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**Manager's Corner**

Every day I make at least one drive through the community – down every street and around every cul-de-sac. Just looking through the property makes me smile. The tree trimming went off without a hitch this year, the mulch project was completed with fewer problems than in years past, and the 2013 painting project is coming along nicely. Many residents have installed new landscape plantings giving fresh vibrant color splashes throughout the community. This last sentence raises the question “Why are there so many homes with new plantings, yet so few ARC forms requesting permission from the Association to install new plantings?”

**Everything** that is done on the outside of your home, from front and back plantings, to staining your driveway, installing skylights and changing garage carriage lights, as well as expanding your back patio, installing a screen room around your patio – and any other exterior work you can think of – requires approval from the Architectural Review and Conformance (ARC) Committee. The Association doesn't require approval to be mean or make life harder, it's done because when they purchase homes in the community, residents of Majestic Isles agree to abide by the Documents, ARC Guidelines, and the Rules and Regulations, which exist in order to ensure that the community remains a place everyone can be proud to call “home.” Again: the ARC Guidelines require obtaining permission for *any* work outside of the home *prior* to starting any project.

In eight years as the manager of this community I can only recall two or three times that ARC requests were denied and in each of these cases there were specific restrictions against the requests in the Documents, Rules and Regulations or ARC Guidelines. All other requests have been approved.

Imagine what Majestic Isles would look like if these rules weren't in place – if residents ignored dead plants in their landscaping, if driveways remained in need of sandblasting and/or painting, if dead cars sat for months on driveways and if needed exterior repairs weren't made. Majestic Isles needs the rules and a strong Association to enforce them.

Many new residents and guests tell me how fantastic and well kept the grounds in Majestic Isles appear. We really want to keep it this way. The best way to do this is to have one central point where everyone goes for permission to change the outside appearance of their homes in order to keep the community looking like a community and not a group of 450 individual units. That one point is the ARC committee.

If you have any questions about living in an Association, it's always better to ask for permission than to ask for forgiveness.

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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## **Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, February 7, 2013**

*Minutes of the February 2013 meeting will not be available until the Board approves them at the next meeting. To inform residents in a timely manner, we present the unofficial and abbreviated notes below.*

### **Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas**

- (Residents may request a report of the 2/7/13 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)
- Maintenance receivable: The unpaid maintenance for prior quarters is now \$14,554. Of that, \$11,433 is due from a unit that is now in foreclosure. Our attorneys are dealing with the issue. The association has decided not to take the unit over or rent it out. We are still paying for the electricity to run the air conditioning.
- Budget compliance to Jan. 31, 2013: Income and expenses are within the budget target for the month of January 2013.

### **President's Report, Harvey Galan**

- The 2013 painting project has started.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Safety and Security, Steve Bayer**

- We have free reflective wristbands at the office for anyone who walks the community at night.
- Reminder: Change the battery in your carbon-monoxide detector. There have been three deaths at The Grove caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.
- The committee is discussing plans to make carbon monoxide detectors available for sale to the residents. We will also make signs available for residents to paste on their interior garage doors reminding them to make sure their car is turned off.

#### **Insurance, Saul Siegel**

- Insurance policies are under review.
- The committee will meet with another agent on Tuesday Feb. 12.

#### **Architectural Review and Conformance (ARC) Committee, Mark Jaffie**

- 86 letters went out to residents to clean or paint/stain their driveways. About 53 have been completed.
- Several ARC Requests have been approved for landscaping and one resident was given permission to enclose a back patio. (Owners of the Lennox II model are specifically permitted to enclose their patios.)

### **Documents, Liz Hopwood**

- The committee will distribute proposed Document changes to the Board soon.

### **Clubhouse and Pool, Harvey Galan**

- The new ping-pong table has been delivered and assembled.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Motion to accept the Devcon Contract for the home alarms to replace our panels and to continue to monitor the systems for the next 5 years passed by a 5-2 vote.
- Motion to raise the Application Fee to \$385 was tabled by a vote of 6-1.
- Motion to accept M&P's proposal to landscape the final island on Imperial Seas Blvd. at a cost of \$18,060 passed by unanimous vote.
- Approval was given to print new directories in-house rather than hiring an outside printer.

### **New Business**

- Ken Miller was given approval to research having security cameras installed at several locations throughout the community.
- Board instructed Ken Miller to ignore the question of purchasing the BMI Music License.
- Motion to require all driveways that are sand-blasted to be sealed, stained, or painted and to allow any driveway that is sandblasted now to be grandfathered in for one year before being required to seal, paint, or stain, was tabled by a 6-1 vote.



## **DID YOU KNOW...**

By Marvin Diamond

Driving though Majestic Isles, I wondered who the drunk was who installed the blue reflectors in the street. At first, it seemed as though they were to divide the roadway for traffic. However, the reflectors were not centered. This really bothered me.

While I was attending an ARC meeting at the clubhouse, Mark Jaffie mentioned that these reflectors were placed near fire hydrants as locators for the fire department. Now, during our walks, I see that this is correct. Then I started noticing this same phenomenon at other developments. I don't know if this is just for Palm Beach County or more widespread. Just another piece of Palm Beach trivia.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

### GET WELL

Mel Burstein	Harvey Schwartz
Doris Klein	Millie Silverman
Richard Levine	Gloria Steingart
Estelle Pincus	Bea Stillman

### SYMPATHY

To Marilyn Chermak on the loss of her husband, Phil  
To the family of Marilyn Milano  
To Barbara Portnoff on the loss of her husband, Gil

### MESSAGES

Thank you, dear Majestic Isles friends and neighbors, for your calls and cards wishing a speedy recovery from recent shoulder surgery. I greatly appreciate your good wishes.

Mel Burstein

Many thanks for your phone calls, cards and, especially, your good wishes for my speedy recovery. I'm hopeful my knees will heal on their own and surgery will not be necessary.

Gloria Steingart

Thank you for all your good wishes on behalf of Bert and myself. My sincere appreciation to all our Majestic Isles buddies.

Beatrice Stillman

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*A true friend sticks with you through thick and thin no matter what. - Unknown*

*If I had to sum up friendship in one word, it would be comfort. - Terri Guillemets*

*A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out. - Walter Winchell*

*The most I can do for my friend is simply be his friend. - Henry David Thoreau*

*Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same. -Unknown*

## SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

There was another carbon monoxide death in Boynton Beach within the last month. It was the third in a community on Boynton Beach Blvd.

I always thought these deaths were confined to the cars with the new push button start. Untrue. There is roughly a 50/50 divide between keyed and keyless models. In the latest incident, it is unknown why there was a carbon monoxide detector lying on the kitchen table with the battery next to it. Was the victim removing the battery because it was sounding an alarm, because the battery had died and she was planning to replace it tomorrow or was it a way to end her life?

A few years ago, we made a deal with Home Depot and sold detectors that plugged into the electric outlet with a battery backup. Many residents bought these detectors. If you bought one, have you replaced the battery and tested the unit with the test button? If you are one of our residents who don't have an alarm, we will again be offering detectors at less than retail price next month. We only ask that you sign the list that is posted in the rear lobby so that we know how many to purchase.

Another option is to have Devcon install an alarm that is connected to your home alarm system and is monitored 24/7, as are your fire and medical alarm.

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Some residents who utilize the El Clair Ranch pedestrian gates have been intentionally leaving the gate ajar so that friends and family won't need to have a key to enter or leave. This is disrespectful to your fellow residents because it is a security risk. It will not be tolerated. Action will be necessary by the Board of Directors in the near future if this continues.

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On March 14 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Town Hall meeting at which Janet McMillian, from Devcon, will speak. We recently signed a new contract with Devcon for home security. They will replace the electric panel in every home alarm system, which we have had for the last 15 – 17 years, with updated panels. You will have the opportunity to upgrade your panel with things like two-way alarm buttons on a necklace or bracelet, as well as add many new features never before available. Come join us for coffee and...

## Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Valencia Pointe, February 20, 2013

**Speaker: Michelle Hillery, Palm Beach County Film and Television Commission.** Ms. Hillery is Director of Operations and Programs. The commission's mission is to generate positive impact on business, tourism and the economy of Palm Beach County. They provide 24-hour service on marketing, education, infrastructure and incentives to film and TV production companies. They do one-stop permitting for the county and all 33 municipalities.

- 165 films and 2,547 TV shows shot here
- Some of the films shot in PBC: *Boynon Beach Club*, *Marley & Me*, *Parker*, *Bad Boys Two*, *Up Close & Personal*, *Body Heat* and *Striptease*
- Some TV shows: *The Voice*, NBC; *House Hunters*, HGTV; *Master Chef*, FOX; *Honda Classic*, NBC; and Barrett-Jackson Car Auction, SPEED.
- For \$1 spent by the commission, \$222 is returned
- Total production revenue for 1991-2012: \$1.784B
- 60 production companies call Palm Beach Co home
- Palm Beach County is home to 7 film festivals and the largest statewide student film festival
- G-Star Studios, a charter school, has the largest state-of-the-art motion picture sound stage in South Florida
- Home to the Burt Reynolds Institute for Film and TV

### Officials' Reports

**Sheriff Ric Bradshaw** spoke about his ideas for reducing the threat of **gun violence**. "We will be lucky if we get two or three items out of any gun control legislation. Maybe enhanced background checks, more scrutiny on gun shows and limits on high capacity magazines. There are 270 million guns in circulation. Over 500,000 were stolen. Last week, a guy got out of his car with an AK-47 and fired 40 rounds at my deputies. Luckily, he was a bad shot but I guarantee he did not acquire that gun legally."

"I propose to work together to identify the people who have the propensity to do bad things before they act. We need to expand the 'see something, say something' program that works in homeland security. Another idea is to adopt the Secret Service plan protecting the President: a 24-hour toll-free number where anyone can report they overheard someone making threats against their boss, a work colleague or a neighbor. Two good things happen when reports like this are made. The person making the threat will be visited by a special team and realize they are now on the radar. And if they need counseling or treatment, they will be steered to where they need to be. I call this program **Violence Prevention Teams** including law enforcement, mental health professionals and social workers. This can stop violence before it happens. I know it will work."

**Commissioner Mary Lou Berger, District 5**, invited everyone to an open house in her redecorated South County offices at 345 South Congress Avenue, next Monday, February 25, between 2 and 4 pm.

**Deputy Terry McGuire, PBSO District 6**, reported there were 83 residential burglaries and 76 vehicle burglaries since January 1. He urged everyone to lock car doors and not to leave valuables in plain sight inside a car. At home, always lock all doors and set your alarm.

**District Chief Doug McGlynn, PBC Firefighters**, spoke about Special Operations working every day for our safety: HAZ-MAT teams, rescue divers and gas leak containment teams working with firefighters and EMS.

### COBWRA Reports

**2013 Nominating Committee:** Lew Doctor, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the slate of officers nominated for the 2013-2014 year:

**For President: Myrna Rosoff, Aberdeen**

**For 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.: Sharon Reuben, Valencia Isles**

**For 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.: Glen Harvie, Bellaggio**

**For Treasurer: Larry Miller, Valencia Shores**

**For Secretary: Debbie Murphy, Cypress Creek**

There were no nominations from the floor. The election will be at the Annual Meeting on March 20 at Valencia Lakes. Installation is April 17 at Banyan Springs.

**Gerry Morrison**, Chair of Growth Management, reported the proposed expansion of the **Bedner Farm Market** on US441/SR7. Bedner was classified a produce stand. Last year, the County established a new category: Agricultural Marketplace and Bedner qualifies since they have at least 75 acres of farmland, work at least 70% of the land in production and are located on a major artery. They propose to expand as soon as economically feasible to the maximum of 24,000 SF, including the present building. They would double both parking lots and keep the tiki hut and BBQ stand. The delegates voted to recommend approval of the expansion.

**Isola Bella** was accepted as COBWRA's 103rd member. Isola Bella is a 340 unit family HOA on the SE corner of Hypoluxo Road and US441/SR7.

### Future Meetings (Open to the public)

**Mar 5, 6:30 pm:** Growth Management, PBSO District 6

**Mar 20, 9:30 am:** Delegates at Valencia Lakes (Hagen Ranch Road between Woolbright & Flavor Pict) Annual meeting and Election of Officers. "Scams Against Seniors" by the Boca Pointe Performing Scam Troupe.

—by Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications

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## BONNIE HABERSTICK

By Phyllis M. Cohen



Who is that pretty lady who greets you when you enter the clubhouse? If you are new to Majestic Isles, then perhaps you haven't met our clubhouse director, Bonnie. She is the gal who helps keep everything *movin' and groovin'* in our community. Every morning she leads the residents in either

aerobic exercises in the ballroom or water exercises in the pool. But equally important, she oversees and manages all the events and activities in the clubhouse. She makes sure clubs and activities don't conflict, notices and flyers get printed and distributed. It is thanks to her efforts, that the announcements on channel 63, our community bulletin center, are beautiful. Despite the frenetic activity in her office – ringing phones, residents chatting at the window, employees with questions and delivery people coming in and out – Bonnie smiles through it all.

Bonnie has worked in M.I. for sixteen years. Originally from Baltimore, she studied aerobics and personal training and achieved certifications in those specialties.

She has been married for 27 years to Randy and has one son, Randy Jr., age 26, who is her pride and joy. A successful drummer, he owns his own home.

Bonnie looks forward especially to the aerobics classes she conducts here daily and she is her own best advertisement.

In her spare time, Bonnie is a confirmed shop-a-holic and loves getting a bargain. Artistic and creative, she is constantly decorating and redecorating her home and relaxes by biking and reading.

Aren't we lucky to have a caring, dedicated professional like Bonnie in our community!





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## SPORTS FAN

By Rick Sachs



The revelations of Lance Armstrong brought to mind all the cheating that has occurred in sports. It amazes me how all

sports seem to be affected with this problem and how blatant the athletes have become.

Even though we had many first-time Hall of Fame caliber ball players up for election into the Hall of Fame, such as Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGuire, none of them were elected. Why? Because the baseball writers believed all these players were cheating by using steroids or other drugs to enhance their performance.

Cheating has been going on since the beginning of sports. Every athlete, coach, promoter wants to get an edge on his opponent. Let's look at some of the most famous American cheaters.

- **Black Sox scandal of 1919:** This was the World Series between the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago White Sox in which Shoeless Joe Jackson and seven other White Sox were given \$5000 each to throw the series. Although Jackson had a great series, all of the players were banned from playing again.

- **Ben Johnson at the 1988 Olympics:** Johnson won the Gold Medal for the 100-meter sprint, but was stripped of the medal when he was found to be using an anabolic steroid.

- **Bill Belichick and the Spygate scandal:** The New England Patriots' head coach was caught taping the N.Y. Jets defensive signals. Belichick was fined \$500,000, the Patriots were fined \$250,000 and lost a first round draft pick in the 2008 NFL Draft.

- **Rosie Ruiz at the 1980 Boston Marathon:** As the first woman to cross the finish line, Ruiz was declared the female winner. A few days later, it was determined that although she had run the early part of the race, she had dropped out, then hopped a subway to the finish stop and had jumped into the race from the crowd of bystanders only a hundred feet from the finish line.

- **Tim Donaghy, NBA referee:** Donaghy intentionally blew calls from 2005-2007 in order to win bets on the point spread. He served 15 months in (Continued on page 11)

## The Reel Story SIDE EFFECTS

By Judy Radin



The frequent television ads touting anti-depressant and virility medications often challenge the viewer to ask, "Though it could heal me, might it hurt or kill me in the end?"

I hesitate to reveal too much of the plot of *Side Effects*, for fear that I might deny you your right to be as astounded as I was as the film progressed.

Director Steven Soderbergh has filmed and edited "Side Effects" with twists, double-crosses and schemes similar to those in his first film, "Sex, Lies and Videotape." He sets us on edge from the beginning with hints that a bloodbath has occurred in a Manhattan apartment. He takes us back several months to show youthful Emily (Rooney Mara) visiting her husband, Martin (Channing Tatum), who is about to be released from prison after serving a sentence for insider trading. His conviction and imprisonment shattered Emily's up-scale way of life.

