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MANAGER'S CORNER



Tree trimming isn't just for December! Jason's Arborcare did a great job with the hardwood tree trimming and, as most of you know, they were back in February to trim all of the palms. This is a major project and we are very happy with the work that was done. The mulch project was also done well and for the most part, the community as a whole was happy with the new vendor. We still have some homeowners that are getting their homes painted and we will get through that project within the upcoming weeks.

Recently, I have been asked a few times, "What time do you go out onto the property?" or similar questions. We inspect the property daily. Most days we are out on the property more than once. Eddon has been following the trash collection in the last couple of weeks. It is hard for me to pinpoint an exact time for us to always do property inspection because truth of the matter is, no day is typical; atypical is typical.

Your Property Manager and Assistant Property Manager must wear a great many professional hats: receptionist, human resources pro, administrator, mediator, organizer, and social director, project manager, and sounding board – sometimes even therapist. We are busy, even when homeowners don't see it. Your management team is responsible for everything, say, from reporting a water leak in a pipe on Grand Harbour Circle to producing and balancing a multi-million dollar budget. A day in the life ranges from things as big as an emergency tree having to be taken down within hours, to helping a homeowner with a band-aid (both true stories).

We touch every aspect of the community, in many ways on a personal level as well as a professional level. It is a job with both consistent day-to-day operations and varied, unexpected issues that arise and become an immediate unanticipated priority.

The main objective for Pedro and me is to be out in front of the disaster of the day, and sometimes the disaster of the day is something that may be quite miniscule to you or me, but very important to the homeowner in front of us – or on the phone. We need to juggle the unexpected into our day because providing Royal Service to residents is what we are here to do.

Being in Property Management is a rewarding career, although it can be challenging at times. There is a fulfilling feeling knowing that I am making a difference in a community.

LoriAnn Perrone, LCAM, Property Manager

SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

YOUR EMERGENCY INFORMATION!

There is a confidential list in the clubhouse computer which states who is on your permanent list for admission at the guardhouse. The computer also lists an out-of-town contact if there is an emergency in your home and we cannot reach you at your home number. This list also appears on the guardhouse computer. Many of these files are woefully out of date. We also need to know who has a key and the alarm code to your home (we don't need the code, just who has it). By updating this information with Pedro or LoriAnn, Fire Rescue can more readily gain entrance into a resident's home in an emergency. This should save time and could save a life.

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We can't stress it enough: make sure your house is locked and your *alarm* is activated. If you have not paid the Sheriff's office the \$25 permit fee within the last 12 months, they will *not* respond to an alarm. If you can't remember if you paid this, call ADT at 1-800-878-7806 and ask the operator to check your payment record.

GET WELL

Helen Aldoroty	Jack Greene
David Bader	Ken Lipansky
Helen Benowich	Ruth Oppler
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Helen Genova	Fran Silling

SYMPATHY

To the family of Marcia Brandfon.
To Irene Luxenberg on the loss of her husband, David.
To Joyce Spiess on the loss of her husband, Bernie.

MESSAGES

Thank you, friends and neighbors, for all your cards, calls and good wishes. I'm happy to report that I'm on the mend.

Helen Aldoroty

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

The Board wishes everyone a happy and healthy new year. We are planning to redecorate the first floor of the clubhouse. Several recommended clubhouse decorators have been contacted and a committee of residents is being formed to interview them. We also plan to upgrade the pool and the deck. We are waiting for bids to be returned by the contractors. When the work is completed, Majestic Isles will have a new look.
Harvey Galan, President

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS
 By Elaine Jay

The Majestic Isles Newsletter welcomes the following new residents to our community.

Susan & Jerry Gerstman
 Sandra & Keith Gordon
 Felicia Halpren
 Sharon & Sol Herskowitz
 Karen & Alan Mazurek
 Leslie Small & Samuel Kohn

Highlights of Jan. 2016 M.I. Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the January 2016 meeting were approved at the Feb. 18 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

- A **motion** to approve M&P contract for 2016 as written, annual contract price at \$429,210.71 **passed unanimously**.
- A **motion** to approve the 2016 Tennis contract from Perry Sinett for annual cost of \$16,500.00 **passed unanimously**.
- A **motion** to order 6 new mailbox posts from Hartzell to have on hand for homeowners to purchase in the event their post get damaged **passed unanimously**.

A **motion** to purchase four new meeting signs from Testa Signs in the amount of \$583 **passed unanimously**.

A **motion** to approve the Associates Protective addendum for 2016 to keep the billing rate the same **passed unanimously**.

Note: Residents may request at the office a report of the 1/14/16 cash positions and Statement of Operations.

The minutes of the **February 2016** meeting were not made available to the Majestic Isles News in time for publication in the March issue.

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY CHILDREN (GRANDCHILDREN)

So you want to brag about your children or grandchildren? In the May issue, in honor of Mother's Day and the upcoming Father's Day, let us hear about one of your children or grandchildren's special accomplishment or talents. A picture that tells all may be included. Please limit yourself to one child, 50 words or less. Pictures cannot be returned. Send either to Betty brwachtel@comcast.net or Phyllis floridaphy@aol.com. Pictures may be left in an envelope in the newsletter mailbox in the back lobby. Deadline, April 15.

CURRENT SCAMS

Submitted by Harvey Galan

The threat to seniors is growing and changing, netting \$2.6 billion a year, hitting one in five people in this age group.

Some common cons to look out for:

- **Identity theft:** (accomplished through address changes, old-fashioned theft), emails from "SSA." Social Security does *not* email or call asking for personal information.
- **Health insurance frauds:** includes "free" medical equipment, counterfeit prescription drugs. Fraudsters will contact you online or phone posing as health care or Medicare representatives to gain access to personal information.
- **Home repair schemes:** bogus contractors, emails, calls from Comcast, Microsoft, Apple, Paypal.
- **Email, Foreign lottery sweepstakes fraud:** (Nigerian email scams).
- **Advance fee, credit card frauds.**
- **Investment, financial fraud:** Phone calls from scammers saying they are IRS agents calling about unpaid taxes. They will leave a phone number to call back. **Do not return the call.**
- **Charity schemes.**
- **Grandchild scams**
- **Recovery schemes** that target previous theft victims by convincing them that their money has been recovered by law enforcement, but that they must pay a fee to get it back.

