon to "Star Wars," T.V. has created entire generations of space fantasy, but science fiction has been replaced by real space exploration, e.g., the first object to orbit the earth, the U.S.S.R. Sputnik in 1957 and the U.S. Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969.

The Space Center has many interesting tours, simulations, lectures and IMAX. One particularly interesting exhibit, "Lunch with an Astronaut" allows visitors to ask questions and to hear what it was like to see the world from another perspective. We lunched with Gerald Carr, a 78-year-old astronaut who has spent 78 days orbiting the earth. "What does it feel like to be in Space?" someone asked. Gerald Carr replied, "It feels like you're sick and have a head cold. Your face gets puffy, but you get used to it." "What about launching?" Gerald Carr replied, "It's like you're riding on a train with square wheels. It's noisy and bumpy, but you're too busy to enjoy the ride."

In the exhibit hall some of us stood beneath the black and white belly of a life-sized training shuttle. It is **huge!** We walked on the same orange metal bridge that was used by Buzz Aldren, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins to enter Apollo 11 for the first moon landing. These are quite historic precedents.

I highly recommend the two IMAX movies. The "Hubble film in 3-D" takes you alongside space-walking astronauts, as they work at adjusting the Hubble Space Telescope. You are right up there in outer space and the sights are incredible. "Space Station Astronauts," depicts astronauts as they live, work, and adapt to living in months of weightlessness,

According to present plans, there will be no more than two or three more shuttle missions. After three decades in operation, the shuttle is due for retirement. "Why must we stop?" you ask? Apparently, due to

cost overruns, funding shortfalls, and design problems, there isn't enough money in the U.S. budget. President Obama has favored a plan that would rely on a growing space industry and NASA has developed the technology to engage in missions to even more distant destinations. Our lawmakers, however, have directed fewer and fewer dollars to NASA. So for now, it's bye-bye to U.S. supremacy in Space.

CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Audrey Hausman



First, we would like to thank Phyllis Pinsel for her jewelry party, which benefited cancer research. Her designs are unique and all who attended had a wonderful time! Thanks again.

March 1 begins our annual sample clothes sale to be held in Renee Stichel's house. The sale goes on and on 'til all the clothes are gone! Don't miss out on a great chance to purchase some beautiful duds.

On March 31, we will hold our card party at Benvenuto's. Vendors will be selling their goods in a knockout boutique, raffles for terrific prizes will also be sold and we'll enjoy an elegant, delicious lunch. Get your players together for mah jong, canasta, dominos, poker, etc. \$35 per person. Please join us for a memorable card party.

The Walkathon, chaired by Enid Gerard, Helen Benowich and Marge Chappell, will be held at FAU on Saturday, April 2. Walkers pay \$15 and receive a t-shirt, bagels, coffee, tea and water. Sponsors can make donations from \$1 and up and \$15 plaques can be purchased "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of." There will also be a health fair.

On April 28, West Boca Voice Choir will entertain us at our regular meeting where a light lunch will be served. On May 26, we'll hold our scrumptious, fabulous homemade dessert meeting. Keeping to the theme of the meeting, Sharon Cake from NBC's 5:00 p.m. news will be our speaker. There is no charge.

Save your bucks for football mania!

Thought of the month: Laughter being the best medicine, overdose on it.

MEET THE STAFF

Typists and Proofreaders



Now it can be told. The Majestic Isles Newsletter does not appear by magic. Working behind the scenes are several people whose names don't appear in the bylines, but without whose efforts the newsletter would not be nearly as good as it is. Typists **Ellin Goldstein**, **Elaine Jay** and **Gloria Steingart** cheerfully type often-cryptic handwritten articles they receive and convert them to our computer format. Ellin and Gloria are both super-active Hadassah workers, while Elaine writes for us, handles mailings and is involved in numerous outside community activities.

After the editors "do their thing," our wonderful staff of proofreaders then takes over double checking our articles for grammar, content and accuracy. Initially, **Sue Horowitz**, **Sally Galan**, **Judy Radin**, **Elayne Rovner**, and **Edye Frankel** read the articles on line. Sue, who is very active in Hadassah, even proofreads when she's up in New York for the summers. Judy manages to also write wonderful movie columns for us and Elayne Rovner proofreads early in the morning before her regional Hadassah duties demand her attention. Edye squeezes time out of her busy volunteer schedule to proof anything we ask.