Once Martin is freed from prison, Emily falls into a profound depression for which she seeks help from psychiatrist Jonathan Banks (Jude Law), who prescribes Ablixa, a new drug that he is testing on a few patients. This experimental drug is part of a profitable agreement Banks has with a huge pharmaceutical firm. He consults Emily's former therapist from Connecticut, (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who is also a large promoter of the drug. Though they seem to be eager to help others, they also appear to be more and more self-interested and unscrupulous. Alas, the dreaded side effects begin to take hold of the patient. The bloody scene, mentioned above, occurs, leading to wrecked careers and lives and driving people to insanity...or does it? PLEASE see the film before I give it away!!!

In "Side Effects" Martin lost his lucrative job, a Greenwich mansion and a favorite sailboat. The psychiatrist, Jonathan Banks, in addition to his full patient load, took on a hospital shift to keep his stunning wife in a showy SoHo loft and their son in private school. Losing bonuses like those could coerce people into the most frantic actions or worse.

Enjoy the film and do not be surprised if the ending shocks you. It's a "bumpy road" and makes you think, but is well worth the trip.

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## FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson

### Israeli Film Club

#### Delray Beach Firehouse

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The Delray Beach Firehouse hosts the Israeli Film Club on the first and third Monday of each month at 2 p.m. except Jewish holidays. There is a \$3 charge. If you are a Hadassah member, tell them when you pay and they will donate \$1 per ticket to the Florida Atlantic Region.

**March 4:** "Operation Thunderbolt," an exciting film about the Entebbe raid.

**March 18:** "A Matter of Size," a comedy/drama about obese people learning to accept themselves. The film won 3 Israeli Oscars.

### Boynton Beach City Library

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**March 6:** Socrates Cafe at 11:30 a.m.

**March 8:** Great Books discussion at 10:00 a.m.

**March 16:** "Let's Write Together," a discussion of intergenerational writing, with Dr. Robert Watson and his son, Alex, at 2 p.m. The Watsons have written a young adult novel together.

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## SPORTS FAN *(continued from page 9)*

prison for gambling on NBA games and providing inside information to gamblers.

- **Tonya Harding US figure skater:** Harding conspired to attack Nancy Kerrigan, her rival during the 1994 US figure skating championship. Why?

As you can see, I have only mentioned a very few instances of cheating in sports. Whether the edge is drugs, or video taping a practice, or shaving points on a game, cheating is cheating. With all the money and power involved, I believe that no matter what, if there is away to get an edge, this practice will continue to occur. (Too bad.)

### SPORTS TRIVIA QUIZ (tough one)

Name the Five Hall of fame players who have hit 4 home runs in one game. Remember, no cheating! *(Answers on p. 19)*

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## BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris



What would Florida look like if the oceans were to rise up *17 feet*? Could they? Could they rise up even more than that?

Last year was the warmest year in U.S. history. Average temperatures climbed a full degree higher than previous highs. Above-average annual temperatures were recorded in every state. At least 356 sites set new maximum temperature records. According to NASA, last year was also unusually severe for wildfires. About ten million acres of land were burned, breaking all previous records. Continuing an overall trend of a warm dry season, January 2013 was one of South Florida's warmest on record, four to six degrees above normal. Is the Earth warming up? You better believe it. Is sea level rising? You better believe that too!

As the temperature of the ocean's water rises, water expands, much as sidewalks do when they bake in the noonday sun. When water expands, sea level rises. Thermal expansion has already raised sea level two inches since the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. An additional rise of about six to 10 inches more is expected by 2025 as ocean temperatures increase about 3°F and the Earth's nearly eight million cubic miles of glaciers, ice caps and ice sheets partially melt, thereby adding more water to the oceans. Coastal erosion by 2025 should be two to three times worse than it is now. Insurance rates would rise as large wave events and extreme storm surges and flooding become more frequent and greater in magnitude. It's not just coastal areas that are at risk. Low-lying inland Florida cities like Hialeah and Pembroke Pines could be flooded out by a rising and saltier Everglades. Freshwater supplies would shrink as seawater invades our Biscayne Aquifer, tainting coastal drinking water wells. Six inches would compromise half of the South Florida Water Management flood control gates at high tide, potentially worsening flooding losses. Seven inches would consume 30% of the Keys' Big Pine Key.

A tipping point has already been reached where summers will soon see an ice-free Arctic Ocean.

There's nothing we can do about that. It could be in 2015, or maybe in 2025. It almost doesn't matter. It *will* happen in our children's lifetimes. As a result, the whole weather system could change. That Arctic icon, the polar bear, which is already in danger, would become extinct.

Global temperatures are expected to rise by 2-9°F by 2050. There would be even greater increases at higher latitudes, smaller rises near the equator. Wind and rainfall patterns would shift, with possibly disastrous consequences for agriculture. If the projected temperature increases happen, even hotter, dryer summers are on the way, probably accompanied by a gradual melting of polar ice caps and glaciers. All this could cause sea levels to rise from one to four feet by mid-century. Coastlines would be inundated, threatening the homes of from 25 to 40 million people. More than 1100 active hazardous waste disposal sites located in statistical 100-year floodplains could be flooded.

At a foot, 60% of Monroe County's land would disappear. At three feet, 85% would be inundated, along with a large swath of Miami-Dade and Broward. Florida easily ranks as the state most vulnerable to sea level rise, with some 2.4 million people, 1.3 million homes and 107 cities at risk from a four-foot rise.

The U.S. EPA estimates a minimum sea level rise of from 1.5 to seven feet by 2100. The Atlantic would swallow much of the Florida Keys. Miami-Dade would be confined to islands on the highest points of the ancient coastal ridge that runs along the coast. Unfortunately, minimum estimates of sea level rise can be thrown out the window if glacial melting should occur at accelerated rates. Annual average temperature increase in the Arctic is now twice the global average. In west Antarctica it's already three times as fast (4.3°F since the 1950's). Sea level would rise almost 22 feet if the 0.6 million cubic miles of ice on Greenland (GIS), or 26 feet if the 0.8 million cubic miles in the West Antarctic (WAIS) ice sheet were to completely melt. By popular scientific consensus, a sea level rise of 17 feet (*above graphic*) is quite possible if 36% of the ice in WAIS and GIS melted by 2100. As the shoreline flees past I95, then the Turnpike, and then north there would still be a beach, but under this scenario it could be along the north shore of a drowned Lake Okeechobee.



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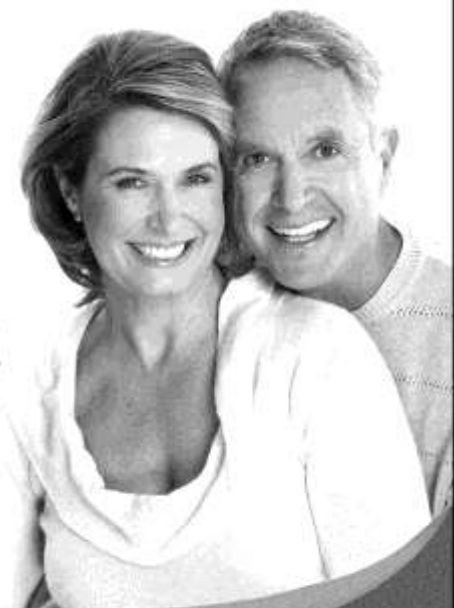
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## INVESTORS' DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman Facilitator



An article in the Wall Street Journal states that three quarters of the time, the old adage "As goes January, so goes the rest of the year," holds true. A feeling of optimism is slowly spreading in the market place as housing, jobs and corporate earnings are showing a continuing move in a positive direction - with, of course, the assistance, or prime movement, of the effect of the Fed Chairman Bernanke's policy. The Fed has pumped 2 trillion dollars into the system since 2008 and is continuing, at the rate of over 40 billion dollars per month, to maintain short-term interest rates for possibly the next two years, or until the job market improves.