A FEW BASIC TIPS TO AVOID BEING VICTIMIZED:

- Shred credit card receipts and old bank statements
- Close unused credit card or bank accounts
- Never respond to an offer you don't understand; just hang up
- Require all plans and purchases to be in writing
- Do not pay in advance for services
- Be wary if it sounds too good to be true
- Never give personal information like your social security number or bank information over the phone or online.
- If you feel that you have been scammed, contact your bank, Social Security Agency at 1-800-772-1213, Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338. Online, go to the FBI thru its Internet Crime Complaint Center, which is run in concert with the White Collar Crime Center. They will refer your complaint to the proper authorities.

Source: FBI and online Senior Citizen Fraud articles

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MOVING OUT

By Phyllis Cohen



It's been a long time since I've moved, 18 years to be exact. And that move was from our ancestral home in the far north, Massachusetts, to Florida. I could compare that move to any one of a number of historical exoduses: the Boers' trek across South Africa to escape the British, the Mormons fleeing the persecution of their neighbors, or of course, the true historical exodus, the Hebrews fleeing the Egyptians. So we faced the problem of what to take and what to leave when we made our big move to Florida. A thirty-year-old house crammed full of every bit of nonsense that we thought we would use again: old boxes in case we wanted to return a twenty year old toaster (long since banished to the dump), diapers for our thirty-year-old baby, orange shag carpet remnants in case the 60's came back. We somehow managed in six months to skinny down to a small apartment and later our current abode.

Now, almost two decades later, we have managed to accumulate another couple of tons of debris. I'm not thinking of moving right now, but as the ceilings get higher when we go to replace light bulbs, the faucets more complex if they drip and everything, including us, showing more wear and tear. I wonder what I would do if I had to move again.

Years ago I read a poignant story, called, I think *The Red Chair*. The daughter described how her parents at first down sized to a smaller house but her mother's favorite red chair still had a place of honor in the smaller living room. Later when her dad passed away, the red chair was in the small condo. And finally, when her mom was in a nursing home, the red chair was the last remnant of her old life in her tiny room.

So as a reminder to myself, I think I'll start to pare down my twenty years of tax records, old bills and receipts. I'll definitely have to destroy those old nude pictures of me in my burlesque days as well as those love letters from Cary Grant. But when it all gets too much for me to consider, I'll remember my daughter's words when I mentioned how much junk we had accumulated. "Don't worry, Mom. I'll just back up a dumpster and empty everything out of the house." It's lucky I don't have any Krugerrands and emeralds hidden in my old girdles.

SAFETY TIPS FOR SINGLES AND OTHERS

By Marilyn Levy

I have been alone for two years now and I have had a lot of time to reflect on how my life has changed. I realized that I have taken several important steps to insure my safety and good health.

First and foremost I got a medical alert device. There are some that only work in your home. The one that I have works wherever I am at home in Florida or New York, in the mall or on the street. It has a GPS device and is connected somehow to a satellite so it knows where I am when I press the button. The newest version is waterproof and can be worn in the shower. It also can tell if you have fallen and notifies the operator automatically. I am considering upgrading because I am prone to falling. Unfortunately, I have had to use the alert button twice last year and once this year. Each time, the rescue squad arrived quickly and I wasn't seriously hurt, just embarrassed.

Next, I had a lock box installed near my front door. You can obtain one at Home Depot or Lowes for under \$30. A handyman or friend can install it on the molding near the front door. You keep an extra key in it and create a code. Notify the company from whom you bought your medical alert and give them the code. Also you can call the headquarters of the Palm Beach County Fire Department at 561-616-6909 and give them the code. (The Fire Department keeps the information for only one year, so keep track of the date and call again each year.) My friend, who is a heavy sleeper, didn't hear her husband calling for help from the den. He was able to reach the phone and dialed 911. The police had to break down the front door. The replacement door cost \$1500. A lock box is much cheaper. So even if you live with someone, it's a good investment.

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Visiting: ISABEL AND JERRY ELEFSON

By Claire Deveney



Isabel and Jerry Elefson moved to Majestic Isles a year and a half ago. Jerry enjoys sports every day. He plays tennis at Majestic Isles three times a week. He also plays Pickleball three

times weekly and is in the M.I. Bowling League. Jerry and Isabel are members of M.I.L.T. He also belongs to the Men's Club and the Bowling League. Isabel is a member of Hadassah and the Pap Corps.

Isabel and Jerry were both born in Brookline, Massachusetts. Jerry graduated from Boston English High School and earned his B.S. degree in business with a major in management at Northeastern University. Isabel lived in Dorchester until her family moved to Brookline, a Boston suburb, when she was nine. Isabel graduated from Brookline High School and from Northeastern University with a B.S. degree in biology and a major in medical technology.

The Elefsons met on a blind date. The night before their first meeting, they talked on the phone for two hours. When they met, they didn't have much left to say and didn't contact each other after the date. Six months or so later, they unexpectedly met on campus at Northeastern and began dating. It's been 50 years since their first conversation.

Isabel and Jerry married on March 7, 1970. Their first apartment was in Quincy, a suburb of Boston. After four years they bought their first home in Leominster, Massachusetts. Later they moved to Stoughton.

Isabel, who trained at New England Baptist and New England Deaconess Hospitals, enjoyed a challenging and rewarding career in medical technology. She loved working in a variety of hospital clinical laboratories in the field of bacteriology in Boston and the greater Boston area.

Following graduation Jerry worked as a bank examiner for the U.S. Treasury Department auditing national banks throughout New England. He knew he did not want to be traveling 50 percent of the time

and he became an accountant, first at Foster Grant where he worked for seven years, and then at The Foxboro Company where he was for 11 years.

"I always wanted to go into my own business and we went to franchise shows and talked to lots of people. I opened a franchise store called Pinches & Pounds, a retail bulk candy store with 650 bins of everything from fine chocolates to gummy bears. I had my own company for ten years with these two retail candy stores, in Avon and Hanover, Massachusetts. I sold the business and we moved to Las Vegas," said Jerry.

"Our kids had finished school so we decided to move with our mothers to a better climate in Las Vegas, Nevada," said Isabel. Jerry's mother lived with them and died at age 92 in 2013. Isabel's mother chose to have her own apartment nearby and she died in 2005.

In Las Vegas, Jerry worked for another eight years in a variety of jobs involving special projects, uncovering fraud, and as manager of a call center. Isabel worked in the microbiology laboratory at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas. Jerry retired in 2008 and Isabel retired in 2014.

For many years Isabel was a volunteer and local chapter president of the Women's American ORT. She also served as treasurer of her sons' Boy Scouts Troop for 13 years (Both sons earned Boy Scouting's highest achievement as Eagle Scouts.) Isabel was also active in her local temple sisterhood. Jerry coached Little League for four years, was a Cub Scouts den leader for three years, served on a Boy Scouts troop committee and on his temple's Hebrew school committee.

