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MANAGER'S CORNER

As you can well imagine, I get calls from residents about everything from roof leaks to water line breaks and a plethora of other issues. While I always do my best to answer the questions, sometimes I have to rely on the information I've been given by our vendors. The latest barrage of questions concerns the smoke detectors installed in the homes, and I went straight to Devcon for answers.

When Oriole built the homes here, the county required that each house have a smoke detector before the county would issue a Certificate of Occupancy for that residence. Guardian, the company that installed the alarm systems, was later purchased by Devcon, which now has the contract for monitoring all of the alarm systems throughout Majestic Isles. The question I keep hearing is whether the smoke detectors in the individual homes are part of the monitored system or not.

The information I received from Devcon is that some alarms are monitored and some are not and that the way to tell if your smoke detector is hooked into the alarm system is to look at the little light on the detector. If you see a constant red or green light, it means that the smoke detector is hard wired to your house, but is not part of the monitored alarm system. If you see a light that flashes about every 30 seconds, your alarm is part of the system and is being monitored by Devcon. However, I am finding out that this is not a foolproof method.

If you have a question, my recommendation is that you call Devcon directly at 800-878-7806 and ask. If you're told that you do not have a monitored smoke detector, it's a simple matter for Devcon to make a service call to your house and install a wireless smoke detector that will become part of your security system. There will be a charge for the new equipment and the service call. If the technician discovers that the smoke detector is, in fact, hooked into the system but is not recognized at the monitoring center, it may be that all that is needed is to have the technician flip a switch. In that case you won't be charged the service call, you don't need additional equipment, and the oversight will be corrected before the technician leaves.

Two more thoughts: If you didn't purchase a carbon monoxide detector when the Association made a bulk purchase a few months ago, Devcon can also install one that will become part of your monitored alarm. Devcon also offers an "I've fallen and I can't get up" emergency button that could save your life in case of emergency.

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, April 7, 2011

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.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

As of Apr 7, 2011:

- Delinquent units: Our attorney will proceed against one unit which now owes \$3,942.
- *(Residents may request report of cash positions and statement of operations at the office.)*

COBWRA Report, Steve Bayer

- Motion that Majestic Isles purchase a ¼ page ad in the COBWRA 30th Anniversary Program at a cost of \$350 passed by unanimous vote.

Clubhouse and Pool Committee, Harvey Galan

- Pictures for the upstairs hallway and card room have been ordered.
- The color on the bottom of the card room wall will be toned down.
- The new umbrellas came in for the pool area and everything looks nice, with the fence, plants, canopies, and frames.
- The painting of the homes is completed and a new color choice has been added.

ARC Committee, Joel Rosenthal

- A notice will be put on Channel 63 requesting volunteers for the ARC Committee.

Insurance Committee, Janice Davidson

- The committee has been through the proposal, and recommends accepting it as written.
- Motion to accept the proposal as written passed by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business

- Discussion about recovering the spare chairs in the ballroom vs. purchasing new chairs. Ken Miller is to check on what type of foam would be used in the chair seats if the chairs are recovered.
- Motion to reduce the hedge height on the east side of the community to 8 feet was not seconded.
- Motion to accept M&P's proposal to remove the zerbina from behind 5778 Seashell Terrace, passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept Larry Schner's (our attorney) proposal to proceed with the foreclosure on home in arrears passed unanimously.

- Ken Miller will send a letter to a resident advising of the county's requirements for landscape buffer surrounding A/C unit.
- The old pool umbrellas will be sold for \$35 each and four will include the umbrella base.

M. I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

By Janice Davidson



Do you know if our Reserve Fund will be sufficient for the future needs of our community? If the fund is not adequate to meet those needs, future assessments may be required to cover necessary property maintenance expenses. Are you willing to pay a nominal increase in your quarterly payments now to possibly prevent the need for assessments?

These are some of the questions for which the Planning Committee will need answers in order to prepare for the fiscal future of Majestic Isles. It is not a matter of if, but rather when, additional funds will be needed to maintain a safe and secure community and preserve our property values.

Our Homeowners Association Documents state, "The Reserves shall mean funds necessary for periodic maintenance, repair or replacement of existing Association property." Based upon projections in the 2008 engineering study, there will be a shortfall in Reserve Funds over the next few years. Do you want to wait until we are faced with these large assessments or would you rather prepare and set funds aside for the inevitable major maintenance costs so that this may be avoided?

One example of the type of question that may come up in relation to setting funds aside now, is whether our residents would prefer to maintain our existing exercise equipment or would rather replace the equipment as recommended in the Reserve Study?