Finally, when the copy is all set up, a final proofreading is done before the newsletter goes to the printer. The sharp eyes and skills of **Claire Deveney**, **Sally Galan** (again), **Arlene Levin**, **Barbara Portnoff** and **Joan Sorkin** check hard copies of every article. We don't catch every error, but we do get most of them. And don't forget, Joan is a tireless officer in the Social Club, Arlene wears many hats in MILT and writes for the newsletter writing, Claire, also writes every month for us is active in MILT, community affairs and the Democratic party, Barbara is another MILT participant and Sally is very involved with the Cancer Unit. It's all these super busy women who keep our paper going. Stop and say thank you to them.

Because of vacation schedules, health issues and calendar conflicts, not all of the women mentioned above are able to work on the newsletter every month. We can always use more help. (Being female is not a job requirement.) If you can type and/or proofread, please let Betty Wachtel (739-6086) or Phyllis Cohen (740-1960) know.

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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



As usual, our Hadassah calendar is quite full. Mark your own calendar for the following events:

- * **March 12:** White Elephant Sale. Search your homes now and donate items to be stored at Ellin Goldstein's or Elizabeth Hopwood's home.
- * **March 21:** Board meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- * **March 28:** General meeting at 11:30, with a light lunch (lunch cost is \$1.00).
- * **April 7 (Thursday):** Donor luncheon at Boca Pointe CC. If you have not made donor, there is very little time left to do so.
- * **April 9-11:** Region Conference at the Marriot in West Palm Beach.

There is still time to make someone in your family a life member of Hadassah for a low discounted price of only \$100. Call Sue Horowitz for information.

Don't forget Evelyn Harris is still collecting eyeglasses to send to Israel. Just bring the glasses to her home at 5898 Seashell Terrace.

BOWLING FOR FUN

At AMF Lanes with the Royals

By Fred Oestreicher



If you are golfing and your ball make a "hole in one" on your first drive, you have the feeling that a good game will follow. A tennis player who wins the first three sets of his match believes he is ready to take on the world and then throw his winning ball into the crowd of spectators.

Our bowlers surely won't throw their ball toward the direction of our onlookers, especially if they consist of wives Doris Zaret, Elaine Shottenfield, Greta Oestreicher and others. The bowling ball gets aimed in the direction of the 10 pins at the end of the lane. And if the ball knocks over all ten pins, the scoreboard will show that Arnie Zaret, Ralph Opler, Bert Stillman and Sonny Schottenfield have scored over 200 in their game. Some others came very close. They had the right lane, their good ball, the right starting spot and all they needed was just a little more "concentration."

And the fun goes on... a luncheon April 5 at Benvenuto's and not just salami sandwiches....

MAJESTIC ISLES ART SHOW

On January 30 the ballroom was filled with dozens of art lovers and artists as the community celebrated the annual art show. Over 30 talented artists displayed paintings and sketches, oils and pastels, sculpture and ceramics, needlework and fabric arts, as well as photography and photo greeting cards, decoupage, woodcarvings and unique jewelry. The appreciative audience oohed and aahed over the beautiful work and mingled with the artists and guests throughout the afternoon. The Art Committee kept glasses and plates filled with wine punch and munchies.

Thanks to the Art Committee members, their hard working spouses, and the office staff for all their help in the preparation, setup, printing, and general "schlepping" that such an undertaking requires. Our community is very fortunate to have so many talented and hard-working people in its midst.

SINGLE SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

Various activities took place in February, including the Singles Coalition's Valentine's Party at Valencia Falls. On Sunday, Feb 20 participants enjoyed a visit to the Boca Museum. There are presently 53 paid-up members.

Coming Events:

* **March 4:** Board meeting at 3:00 p.m. Membership meeting at 4:00 p.m.

* **March 6:** Original "Florida Follies," followed by dinner at DaVinci's. (You can join us for dinner even if you're not going to the show.) Call Roberta Rabinowitz for more information.

* **April 9** (Saturday): Board meeting at 4:30. Membership meeting at 5:30. *Please note different day and time.* A fun and games night has been arranged – **without** card games. We'll have sandwiches, wraps, and salads from Toojays for \$6 per person. Call Helen Benowich or Roberta if you are not paid up.