Both of the Elefson's sons live in Framingham, Massachusetts. Steve, 39, and his wife, Sivan, have two children, Analiese ("Ana"), 5½, and Jonah, 1½. Steve is a director of management and operations for a sales training company. Alan, 38, is a consultant on medical software and is a bachelor. Their sons visit often and this past October the whole family met and vacationed at Disney in Orlando.

Jerry said they chose to move to Florida because "It is a shorter flight from here to Boston" and is in the same time zone as their sons and grandchildren.

Jerry and Isabel enjoy evening walks here at Majestic Isles and at Green Cay, Loxahatchee and at Wakodahatchee. The Elefson's have a cat named "Maxx" who is four years old and who they adopted from a Pet Rescue last year.

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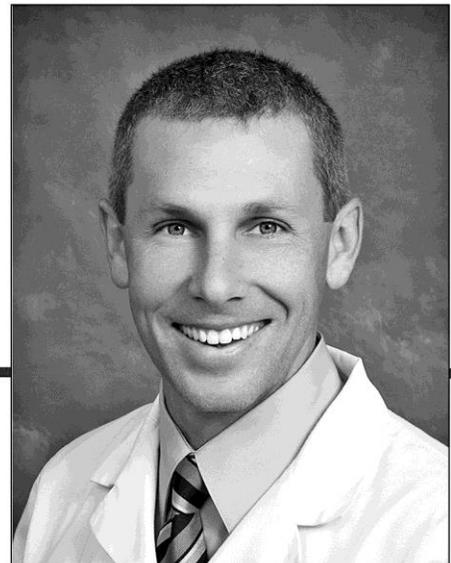


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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Bill Harris, facilitator



What's with the U.S. stock market? Is triple digit volatility the new normal? Why should the Dow or the S&P care about what's happening in China, in Asia's emerging markets, in Europe? Why should they care about the price of a barrel of oil? How did we become a part of the current global meltdown? Is our economy driving the market, or is the market driving our economy? Was the Fed's interest rate hike justified? Should they rescind it? Halfway down the slippery slope to recession, what should we do now? As the Tech bubble bursts and health care, including biotech and biopharma implodes, what S&P sector or sectors might be the right ones in which to invest?

At our February 8 meeting we discussed the state of the U.S. economy and the stock market based on our insights with respect to the above questions. We investigated how price action, as visualized in interactive candlestick charts are used in technical analysis to predict the direction in which a stock's price should move; time to buy or time to sell. We reviewed fundamental analysis, the use of valuation metrics *e.g.* the price to earnings multiplier (P/E) and PEG ratio to determine a stock's intrinsic value. And lastly, we discussed where in this almost bear market there might be relatively safe places for our investment dollars.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 14 at 4 PM in the upstairs card room. As to our agenda, with the economy in flux and markets in turmoil, it's just not possible to set an agenda a month in advance. No doubt however, our March 14 meeting will be the usual mix of review, instruction and discussion. Who knows, by March 14 we might even be discussing negative interest rates. Watch Channel 63 for an agenda update.

Disclaimer: Opinions expressed above are those of the facilitator alone. No individual stocks were discussed in this month's column.

2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

Submitted by Claire Deveney



Florida Presidential Primary

March 15, 2016

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Three Major Elections

March 15, 2016 – Presidential Primary

August 30, 2016 – Florida Primary

November 8, 2016 – General Election

Early voting is Saturday, March 5 through Sunday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The closest early voting place is the Hagen Ranch Library, 14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach.

The Florida Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Only voters who are registered to vote as Democrats or Republicans may vote in this election.

As a resident of Majestic Isles you live in Precinct 5028 and vote at the Chabad Lubavitch, 10655 El Clair Road, Boynton Beach. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To request an absentee ballot or for other information about your registration, contact Susan Bucher, PBC Supervisor of Elections, 240 Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33425, tel: 561-656-6200, or contact the office's website: pbcelections.org. The office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. To request an absentee ballot simply call 561-656-6200 and press 2 for the absentee ballot department and provide your name, address and date of birth. You may also request your ballot online at absentee@pbcelections.org. There is also a PBC Election office at 345 South Congress Avenue, Room 103, Delray Beach, FL 33445, tel: 561-276-1226. You may also complete an absentee ballot at one of the elections offices.

If you have questions regarding voter registration and absentee ballots please contact Claire Deveney, Precinct Captain, 10800 Royal Caribbean Circle, tel. 742-7869, cell 561-504-3842. You may drop off completed absentee ballots at Claire's front door cage; she delivers them daily to the Elections Office.

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The Estate Talk

By Liz Hopwood



No one likes having the estate talk. It ranks right up there with the sex talk and, in many ways, could have the same beginning: “Sweetheart, I love you with all my heart. I have provided for you to the very best of my ability and while you’ve been walking around in that protective bubble which I have so generously and graciously provided, this is what I’ve really been doing.” The estate talk reminds us of our own humanity, vulnerability and mortality which we know only too well, but our children, regardless of age, have not come to terms with the same issues. Indeed they are very young.

Fortunately I missed out on the sex talk. Travis, my 44-year-old stepson, was engaged and a Navy SEAL when we met. I’m sure his father did a fairly successful job with that sex talk as I have three exceptional grandchildren. Money is a different matter. Prior to our marriage my husband had explained to me, “I have no interest in money . . . I just want what I want when I want it.” My feeble attempt to explain the correlation between “getting what you want when you want it” and money was viewed as a useless detail and needless nuisance. I was appointed to have the estate talk. I felt comfortable that we had done all the appropriate “things” which financial planners drill into us at our age: a will and trust, durable power-of-attorney, health directives, purchase of long term health insurance, a hard copy of all assets and accounts with username and passwords, etc. We had given our son the list of what we have and where everything was - but we had not had “the talk.”

My reluctance to have the estate talk was on several different levels: 1) Did he really want to know? He had the list of banks, IRA and Roth accounts and knew our general financial situation. He probably could figure it out pretty easily on his own. 2) I worried about his comfort level while we talked; I am his father’s wife and I know he would rather hear this information directly from his father - but I was the one appointed. Would he feel slighted that his father did not want to be there? 3) When he saw the actual

numbers would he gnash his teeth in horror saying he didn’t understand how we existed on X amount of money and only had X amount of assets? Equally disturbing would be if he felt he’d be getting a large enough inheritance that he would no longer be required to save for his own retirement. 4) I didn’t want to tell him how to spend the money and knew this temptation would be impossible to resist. As an experienced retiree could I present suggestions that made sense to him?