This, of course, may mean that the end result will be a rise in interest rates, the extent of which we cannot currently fathom. For some investors who are depending on income from bonds, preferred stocks, etc., they may feel that the Sword of Damocles is hanging over them. (For those not familiar with Greek history and/or mythology, look it up in Google on the internet.) The sword may feel only like a distant threat - until the Fed stops buying Treasuries.

This action may be indicative of an improving economy and job market. Growth stocks may anticipate this by rising to mouth-watering heights before the average investor decides to take the plunge. Yet this is the year for government austerity, budget cuts, sequesters, higher taxes, higher prices, etc. Oh Euphoria!! And Fear!! And Confusion!! And Anxiety!! How can we predict what will happen? The answer is that we can't. Well, is there anything we can do?

Yes, there may be, but remember - there are risks no matter what you do - from doing nothing, following your advisor's recommendations, doing your own research, etc. There are no guarantees. Hay!!! That's a big help!!!

Well, consider this scenario. A stock with moderate and potentially continuing growth, in an industry with significant demand and a dividend yield in the 5% to 10% range. Okay. You can dream on - or you

can do your own research. I know we've said that before; however, such securities are out there and we have mentioned some of them at our meetings. Again, just remember *there are no guarantees*, and you must know when to pull the plug, although there is no apparent imminent danger, only the long-term swinging sword. Once you decide you like your selection, talk it over with your advisor.

After reading this article, do you feel you have been watching a ping pong game?

Note: One word has been misspelled. If you find it, you may win a door prize at the Investors meeting on Monday, March 11 at 4 p.m.

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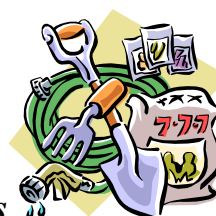
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## *Gardening in the Isles*

*By  
Stan Davidson*

What is a lanai? You do not have to visit Hawaii, because many Majestic Isles residents have lanais in their own back yards. The lanai is the Hawaiian word for patio or balcony. Note a bit of Jeopardy.... What lower case word begins with the letter "L" and refers to a patio, and the upper case letter "L" refers to the sixth largest Hawaiian island? The answer is Lanai.

The environment on a lanai is generally not hospitable to our tropical plants. The winds dehydrate foliage and the sun heats the soil in potted plants, thereby impeding the plant's growth and causing poor root development, water loss and stress. Insect pests and disease thrive on these poor growing conditions. However, do not give up on decorating your patio with greenery. If plant selection and maintenance are done with loving care, lanai plants can enhance your outdoors.

Lanais facing south and west are considered to have a different growing environment than those facing north and east. The sun's drying affect is greater in the south and west locations. The light intensity changes with the angle of the sun through the years and a north facing lanai may still have high morning light and shade in the afternoon.

Some plants recommended for use on the lanai and patios include: (1) young palms: fishtail, robellini, areca, and lady palms that may have to be transplanted as they mature, (2) tropical vines (many have a high tolerance for high light and wind): bougainvillea, pandora, trumpet vine, philodendron, and passion flower, and (3) woody plants: heavenly bamboo, song of India, desert rose, caricature plant, dwarf ixora, lantana, shrimp plant, fire spike, crown-of-thorns and yesterday-today- tomorrow.

Let me offer some suggestions to improve the success of growing plants on your patio:

- \* Wash foliage frequently to remove accumulated dust that comes from the wind and the rain. Periodic washing also eliminates pests.
- \* Avoid letting stagnant water remain in the drainage saucer.
- \* Fertilize on a regular basis. Use liquid Miracle Grow 10-10-10 or slow release fertilizer like Osmocote.
- \* Rotate the pots about a quarter of a turn each week to allow all parts of the plant to maximize the light.
- \* Use heavier pots to eliminate tip-over from the wind and large enough to support the plant root system.
- \* Use a pot with drainage holes and a saucer to collect the drain water. The saucer will prevent the drain water from staining the patio floor.
- \* Use a suitably tinted pot. Light colored pots tend to reflect heat that stresses plants. Dark pots absorb heat and contribute to faster plant dry out.

Water your potted plants until you see water draining from the bottom of the pot. For the majority of tropical plants, let the plant approach a very slight wilting point and probe the soil surface to a dry depth of about one inch before the next watering. Keep in mind that plant water requirements vary. For example, the crown-of-thorns can go weeks without water and requires full sun light to maintain good growth. The ZZ plant seen growing in large pots in our malls can go months without watering!

Now that you have a lanai decorated with some of the above plants, why not start your day relaxing on your lanai with a cup of coffee and the newspaper while admiring the greenery surrounding you.

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## AN ELEPHANT IN BROOKLYN

By Phyllis M. Cohen

The rumor (and that's all it was) spread throughout school. The box cars carrying the animals for the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus were going to make an unscheduled stop at the freight yards near Pennsylvania Ave. in Brooklyn and the keepers were going to take the elephants out to water them. Of course I believed the story and I imagined that the elephants would be led through the yards to walk the streets for exercise. Anything seemed possible. I already had seen the first posters go up for the circus in the front window of Mr. Garbor's grocery store, near my house. From then on I begged my mother to take me to the circus. Such an expedition was a big undertaking for my mother in terms of time and money. But somehow, she relented and one afternoon, my younger sister and I skipped school and headed to Madison Square Garden, the traditional home of the circus.

The tickets were for the balcony, way, way up flights of stairs. They probably cost about \$1.50 or so, but then there was also cotton candy to buy, and drinks and circus peanuts, and maybe, just maybe, a souvenir. But even before we could climb those stairs, there was time to visit the menagerie in the bowels of the Garden. The sideshow with the unfortunately named "freaks" was already gone by then, but some of the animals, including some elephants, were on display. They stood patiently in a row, bound by heavy chains on their feet, moving their heads back and forth in a monotonous rhythm. The air was heavy with the musky smell of animals, their excrement and the straw and food being given to them. In one corner, in a glassed-in cage scarcely bigger than its prisoner, was Gargantua, the ferocious gorilla of the circus. He had a dark, brooding face and angry eyes, so frightening to me that I have never forgotten seeing him. He was an amazing attraction for the circus and is reputed to have saved the circus from bankruptcy.

And then, finally, there was the magic of the circus. It's probably hard to understand how thrilling the circus seemed to us then when our modern world is so supersaturated with color and entertainment 24/7. But as a city child growing up in post-war Brownsville, my world was a monochromatic concrete landscape. Movies and early television were

black and white, the neighborhood was a mixture of gray and rusty colored old houses, and the only tree

growing in Brooklyn, as far as I was concerned, was the one in Betty Smith's book. So the circus with its over the top pageantry, color and noise was overwhelming.

Who can forget the ringmaster in his brilliant red jacket, the parade of circus stars and dozens of animals, three rings full of non-stop action, and overhead amazing acrobats and aerialists performing almost at my eye level? There was one advantage to sitting in the balcony! The clowns, including the amazing Emmett Kelly, the sad clown, made us scream with delight. How I wished I could be one of those children chosen to ride around with the clowns in their little carts in the early part of the show. Do you remember the tiny clown car that opened up to reveal a dozen tall clowns? There were breathtaking wild animal acts with tigers and lions (no animal rights activists then) and finally, the elephants, draped in spangled fabric, holding trunk to tail as they marched and performed to the commands of beautiful young trainers.

Later on, I would take my own children to Boston Garden to see the circus. Turns out my husband also loved the circus. Our gang of three seemed to love it too. It was still opulent and glitzy as the old Madison Square Garden days and featured the fabulous animal trainer Gunter Gebel-Williams with amazing wild animal acts. (All probably prohibited now!)

So imagine my surprise when just a few years ago, I took my visiting California grandchildren to see the Ringling Brothers circus that plays every year around Christmas. It was in a small venue with a handful of animals, performers and acts. The one ring circus was bright with color and activity, though short on all of the events that I had cherished as a child. A performing dog act featured an array of tiny dogs prompting my husband to remark, "If this place was any smaller they would have to have performing mice." Except for an old fashioned vaudeville routine where a man kept riding smaller and smaller bicycles, it was forgettable. There was barely a trace of the old time circus spectacular. Only my memories persist of the parade of elephants through Brooklyn streets and the spellbound feeling of a live circus performance.