* **May 28:** Harid Ballet. We'll have dinner after the ballet at a location to be determined. You can make suggestions at March meeting.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

Our Valentine's Day Celebration, jointly sponsored by the Men's Club at the Delray Beach Golf Club was a huge success. Music, entertainment, and songs by Larry Brendler and Cheryl had us all on the dance floor. The food was delicious too. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year.

On Friday, March 18, we will hold our Appreciation Luncheon at Boca Greens Country Club. The price will be \$24 per person. This event is for members only. Please check the back lobby for more details.

Note the following on your calendar:

Monday, April 11: Canasta Tournament.

Sunday, May 1: Parent's Day, co-sponsored with the Men's Club.

MAJESTIC ISLES YIDDISH CULTURE CLUB

By Reggie Zee

Our February 6 meeting began with the singing of God Bless America and Hatikvah, accompanied by Norm Katz on harmonica. A tribute to Josh Katz was presented. We watched a DVD that showed Josh playing drums, accompanying Bob Weiner and Reggie Zee entertaining at another community. Al Weinstein was also remembered in our prayers. May they both rest in peace.

Our sponsor for the evening offered door prizes which were won by Sheila Goldstein, Dorothy Weiss and Lee Katz. We were regaled by a talented singer and comic, Timothy Hawkins.

Our next meeting will feature a dynamite comedian, Ben Kurland, on Sunday evening, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Dues for 2011 will still be accepted with a **big** smile!

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen, President

Well, along with the Women's club, held our Valentine's Day party at Delray Beach Golf Club and according to the 141 attendees, it was a huge success. The food was excellent and the entertainment was fantastic. A female vocalist was added to the D.J. we hired.

The 2012 Valentine's Day party will be on Sunday, Feb. 19 at the same location.

Our next affair will be the Parent's Day Brunch at Boca Greens Country Club on Sunday, May 1 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Last year 142 people attended, so mark your calendar now. I don't know how many more the country club can hold.

We are planning a casino trip on Wed. April 13 or Thurs. April 14. The particular casino is to be announced after we find out which one can offer the best deal for our members.



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MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting, Feb 13, 2011

By Selma Friedman

It may not have been the Grammys, but M.I.L.T. had its own M&M. No, not Eminem, but music from the old English Madrigals, all the way to “Mamma Don’t Dance and Daddy Don’t Rock and Roll.” Brady Castle and his choir from Park Vista High School treated us to a wide range of music including madrigals, folk songs, art songs, a rousing spiritual, Broadway, Movies, contemporary, and finally a choreographed rock and roll finale. All the music was memorized (4 part harmony) and was performed mostly a cappella with a few piano accompaniments. Several of the students sang solos. It was wonderful to hear teen agers sing so proficiently in so many area of music.

During the business portion of the meeting, the membership was reminded of our April production of “Lend Me a Tenor,” which promises to be a riotous performance (See ad above). Watch Ch. 63 for the ticket sale opening date.

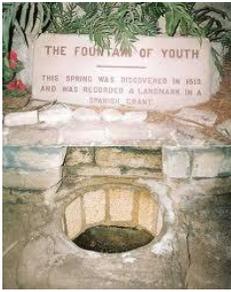
The slate of officers for 2011-2012 was announced as follows: Administrative Co-President, Ira Schneider; Artistic Co-President, Lenny Stander; Treasurer, Paul Mendelsohn; Secretary, Francine Gitto; Parliamentarian, Nancy Levitan; Member-at-large, one year term, Arlene Levin; Member-at-large, two year terms, Jack Moss, Barbara Portnoff and Ed Strauber; Presidents Ex-Officio, Lenny Schwartz and Bill Broth. Seena Calder and Selma Friedman will remain on the board as Members-at-Large to complete their two year terms. Because there were no nominations from the floor, the secretary will cast one ballot to accept the slate as presented at the March meeting.

Refreshments were wonderful, as usual. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee. There was a special table of “treats” for the choir in appreciation for their hard work.

We have a wonderful meeting planned for March 13. It is a fun show in honor of St. Patrick’s Day with a special salute to George M. Cohn. You will know these songs for sure!

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

Doris Davidoff



Our next Travel Club trip is to St. Augustine, March 28-30, where we can all partake of the Fountain of Youth. We will be going by motorcoach, with our usual fun and games onboard. We have lots of attractions packed into our short two-night trip. See the flyers in the back

lobby for all the information. Since this issue of the newsletter comes out after the deadline when we have to return any unsold rooms, we can't guarantee a room, but the hotel has promised us that, if they still have rooms available, they will protect the price. So, if you want to join us and haven't signed up already, do so quickly while, hopefully, there will still be rooms available at our price.