The prevailing feeling that loomed over all my questions and concerns was that we needed Travis to be prepared. I wanted him to have the knowledge and confidence that he would need to settle financial matters without fear and, when necessary, to hire an estate attorney regarding complex issues. I thought if I had been his real parent, I would not have sent him off to the first grade without preparing him. The same feeling of wanting him to be prepared was true for settling our estate.

I came to the meeting armed with papers, facts and figures. Travis’ questions and concerns had more to do with the IRS, RMD and how I knew what to do when I did it. He had a total poker face as we discussed the specific assets; however, in a prior phone call Travis had said that he would rather have us than the money. Every parent wants to hear those words whether they are true or not. When the estate talk was over, I don’t know how Travis felt but I felt a whole lot better. I smiled as I walked away saying to myself, “I have done everything that I know to prepare him. Travis can now go to the first grade!”



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Pet Patch

By Molly



Wow – snow, sleet, freezing rain ?!?! Aren't we all glad we're in Florida! We've had some cold weather (it feels that way to us anyway), but nothing like what the Northeast is getting.

Those couple of days of warmth (70 degrees) felt so good. People were actually swimming. I wonder what it's like to go swimming – I never did that. One time my “sitter” told Mom he couldn't wait 'til he put me in his pond to see how well I would do. Mom went crazy – told him absolutely not since we live on a lake – she was afraid I'd run to go into the water. I'm glad he didn't do it. Who wants to swim with an alligator?? Mom said there was one in our lake one time – although it was a baby. Baby or not, I don't want to mess with one.

Enjoy the rest of our “winter” - hopefully it will get to a nice temperature and stay there for a while.



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CANINES AND CANDIDATES

By Phyllis M. Cohen



I saw the article in the Palm Beach Post. A recently engaged young man wrote to one of those advice columnists with a problem. He had

three large Great Danes living with him in his house. His fiancée had given him an ultimatum. She could put up with one dog, if it lived outside. What to do, queried the distraught man. The advice was brief. Ditch her. Your natures are so incompatible, said the writer, that you could never have a happy relationship. And lest I think the situation was made up, my daughter remarked, when hearing the story that she had recently run into an old friend who told her that he and his long time girl friend had moved in together. How was that working out? Not so good, he answered. They still slept in separate rooms. He had three large dogs that slept in the bed with him and she had three cats that shared hers.

Ah, dog lovers. For a little kibble and a few kisses you gain a friend and companion forever...one that constantly adores and protects you, forgives your oversights and mistakes and greets you as enthusiastically upon your emergence from the bathroom as he does when you return from deployment in Iraq. Little wonder that some people might rather give up a child (especially that 30 year old one in the basement) than part with their pet.

And our presidents were not immune from this feeling. FDR had a devoted little black Scottie called Fala that accompanied him to many places. An uproar was raised one year by the Republican congressional opposition to his candidacy claiming that Fala had been left behind on a trip to the Aleutian Islands and that the president had sent a destroyer, at the cost of millions of dollars to the tax payers, to retrieve him. At a speech in 1944 in Washington D. C., broadcast on radio, Roosevelt responded with his inimitable style and flair, turning the accusation against the Republicans by gentle mockery. He didn't mind criticisms of his wife or children, but not his beloved little Scottie. And, he continued, his thrifty little Scottish heart would have been devastated if the country had spent millions to retrieve him.

Years later, Richard Nixon faced savage criticism for taking money and gifts for his vice-presidential race and he delivered a similar speech, but this time on television. He stated he would never return Checkers, the little black and white puppy, given as a gift to, and loved by, his little girls.

And sometimes, showing too much affection can get you in trouble. LBJ was showing off his beagle puppy as he lifted it by its ears, setting off a horrified reaction in the press. Though the president insisted that the mother dog used that method, he had a hard time living that incident down.

During President Obama's first presidential run, he shared his decision to get a puppy for his little girls to help them adjust to moving to the White House. The puppy, named Bo, was a Portuguese Water Spaniel given to the children by Senator Ted Kennedy. I wonder if Mrs. Obama or the secret service man ended up walking the dog every morning once the initial novelty had worn off.

Thinking of all of these examples, I can see that in this present presidential race that has already gone to the dogs, there might be a new approach for some of the candidates. They have already tried to micromanage the campaigns by identifying every possible combination of voter from left handed bassoon players to vegan librarians. Why not a campaign devoted to one of the largest groups in the country: dog lovers? Think of the possibilities: Campaign issues such as free health care for dogs; tax exemptions for pets; pro-life or not for female dogs, depending upon the party.

And what souvenirs and gimmicks! Dog tags and leashes endorsing the candidates. Plastic doggie poo bags with the candidates' name on them, or the rival's name if you'd rather take a mean turn. Appearances by the candidates' favorite dog. And if the dogs are anything like the candidates in personality, you can expect some snarling pits bulls and Rottweilers on the circuit, along with a bunch of sniping little schnauzers and boxers. (I'll let you decide which candidate resembles which dog.) True, there might be some problem with Animal Rights' Group people and the hunting enthusiasts, but politicians are skilled at being on both sides of the issue at once. Just think how much fun the campaign trail would be, a little messy maybe, but lively. My only fear is that at election time, the dog might score more votes than the candidate.

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Gardening in the Isles

By Stan Davidson

Come tour Australia and New Zealand with me. I explored the landscapes and flora in these magnificent countries and compared their landscapes and flora to those in south Florida. My tour began in Melbourne, Australia some 10,000 miles from Majestic Isles and continued on to Cairns, Uluru, Sydney and then on to New Zealand, where I spent time in Wellington. The trip ended in Auckland.

Melbourne is a very modern cosmopolitan city surrounded by a beautiful harbor. Sugar cane grows in the outer city valleys, similar to the sugar cane fields in south Florida. The inner city contains more than 10,000 plant species from around the world, with sweeping lawns, tranquil lakes and majestic trees. In Australia, summer temperatures can reach 100 degrees, which means growing conditions are conducive to many of the plants we grow in south Florida. The Canary Island date palm, the foxtail palm, the raphus palm and the Bismark palm all grow in the Royal Botanical Garden. Sabal palms, agave and pittsporum, native to south Florida, also grow in this garden. Just about all the palm species growing in south Florida can be grown in Melbourne.

A chartered three-hour flight took us to Ayers Rock, also known as Uluru, located in the western outback desert region of Australia. No Outback Steak House was in sight!! Ayers Rock, some 1140 feet high, was created about 600 million years ago, rising from under the sea. Aborigines have been living in this arid region for some 10,000 years and the Rock is considered sacred. There are succulent low-growing bushes in this barren desert terrain, not the cacti we see growing in our western states. However, acacia trees, similar to those that grow in the Israeli Negev, grow here. The aborigines use the desert plants for food, medicine, tools and weapons.