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## COMCAST CALLING

By Betty Wachtel



Those of us with both Comcast's phone and Internet services are now treated to, and challenged by, Xfinity's e-mails with text transcriptions of each voicemail message.

Butchering names is Xfinity's specialty. After fifty-five years of marriage, I thought I'd heard every possible mispronunciation of Wachtel, but Xfinity has a whole bunch of new ones. We've received recent messages for "Walked how," "Marshall," "Wash-them," "Walk out," and "Watchful," as well as "Wash-the-law." I wonder what our lawyer son will make of that last one.

Other people's names get the same fine treatment as Wachtel. A message from our daughter informed us that her friends the "Politics" (Pollacks) would be visiting and a recent call to Andy (that's me – Betty) came in from "Louis hot point" (better known as Liz Hopwood). Ed "Travel" (Strauber) left a message for Jim, and "Star Steak House" (Doris Davidoff) called for "Daddy" (again, that's me, Betty).

You used to think that instructions translated from the Japanese were a problem? Meet Xfinity. I'd hate to think that the thought processes of our friends, relatives and service providers are as scrambled as some messages suggest. For example, "... I scheduled a stress test for myself for next week. So it's comfortable and he thinks that everybody because you get whenever you're in" was the transcription for "I joined a running group with a coach and he thinks everybody should have a stress test." Go figure.

Our granddaughter left this one: "... just wanted to tell you that I received my grades and I said correctly the SAP and I got seven hundred out of the country. Tuesday the top six. It is six percent of the country." This meant that she had scored in the top six percent of the country (Israel) on the SAT exams. She speaks English as fluently as I do and has no Israeli accent. If she thought and talked as the e-mail has it, college would most definitely be out of the question.

An M.D. friend who is one of the clearest thinkers we know, supposedly said, "I hope you have a whatever good can happen in the earlier-the-big something you experience also..." Want to take a guess? We lost the voicemail message on that one and gave up trying to figure out what he meant.

After receiving an invitation to our granddaughter's wedding, Jim's cousin called to say "But I thought if we could go I need to know whether she didn't say what it is going to be to DC just invited us?" We called back without trying to unscramble that one.

The local Democrats left a message saying that a speaker at the February meeting would talk about health care "with forms." These days, is there such a thing as health care without forms? (Listening, instead of reading, we learned that the topic was "health care reform.") The same call told us that the president of the Palm Coast building trades would speak about the loss of four Florida jobs due to the use of out of state workers. Just think – four lost jobs!

Then there was, "This is an appointment call from your logic specialist for James Wash-them." Jim certainly doesn't need a logic specialist, so take your pick: neurology, urology, cardiology, dermatology or ophthalmology.

Jim recently acquired a special phone with captions for the hard of hearing. The website declares, "Voice recognition technology quickly provides written captions of what callers say on a large, easy-to-read screen. It works like a regular telephone – simply dial and answer calls as usual – speak and listen using a phone handset like always." In one of the first conversations on the new phone, the text indicated that a clerk at Walgreens was trying very hard to assist Mr. Watts Hill.

## PET PATCH

By Molly



Wow – what's all this wet stuff coming from the sky the last few days? My walks get shorter and shorter, and Mom and I are soaking wet when we get home. Of course I guess my stopping to shake off water gets her even wetter.

My memory isn't as sharp as it used to be – it's been a while since we had rain and I forgot about it. Mom says I'm getting like her with her memory – she says her memory bank is full! But I still love her!

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## WHEN SHOULD YOU GIVE UP THE CAR KEYS?

By Thelma Mechanic



How many years have you been driving, particularly in Florida? It's all so easy to drive to the mall to shop and conveniently put your purchases in the trunk. We drive to the doctor's office and park in convenient spaces right outside the office. We drive to the movie theatre and again park right outside, with many spaces reserved for handicapped drivers with appropriate handicap cards. We feel so independent with a driver's license – but my senior friends, there comes a time to give up the car keys.

Research tells us that as we live longer, we're outliving our ability to drive. Statistics tell us that men outlive their ability by seven years and in women the time span runs to ten years. This is the result of declining physical, visual and mental abilities as one ages. When renewing a driver's license in Florida, drivers 80 and over must pass a vision test.

Oddly, the Insurance Institute For Highway Safety claims that there is no magic number that determines when one should give up the car keys! But family members, particularly our adult children, should pick up on warning signs that our driving has become particularly hazardous.

For example, are there suddenly new nicks, dents, and/or scratches on the family car? Or does the senior driver occasionally mix up the gas and brake pedals? Or again, and this happens frequently, do you clip the mailbox pole when parallel parking in the street or even when pulling out of the driveway. Are you less aware of approaching cars from the left and the right? In addition, are you driving significantly slower or having difficulty staying in your lane?

These are all warning signals that driving may be too risky for you. Who ever wants to give up the independence that driving affords us? In my own case, my driving record was clean, no tickets, no accidents and I had the ability to drive without my glasses. Unfortunately, as I was driving along Boynton Beach Blvd., I started to feel dizzy and attempted to pull over, or turn at the nearest intersection. Before I could do that, I blacked out

and totaled my Mercedes (a strong car). The next thing I recall was being pulled from the wreckage and spending several weeks in rehab. Fortunately, my seat belt was on and the air bags deployed. Miracle of miracles, I hadn't hit another car or hurt anyone. I learned my lesson the hard way, and I had to accept that I could no longer drive.

Sure, I miss my independence, but I have an aide several hours a day. She drives me wherever I need to go, the grocery, meetings, and library. Another alternative is the "Tran" which will pick you up and take you wherever you need to go and then return you home. The Palm Beach Tran can be reached between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 649-9838. Just request an application. You should call 24 hours before you need a pick-up, for which the fee is \$3. Also, there are neighbors who are kind enough to pick you up for meetings, and luncheons. So all is not lost without a driving license.

However, you must be forewarned about giving up your keys. Anyone, from a doctor to a friend or relative who feels that you are medically impaired, can report you to the Motor Vehicle Bureau. These finds are submitted to a Medical Advisory Board. The board may then require the driver to submit medical information and report to a driver's license bureau for a road test. The medical board has the power to place restrictions on your driving.

Another option for families is to have their senior driver take a driving skills assessment test. If interested, call the Memory and Wellness Center at the nursing school of Florida Atlantic University (561- 297-0502) in Boca Raton.

Be realistic about your driving ability, my friends. If indeed, you sense your dwindling abilities behind the wheel, be smart and give up your keys. The life you save may be your own!!

### ANSWERS TO SPORTS TRIVIA QUIZ

(Question on p. 11)

- 1) Lou Gehrig, NY Yankees
- 2) Ed Delahanty, Philadelphia Phillies
- 3) Chuck Klein, Philadelphia Phillies
- 4) Willie Mays, SF Giants
- 5) Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia Phillies

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## M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Marilyn Chermak, Claire Deveney and Renee Stichel

All who attended enjoyed the Feb. 21 M.I. Pap Corps Member Appreciation lunch with delicious Chinese food catered by Bamboo Wok. Guest speaker John Cutrone, a staff librarian at FAU, discussed "Extraordinary Books." We thank Selma Friedman, Enid Gerard and Lois Richmond, who helped with set-up, and servers Myrna Bader, Helen Benowich, Dottie Caroff, Suzanne Skinner and Marcia Steiner. Thank you, all, for your support.

The annual card party will be on March 7, at 11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Vendors will be present. Menu: Greek salad; pita bread; entree choices of beef gyro, vegetarian mousaka or spinach pie; iced tea and fortune cookies. Snacks and coffee will be served during card games. Come, play bridge, canasta, mah jongg, poker, dominos or other games. Put your own group together or games can be arranged. Place your checks in the Pap Corps box in back lobby and note your game and players on the envelope. Contacts are Suzanne Skinner (200-0974), and Marcia Steiner (752-2165).

We sold 44 tickets to the fundraiser at Boca West High School Drama Department's "9 to 5" show, Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m. Many thanks to Renee Stichel for chairing this event.

