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While touring the property in the past couple of weeks, I've had the opportunity to speak with residents about several issues and I'm finding that many people in our community are still paying for things twice...once through the Association and once through an outside vendor. The service most frequently duplicated is pest control.

Your quarterly Association dues pay for pest control on the exterior of each and every home in the community. There are a few exceptions to the types of pests covered under our contract with Hometown Pest Control. Flying insects – wasps, mud daubers, bees, and mayflies that congregate on the walls and fences in the morning sunlight, and exotic pests like pink hibiscus mealy bug, are some of the pests that are specifically excluded. Most other exterior insects are covered for your homes as well as your lawns. All animals are excluded.

I know there are pest control companies that work in Majestic Isles whose reps are trying to sell exterior service to the residents. Unless you feel like paying for service twice, **call me!** I'll be more than happy to come over (when I get a minute or two) and offer possibly helpful advice. In some of the cases people have asked about, the service being recommended is already covered by the Association contract. If the pest they're reporting is truly an infestation of white-footed ants, I'd love to see it. Since Hometown Pest Control took over servicing the community, the white-footed ants have been almost totally eliminated.

Hometown has a system of coming in during the first week of every month and spraying every home exterior and landscaped beds and lawns, and then returning on Tuesdays for the remainder of the month just for work orders. In all of my years as an association manager, their system undoubtedly works better than any other I've seen. They definitely have a handle on the common South Florida pests in our community and I really hate to hear about residents being talked into services that they're already paying for.

On a side note, during my daily rounds of the property I've noticed a lot of mailboxes that really need to be replaced. Many are rusted out on the bottom edge, the doors don't stay closed, flags are missing, and most of the boards that mount the mailbox to the post are rotten. The next time you go out to get your mail, make a quick inspection of your mailbox. If it needs replacing, new PVC or aluminum mailboxes are really not that expensive and are relatively easy to change.

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, April 15, 2010

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

President's Report, Joel Rosenthal

- Irene Weinstein will chair Keep M.I. Green Committee.
- Harvey Galan to attend next calendar meeting to discuss ways to limit multiple chair rearrangements within one weekend.
- Marge Chappel will chair flu shot program.

COBWRA Report, Steve Bayer

- Be very aware of traffic indicators because PBSO is writing tickets.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- Our bookkeeping system has been fully integrated into Prime's system, so treasurer will no longer keep parallel set of books.
- Unit with a large amount in arrears was taken to court. Judge ruled in our favor.

Current cash position as of Apr 15, 2010

Operating accounts	\$386,672
Reserve accounts	184,534
Total cash position	\$571,206

Statement of operations 1/1/10 – 2/28/10

Total revenues	\$440,962
Operating and owners expenses	<u>-392,517</u>
Net income before reserves	48,175
Transfers to reserves*	<u>-75,529</u>
Net expenses over revenues**	(\$27,356)

* Includes Comcast door fee of \$50,000.

**Result of \$50,000 put into reserves cash account that must be included as a charge to the operating statement, according to our auditors.

- Audited financial statements for calendar year 2009 received by Board on 4/1/10.
- Amts. owed vendors a/o 4/15/10 total \$134.74.

Clubhouse Committee. Harvey Galan

- Painting is done and two more homes to clean.
- Good reports on pool from Board of Health.
- Committee would like doors and dressing room painted and several holes in the wall backstage repaired when upstairs redecoration is done.

Insurance Committee, Janice Davidson

Committee requested proposals from 3 companies. First premium must be in by May. Plastridge is only proposal received. Committee recommends staying with Plastridge.

Unfinished Business, Joel Rosenthal

- Motion to accept proposal from Gary Walachek to paint road markings for \$4088 passed 5-1.

New Business

- Motion to accept proposal from Discover Filtration to replace water heater and circulator passed 5-1.
- Action on recommendations for redecorating second floor of clubhouse was tabled.
- Certified Audit available to residents 4/16/10.
- Three recommendations from auditor:
 - 1) Reserve item for insurance deductible.
 - 2) Consider amending documents to include a capital contribution charge for new owners.
 - 3) Separate Accounts Receivable and Prepaid Expenses.
- Motion to approve the 2009 Audit passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Grounds Committee recommendation to replace Ixoras at El Clair entrance and winter kill areas around the clubhouse, to landscape area around pool equipment and to redo island at clubhouse entrance for no more than \$2400 passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept Grounds Committee recommendation to landscape corner at Woolbright and El Clair at a cost not to exceed \$4000 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept proposal from M&P to correct erosion on Lake 2 at a cost of \$8675 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept insurance proposal from Plastridge for 5/1/10 thru 5/1/11 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to allow our attorneys to draft changes to the documents was not seconded.
- Ken Miller to send Notice of Intent to Fine letters to 2 residents for not maintaining their driveways.
- Motion to install a buzzer in the office for the lobby doors was not seconded.

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FROM PRESIDENT

By Joel Rosenthal



The Board of Directors has recently completed, or is in the process of completing, a number of improvements and upgrades to our property.

With the help of Steve Bayer, we finished installing video recording cameras at the front gate. Landscaping improvements are now complete at both entrances, and the Board has approved updates to both floors of the clubhouse for a total cost of about \$20,000. Clubhouse air conditioners and water heaters have already been replaced and pool gates repaired. Road striping, and Wi-Fi installation at the clubhouse should be completed soon. We plan to close the clubhouse for two weeks during the summer, on a limited basis, for annual improvements.

Our newly hired auditor (GRG) provided the Association with a certified audit by April 1, as required. The audit, which is available to residents upon request, shows an operating fund balance of \$114,728 and a reserve fund balance of \$124,296, not including the recent payment of \$50,000 from Comcast. Our excess expenses last year were \$4,868 with a budget of \$1,649,261.

We have renewed our insurance policy at \$1,000 under budget. In response to requests by several residents, I have established a "Keep M.I. Green" committee, chaired by Irene Weinstein. Interested residents may contact her if they wish to be part of this effort. We encourage residents to attend Board and committee meetings to be **part of the action**.

Enjoy the summer.

CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL C.O.P. UNIT #74

By Ken Keller, Captain

More on those red lights:

I wrote last month that the Sheriffs Department was testing a new system of the special signal light under the regular red light. At that time, the lights were operating only in westbound lanes, but since then additional lights have been installed. Currently, the lights are in **both east and westbound lanes** at each major cross street of Boynton Beach Boulevard from Lawrence Avenue to Hagen Ranch Road.

The new flashing lights enable a deputy parked across the intersection to spot and pull over drivers going through on red. This cuts down on dangerous car chases. **Don't get caught jumping a red light!**

Our El Clair rear gate.

Although Majestic Isles residents know there is a stop sign after you exit the El Clair gate, at the intersection with El Clair Ranch Road, most of our drivers do not even slow down for it. There is a crosswalk there for pedestrians and for kids on bikes. If you come out without stopping, you may not see someone approaching the exit road. Please use caution when leaving the community. Aside from the serious safety issue, the stop sign is not on Majestic Isles' property and you can be ticketed.

Be alert and observe the rules that are there to keep you and others safe.

ALARM CLARIFICATION

Editors' note: Last month, we were given some misinformation about the alarm permit and charges for false alarms. The correct information is below.

If you are operating an alarm system, but do not have an alarm permit, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will not respond to your routine alarm system. In addition you could be subject to a citation of \$260 for violation of the county ordinance 2008-038.

If you have an alarm permit, you will be subject to the following fee schedule:

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GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Keeping M.I. Green

By Mort Goldstein



Many Majestic Isles residents have given me positive feedback about the new landscaping at the Woolbright and El Clair entrances.

I would like to thank the Grounds Committee members for their support and response when I needed them: Stan Davidson served as committee chairman, Jerry Fefferman's photography helped to put our planned ideas into pictures for everyone to see, and Arnold Everitt, Sally Galan, Jack Moss, and Al Traum were always willing and able to meet with me when necessary. I would also like to thank the Board for giving the final approval to the plans.

To create the open effect of our front Majestic Isles signage, the Ixora hedges that dated back to Oriole days were removed. The front entrance was landscaped with egg rock bordered with black plastic edging. We were so pleased with the appearance that we carried out the same idea on the Imperial Seas median strip. We highlighted the entrance planting with Jatropha shrubs that bloom with small red flowers all year long. We also used Jatrophas in planting along the Woolbright wall because response from the residents was so favorable. We decided to use the same design at the El Clair entrance. The use of rock and black plastic edging will keep the cost of maintaining all these areas low.

The Grounds Committee posts its agenda and meeting time every month. We invite interested residents to attend the meeting. Future topics for discussion may include keeping M.I. green, fall plantings and lake erosion. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions. **Watch channel 63 for the time and date. I hope to see you there!**

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Seena Calder
Marcia Feldman
Lucille Garelick
Gerry Herman

Ted Kotsonis
Jeanie Kreitzburg
Phyllis Moss
Al Silverman

SYMPATHY

To Richard Levine on the loss of his sister.
To Irene Nottinger on the loss of her husband, Herb.

MESSAGES

Thank you, everyone, for your cards, food, visits and, most of all, for your good wishes for my speedy recovery. I truly appreciate this most caring and warm community.

Jean Bezack

Thanks to all my friends and neighbors for their cards, calls, donations, help and for your wishes for my speedy recovery.

Lenore Gerber

I wish to thank all my friends for the cards and donations made in memory of my sister. Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated.

Richard Levine

Majestic Isles residents are great! We want to thank you all for your cards, phone calls and visits during our recent surgeries. Your thoughtfulness helped make our recoveries easier.

Phyllis and Jack Moss

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.

BULLETIN BOARD POSTINGS

Reminder: Items placed on the back bulletin board are to remain there until removed by Bonnie or by the person or organization that put them there. Please be courteous to your neighbors and don't take down notices you or representatives of your organization did not put up.

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Highlights of the April 21, 2010 COBWRA Meeting

The December meeting of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations was held at Valencia Isles.

Sharon R. Bock, PBC Clerk & Comptroller

Sharon Bock was elected County Clerk & Comptroller in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. The Clerk's job is for the 15th Circuit Court while the Comptroller's job involves paying all County bills and tracking expenses with approved budgets. Clerk Bock reported she has been concentrating recently on convincing our legislators in Tallahassee to do as little damage as possible to the Clerk's budget so the Clerk's office will not have to cut services and staff.

Installation of COBWRA Officers:

Clerk Sharon Bock led the swearing in of the officers elected for a new one-year term:

President: Ken Lassiter, Pipers Glen Estates;

1st Vice President: Stuart Caine, Ponte Vecchio W.;

2nd Vice President: Eric Malkin, Boynton Waters,

Treasurer: Bruce Gumpel, Ponte Vecchio;

Secretary: Ellen Gabler, Coral Lakes

Anne Gannon, PBC Tax Collector reported the **State Driver's License facility in Delray Beach is closing at the end of August**. Beginning Jan 1, 2010 for people **under the age of 50**, Federal law requires bringing certain documents for renewal of a driver's license. Beginning January 2014, all persons, including those over 50, must bring these documents in order to renew.

•Documents required for Driver's License renewal:

o **Bring ONE:** Certified US birth certificate or valid?US Passport or Certificate of Naturalization or?consular proof of birth abroad.

o **If your name changed** since birth, a certified copy of marriage certificates and court orders.

o **Bring ONE:** Social Security card or W-2 form or paycheck showing your Social Security number.

o **Bring TWO** of the following: Deed, mortgage, payment booklet or rental agreement; Florida vehicle registration or title; Utility bill; Florida Voter registration card, Homeowners or auto insurance policy or bill; Mail from a financial institution less than 2 months old.

Failure to have all the required documents will result in denial of license renewal. This is Federal law.

Some Tax Collector's offices have begun to issue driver's license renewals. Her office at 301 N Olive Street in West Palm Beach is now processing renewals. The office at 501 S Congress Avenue in Delray Beach will begin processing renewals in September. More information is online at www.GatherGoGet.com or call 561-355-2264. All persons must realize that if they do not have a valid driver's license or ID in the future, they will not be allowed to board an airplane in the US.

Officials' Reports

Capt. Bechtel, Commander PBSO Dist 6, reported 43 residential burglaries, 53 vehicle burglaries and 5 robberies during the month of March. Please lock doors!