Our next flight took us to Sydney, known for its fascinating architecture of the Sydney Opera House located adjacent to its inner harbor. The Royal Botanical Garden in Sydney, with its lush green landscape, was more colorful than the Melbourne garden. Several beds of orange cana glowed in the sunlight. Cana can be grown in south Florida. The summer's intense heat had taken a toll on many of the rose blooms. Wandering through the landscape I saw the tall eucalyptus tree and the bottle bush tree

that can grow in south Florida. Melaleuca trees are abundant in the country's swamps and marshlands

In south Florida these trees are considered an invasive specie and prohibited.

I bid farewell to Australia and flew two hours to cool and windy Wellington, New Zealand's intimate water-front capital, with vibrant artistic and colorful scenes. I was amazed at what I saw in New Zealand, even more than I had been at the kangaroos and Koala bears in Australia. This country has magnificent scenery with towering mountains, rain-driven waterfalls running down the mountain sides, vibrant sparkling streams, and lush valleys dotted with hundreds of grazing sheep and cows. Next, I boarded a charter flight to Marlborough Sound, dined on green-tipped mussels and savored some of New Zealand's famous Blanc Sauvignon wine. The fresh mussels had been obtained from a mussel farm in the water of the Sound. Next, I cruised on a catamaran launch on Milford Sound, considered by many as the "eighth wonder of the world." The fiords observed in this National Park were spectacular.

I was then bussed across the most beautiful south island landscape to Queenstown. We stopped to tour an olive farm I thought unique to New Zealand, and a winery best known for pinot noir. Both sites offered gorgeous mountain views. The volcanic soil in this region is very conducive to grape and olive growing. Beautiful bougainvillea vines, a south Florida favorite, were growing throughout the hilly sun-parched terrain.

Queenstown is known as Adventurers' Haven for its adventurous activities e.g., jet boat riding, bungee jumping, sail gliding, a dry luge ride, helicopter rides and more, catering to thrill-seeking young adults. I took the helicopter ride that was nothing compared to the high-speed jet boat ride between the canyons, one level below intense white river rafting. However, the scariest thrill if you want to label it as a thrill, was a tour bus ride up and down a mountainous one lane unpaved road without guardrails. This particular road is identified throughout the world as the third most dangerous road in the world to travel on! At a Queenstown country sheep farm, I saw a shearing exhibition and watched farm dogs round up the sheep. At this farm's cottage I enjoyed the most beautiful display of roses and flowers that I saw on the entire trip.

My exciting, scenic and enjoyable 21-day trip ended in Auckland. The memory – and 700 photos – linger.



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Another Book to Check Out “THE HIRSCHFELD CENTURY”

By David Leopold

By Stan Kaish

Do you know who Al Hirschfeld was? His caricatures graced the pages of the New York Times for 75 years, defining entertainment in the big city and hence the nation. Whether it was theater, movies, TV, singers, dancers, writers, whatever, a Hirschfeld drawing done sparingly in black and white told the story of who was doing what, and what they looked like doing it. For a good part of my life his work played a role in shaping entertainment for me, and now, with the publication of “The Hirschfeld Century” by David Leopold, I have gotten an inkling of what he meant to millions of others. The book is well named. He died in 1993, just six months short of his 100th birthday.

Leopold’s book focuses on Hirschfeld’s work rather than his life, although quite a bit of the latter creeps in. Hirschfeld knew all the greats of his era and we are told about many of those relationships. Read it or not, you will certainly enjoy the more than 360 illustrations contained. These were selected from the more than 10,000 he published over his lifetime.

Since Hirschfeld drew everybody in show business, he knew everybody. And “everybody” during the period he worked included some very notable people: He co-authored a play with S.J. Perelman, Neil Simon was a friend, he palled around with Eugene O’Neill, William Saroyan, Larry King and numerous writers. The Gershwins, Irving Berlin, Fred Allen, Stephen Sondheim, Ogden Nash—he was an equal opportunity friend.

In 1945 the Hirschfelds were blessed with the birth of a daughter whom they named Nina. In celebration of the event, Al playfully hid away the name “NINA” among the lines comprising a picture. His audience accepted the challenge of locating where it was. This went on for awhile and then the novelty wore off for Al and he stopped including the NINA’s. It didn’t go unnoticed. Thousands of people wrote to complain that they enjoyed the hunt and some implored, some demanded that the practice of including hidden NINA’s continue. And it did. Al adopted the practice of including a little number next to his signature indicating the number of NINA’s hidden in the picture. The book presents an interesting side light to this NINA business. The air force used the

drawings to train their bombardiers in finding obscure targets and medical schools employed them to train radiologists to find tumors that might be hidden in the clutter of an x-ray. That should add to the legend.

Much was made of the Hirschfeld style as it evolved over time to become simpler. It eventually consisted of black lines on a white surface. A 1996 documentary about him and his work was titled “The Line King: The Al Hirschfeld Story.” When Hirschfeld died in January of 2003, his death was front page news in The New York Times. Broadway’s lights dimmed, a theater was named for him, the stage’s brightest luminaries gathered to perform and pay tribute. As our author remarks, “No one alive had ever seen Broadway without him. It was the end of the line.”

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Elvis Presley, 1968

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FINDING ANCESTORS

By Ray Kozlin

When I was a member of the Jewish genealogy society, I learned an interesting story from one member. This gentleman did his researching for twenty five some odd years and had found eight thousand relatives living or dead. Most researchers have a habit of looking for their family name in the telephone book wherever they are. He had been on vacation which took him to Paris, France. He found his family name in the phone book and called the number, only to find that the young man could hardly speak English and he put his wife on the phone. She had come from Brooklyn, N.Y. She said that only the grandfather would know about the family history, but he was in the hospital recovering from a stroke and wouldn't be available. He kept in touch with the family and the next year he was able to visit with the grandfather, who told him to take down the old brown pictures in the closet. In these pictures he found his mother, father and brother and his mother was pregnant with him. One of his relatives was Helena Rubinstein.

If you attend one of these genealogy meetings you will find many variations of this story. Years ago researching was very difficult, but today with the use of computers it is much easier. In my last article I forget to mention [www. Ellis Island.com](http://www.EllisIsland.com) as a source of information. You can put a name into a search and find valuable information. Also the public library has a lot of studies to help you in your quest to find information.

Next month: More "how to search" tips.

IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD

When you moved to Majestic Isles, did you run across anyone you knew years ago? While being interviewed for the article on page 9, **Jerry Elefson** mentioned that he found three people he had known earlier in his life.

Jerry's boss from his first co-op job as a Northeastern University student is here – he is **Berne Berger** who lives five doors away from Jerry. They worked at S.C. Clayton Company that manufactured Za-rex fruit syrups. When Jerry and his wife, Isabel, were students at Northeastern, their current neighbor **Harvey Vetstein** was Northeastern's dean of students. Also the Elefsons became reacquainted with **Allan and Nancy Topolosky** whom they first met when their sons were in Boy Scouts together.

If you have re-connected with someone you knew, we'd like to print your story. Please email it to either Betty Wachtel (brwachtel@comcast.net) or to Phyllis Cohen (Floridaphy@aol.com) or leave it for us in the newsletter box in the back lobby.



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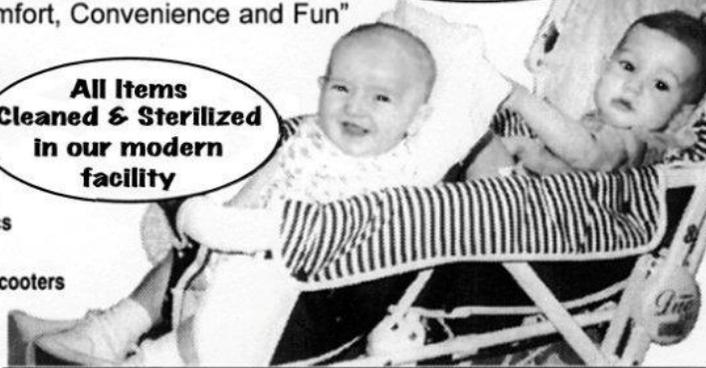
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SOCIAL CLUB

By Arlene Koch



Our first show of the 2016 Series, with John Capes, was a real show stopper with many accolades after the show. His performance was one of the best we've had at Majestic Isles. As I write, we are looking forward to the entertainment of the "Atlantic City Boys," which will be followed on March 26 by the comedy of "Modi."

As you see on the cover of this issue, the Entertainment Committee of the Social Club has once again contracted great line-up for 2017. We spend many hours attending showcases and then try and bring to the community the best that we can afford. We struggle with finances as we are not getting the attendance for the shows that we have in the past. Please consider attending our shows so that we can continue with the quality of entertainer we have provided you for the last 10 years.

As this issue goes to press, we are anticipating a large crowd at the first meeting of 2016. Following the meeting there will be demonstrations by the students of the Cardona Martial Arts Academy. These students range in age from 3 years. to adults and they will delight the audience.

Dues for 2016 are \$10 per person. Please put your check in the Social Club box in the back lobby.

We regret that problems with the projector prevented us from showing a movie on February 21.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 5, "THE GIFT" As Simon and his wife, Robyn, are trying to revitalize their relationship, a string of encounters with someone from Simon's high school days and a shocking 20-year-old secret threaten to unravel the couple's lives.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, "TRUTH" In this dramatic re-creation of news anchor Dan Rather's fall from grace, his stellar career comes to an abrupt end after he reported that President George W. Bush received preferential treatment that kept him from serving in Vietnam.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.
The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen



We are in the process of scheduling a casino trip. It is planned tentatively for Wednesday, March 30 at the Isles Casino. We are keeping the price at the same \$18. You get back \$10 in play and \$4 towards their great buffet lunch. Of course the bus is included.

Keep Sunday, May 1 open as that is the date of our great annual Parent's Day brunch, which we do jointly with Women's Club at Broken Sound Country Club. We are trying to keep the cost the same as last year, \$38 for members, \$45 for non-members. More information to follow.

BOOK TALKS

Wednesday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Felice Rockoff will lead a discussion of

"How's Your Faith?"

by David Gregory

MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

Spares and Strikes

By: Joyce Stoudermire



HIGH GAME

Week 17 – MEN:

Michael Neikrug 236	Michael Neikrug 540
Ken Ramnarine 185	Ken Ramnarine 472
Marty Ratiner 168	Marty Ratiner 467

Week 17 – WOMEN

Carol Stevens 167	Ilene Gross 450
Ilene Gross 166	Estelle Snyder 418
Estelle Snyder 156	Joyce Stoudermire 410

Week 18 - MEN

Michael Neikrug 217	Ken Ramnarine 570
Steve Herbin 214	Michael Neikrug 542
Ken Ramnarine 214	Steve Herbin 457

Week 18 – WOMEN

Ilene Gross 170	Ilene Gross 428
Joyce Stoudermire 156	Joyce Stoudermire 406
Estelle Snyder 153	Estelle Snyder 384

Week 19 – MEN

Ken Ramnarine 185	Ken Ramnarine 523
Jerry Elefson 162	Jerry Elefson 431
Alan Stevens 156	Marty Ratiner 413

Week 19 – WOMEN

Natalie Herbin 142	Natalie Herbin 401
Joyce Stoudermire 130	Joyce Stoudermire 351
Toni Kohn 112	Toni Kohn 330

Week 20 – MEN

Ken Ramnarine 197	Michael Neikrug 496
Michael Neikrug 191	Ken Ramnarine 482
Bob Wolff 145	Al Lynn 397

Week 20 – WOMEN

Jessie Hockbaum 140	Ilene Gross 397
Ilene Gross 137	Estelle Snyder 367
Estelle Snyder 136	Jessie Hockbaum 348

Week 21 – MEN

Ken Ramnarine 162	Ken Ramnarine 477
Steve Herbin 153	Steve Herbin 450
Jerry Elefson 147	Jerry Elefson 409

Week 21 – WOMEN

Joyce Stoudermire 158	Joyce Stoudermire 424
Carol Stevens 142	Estelle Snyder 391
Estelle Snyder 141	Toni Kohn 370

HAPPY BOWLING!!!

MAJESTIC ISLES ART SHOW

By Gerry Herman



On Jan. 31, 2016 we had our art show, which showcased the many talents of our residents. A large variety of arts and crafts projects, including paintings, photography, ceramics, jewelry making, wood crafts, Bunka, needle craft, wall ornaments, paper designs and photo art were presented to an enthralled audience. Many observers showed their appreciation of what they saw and expressed their pleasure to the exhibitors. Everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments that were sponsored by the Majestic Isles Association.