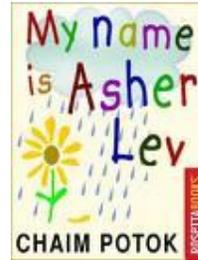
We are working on plans for some future overnight trips – some by air, where we don't have to worry about minimum numbers – and some by motorcoach. Nothing is firm yet at the time I'm writing this, but we are considering Savannah in July, Branson in October, Washington in April 2012 (not for the Cherry Blossom Festival – too crowded and expensive then), and New Orleans for Fall of 2012. We're trying to plan far ahead so people can make plans more easily. We will also be filling in with some one-day trips that will be by motorcoach. We'll have more information on that next month.

Some of the policies of the Travel Club help make our trips different from others:

1. Our trips are open to non-residents so you can bring friends and relatives. This also increases our chances of reaching minimum numbers needed.
2. Each trip will be planned by volunteers and approved by the Travel Club Planning Committee.
3. No resident of Majestic Isles can earn any compensation, including reduced price, for planning any Travel Club trip (or for any other reason).
4. Participants receive a list of trip members and a written itinerary, and other information, approximately a week or two before departure.
5. We have water and snacks available on all our motorcoach trips and have fun activities onboard the coach to make the ride part of the fun.

BOOK TALKS

By Judy Markowitz



On Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. Bobbe Greene will facilitate a discussion of "My Name is Asher Lev," by Chaim Potok. The book was published in 1972 and I'm sure many of you have read it. I just finished rereading the book and found it deeply moving and beautifully written.

The novel tells the story of Asher Lev, a boy born into a Hasidic family, who has an overwhelming need to draw, to paint, to render the world he sees on canvas for everyone to see. This need causes inevitable friction between Asher and his deeply religious family and community. The characters in the book are deftly drawn. As Asher grows into an adult, the reader acutely feels the crushing weight of his responsibility to the Jewish people versus a responsibility to his gift.

A major focus of the novel is the tension between Asher and his father Aryeh. Although almost everyone in Asher's life recognized his immense talent at a young age, his father steadfastly refuses to accept it, asking his son when he will give up that "foolishness." Aryeh Lev is an almost larger-than-life figure in their Brooklyn Hasidic community, working closely with the Rebbe and traveling often. He does God's work, passionately dedicated to helping persecuted Jews start a new life in America and setting up Ladover yeshivas throughout Europe. The juxtaposition of his father's sacrifice and Asher's own reluctance to assume such a responsibility is a particular painful one for both of them.

The novel deals with sweeping themes--the nature of art, religion and family bonds--with elegance and grace. "My Name is Asher Lev" will lead to a lively and interesting discussion. I hope to see many residents on March 16.

If you read a lot of books, you are considered well read. But, if you watch a lot of TV, you're not considered well viewed. Lily Tomlin

Men of power have no time to read; yet three men who do not read are unfit for power. Michael Foot

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MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg

With only four weeks to go, it's a rat race for the top three teams. Here are the scores so far:

WEEK 21 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	190	444
Al Lynn	180	455
Dave Feinberg	171	

WEEK 21 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Toni Kohn	137	390
Estelle Snyder	136	
Gladys Cohen	135	372

WEEK 22 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	176	431
Bob Rosenhouch	158	410
Fred Katz	154	
Marty Ratiner		401

WEEK 22 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Sandy Rosenhouch	162	
Shirley Scheffel	160	423
Toni Kohn	151	373

WEEK 23 MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Marty Ratiner	186	523
Bob Rosenhouch	158	422
Al Lynn	156	
Bernie Kass		420

WEEK 23 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	166	366
Toni Kohn	155	400
Sandy Gardner	137	
Eleanor Krongold		355

WEEK 24 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	194	460
Marty Ratiner	167	442
Bob Rosenhouch	163	
Stan Fox		462

WEEK 24 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Gladys Cohen	158	
Shirley Scheffel	156	408
Sandy Gardner	145	382
Eleanor Krongold		386

WEEK 25 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	222	510
Bernie Kass	219	475
Stan Fox	172	473

WEEK 25 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Gladys Feldman	140	384
Gladys Cohen	128	354
Ruth Rossi	128	344

The final results of the year, with all the final standings, will not be seen in the newsletttter as they will be available well after the season is over. I will try to have them posted on channel 63 on March 16, the day after the final day of bowling.

MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

8 p.m. at the clubhouse

SAT., MARCH 5: AN EDUCATION

Jenny's (Oscar nominee Carey Mulligan) Oxford-bound teen life is a bore in 1961 London until she's given a different kind of **education** after being immersed in the beguiling but hazardous world of much-older David (Peter Sarsgaard). Even Jenny's parents, Jack (Alfred Molina) and Marjorie (Cara Seymour), are intrigued by him, but her unimpressed teacher (Olivia Williams) works to keep Jenny's entire future from crumbling under David's influence.

SAT., MARCH 19: JUST WRIGHT

Good-hearted physical therapist Leslie **Wright** (Queen Latifah) is looking for romance but keeps finding duds until she meets professional basketball player Scott McKnight (Common). When Scott suffers a major injury, it's up to Leslie to save his career. Leslie and Scott become close as they work together, but Leslie's beautiful, gold-digging childhood chum -- who is also Scott's estranged girlfriend -- threatens their relationship.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

APRIL 1, 2011 – APRIL 31, 2011

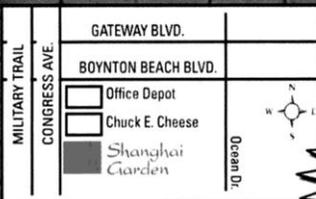
Because of space considerations, we have listed only events scheduled for the first half of April. Most club and organization articles contain information about activities in the second half of April and beyond.

DATE	DAY	TIME	SPONSOR	EVENT	Free/Paid Home/Away
April 2	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Cancer Unit	Walkathon	p, a
		8 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	“Lend Me a Tenor	p, h
April 3	Sun.	“	“	“	“
April 4	Mon.	2 p.m.	BOD*	Workshop	f, h
April 6	Wed.	11 a.m.	All	President’s meeting	f, h
April 7	Thurs.	10 a.m.	COP**	Meeting	f, h
		11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting	f, h
		7:30 p.m.	BOD	Meeting	f, h
April 9	Sat.	4 p.m.	Singles	Meeting	p, h
April 10	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men’s Club	Breakfast	p, h
		7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Meeting	f, h
April 11	Mon.	12 noon	Women’s Club	Meeting	f, h
		3 p.m.	Hadassah	Study Group	f, h
		4 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion	f, h
April 14	Thurs.	10:30 a.m.	Men’s Club	Casino Trip	p, a



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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MARCH 1, 2011 – MARCH 31, 2011

DATE	DAY	TIME	SPONSOR	EVENT	Free/Paid Home/Away
March 1	Tues.	2 p.m.	Singles	Kravis	p, a
March 3	Thurs.	10 a.m.	C.O.P.	Meeting	f, h
March 4	Fri.	4 p.m.	Singles	Meeting	f, h
March 5	Sat.	8 p.m.	Social Club	Movie	p, h
March 6	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast	p, h
		1:30 p.m.	Singles	Follies	p, a
		7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Meeting	f, h
March 7	Mon.	2 p.m.	B.O.D.*	Workshop	f, h
March 10	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	B.O.D.	Meeting	f, h
March 11	Friday	11 a.m.	Snowbirds	Meeting	f, h
March 12	Sat.	8 p.m.	Hadassah	White Elephant Sale	f, h
March 13	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop	** , h
March 14	Mon.	4 p.m.	Investors	Discussion	f, h
March 16	Wed.	2 p.m.	Book Talks & More	Discussion	f, h
		2 p.m.	Singles	Kravis	p, a
March 18	Fri.	12 noon	Women's Club	Appreciation Lunch	p, a
March. 19	Sat.	8 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	p, h
March 24	Thurs.	6 p.m.	Bowling (Majestics)	Dinner	p, a
March. 26	Sat.	8 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime	p, h
March 27	Sun.	11 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting	f, h
March 28	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting	f, h
March 28-30	Mon.-Wed.	TBA	Travel Club	St. Augustine trip	p, a
Mar. 31	Thurs.	12 noon	Cancer Unit	Card Party	p, a

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