Chief David Horowitz, Fire Rescue, Battalion 4, described the recent Florida Fire Code change affecting clubhouses with 200 or more chairs in a theater set up.

"Seats in assembly occupancies accommodating more than 200 persons shall be securely fastened to the floor, except where fastened together in groups of not less than three and not more than seven."

Call the Fire Marshall at 616-7000 for more information.

State of the Coalition

President Ken Lassiter reviewed COBWRA's progress over the past year and goals for the coming year. See the complete text and photos online at www.cobwra.org.

COBWRA Reports

Growth Management: Gerry Morrison, Chair, reported on the Social Security office proposed for the NW corner of Boynton Beach Blvd and Hagen Ranch Rd. This is a 12,750 SF building to replace a previously approved 5,000 SF bank. The delegates voted to recommend denial because the larger building is too close to Palm Isles West, does not have enough parking and new entrance is opposite where Hagen Ranch Rd narrows to 2 lanes, a traffic hazard. Delegates voted to deny a land use change to permit retail use on this site.

Health & Flu Shots Vice Chair, Debbie Murphy, reported that sign up is beginning for the fall flu shot clinics. **May 18 is the deadline for communities to sign up.** Clinics will be Sept 23 through Oct 5, 2010. **Legislative Affairs Chair Bonnie Cohen** thanked COBWRA for demanding that Gov Crist Veto SB6 on education. The committee recommends that COBWRA urge the legislature to pass SB1196 and SB1222 because they contain changes COBWRA supports to condo and HOA laws. Delegates agreed unanimously.

Proposed EPA Guidelines for Storm Water Runoff:

The Delegates voted unanimously to ask the EPA to postpone implementation and to do both scientific and economic studies before issuing final guidelines.

Future Meetings (Open to the public)

May 4, 6:30 pm: Growth Management at PBSO Dist. 6
May 19, 9:30 am: COBWRA Delegates meeting at Valencia Isles (Jog Road 1 mile S of Woolbright Rd)
Program: State Legislators report.

June 14, 7:00 pm: COBWRA Evening meeting at Coral Lakes, 12751 El Clair Ranch Road. "Foreclosures"

—**Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications Online at: www.cobwra.org**

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FALSE ALARM PREVENTION

What Is a False Alarm?

“A false alarm is notification of an alarm to the police or fire department when the responding authority finds no evidence of criminal offense, attempted criminal offense, or fire.”

Common Causes of False Alarms

1. Inadequate training of people allowed access to your security system (children, neighbors, cleaning personnel, real estate agents, guests, relatives, babysitters, service and delivery personnel, etc.).
2. Weak system batteries.
3. Open, unlocked or loose fitting doors and windows.
4. Drafts from air conditioning systems that move curtains, balloons, plants, etc.
5. Wandering pets.

How Can You Prevent False Alarms?

1. Before activating your system ...
 - Lock all protected doors and windows.
 - Keep pets, balloons, fans, heaters, plants, seasonal decorations, curtains, etc. away from motion sensor areas.
 - Know how to cancel the alarm if the system activates.
2. Educate alarm system users ...
 - All users, key holders or any person with legal access to your property must be thoroughly trained in how to operate your system and have knowledge of correct arming codes.
 - All users should have procedures for canceling accidental alarm activations including an authorized password and the telephone number to Devcon Security's Central Station: **800-226-2351**. You may create different passwords for each key-holder.
3. Call Devcon Security to check and service your system if you suspect any problems ...
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- You hire domestic help, get a new pet, plan to sell your house, or are testing your system.

5. Periodically review & make needed changes to your emergency contact information. This may be done via our secure website: www.devcon-security.com.

SECURITY TIPS TO AVOID IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. Following are some helpful tips to help you avoid being a victim:

1. Shred financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
2. Protect your Social Security number. Do not carry the card in your wallet or write the number on checks.
3. Do not give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
4. Do not use obvious passwords like your birth date, mother's maiden name, or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.
5. Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails.
6. Inspect your credit report annually. Visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

Security Reminder: Lock your doors and set your alarm!

According to statistics, the rate of residential burglaries is up. In the majority of burglaries, the resident did not even have their security system armed!



MEET THE STAFF

Claire Deveney has been writing the “Visiting” and “Introducing” columns for the past two years. A self-described political junkie, she also writes newsletter articles on federal, state and county elections to inform and remind

voters of the dates, locations and times of voting.

Claire moved to M.I. seven years ago. Two years ago, she agreed to Betty Wachtel’s suggestion that she write the columns.

Born and raised in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston, Claire doesn’t believe she has an accent. She attended St. Thomas Aquinas Grammar School and graduated from Fontbonne Academy in Milton. She earned a B.S. degree in public relations at Boston University’s College of Communication. “I had a wonderful feature writing teacher at Boston University and she really opened up the entire world of writing about people and places to me. Writing is hard work and I really do love it,” says Claire.

Claire worked part time in advertising at “The Boston Globe” while in high school and through college. After graduation, she became a part-time feature writer on Boston politics and general interest articles. Following a newspaper strike, she began her 34-year career in public relations. She joined GTE (General Telephone and Electronics) Corp. in 1980 as a public relations manager and served on the staff of division vice presidents responsible for a \$2 billion division of the corporation. In 2000, she retired from GTE after 20 years. She won numerous awards for her work in public relations including employee communication programs, and for articles, photography and design.

Claire met Gerry Aaronson, her significant other of 24 years, while working at GTE. She is beloved Grammy Claire to Gerry’s six grandchildren, two girls and four boys, ages 8 to 15 years.

Claire plays tennis five times weekly in games, clinics or lessons. She is on the Board of the M.I. Cancer Research Unit of the Pap Corps, is active in M.I.L.T., and participates in the Social Club.

If you have an interest in writing for the newsletter, please contact Phyllis Cohen (740-1960) or Betty Wachtel (739-6086).