You, Majestic Isles residents, are the ones who must answer the above questions.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Please attend and make sure your voice is heard!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Joel Rosenthal



One of the most common complaints you hear in Florida is that Board of Directors members do not listen to make every effort to listen and encourage participation from our residents.

At the beginning of each meeting we open the floor to anyone who wishes to address the board. Even during the meeting you may raise your hand and be recognized for your input. Several improvements to our community have been the result of suggestions made by residents at meetings, but the decision is up to the majority of Board members. We also have meetings during both the day and evening each month so residents have a choice or can attend both.

Joining committees is another way of getting involved with the decision making process.

During the summer months, residents can access information online (www.majesticisles.com). You can also receive weekly and monthly updates from Ken Miller by giving him your e-mail address.

Hurricane season is approaching. Be sure to take proper precautions to your property if you plan trips.

Have a great summer.

Take the Majestic Isles Tour: ENJOY OUR NEW LOOK

By Harvey Galan

I would like to thank the members of the decorating committee, Marge Chappell, Sandy Kastner, Janet Levinton, Alice Schultz, JoAnn Schwartz and Elly Wertheimer for their hard work in helping to decorate the pool, tennis courts, upstairs card room, library and last, but not least, selecting the new colors for our houses



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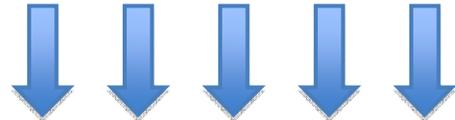
My family and I are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of all our Majestic Isles family and friends. Your response to my husband Herb's passing has touched our hearts deeply.

Marilyn Friedberg

To all my friends and neighbors: Thank you for your cards, donations, visits and phone calls during my recent surgery. They contributed immensely to speeding along my recovery. This is truly a wonderful community!

Muriel Swersky

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Highlights of the April 20, 2011 COBWRA Meeting at Quail Ridge

Congressman Ted Deutch, Dist 19 began by speaking about the compromise vote to keep the government open. He said his sister put it this way: "Even though you are my brother, I hate Congress!" Everywhere he goes people hate the partisanship and acrimony in Washington.

- Deutch stated the deficit bill passed by the house ends Medicare and would require seniors to spend thousands more for their medical care. This bill also gives new tax cuts to the very wealthiest citizens.

- He supports tax increases for wealthy people who tell him they agree as long as tax increases are part of a sensible plan to solve the nation's deficit problem. But the Republicans will not discuss tax increases.

- Deutch introduced a bill redefining the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in seniors' terms so they get a Social Security increase when the things seniors buy increase in price.

- He supported the no-fly zone over Libya to prevent Khadafy from slaughtering the Libyan people.

- In response to a question, he said that Congress has the same Blue Cross/Blue Shield medical plan that other government employees have. He pays into this plan each month. Also he pays into Social Security – like other government workers. The rumors to the contrary are untrue.

Michael McAuliffe, State Attorney is the District Attorney for Palm Beach County. Mr. McAuliffe spoke about the budget situation as his office is funded by Tallahassee. He swallowed budget cuts of 15% over the recent years and the Legislature is considering cuts up to 10% more. This may compromise his ability to keep our county safe and will have a negative effect on business, education and our quality of life. He believes that a safe environment is one of the best investments a community can make. Mr. McAuliffe stated that the cooperation between his office and Sheriff Bradshaw is the best ever.

State of the Coalition

- As per tradition, the President reported on the major accomplishments of the Coalition over the past year. Great progress on updating the West Boynton Area includes:

- Community Plan and the Design Guidelines.
- Our committees are active in Legislative Affairs, Growth Management, Education, Presidents' Forum,

Evening meetings, Health and Flu Shots, Media and Public Relations.

- Membership has reached 94 communities.
- In Tallahassee, it is said that "COBWRA is the most powerful organization in the State of Florida that is not a government."

The full speech is online at www.cobwra.org.

Officials' Reports: Mary Lou Berger, Senior Asst to Commissioner Burt Aaronson, District 5, reported that the traffic signal on Acme Dairy Road next to Sunset Palms School is on the May 3 BCC agenda for approval.

Capt Marty Bechtel, PBSO Dist 6 reported for March: 9 stolen vehicles and 58 vehicle burglaries 32 residential burglaries and 10 business burglaries 215 accidents, 800 traffic citations, 309 warnings 303 truants arrested. District 6 leads PBSO in truants.

Chief Todd Blake, Fire Rescue Battalion 4: beginning April 25, all Fire Rescue trucks will be equipped for advanced life support services.