Ready, set, go! to the 13th Annual Pap Corps Walkathon (See date, time and location information below.) We need walkers and sponsors. Pick up and return forms in back lobby. Contact Enid Gerard, 733-1187, Helen Benowich, 733-4244 or Helene Riffle, 432-5898 if you have questions. To register online visit [www.papcorps.org](http://www.papcorps.org).

The drop-off date for clothing, shoes, handbags, accessories and small household item is March 15. Place items in large, green plastic bags and bring donations to Renee Stichel's house. A thrift shop in Lake Worth will pick-up all the Pap Corps donations from one location.

### Mark your calendar:

**April 25:** Lunch at 12 noon with author and member Wynne Shilling, who will discuss her book, "Over the Big Water Escaping the Holocaust Twice."

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## THE ROYAL BOWLERS

By Shelly Mehlman

It's 3 p.m. on Thursday. Do you know where your bowlers are? If you are not a bowler, here is a short sample of three hours spent with the Royal Bowlers.

**Bowler 1:** Hey Shelly! What lane are we on?

**Shelly:** 23 and 24.

**Shelly:** OK Practice is over. Let's bowl. Mike, what are you up to? Oh, good ball. Could be a strike. Are you ready to take that one?

**Mike:** Any way I can.

**Shelly:** Heavy oil, today. Fred, good spare. Yes, you can make it. Hey Reiss! Keep it out of the gutter. Concentrate. Keep your eye on your spot, not that blond in the next lane. Keep your head down. Bring your arm up and touch your nose, 10 o'clock. Now you got it.

**Shelly, to himself:** *Uncle Miltie is complaining that he has to drive Muriel all over. Business must be good. Greta O was visiting us today and it was nice to see her. Oh, oh. Sonny is up and I'm going for coffee*

**Bowler 2:** Hey, Shell. There're no more cookies. The gate is down and my ball will not come back.

**Shelly to himself:** *I guess that is why I'm paid the big bucks? Look at that guy. Three splits, double wood,\* two gutter balls, a turkey,\*\*( how the hell did he get in here.) Nothing is working today. Should have stayed in bed, (that's not working either). Great camaraderie and lots of fun. I love these guys and gals.*

**Shelly:** See you all next week.

\*double wood: two pins directly behind each other

\*\*turkey: Three consecutive strikes



## SNOWBIRDS

By Bobbe Greene

The Snowbirds were kept very busy in January and February. The trip to Naples was well attended and most enjoyable.



"Damn Yankees" was not the successful sell-out that we have had in the past, but those that joined us had a delightful afternoon. On March 15 we are meeting at the Banana Boat for our end of the season lunch. Plans are all ready in the making for a welcome back brunch on December 13.

Many homes have changed hands this past year, and are now owned by Snowbirds or Snowflakes. We encourage all new owners to come to our meetings and get to know each other, which is the purpose of the group. The Snowbirds meet the first Friday of the month, in season, at 11 a.m. in the clubhouse.

## THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

The Men's and Women's Clubs annual Valentine's Day party was fantastic according to all the comments we received from our attendees.

To say "a great time was had by all" would be an understatement. The food was terrific, the music was fabulous and the overall atmosphere was joyful. Almost everyone danced the night away.

Our attendees had nothing but compliments throughout the night. Several have already told us to count them in for next year's party.

We would again like to thank those that attended the affair and helped make it enjoyable and successful.

Our next event will be Parent's Day on May 5 at Broken Sound Country Club in Boca. Further information will be forthcoming on Channel 63.

The Men's Club casino trip will be on March 13 or 14. We are trying to go to Gulfstream Race Track & Casino. March 13 is not available so it might have to be on the 14 if we can get that. Look for the date on channel 63.

## SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

**We told you so!** Our opening show of the 2013 season was a phenomenal hit! Everyone who saw it said it was the best one ever. Are you sorry you missed it? Then don't miss the March show.

If you didn't catch Jon Peterson in his one-man sold out show "Song Man, Dance Man" at the Stage Door Theatre, buy tickets for his performance right on the Majestic Isles stage for Saturday March 16 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. To end our season we will be serving coffee and....

On Saturday, April 27, Showtime will feature singer Luisa Lubell and comedian David Sayh. Luisa was supposed to perform for us earlier, but was called to New York for an audition. We are thrilled she can perform for us now. David Sayh will keep you laughing from the beginning of his set. All of this is only \$12 per person. Get your tickets soon for best seating. Seats assigned as the checks are received.

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**SATURDAY., MARCH 23: BOYNTON BEACH CLUB** Who says sex after 60 isn't sexy anymore? The residents of the Boynton Beach Club, an active retirement community, don't think so. Upon joining a bereavement support group, the lives of six individuals cross paths, opening the doors to dating again.

**NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.**

*The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.*

## MUSIC QUIZ

Courtesy of Selma Freedman



1. What composer wrote music only for the piano?
2. What composer is credited with writing "Beethoven's 10th Symphony"?
3. What composer fathered 21 children?
4. What two great composers who were born in the same year, the same country, became masters of two entirely different music styles?
5. What famous composer was accepted to the famous Vienna Boys Choir but had to leave when his voice changed?
6. What composer is called the "father" of the symphony?
7. What composer was as awe-stricken with our country when he visited and traveled throughout the land that he wrote a symphony for us?
8. When the Berlin Wall was knocked down at the end of the Cold War an orchestra was formed and a triumphant concert was planned. What great piece of music was their selection? And who did he request as conductor?
9. What is the difference between a band and an orchestra?
10. What is a counter tenor?

(Answers on page 33)

## WORD PLAY

Source unknown

**Arbitrator:** A cook who leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds

**Avoidable:** What a bullfighter tries to do

**Bernadette:** The act of torching a mortgage

**Burglarize:** What a crook sees with

**Counterfeiters:** Assemblers of kitchen cabinets

**Eclipse:** What an English barber does

**Heroes:** What a guy in a boat does

**Paradox:** Two physicians

**Relief:** What trees do in the spring

**Sudafed:** Brought litigation against a government official



## HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



Our meeting on February 25, will feature the singing group, the Hurricane Harmonizers and special desserts. We know the audience will appreciate it.

M.I. Hadassah will honor our 2<sup>nd</sup> Woman of the Year, Lee Katz, on Sunday evening, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ben's will cater a buffet dinner here at the clubhouse at \$30. There is a special journal prepared to honor Lee as well, with well-wishers contributing their good thoughts.

The General Meeting on March 18 will feature a Women's Seder and a special luncheon including Passover foods starting at 11:30 a.m. Watch channel 63 for further information.

Hadassah cookbooks are available from Sheila Traum (742-3727). They cost \$18 each. Call Sheila Traum for particulars. You do get Donor Credit.

Hadassah Region is sponsoring a program entitled "One Less for Lunch: A Hadassah Mystery." It will be held April 18, at Benvenuto's for \$54.00. Sue Horowitz and Sheila Traum can provide any details.

Forms for inclusion in the Hadassah Calendar are available now. Personal ad forms give 100% donor, and ads from other sources have 50% donor. I have the forms, call me, Ellin, (740-9050) or ask me at the meetings. Some of you have not yet received your 2012 calendar. Please see me.

Our membership meeting on April 22 will be a member appreciation lunch at 11:15 a.m. More details to follow.

## SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

Wow - have we had fun! On Feb. 6, we went to the Culinary Institute and had an interesting tour (saw a papier mache eagle they were building with enormous talons for an exhibit). We had a delicious luncheon. One of their pastry chefs demonstrated Bananas Foster. It was very interesting and not very difficult to make. Paul volunteered and then he made one too. They had a fantastic Viennese table of desserts: carrot cake, chocolate mousse in a wine glass, little cakes of chocolate fudge mousse, cookies, and several others. I showed some restraint and only ate a few things. We were all so full, that no one ate dinner that night!

As this is being written, we're looking forward to our trip to the Kravis to see Sandy Hackett's "Rat Pack Show," and to dinner afterwards at Mama Mia's Trattoria on Hypoluxo Road.



On March 6, we are going to City Place to ride the Diva Duck Bus. Then we'll have dinner at the restaurants of choice. There are many there from which to choose.