VERY SPECIAL BOOKS

By Ellin Goldstein

A Hallmark Gift Store is a great place to wander around, whether you are looking for a unique gift for a special occasion, or just perusing the stock. In December, I spotted a sign saying, “Read to them without actually being there.” This book, “Bright and Beautiful,” by itself an adorable story of a rainbow, came with an electronic chip which enabled me to read the book aloud as written. I could also add little touches such as, “Grandma loves you, Sydney.” The book, 15 pages long, is now priced at \$29.95 at Hallmark (more on amazon.com), had a locking device, and was worth every penny. My three-year-old granddaughter looked around for me the first time she played it. Now she “reads” it whenever she misses me.

In March, another book, “All the Ways I Love You,” was released. I bought it, read it aloud, and gave it to my five-year-old grandson. Jake enjoyed hearing my voice, thought the book was okay, but proceeded to try to figure out how it worked. He discovered the locking device and told me he didn’t want to stop my reading, but was happy to see how it worked. He plays one particular page over and over again; it is the one where I added the names of all the people who love him. He really likes hearing that sentiment.

The books have to be ordered in advance. According to the Hallmark website, there are other books in the series. I truly believe this is one of the best gifts I could have given my grandchildren. I hope it always evokes fond memories of Grandma for them.

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Gardening in the Isles

By
Stan Davidson

Make a funny face and it will stay that way, step on a crack you will break your mama's back, and a pinch of salt over your shoulder brings good luck! We've all heard these and countless other myths in our society. The hobby of gardening is not exempt from myths. Let's explore some of them.

Myth: When it comes to fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, more is always better. In reality, excessive fertilizer applications will usually wash away, leach into our soil and end up in our lakes and canals where they create environmental issues. Too much weed killing material (herbicide) will also leach into our soil and find its way into our lakes and canals. Excessive pesticide applications can linger after the target insect population is controlled and kill beneficial insects, such as honeybees and ladybugs.

Myth: Piling up mulch against tree trunks and plants helps them to keep healthy. In reality, mulching in this manner is asking for trouble, because the mulch holds moisture against the tree trunk or plant stem causing pathogens to infect and rot the planting. When applying mulch, think "doughnut", not "volcano." Keep the mulch a few inches from the base of the plant and pile it a few inches deep.

Myth: Watering my lawn at night prevents evaporation and keeps the grass happy and healthy. In reality, watering your lawn at night exposes the lawn to fungi. That's why you end up with lawn fungus diseases that flourish in cool moist environments and dark places. Watering the lawn late in the day and at dusk gives it exactly what it needs to thrive. Watering the lawn early in the morning gives the grass time to dry out during the daytime.

Pruning a large branch from one of my trees resulted in a sizeable wound from the cut. *Myth has it that I should have applied wound dressing*, but in reality, dressing for pruning cuts has been shown not only to be unnecessary, but may inhibit growth over the cut. Tars and oil-based emulsions can dry and crack. When water gets behind the crack, disease may be promoted rather than prevented. The best treatment of a pruning cut is no treatment at all.

Myth: Gardening requires lots of land or space. In reality, this is not true in Majestic Isles. Plenty of plants, including vegetables and even some citruses thrive in pots that can be located on patios or along entries to your home.

Myth: Orchids are hard to grow. In reality, this is far from true. Orchids are not anymore difficult to grow than any other plant. They require the basics: water, light, air and fertilizer.

Myth: Garden chemical products are dangerous to our health. In reality, all chemical products found around the home may pose a potential risk, but when used properly according to the directions on the label, garden chemicals are safe. Garden chemical products for household use are formulated to be of very low risk to humans and nature. They can be used with minimum protection.

Was it a myth or was it for real?? Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his baseball cap to keep cool! Supposedly, he changed it every two innings.

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MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz



TOMMY DORSEY

Known as the Sentimental Gentleman of Swing, Tommy was the younger of the two brothers. In 1934 they officially formed the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra.

In less than a year tensions boiled, and in June of 1935 they came to a head. One night, on the bandstand, Tommy counted off the tempo for their next number, and **Jimmy** interrupted him. "Isn't that a little too fast, Mac?" asked the elder brother. Tommy didn't say a word but grabbed his trombone and walked off stage, never to return. Intent on starting his own band and showing up his brother, he soon took over the **Joe Haymes** Orchestra.

Tommy's orchestra soon became the top band in the country, a title it held throughout most of the swing era. It featured at one time or another such musicians as **Bunny Berigan, Ziggy Elman, Buddy Rich** and **Charlie Shavers**, arrangers **Paul Weston, Axel Stordahl**, and **Sy Oliver**, singers **Frank Sinatra, Jack Leonard, Jo Stafford, Edythe Wright, Connie Haines, Anita Boyer, Dick Haymes** and the **Pied Pipers**. The orchestra is considered the greatest dance band of all time and was second to none when it came to ballads. In 1942 he hired the string section of the **Artie Shaw** Orchestra and expanded his sound even further.

Tommy also indulged in many outside business endeavors, including his own music-publishing firm, his own magazine, his own booking agency and a ballroom. In 1945 and 1946 he served as Director of Popular Music at the Mutual Radio Network.

As the popularity of big band music began to wane in 1946 Tommy decided to quit the music business. He couldn't stay away for long, however, and he re-formed his orchestra the following year as he and brother Jimmy began to reconcile during the filming of their quasi-biographical movie, "The Fabulous Dorseys." Tommy struggled to keep the new group going. Finally, in 1953, Jimmy rejoined him to form a new Dorsey Brothers Orchestra, though the band was technically under Tommy's name and leadership. With the help of **Jackie Gleason**, they landed their own popular television program in 1954, one episode of which featured a then unknown **Elvis Presley**.

The end came unexpectedly. Tommy died in 1956, shortly after his 51st birthday, choking to death in his sleep. Jimmy never recovered from his brother's death and did not outlive him very long. He passed away 7 months later, after losing a bout with cancer.

Side notes: When I was a disc jockey (yes I was) I was a member of the American Society of Disc Jockeys. My radio name was **Jay Seymour**. Some other members included **Martin Block, Paul Brenner, William B. Williams, and Alan Courtney**. Certain celebrities also had disc jockey programs at that time. They included **Paul Whiteman, Ted Husing** and **Tommy Dorsey**. We met once a month at a hotel (don't remember which one) in New York to discuss appropriate business. We even put on a benefit show at the old Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Each member was required to get one celebrity entertainer to appear and the member went on stage to introduce his guest. Tommy's orchestra provided the music for any singers, and William B. Williams was the MC. I enticed **Phil Brito** to appear. In any event, even though I had conversations with Tommy Dorsey, I found him to be very aloof and cool. I guess he didn't consider me to be a big shot like most of the other DJ's. Guess what – he was right – I wasn't very well known.