Special thanks to Claire Deveney, who graciously took the pictures of the many arts and crafts projects that were shown. The Art Committee was headed by Roberta Jaffie, who worked tirelessly with her committee to make this event successful. Gerry Herman, Joyce Milbauer, Estelle Snyder, and Leslie Robison were on the committee. Mark Jaffie, head of the Installation Crew and Bar worked very hard as well. Duncan Hopwood and Larry Milbauer were on hand to help. Leona Husarsky and Cynthia Husarsky helped in the kitchen

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



On March 15 we will travel to Coral Gables, to view Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Fairchild is considered one of the best botanic gardens in the world. Their plant collection

nestles within the beautiful framework of their landscape design providing an unparalleled sense of awe. The horticultural collections and exhibits make the experience of visiting Fairchild unforgettable through guided and self-guided tours of the Garden.

Enjoy a narrated 45-minute tram ride with one of their expert volunteer guides. This tour offers an introduction to the history, mission, and Fairchild's plant collections. The tour gives an excellent overview of the Garden, after which you can explore on your own. Each tram is fully accessible for individuals with disabilities.

Among the possible future trips we are planning is an overnight trip that will feature a Murder Mystery Dinner Train. This is a fun-filled experience that everyone should enjoy.

We are planning a fall trip to Branson, where we had a wonderfully successful trip there a few years ago. Many have requested that we go back again.

We are investigating several possibilities for future major trips. We have had requests for Hawaii, which would be a cruise with a couple of days before the cruise on Oahu. Another request is to do another riverboat cruise.

Stay tuned for more information on these and other trips as they are developed. Come to our quarterly meetings, watch Channel 63 and look for our flyers in the back lobby of the clubhouse.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. Email dorisdav@aol.com to be added to our email list. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club. We meet four times a year. Our next general meeting is Sunday, April 10.

PAP CORPS

By Renee Stichel and Marilyn Chermack



Our January meeting was a tremendous success. We thank Selma Friedman, who arranged for the inspiring speaker, and also thank our marvelous helpers from our board who work hard to make everyone happy.

In February we had another wonderful meeting with a gentleman who showed us how to keep young and healthy by "moving" our bodies. We say we serve a "lite lunch," however, bagels, tuna and cake and coffee do sound like a regular lunch.

On March 6, we'll see "Chicago" presented by the Boca West High School marvelous performers. If you have been once to see them performing, you will want to come again. Tickets are \$20 and all you have to do is call Suzanne Skinner for information.

We also have our game party in March, on the 24th, with deli sandwiches, pasta salad, cole slaw, cake, coffee and all goodies for your enjoyment while you play. All you have to do is arrange your own card, mah jongg or domino games. If you are interested in dominos, please contact Ellie Rogg. If you really would like to join us and you do not have a game or need one or two players, please contact either Marcia Steiner or Renee or Marilyn. Come one, come all! Cost is \$22. Please place your checks and a list of your game members in an envelope in the Pap Corps box in the back lobby of the clubhouse.

Our membership appreciation lunch, with the great Chinese food from the Bamboo Wok, will be on April 14. We'll also have entertainment. Watch Channel 63 for further information.

Please try to either join us or support us in our efforts to eradicate this terrible disease, if not in our time, at least for our children and grandchildren. So of the work supported by our fundraising is described in Wynne Schilling's article on the opposite page.

We wish you all the best of health,
Marilyn, Renee and Ellie.



HELP FROM CANCER RESEARCH IS REALLY NEARBY

By Wynne Shilling

My mother, who rarely drew conclusions without concrete evidence, used to get very frustrated with her mother. Here's an example. My grandmother wasn't feeling well so my mom drove from Forest Hills in Queens, NY to Williamsburg in Brooklyn, a major schlep, to take my grandmother to the doctor. They'd arrive at the doctor who routinely asked Grandma Celia what the problem was. She simply said, "That's why I am here, you tell me."

Aren't we fortunate to have wonderful researchers within driving distance who can work towards providing answers that might help our physicians tell us what our medical problems are so that we can maintain our quality of life. I've been reading the news section of the PAP Corps website. There I found encouraging new cancer research and news that should be shared with our children.

We know friends and relatives who fear pancreatic cancer and with good reason. It is one of the most difficult cancers to treat because it is resistant to most types of treatments, according to Dr. Nipun Merchant of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center in Miami. Fortunately for us, our children and grandchildren, he has been awarded a \$300,000 grant to do further research into finding a breakthrough towards a cure for pancreatic cancer.

I read an alert for parents that we need to take heed of and share with our kids for the sake of our grandchildren. There was a small study conducted by a group of skin care experts at Sylvester. They found that despite all that we read and hear about the dangers of repeated long exposures to the sun, many parents are not taking the needed steps to protect their babies from sun exposures. Let's get the word out to our kids. Slap on that sunscreen and repeat it often when they take our grandbabies and grandchildren off on a romp in the sun. Northern or southern sun, it doesn't matter: exposure is the problem.

One more interesting tidbit...We now have a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in South Florida. Dr. Marc E. Lippman, a widely known breast cancer researcher has been inducted as a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. That can only help speed up a

cure for breast cancer, which will present itself to many women at some point in their lifetime. It is

nice to know that such competent researchers are sharing their knowledge with us.

One last note...I know that none of us are anything like Grandma Celia. We don't ask our physicians to figure out our problems without knowing our history or symptoms. We come prepared for our doctor visits with our lists of our aches and pains or questions about why we are not feeling right so that our doctors can make a diagnosis or suggest a test to help assess the problem. Should any of us here in Majestic Isles need to seek assistance if that dreaded "C" word crosses the lips of our primary physician(.). Please know that if you are a member of the Pap Corps you are entitled to a complimentary referral to the Sylvester Cancer Center should you need it.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Joyce Milbauer, President



On Feb. 3 we had a fabulous trip to the Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach. We had a very interesting and informative tour and a delicious lunch. Our own Ruth Rossi and Sandy Kastner helped with the dessert demo as you can see by the photo! The desserts were very elegant and varied and we all had a great time.

On March 14 we will bring Chinese food in from Bamboo Wok. Our entertainer will be Richard Frank, a vocalist, who will entertain us for an hour and a half. If you are a Women's Club member, the price is \$9 a person; for non-members it is \$12.

Save the date: On May 12 we'll hold our annual Parents' Day Party at Broken Sound. We will have a lovely buffet lunch for members and guests. This will be subsidized for Women's Club members at \$38. The cost for non-members is \$45.

On Monday, March 7 we'll hold our next Women's Club Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. We invite you to join the Women's Club Board and/or become a new club member!

If you have not yet paid your 2016 dues, please put your \$15 check in the Women's Club mailbox.

PICKLEBALL @ M.I.