On March 20, we will return to Kravis to see "Lorna Luft: Songs My Mother Taught Me." Dinner plans will be announced later.

On April 20, we are staying at the clubhouse and having a Toojay's box dinner followed by games: canasta, mah jongg, dominoes, or whatever else you might like.

Please feel free to make suggestions for trips or theatre presentations you think we might enjoy. Just call Marge (742-7719) or Ellin, (740-9050).

## BOOK TALKS AND MORE

By Bobbe Greene

Bobbe Greene will facilitate a discussion of "Mudbound" by Hilary Jordon on Wednesday, March 20 at 2 p.m. We anticipate a very interesting discussion and hope you will join us.

In 1946, Laura Chappell, a college-educated Memphis schoolteacher, becomes a reluctant farmer's wife after she agrees to marry Henry McAllan. He has promised her an antebellum plantation and instead she finds herself living in the backwaters of the Mississippi Delta without indoor plumbing, electricity or readily accessible medical facilities. Six voices narrate the complex family stories of the McAllans, the landowners, the mean-spirited family patriarch, the black, sharecropping neighbors and two returning war heroes.

*(This review was adapted from reviews by Publishers Weekly and Kirkus Reviews.)*

## The Pizza Chronicles

By Naomi Marcus

*(Editor's note: After Naomi's niece read this piece at the memorial service, several people came to me and said, "That has to go into the newsletter." BRW)*

Because pizza is a humble food, the role that it has played in the history of human society has been neglected or misunderstood. The time has come to correct this oversight. For the past few months I have been researching this subject, with amazing results. Although I haven't finished what I expect will be a definitive study of the subject, here are some of my preliminary findings, listed in chronological order.

**(no date established)**

**Moses** climbed Mount Sinai,  
He got down on his knees.  
Said, "Lord, we're tired of manna.  
Send down some pizza, please.

**44 B.C.E.**

**Caesar** was eating pizza.  
He just about was through  
Then he looked up and asked,  
Brutus, is that really you?

**1060**

**Lady Godiva** wanted a pizza.  
She got back into clothes,  
Then she rode to Coventry  
And went to Domino's.

**1266**

Kublai Khan of China said,  
"Ain't it a crying' shame,  
We never heard of pizza  
'Til **Marco Polo** came."

**1492**

**Columbus** searched for pizza.  
He urged his men, "Sail on!  
We gotta reach America  
And find a Papa John."

**1536**

**Anne Boleyn** was eating pizza  
While lying in her bed.  
Refused to give the king a piece;  
That's why she lost her head.

**1588**

**Good Queen Bess** loved pizza,  
She always ate it plain.  
'Til Britain sank the Armada  
And salvaged anchovies from Spain.

**1775**

**Paul Revere**, he wanted pizza  
To take home to his bride.  
He said, "I'll pick a pie up  
On my midnight ride."

**1777**

**George Washington** loved pizza,  
He asked for extra cheese.  
He served it hot at Valley Forge,  
So his army would not freeze

**1793**

**Marie Antoinette** ate pizza  
But made a big mistake.  
When the people asked for some,  
She smirked, "let them eat cake."

**1836**

**Davey Crockett** sent fro pizza  
When at the Alamo.  
He called for reinforcements  
And 50 pies to go.

**1863**

The South ran out of pizza.  
Only grits were on their plates.  
That's why they lost at **Gettysburg**  
In the War Between The States.

**1917**

**Russian royalty** loved pizza  
Heaped high with caviar.  
But the peasants found it out –  
That's why they killed the czar.

**1930**

They offered **Gandhi** pizza.  
He softly murmured, "No.  
I will not eat a single thing  
Until the British go."

**1933**

Eleanor served pizza  
At each and every meal.  
**F.D.R.** said, "Enough's enough"  
And called for a New Deal.

**1972**

**Dick Nixon** asked for pizza.  
Gordon Liddy said, "It's late.  
I'll try the all-night pizza place  
That's at the Watergate."

**1996**

**Bill Clinton** wanted pizza.  
He got into his car  
Bur ran into a roadblock  
Set up by Kenneth Starr.

## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER GENERAL MEETING, Feb. 10, 2013

By Selma Friedman

Webster's New World Dictionary defines trivia as an "unimportant matter." Webster's New Explorer gives it as "unimportant details." The American Heritage Dictionary suggests "insignificant matters, trites or trivialities." Anyway, M.I.L.T. trivia was fun, full of memories, smiles, and whispered conversations.



We played "Entertainment Trivia" – 5 variations: Broadway, Movies and TV, Radio, Famous Film Lines and Songs. Everyone had a good time, especially the winners. As each game was added, the competition got tougher until, finally, we had quite a number of winners.

Many thanks to Doris Davidoff, Selma Friedman and Ed Strauber for offering the material, Paul Mendelsohn for assisting with Doris as emcee, and to Francine Gitto, Linda Kessler and Nancy Levitan for helping to distribute papers.

During the business portion of the meeting Ira asked if anyone wished to nominate a member for any position on the M.I.L.T. Board. No one spoke up, so the secretary was told to cast a ballot to seat the slate as presented by the nominating committee.

As a tribute to the late Phil Chermak, we will present his play, "The Family Shame (Shonda)," on March 10. Phil wrote, directed and acted in many M.I.L.T. shows and was a M.I.L.T. Board member. "Shonda" is a drama-comedy play about the attempt of grown children of an immigrant couple to make a 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party for their parents.

April 13 and 14 is our paid show, "Little Nell and the Mortgage Foreclosure." It is an old-fashioned melodrama with villain, heroine, heroes, etc. We will be asked to "hiss" and "boo."

Ed Strauber's radio play is moved up to May 19. This one is a mystery-horror story, "The House in Cypress Canyon" by Robert L. Richards. It comes from the "Suspense" Radio Show and will be performed script in hand.

People are already suggesting programs for next year. Creativity is never-ending.

New Residents – If you would like to join us, please speak to any of our officers or board members. It does not have to involve performing. We can always use stage design, stage crew, artists, costumes, computer specialists, audio or lighting assistance in addition to singers, musicians, dancers, actors, producers and directors. Just approach one of us and we'll find a spot for you.

And we always have wonderful "coffee and cake." Thanks to Nancy Levitan and the Hospitality Committee and Marty Baron.

See you at the "Shonda."

## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

We had a wonderful time at the dinner dance celebrating Valentine's Day. Hope you were there for the good food, good friends and good times. This event was subsidized by Men's and Women's Clubs.

Upcoming events: Mark your calendar... All of the following will be in our clubhouse

**March 11\*:** Catered luncheon, paid for by Jim Mui, Certified Financial Planner with Raymond James. Please sign up on the back bulletin board. *No walk-ins.* See the flyer in back lobby.

**April 8\*:** Desserts made by our board, and entertainer Roz Owitz, comedienne. There is a sign-up sheet on back bulletin board and a flyer in back lobby.

**April 29\*:** Canasta tournament: 12:30 pm, \$10 per person. The prizes will be \$40 for 1st place, \$30 for 2nd place and \$20 for third place. Refreshments. Place envelopes in our mailbox, back lobby.

**May 5\*:** Parents' day at Broken Sound Country Club, with entertainment/music and great food, subsidized by Men's and Women's clubs.

**June 10:** Trip to Sawgrass Mall. Transportation will be a bus @ \$15 per person, open to all residents, family and friends. Your check will be your reservation. Place your checks marked "Sawgrass Mall" in Women's Club mailbox in the back lobby. This is open to members and non-members on a first-come, first-served basis because seats are limited.

Please pay your dues of \$15 for 2013.

\*This event for paid up members only

## MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



Our trip to Naples, which was a joint effort with the Snowbirds in January, was a huge success and the first sell-out for the Travel Club.

During our bus and boat tours of Naples, everyone was in awe of the magnificent, extremely expensive mansions. The amazing performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" was one of the very best we had seen.