COBWRA Officers installed: The following officers were installed by Mr. McAuliffe for the 2011-2012 term: President: Ken Lassiter, Pipers Glen Estates; First Vice President: Stuart Caine, Ponte Vecchio West; Second Vice President: Dagmar Brahs, Tara Estates; Secretary: Debbie Murphy, Cypress Creek; Treasurer: Madelyn Saul, Palm Isles. The following were nominated and elected as Directors: Bonnie Cohen, Savannah Estates; Stanley Kazerman, Valencia Isles; Gerry Morrison, Bellaggio; Myrna Rosoff, Aberdeen; Mitch Rubin, Cobblestone Creek; Chris Sonia, Cypress Creek.

Growth Management. COBWRA delegates voted to recommend approval of two requests:

- To change the zoning from Commercial General to Community Commercial for a 5,000 sq ft martial arts studio on the 0.69 acre property on Lantana Road with the condition that the petitioner returns to COBWRA with architectural elevations and a landscaping design that meets COBWRA guidelines.

- A request by Temple Torah for a Development Order Amendment to permit a non-sectarian charter school for up to 300 K-8 students in the 10,200 sq ft of office space previously approved for the site, with the condition that during school days, from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm, joint egress from Temple Torah and the JCC be limited to a right turn only.

For the schedule of future meetings check the COBWRA website: www.cobwra.org.

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Gardening in the Isles

By
Stan Davidson



Many Majestic Isles residents have pets that they walk in the community without realizing that our landscapes may not be a paradise for their animals. Did you know that poisonous plants, our lakes, pesticides and even toads are just a few of the dangers lurking within the confines of Majestic Isles? Do not be alarmed, because we are required to keep our pets on leashes and by doing so we can exercise control over where the animal ventures. If you are a concerned pet owner, you want your pet to enjoy the outdoors without your having to worry about possible danger. Pets have certain needs as well as their own ideas regarding their territory within your yard and around our common grounds.

There are popular garden plants in south Florida that are quite harmful and even deadly to pets. Plants such as oleander, yews, kalanchoe, and even some of the wild mushrooms in our lawns contain cardio-toxins that can cause heart failure. Indoor plants, such as lilies and poinsettias that are often gifts, can cause nausea and vomiting if your pet ingests them.

There are many pet friendly, safe plants from which to choose. These include marigolds, snapdragons, crape myrtle and many others we see around the community. To ensure a pet-friendly garden in your own landscape you should avoid conifers like the creeping junipers we see throughout the community in our common grounds medians. If your pet is a dog, urinating on the junipers will turn the foliage brown and may cause permanent damage.

Also, let's not forget that our lakes can contain contaminants, such as fertilizers and pesticides, leached

from our lawns, that are not healthy for our pets. In October 2009, a golden retriever was killed by an alligator at an East Lakes Woodland apartment complex in Tampa, Florida. The dog was running loose when it was attacked by a seven foot long alligator. A word of caution.... walking pets near the water's edge can be dangerous! *Any* body of water in south Florida has the possibility that an alligator resides in it.

What are those harmless looking little creatures jumping ahead of our headlights in our driveways at night? They are toads, and some of them can be deadly to our dogs and cats. About 40 years ago, a giant tropical toad specie, Bofu, was introduced into the southern United States to control the unwanted insect population. While this action worked well for insect control, it was found later that the toxin they secreted was fatal to both dogs and cats. In fact, the toxin can burn the eyes and cause skin inflammation in humans. Toads seem to be more abundant in south Florida during the rainy season, and dogs appear attracted to these slow happy creatures. They often grasp or lick the toad, which causes the toxin to be secreted into the dog's mouth and then absorbed in its gums and stomach. The symptoms of the toxin vary according to the size of the pet. If you suspect that your pet has been exposed to the toxin, you will want to call your vet immediately.

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WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

By Phyllis M. Cohen

A popular commercial for a bankcard asks consumers, "What's in your wallet?" I have been thinking about a variation of that question ever since I heard Prince William was marrying his long-time girlfriend, Kate. I've been wondering if Queen Elizabeth, as part of the royal wedding would be carrying her famous purse with her, and if so, what in the world could she have in it?

Now for those of you who haven't paid much attention to the royal family, the queen, a lady of advancing years -- like the rest of us -- is always well turned out in rather conservative garb. In fact, she looks like she was dressed for an appearance as Miss Marple on a 1930's Masterpiece Theater presentation. And along with a long skirted suit and hat, she invariably carries a good-sized purse. Most women I know carry a variety of things in their purse. After all, very few ladies' garments have pockets, as men's clothes do, and it's hard to leave home without at least a key and wallet. Once you discount a fanny or belly pack as a carry-all, you need an alternative.