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THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD: PART II

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Palm Beach Post, March 9, 2010

Lucia Fishburne, head of the Florida film commission, agrees that more has to be done to attract filmmakers to Florida.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 10

At a community meeting, the President announced that movie director, Kathryn Bigelow, and Miramax Films have signed an agreement with Majestic Isles to do a film using the community as the primary site, and will cast many of the local residents. This decision was based on the solemn promise from the Board that the residents are recognized as being discreet and respectful, and well-known for their ability to follow directions. The site director will arrive on March 12 to choose a home location. The film will be an action-packed, yet humorous movie aimed at the baby boomer audience, starring George Clooney as an over-the hill spy hiding from his Russian counterpart, Theodore Bikel, who is determined to kill him. The director stated that the site was chosen because she wanted "verisimilitude."

MajesticIslesBlog: March 11

Boynton police had to be called in today to handle traffic at the community gate when a fleet of trucks, vans and cars from various decorating establishments tried to enter.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 15

The catering vans of the film company had to be turned back after the clubhouse ballroom, designated as the cast commissary, was filled with kugels, lasagnas, meatloaves, cakes and cookies, from welcoming residents. The Men's Club graciously agreed to take the excess and to make emergency runs to Walgreens for Tums and Imodium tablets.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 17

Local dermatologists and plastic surgeons requested that Majestic Isles residents stop calling, after their phone lines and web sites were inundated with calls for appointments.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 20

The Board announced a lottery system for pool privileges after the director stated that 400 women attempted to use the pool on the first day of filming a pool scene with George.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 22

A warning was issued to residents to keep their pets indoors while a scene, being filmed with a giant python released by Russian spy Bikel, attempts to crush the hero. There is no truth to the rumor that missing dogs Crispy and Flo were eaten by the snake.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 25

The COPS organization agreed to suspend for one day the 19 mile an hour speed limit in the community so that a high-speed chase could be filmed. The approval was reached after the producer agreed to have a crushed COPS vehicle (a studio substitute) appear in the scene as well as a resident COP, chosen by the members. After a brief altercation between the members, the one who sustained the fewest injuries was chosen.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 26

The Boards of both Hadassah and the Cancer Unit asked that they be allowed to run a joint fundraiser with actor George Clooney. The motion was tabled for the time being.

MajesticIslesBlog: March 30

At a joint cast and residents party, several residents attempted a Russian "kazatsky" with Theodore Bikel in hopes of winning places on a future "Dancing with the Stars" episode. EMTS reported no serious injuries to two 85 year-old participants.

MajesticIslesBlog: April 1

In an unexpected move, director James Cameron agreed to take over the production of the film after his ex-wife was hospitalized for exhaustion and depression. After viewing the daily rushes, he decided to make it 100 percent computer-animated and set it in the future with Clooney and Bikel joining forces to fight a planet of geriatric inhabitants.



Editor's note to those who have been asking where Phyllis' column was last month: It was there in the guise of "The Upside Down News."

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VISITING

Joyce Goldstein

By Claire Deveney



Our cheerful, optimistic neighbor Joyce Goldstein has lived in Florida for 27 years. She moved to Majestic Isles from Hunters Run four years ago.

Joyce was born and raised in the Yorkville section of Manhattan, where her parents owned a mom and pop grocery and vegetable store at 88th Street and York Avenue. Joyce recalls that as she was growing up, the store was a second home to Joyce and her older brother, Max. They lived one block away. Joyce relates how she and her brother, each holding a basket handle, would deliver bushel baskets full of groceries to customers in the late 1930's.

In 1939, Joyce's father had to sell his store after business fell off because the German Bund, an American Nazi organization, told area residents they couldn't go to a store owned by Jews. Her father then formed a real estate partnership with another neighborhood merchant, buying small apartment buildings and collecting rents.

Joyce (nee Schnapp) graduated from Evander Childs High School in the Bronx in 1946. She was accepted at Hunter College, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education. Tuition at that time was \$14 a year, \$7 a semester.

At 19, while a college junior, Joyce met her future husband, Morris Haber, an accountant. They met on a blind date arranged by her girl friend. "It was love at first sight," Joyce recalls. They married in December 1948 and she graduated six months later. Joyce says, "It was a good choice." They had been married for 37 years when he died of a heart attack.

Joyce and Morris rented their first apartment, in the West Bronx, for \$35 a month. She taught first grade for eight months, but in accordance with the rules of the teachers contract, she had to resign when she became pregnant. She returned to teaching 19 months later. Morris had a very successful career as a certified public accountant. They lived in Syosset in Long Island, N.Y., for many years.

Later Joyce earned a master's degree in education from Hofstra University, a master's degree in educational administration at Queen's College, and continued graduate studies toward a doctorate degree in educational administration at Lehigh University.

Joyce was a professor of educational administration at Queens College for three years, was nominated for a Woodrow Wilson fellowship and was a professor at C.W. Post College for many years. In addition, she served as a crisis counselor at Syosset High School.

Joyce's has two daughters living in Edison, N.J. Michele manages the gastroenterology office of her husband, David. Michele and David have two adult sons, Adam and Damon. Joyce's second daughter, Susan, a pharmaceutical saleswoman, also has two adult sons, Seth and Colby. Joyce's third daughter, Tsehay, who is now 45, joined the family at age 14. She was a refugee from Ethiopia. She and her husband, Richard, operate an Ethiopian restaurant in Boulder, Colorado.

Four years after her first husband died, Joyce married Morton Goldstein, who had been deputy director of the Chicago Crime Commission. He died in 1999. Majestic Isles was suggested to Joyce when she met two of our residents in a bereavement support group. She loves it here.

The artwork on the outside wall at the entrance to Joyce's home features a colorful butterfly, a fish, and a man and a woman in the moon. The inside of her house is tastefully and beautifully furnished with art and accent pieces.