We look forward to our next exciting trip, which is a three-night tour of Savannah, from April 22-25. Paul Mendelsohn has done an outstanding job of putting this trip together. The itinerary looks fabulous, including some very nice dinner restaurants and excellent evening entertainment each night. We do not have room in this column to list everything included, but flyers are in the back lobby and on our website ([www.majesticisles.com](http://www.majesticisles.com)), where you can find all the details about what is included, the price and how to book the trip. On this trip, we hope to see many of our previous travelers as well as those who have not yet had the opportunity to travel with us.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. We are planning to show short videos of two cruises recently taken by some of our members. The cruises were not official Travel Club trips, but one of our policies is to share interesting travel experiences of any of our members.

At the March meeting, we also plan to discuss plans for the rest of 2013 and, possibly even into 2014. We will hold our election of those who will serve on our planning committee for the coming year. Please be sure to join us at this meeting.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. Some people seem to have the mistaken idea that the Travel Club is for singles. We invite everyone who likes to travel or even just dream about traveling, and our trips have a mixture of couples and singles. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club.

## MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

### Spares and Strikes

By Dave Feinberg, President



We're winding down and things are heating up. One week you're up and then the next week you're down – so the season goes. Just gotta keep bowling along.

#### WEEK 19 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Fred Katz	169	Fred Katz	453
Dave Feinberg	158	Dave Feinberg	392
Al Lynn	157	Al Lynn	411

#### WEEK 19 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	152	Estelle Snyder	427
Shirley Scheffel	140	Shirley Scheffel	371
Gladys Feldman	140	Sandy Gardner	406

#### WEEK 20 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Dave Feinberg	155	Dave Feinberg	428
Arnie Everitt	140	Arnie Everitt	391

#### WEEK 20 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	127	Estelle Snyder	374
Sandy Gardner	125	Sandy Gardner	340

#### WEEK 21 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	181	Al Lynn	483
Mike Ost	153	----	
Arnie Everitt	149	Arnie Everitt	359

#### WEEK 21– WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	154	Estelle Snyder	435
Toni Kohn	143	Toni Kohn	356
Eleanor Krongold	130	Eleanor Krongold	353

#### WEEK 22– MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	179	Al Lynn	492
Bill Harris	166	Bill Harris	435
Arnie Everitt	148	Arnie Everitt	413
Fred Katz	148	Fred Katz	392

#### WEEK 22– WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	182	Estelle Snyder	466
Eleanor Krongold	165	Eleanor Krongold	392

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## MAJESTIC ISLES ART SHOW

By Gerry Herman and Roberta Jaffie



Our annual art show on Jan. 20, 2013 showcased the many talents of our residents with a large variety of arts and crafts projects. It was wonderful to see our residents coming together to share in an afternoon of talking and meeting new people. There was an excitement and buzz in the air as our exhibitors greeted those viewing all the creative efforts displayed on tables and pictures hanging on the grids. There was an abundance of art work that was innovative, dynamic and professional.

Many observers showed their appreciation of what they saw and expressed their pleasure to the exhibitors. As Rita Marderstein said, "There was an unusual spirit in the room this year." The refreshments were sponsored by the Majestic Isles Association and added another dimension to the festivities. Everyone enjoyed the goodies that were served at a special table.

There were many artists who worked in various media. The Bunka and Needle Craft club run by Rita Marderstein had a beautiful display of knitting projects; Barbara Rosen displayed baby blankets made for pediatric wards; Marsha Steiner exhibited knit hats for cancer patients and various Hadassah members showed lap blankets made for wheel chair bound veterans. The members of this special club were highlighted on the program as follows; Joan Cetlin, Evelyn Klein, Sandy Gardner, Miriam Weitzner, Marsha Steiner and Gloria Steingart.

Splashes of color filled the tables with Judy Zied's "Pillows Galore," Alice Schultz's beautiful knitted items, and Stan Rothstein's photography. Also displayed were wood crafts by Jack Moss, a ship model of a naval schooner by Mike Frankel, and intricate boat models by Edward Mordis, who all spoke with enthusiasm about their craft.

Phyllis Pinsel and Bunny Eisenberg displayed their beautiful handmade necklaces, bracelets and earrings. A newcomer to our show, Yury Minkin, is an experienced designer of handmade white and yellow gold jewelry with metal carvings.

A table filled with ceramics was unique and fun to look at. This ceramic class has interested residents for

many years. Exhibitors were as follows; Liz Hopwood, Susan Brandt, Sandy Gardner, Carol Dickstein, Marian Held, Joan Cetlin, Barbara Krebs and Gloria Steingart.

The painters who exhibited this year are as follows: Sue Bieber, Abstract and mixed media; Stan Brizel, Landscapes and Seascapes (oils); Phyllis Cohen, still life (oils); Bunny Eisenberg, pastels; Bernie Freedman, abstract (water color); Irene Freedman, portraits, animals (water color); Marilyn Friedberg, portrait artist (oil); Bill Harris, seascapes, landscapes (oil); Gerry Herman, still life, landscapes (water color); Roberta Jaffie, portraits, animals (oil); Joyce Milbauer, landscapes, seascapes (oil); Fred Oestreicher, seascape (water color); Estelle Snyder, nude figures, still life (water color and acrylic), Ron Seidler, modern art "*Homage to an Orange!*" (oil).

The installation Crew included Mark Jaffie, Bernie Freedman and Duncan Hopwood and Larry Milbauer. Roberta Jaffie, Irene Freedman, Marilyn Friedberg, Gerry Herman, Phyllis Cohen, Sue Bieber, Liz Hopwood, Norma Schneider and Joyce Milbauer served as the Art Show Committee. Kudos to you!

**Roberta Jaffie, Art show chairman adds:** I would like to thank the art show committee and other volunteers who assisted me in making this special community event successful.

## ANSWERS TO MUSIC QUIZ

(Questions on page 28)

1. Chopin
2. Brahms is credited with writing "Beethoven's 10<sup>th</sup> Symphony. It was Brahms's first.
3. Bach fathered 21 children, not all of who lived to adulthood. He had two wives.
4. Bach-polyphony, Handel – homophony
5. Hayden
6. Hayden, who perfected the form and wrote well over 140 symphonies.
7. Dvorak – the New World Symphony
8. Beethoven's 9th Symphony, conducted by Leonard Bernstein
9. Bands do not use strings – Guitars do not apply, as only standard orchestral instruments are included
10. A man who sounds like a contralto – not singing falsetto

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

March - April 2013

**MARCH**

2	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p, h)
3	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast	(p, h)
		6:30 p.m.	Hadassah	Woman of the Year	(p, h)
4	Mon	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop	
6	Wed	1:00 P.M.	Singles'	Diva Duck	(p, a)
7	Thurs	11:00 a.m.	Cancer	Card Party	(p, a)
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting	
8	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles'	Meeting	(f, h)
10	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop	(f, h)
11	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's Club	Luncheon	(f, h)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion	(f, h)
15	Fri	12 noon	Snowbirds	Luncheon	(p, a)
16	Sat	8:30 a.m.	Pap Corps	Showtime	(p, h)
18	Mon	11:15	Hadassah Seder	Meeting	(f, h)
20	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion	(f, h)
23	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p, h)
24	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting	(f, h)

**APRIL**

1	Mon.	2 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop	
4	Thur	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting	
6	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p, h)
7	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast	(p, h)
8	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Women's Club	Dessert party	(p, h)
		4 p.m.	Investment Club	Discussion	(f, h)
13	Sat	8:p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Show	(p, h)
14	Sun	8 p.m.	M.I.L.T	Show	(p, h)
15	Mon	2 p.m.	Hadassah	Study Group	(f, h)
16	Tues	7:30 p.m.	Social Club	TBA	(f, h)
17	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion	(f, h)
20	Sat	4:40 p.m.	Singles Meeting	Dinner, game night	(p, h)
22- 25	Mon	TBA	Travel Club	Savannah trip	(p, a)
22	Mon	11:30a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting	(f, h)
25	Thurs	12:00 noon	Cancer	Luncheon	(p, h)
		6:00 p.m.	Majestics Bowling	Dinner	(p, a)
27	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime	(p, h)
28	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting	(f, h)
29	Mon	12:00 noon	Women's Club	Canasta Tournament	(p, h)

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

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