By Jerry Elefson



The meeting of the pickleball and tennis players, as well as concerned residents, took place on Thursday, February 11 at 11:30 a.m. Jerry Ehrlich presided over the meeting. There were approximately 40 attendees. The purpose of the meeting was to air the concerns of tennis players and residents about a proposal to add two pickleball courts to two of the four tennis courts. The key concerns expressed were as follows: 1) How many pickleball players are there now? Response: Eight active and expectation is that many more will play once the courts are ready. 2) Will there be tournament play with other communities? Response: Not in the foreseeable future. 3) Will it interfere with tennis play? Response: Tennis is being played Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between 9:30 and 11 a.m.; pickleball will be played on Monday and Wednesday. (4) Will lessons be available? Response: Carl Steinberg, who currently gives lessons at Caloosa Park, will be asked to come into Majestic Isles to provide instruction. There would be a cost of \$5 per person for each session: 5) who is going to run the league? Response: Jerry Ehrlich, Jerry Elefson, and Ed Strauber will be involved (6) Will the ball bounce well enough to play on our Har-Tru Surface? Response: we do have an outside ball that will bounce adequately.

Tennis shoes are required on our courts and all of us need to be vigilant to make sure this rule is followed. There was some discussion as to which tennis courts would be adapted. Most felt that courts three and four should be the ones chosen.

All in all, the vast majority of those in attendance felt that this would certainly be another amenity for the Majestic Isles community. When asked for a show of hands as to who might be interested in trying Pickleball, the majority raised their hands.

THE SINGLES

By Renee Stichel and Marilyn Chermack

The Singles are having a great time in this New Year. We had a marvelous post-New Year's party, thanks to Marcia Steiner, Doris Robin, Helen Benowich and Linda Kessler. We had to postpone our trip to the Palm Beach Outlets; however, we had a very inspiring meeting to discuss our future events.

In March, we will be attending the show "Wicked" at the Kings academy and, thanks to Rita Leidner, rides will be arranged for those who cannot drive.

In April, we are planning our potluck dinner with the members bringing appetizers, main dishes, side dishes and luscious desserts, and, of course, their favorite drinks. After dinner, we will be playing our favorite games.

In May, we will be enjoying the graduating class at Harrid's Ballet. We go to this every year as it is so wonderful. This is open to the members first and then to other residents.

We are looking into a mini trip to Marco Island for June. We will inform you about the details when they are available.

We wish you all a healthy and happy month, until we write again.

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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



The Hadassah board will meet on March 21 and the next general meeting will be on March 28. The speaker, Arlene

Schweitzer will talk about her daughter becoming a member of the Supreme Court bar.

Elaine Grossman states that the Dine-Around on February 28 was very successful. With everyone's help, we were able to give a sizeable sum to Camp Judea. It's very important to give scholarships to young people for it keeps them off the streets, provides three meals a day and most importantly, helps them develop friendships that can last a lifetime. At the same time, they are learning about Judaism. Our next Dine-A-Round will be shortly before Passover on Sunday April 17. Elaine will let us know when a place is decided upon. Please continue to save kippot and tallism for her.

Bricks are still being sold by Lee Katz and Lucille Garelick for \$18 each.

We are still selling personal listings and ads for the upcoming calendar. Call Beverly Jaffe for further information or to get forms. Remember all money for ads or listings are due by March 15.

Rosh Chodesh will be observed on Friday, March 11 at Morikami picnic area at 10:00 a.m.

For next year, Donor has been raised to \$180 per person for the member only. Members who raise an additional \$180 will be permitted to bring a guest.

Starting at the March meeting, lunch will no longer be served. Members will be allowed in at 12:30 p.m. for coffee and.... There will be no charge but members will be encouraged to donate Lucky Bucks as they enter. A drawing will be held and the winner will receive donor credit for their share of the dollars. As it is illegal to write on the money, sticky notes will be given out for your name.

Arlene Koch is still collecting donations in memory of Fran Ost. Please give as soon as possible.

Thanks to Sylvia Fefferman and Elaine Grossman for added material for my article.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

by Selma Friedman



What an absorbing, delightful, thought-provoking, humorous sensitive program! Thank you, Barbara Portnoff for bringing "Love Letters - Act 1" to us. Thank you, Liz and Duncan Hopwood for your insightful portrayal of two characters as revealed by letters. They wrote to each other, starting at age 5 and continuing into adulthood.

It was amazing to listen to Liz and Duncan read as 5 year-olds, telling their thoughts and problems, speaking with child-like voices, facial expressions, and sometimes gestures. Their portrayals continued as the two wrote each other while growing through adolescence, experiencing the teen and college-age years, until they became adults. They wrote of all their baggage through the years, family pressures and values, divorce, attending far-away private schools, sexual experimentation, and finding themselves as individuals. And so it ended.

There is an Act II. This exceptional story of two lives, which was a Broadway play, was written by A.R. Gurney and interestingly enough, there is a touring company performing this show right now, starring Ryan O'Neal and Ali McGraw. *Remind you of anything?*

Much appreciation to Barbara Portnoff for her coaching, Ed Strauber for assisting with sound, and Ed Mordis for constructing two small wooden platforms on which Liz and Duncan could lay their papers, thereby being able to easily see their scripts and still be able to keep their heads up so we could see their faces. Well done, Ed!



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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2016

2	Wed	11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun		(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Chess Club		(f, h)
5	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p, h)
6	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast	(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Paps Corp	"Chicago"	(p, a)
7	Mon	3:00 p.m.	News and Views		(f, h)
9	Wed	11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun		(f, h)
		2:00p.m.	Neighbor to Neighbor	(see ad p. 6)	(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Chess Club		(f, h)
12, 13	Sat, Sun	7:30 p.m.	MILT Show	Show	(p, h)
14	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	Women's Club	Chinese Lunch	(p, h)
		3:00 p.m.	New and Views		(f, h)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment Club	Discussion	(f, h)
15	Tues	All Day	Travel Club	Fairchild Gardens	(p, a)
16	Wed	9:45 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino Trip	(p, a)
		11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun		(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion	(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Chess Club		(f, h)
17	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Board Of Director's	Meeting	
19	Sat	1:00 p.m.	Singles	Wicked	(p, a)
20	Sun	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p, h)
21	Mon	3:00 p.m.	New and Views		(f, h)
23	Wed	11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun		(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Neighbor to Neighbor	(see ad p. 6)	(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Chess Club		(f, h)
24	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Pap Corp	Card Party	(p, h)
26	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime	(p, h)
28	Mon	11:15 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting	(p, h)
		3:00 p.m.	News and Views		(f, h)
30	Wed	11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun		(f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Chess Club		(f, h)



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