Joyce is an active life member of the M.I. Cancer Research Unit of the Pap Corps and Hadassah and is also involved in the Social Club, Women's Club and Singles Club. Previously Joyce had been active playing tennis and golf.

Joyce says, "I'm enjoying each day as it comes."

(See page 23 for related story.)

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ORGANIZING MEDICAL RECORDS

By Paul Mendelsohn

Organizing your medical information systematically will save hours of sifting through piles of papers. All you need is a three-ring loose-leaf binder for each member of your household and materials that can be found at any office supply store. On the outside spine of the binder, write the name of the individual whose records you want to organize. Insert and label a divider for each of the sections below.

SECTION ONE: Personal Information

On the first page of this section, put individual's name, address (both residences if you are a snowbird), phone numbers and email address, so that if you have to provide this information you can read it and be assured that you are accurate. List also the individual's Social Security Number.

SECTION TWO: Insurance Information

Title the first page of this section "Primary Insurance." (For most M.I. residents of Majestic Isles this is Medicare.) Tape Xerox copies of both sides of your primary insurance card to this page. At the bottom of the page indicate where you keep your current insurance handbook (e.g. "Medicare and You."). It's a good idea to keep the handbooks of the past two years.

Make similar pages for each of the individual's secondary insurers and indicate on the page the order in which they are responsible for payment. For most M.I. residents, the first Secondary Insurance Policy will be their Medigap Plan.

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SECTION FOUR: Drug Information

Start this section with the name and contact information of the pharmacy you use for prescriptions. If you use a mail order pharmacy, clip a few envelopes and order

forms to this page. Include any other medical suppliers, (e.g., respiratory services, medical supplies) here. Follow the pharmacy information with a current list of your medications, including nonprescription items. Next, list your drug purchases. As they occur, write all prescription, medical supply and drug purchases on lined paper. In the left margin numerically identify each encounter, i.e., D1 (for drug1), D2, D3, etc. Use the same number to mark information sheets for that drug and payment receipts. Punch holes in the drug information sheets and place them behind the encounter sheets in numerical order. File the receipts behind the Payment divider (see Section Six).

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SECTION SIX: Payments

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By Mel Burstein

Let me bring you up to date re electronic filing of your 2010 personal Federal Tax Return. It appears that only paid preparers who prepare more than ten returns per year will have to file electronically. Therefore, if you file your own tax return, you will still be able to file and send in a paper return.

What are the penalties for not filing a tax return, or filing a late return? The late payment penalty is 0.5% of the taxes owed per month. The late filing penalty is about 5% of tax owed per month, not to exceed a total of 25%. In some situations, such as mental illness or medical emergencies, the IRS can grant a waiver of the penalties. In situations where you have a tax liability of less than \$ 25,000, the IRS can agree to set up a payment schedule to pay off your liability. Criminal charges for not filing your tax return, underpayment of taxes, or fraud, are usually reserved for high earners or public figures.

Under-reporting your earned income can affect the amount of social security benefits that you ultimately receive. To qualify for social security benefits, you must work and pay social security taxes for a minimum of 10 years. Benefits are calculated by taking an average of the 35 highest annual earnings you make during your lifetime. If you do not work for 35 years, a zero earnings is used for each year until you have accumulated a total of 35 years. This, in effect, reduces the of the monthly benefits you will receive.

For tax purposes, Mutual Fund Dividends declared in October, November or December, but not actually received until January of the following year, are taxable in the previous year. The reason for this is that dividends are taxed based on record date, and not in the actual year in which they are received.

A District Court has stated that an inherited IRA is not protected from creditors. A 2005 bankruptcy law provided a \$1 million exemption from creditors for IRAs but said nothing about the exemption applying toward an inherited IRA. In the court's view, only debtors' personal retirement funds qualify for the exemption. Since the title of an inherited IRA carries the name of the original owner for the benefit of the beneficiary, it is not considered to be the funds of the beneficiary. Rollovers of inherited IRAs are expressly prohibited by law.



LIKE MOTHER – LIKE DAUGHTER

Joyce Goldstein's father, Samuel, was from Austria and his mother, who was divorced, immigrated to the U.S. His grandparents raised him in Austria and he came to the New York's lower east side in the early twenties. When Joyce's mother, Sarah, and her two sisters, came to the U.S. with Joyce's grandmother, who had sleeping sickness, immigration rejected her grandmother. Joyce's mother wrote to President Harding, (president 1921 to 1923) and the letter was directed to Mrs. Harding, who considered it for humanitarian purposes. The U.S. government agreed to admit Joyce's grandmother, if the family never asked for home relief.

Joyce proudly states, "I did the same thing." While living in Syosset, Long Island, N. Y., Joyce championed the immigration of her hairdresser's daughter, who was in Cuba. It was four days before the U.S. Bay of Pigs invasion into Cuba in 1961 and Joyce's letter to President Kennedy asking for a visa waiver was channeled to Jackie Kennedy. The waiver was granted for the child to enter the U.S. The child traveled from Cuba to Mexico to Canada, where Joyce also prevailed upon the U.S. Embassy in Canada to facilitate the child's entry into the U.S.





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M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Bobbe Greene

The Annual Luncheon/Card Party will be held at 11 a.m. at Benvenutos on Thursday, **May 13**. A sumptuous menu of Grilled Sirloin, Chicken Piccata or Seared Salmon will be served plus a choice of 4 desserts. Get your Bridge, Canasta, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Dominoes or any other games together and join us for a wonderful afternoon. And remember that men are more than welcome to join us for their Poker, Gin or Bridge games. Checks for \$35 per person should be placed in our mailbox along with menu choice and game partners.

Our final meeting of the season will be held on **May 27**. As in the past, our closing meeting will be a decadent feast of "Just Desserts" created by our very talented board members.

Watch Channel 63 and look for flyers for possible July and/or August events.

Have you gotten your "Football Mania" ticket yet? Knowledge of football is not necessary to take part. \$20 covers the entire 17-week season and there will be a winner from Majestic Isles **every week!** Join the fun by calling Ed Gerard at 733-1187 or Ed Strauber at 732-3344 to get your ticket.

There will be no meetings in June, July or August. We will see you again on **September 30** when we hold our wine and hors d'oeuvres Welcome Back Installation meeting. We wish everyone a wonderful and healthy summer.

BOOK TALKS AND MORE

By Rita Leidner



On May 19 at 2:00 p.m. Rita Leidner will facilitate a discussion of "A Wedding in December" by Anita Shreve.

The story takes place at an inn in the Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts, where seven former schoolmates gather for a wedding. Throughout the wedding weekend, the guests uncover choices and chances that have transformed them in the years since high school, and delve for the first time into what really happened the night that changed all their lives.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

The response to our joint Parent's Day Brunch with the Women's Club has been great. As of this writing we have over 140 people coming to the brunch.

The Men's Club will be going to the Hard Rock Casino on Wed., May 26. The cost will still be \$18 and you will receive the usual \$15 in play money and a \$5 food voucher.

For some variety we will be going to Calder Race Track/Casino on Thursday, July 29. The cost is also \$18. They will give us a \$20 play voucher and a free lunch buffet. Further information will be coming.

Bingo is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 16.



WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

Many thanks to all that helped set up and make our Canasta Tournament on April 12 such a success. Here are the team results:

First Place: Gladys Cohen and Ruth Rossi

Second Place: Gladys Feldman and Rita Keller

Third Place: Marlene Ehrlich and Ellie Fox

Fourth Place: Eileen Danziger and Irma Goldfarb.

We look forward to our May 2 celebration of Parent's Day with the Men's Club. From 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., a delicious brunch with entertainment will be held at Boca Greens Country Club on Route 441 in Boca. The cost is \$25 per person for members and \$28 per person for guests. This event is subsidized by both clubs. Hope to see you there.

On Monday, June 14 we are having a special guest speaker at our meeting. Please watch channel 63 and see flyers for additional information.

We would like to wish our Snowbird friends and neighbors a good summer and look forward to their return and having them join our activities for the fall and winter season.

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SINGLES SCENE

By Ellin Goldstein

On April 10 the Singles had a delicious dinner at Okeechobee Steak House, then moved on to Rinker Playhouse to see the very funny Bruce Smirnoff. We all had a good time.

On Saturday, May 1, the Singles will meet at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse to go to the Norton Museum. They will have dinner after the tour.

Friday, May 7 is the date of the next regular Singles' Meeting. The board meeting will be at 3 p.m. while the general meeting will start at 4 p.m.

On June 4, the group will be going to Greenfield's for dinner. If you are interested, be sure to put your \$17 check in the box in the rear lobby as soon as possible.

Upcoming events: In August, we will be going for a ride on the Diva Duck, out of City Place.

Watch channel 63 for any additional information.



SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg



The Majestic Isles Bowling League will practice bowling for the summer at **Green Acres Bowl** every Tuesday at 12 noon. Regular league bowling will begin on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. As usual we will have a 28-week season that ends on March 15, 2011. Passover begins April 19, 2011 and Easter Sunday is April 24, 2011, so there will be enough time to visit the little ones in distant locations.

Bowling costs will remain at \$7 per week, including coffee and tea for league bowlers. Meeting for team assignments will be announced in the near future.

New bowlers and Snowbirds are asked to call me at 733-4837 before Aug. 1, 2010 for more information.

SOCIAL CLUB

By Arlene Koch

Our 2010 Series ended on a high note with Shalva Berti and Cory Kahaney. We had a great response from the community and we are now looking forward to next year's shows.

A special thank you to Ira Schneider for his hard work on the March series cover and trifold. Ira is always there for us, ready to help. Thanks, also, to the following people who helped made the series such a success: Ray Kozlin, for the tickets; Francine Gitto, for the flowers for the Social Club Board and the beautiful bouquet we presented to Renee Taylor; Sylvia Fefferman for help with seating; the Board members for setting up the champagne reception and the refreshments for the last show. Many thanks to Joan Sorkin who was there every step of the way. I could not have done it without her.

Rod MacDonald played to a full house at our first Caberet Night and the fact that no one left early tells what a success the evening was. We hope it can become an annual event. Our thanks to Jerry Fefferman for the pictures of the musicians that were affixed to the records on each table.

Plans are underway for our Memorial Day Party on Monday, May 31. The price is still the same - \$18 per person, complete with chicken, salads and dessert. Music and entertainment with Gary Wayne promises to make it a fun evening.

Deposits for New Years are now being accepted. Again, we are holding the same amount of \$25 per person. By popular request, "The Poppy Trio" will be providing the music.

There is still time to subscribe to the 2011 show series or to purchase tickets for a single show.

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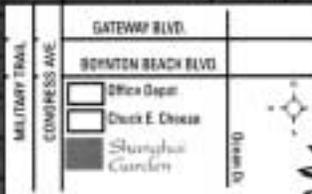
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MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Bobbe Greene



The Life membership party in April was a huge success. The desserts were delicious and plentiful. We were entertained by Barbara Grau who spoke on "Jews in Hollywood." Many thanks to Helen Aldoroty and her committee for all of their hard work in planning this event.

Bobbe Greene and Mim Marder would like to thank their great committee for their help with the Fashion Show. We know that it will be a great success.

On May 24, have lunch with us as we install our new slate of officers. Ben's Deli is the caterer; and there will be deli platters, side salads, cake and fruit. The charge is only \$13 per person. Put your checks in our mailbox and specify "installation" on the envelope.

This month Rosh Chodesh will be celebrated on Friday, May 14 (Sivan). Join this gathering of Jewish women in study, song, dance and meditation at 10 a.m. at the Morikami picnic area. Bring your own chair and be comfortable.

A second Machon study group is being formed. Anyone interested in joining this stimulating program may contact Judy Radin or Phyllis Cohen

Watch channel 63 and look for flyers for info about another "Summer Sizzler." Last year's event was so well received, we have decided to have an encore.

SECOND BOWLING GROUP

By Fred Oestreicher



A second bowling group is forming. We'll be starting on Thursday, Sept, 30 at 3 p.m. at AMF Boynton Beach Lanes. The lanes are located at 1190 W. Boynton Beach Boulevard, east of Congress, right behind Dunkin' Donuts (convenient for a pre or post game snack!).

If you are interested in bowling with us, please call Shelly Mehlman at 733-8070.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting, April 11, 2010

By: Selma Friedman



An interview with Neil Simon.

Can you believe he had four prize-winning shows on Broadway at the same time? That he is a Pulitzer price winning playwright? That he became America's most prolific and popular dramatist? That he received a Tony award and Kennedy Center Honors from President Bill Clinton?

That's Neil Simon, also known as the patron saint of comedy, famous for television comedy, screenplays and winner of Tonys and Emmys several times over.

Phil Chermak wrote, directed and produced this adaptation about the creative and sometimes personal life of this giant of comedy. The set-up was an interview with Neil Simon (Phil) and a reporter (Marilyn Chermak). Several times, "Neil" clicked the "remote" to turn on the "video." We saw the "video" on stage with live Doris Davidoff, Claire Deveney, Iris Rothstein, Ira Schneider and Ed Strauber.

A short run-down of Simon's creative offerings: he started young, writing for Robert Q. Lewis. That led to Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows," followed by "Come Blow Your Horn." Shortly after, came "The Odd Couple," "The Sunshine Boys," (which was done here also) and "California Suite." I am in awe of all that creativity. And that's not including everything.

Of course, what you saw on stage was backed by the technical crew – Marty Baron, Buddy Koch and Milton Swersky. It was a fascinating evening. Thank you all.

Save June 13 for our next General Meeting!

In Gary, Indiana, people are prohibited from going to a movie house within four hours of eating garlic. In Baltimore, Maryland, you can eat all the garlic you want before a movie, but it's against the law to take a lion to the theater with you. In Providence, Rhode Island, it is against the law to sell a tube of toothpaste and a toothbrush to the same customer on a Sunday.

TENNIS CLUB

By Bobby Blitman & Sandy Kastner



We wish all the snowbird tennis players a wonderful summer. Keep on playing and enjoying yourselves during your visit up north.

We also wish all our home-based players in Florida a good summer. Just remember to keep hydrated while playing and to also stretch before play. This applies to anyone who plays tennis no matter where you live.

As I write, club members are looking forward to our Tennis Club dinner on April 22. We hope to plan another event, either a Round Robin and include a lunch, or perhaps a BBQ or even another dinner when everyone returns.

A few reminders: Please continue to sign up for tennis so everyone can plan ahead. If you receive a cell phone call, please take it outside the gate. Please remember to clean the bottom of your sneakers before you enter the clubhouse. It would be greatly appreciated. *Enjoy the game!*

YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Jerry Raske

At the YCC meeting of April 4, 2010, Dr. Raul Freidkes led the members in the singing of Hatikvah. Norm Katz, on harmonica, accompanied the singing of "God Bless America."

After the minutes were read and accepted, Lee Katz gave the treasury report, and Roz Jacob was introduced and welcomed as a new member.

Reggie read from a brief list enumerating Israel's amazing accomplishments in the scientific, medical and technical fields. Joan Baron then presented an interesting article about the appropriate Shabbat candle lighting times.

Lucky buck winners were Mim and Saul Marder and Miriam Schwartz. Al Traum won the door prize given by our sponsor, Schwartz Family Home Care.

The entertainer, John Chase, kept the audience captivated from the beginning to the finale of his wonderful singing program.

Please join with us on May 2 for another great evening and remember --- *you don't have to speak Yiddish to enjoy our meetings.*

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FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

By Kelly Strong
(Submitted by Jerry Fefferman)

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze;
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform,
So young, so tall, so proud;
With hair cut square and eyes alert,
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought... how many men like him
Had fallen through the years?
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down
How many died at sea
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves
No, Freedom is not Free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still;
I listened to the bugler play,
And felt a sudden chill;

I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend;

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands.
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No. Freedom is not Free!



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

May 31, 2010 – June 30, 2010



May

- May 1**, Sat., 1 p.m., **Singles Norton Museum** (p, a)
- May 2**, Sun, 11:30 a.m., Men's and Women's Clubs, **Parent's Day Brunch** (p, a)
- May 3 & 4**, Mon & Tues. 9 a.m.-12 noon, **Mature Driver's Course**
- May 4**, Tues, 11 a.m., Calendar Meeting
- May 8**, Sat, 8pm, Social Club, **Movie Night**
- May 13**, Thurs, 11:00, Cancer Unit, **Card Party**, (p, a)
- May 16**, Sun, 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p,h)
- May 19**,Wed, 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More** (f, h)
- May 22**, Sat, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
- May 24**, Mon, 11:30, **Hadassah Installation** (f, h)
- May 26**, Wed, 10 a.m., Men's Club, **Casino trip** (p, a)
- May 31**, Mon, Social **Club Memorial Day Party** (p.h)

MAY GENERAL MEETINGS

JUNE GENERAL MEETINGS

- May 2** Sun. 7:30 p.m. Yiddish Club
- May 6** Thurs 10 a.m. C.O.P.s
- 7:30 p.m. Bd. Of Directors
- May 7** Fri. 11 a.m. Newsletter
- 4 p.m. Singles
- 7:30 p.m. M.I.L.T.
- May 10** Mon. 4 p.m. Investment Grp.
- May 19** Wed. 4 p.m. Computer Club
- May 27** Thurs. 1 p.m. Cancer Unit

- June 3** Thurs. 10 a.m. C.O.P.s
- June 4** Fri. 4 p.m. Singles
- June 6** Sun. 9:30 a.m. Men's Club
- 7:30 p.m. Yiddish Club
- June 10** Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Bd. of Directors
- June 13** Sun. 7:30 p.m. M.I.L.T.
- June 14** Mon. 12 noon Women's Club
- 4 p.m. Investment Grp.
- June 15** Tues. 7:30 p.m. Social Club

- June 1**, Tues., 11 a.m., Calendar Meeting,
- June 4**, Fri., 12:30 p.m., Newsletter, **Luncheon**
4 p.m., Singles, **Dinner at Greenfield's**, (p, a)
- June 5**, Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
- June 16**, Wed., 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More** (f, h)
- June 19**, Sat, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
- June 20**, Sun., 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p, h)
- June 26**, Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Showtime** (p, h)

June

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

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