So that brings me back to the queen. For sure she is not carrying a key to Buckingham Palace in her bag. If there is a key, it would probably be something three feet long. Nor is she likely to be carrying a cell phone. After all, she's not expecting Prince Philip to ring her up and tell her to stop on the way home from the trooping of the colors and bring back a bottle of Glenfiddich. Although she is one of the richest women in the world, I doubt that she is carrying a credit card or wallet just in case she wants to pop into Harrods for a look at spring fashions or for a "take away" of fish and chips. If she does, she'd probably say, "Put it on my account." But she is a woman, and maybe like the rest of us she needs a place for a hanky or an extra pair of panty hose or a lipstick to freshen up. And she has to be able to carry some kibble in there for that troop of corgis she always has yapping at her heel.

I'm convinced, however, that her entourage includes some lady in waiting who has all of that stuff in a queenly emergency kit for just such time as the queen has a sniffle or a run in her stockings. Like the contents of the queen's bag, the content of the average woman's bag is also a mystery. I have friends who carry purses the size of overnight cases. I call them hurricane bags. If a strong wind blows, the

weight of the purse keeps its bearer from flying off in the wind like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. It is also likely to contain enough supplies to get you through the first 24 hours of the emergency: bottled water, a box of tissues, protein bars, extra underwear, and a couple of paperbacks. If they followed my husband's advice, they'd also have a couple of flashlights, a screwdriver, and an entrenching tool from World War I. You can never be too prepared.

And as women of a certain age, our bags also hold pills bottles with our daily meds, bandaids because our new shoes rub, date books, make-up, an extra toothbrush, sewing kit, and a brag book with 200 pictures of our grandchildren. A separate folder also contains coupons and discounts in case we stop at Costco or at Duffy's for lunch on the way home.

My daughter, like a lot of working women, schleps extra shoes, an umbrella, and lunch in her big bag along with the requisite keys, cell phone, wallet, makeup, Blackberry, pen, etc. that the modern gal totes. Laptops, iPads and other electronic gizmos are also possible additions. You have to stay connected.

If the superbags amaze me, I am equally amazed by the gals who carry miniscule or no bags at all. I have never seen Hillary Clinton descend from a plane with a purse clutched in her arms. I'm guessing that a Secret Service man or Bill, if he's on the trip, is carrying her lipstick and wallet in his pockets. And what about teenaged girls and Hollywood starlets in skin tight and miniscule outfits who appear to have no visible purse or a micro-purse barely large enough to hold a credit card? Even if they have an escort or date, didn't their mothers ever warn them to be sure to carry some mad money or a phone in case of emergency? Those tiny bags that I see youngsters toting and the tiny glitzy evening bags dangling from gold chains seem barely large enough to hold my car keys with the big alarm fob, let alone my cell phone and wallet with its 25 credit and identity cards.

Like a toddler with his lovey or security *blankie*, women just can't seem to leave home without their sack of possessions. Who knows when they 'll be able to find another bottle of water or tissue if they need it? As my mother used to warn, carry an extra twenty or so. Maybe someone will offer to sell you a diamond necklace... cheap.



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The Reel Story “POTICHE”

By Judy Radin



The word potiche describes an attractive yet non-functional ornament and, by extension, is the vernacular for “trophy” wife.” The potiche in the film by the same name is Suzanne Pujol and is played enchantingly by Catherine Deneuve. The year is 1977 and Suzanne appears to be a docile, empty-headed spouse of the condescending philanderer, Robert. Each morning Robert heads off to run the umbrella factory inherited by Suzanne from her father, who was a paternalistic boss. Robert, on the other hand, seemed to delight in tormenting his workers.

Suzanne’s children are grown and on their own and dismiss their mother, as did their father, as a decorative object (une potiche). Since servants take care of the house, Suzanne, dressed in a scarlet color tracksuit and curlers, occupies herself with communing with squirrels and birds and writing poetry during her daily jogs through the woody property adjoining her home. The above scene is easily reminiscent of a Disney heroine, perhaps Snow White.

The apple cart is upset when Robert is taken hostage by his workers. Suzanne prevails upon her husband’s sworn enemy, Babin (Gerard Depardieu), a leftist union leader with whom she once shared a romantic interlude, to help her free him. When Robert collapses as a result of the ordeal, his doctors prescribe a restful vacation. Suzanne not only finds that she must run the business, but delights everyone including herself to find that she is a far more effective CEO than her husband...everyone, that is, except Robert, who returns from vacation and struggles to regain control.

Potiche is a French comedy (with English subtitles) based on a 30-year-old play by the same name. The screenplay by Francois Ozon is an adaptation of a comedy by Pierre Barillet and Jean-Pierre Gredy, the team behind “Cactus Flower” (starring Lauren Bacall on Broadway and Ingrid Bergman on-screen) and “Forty Carats” (Julie Harris and Liv Ullman, respectively). Similar to those plays, Potiche is also crafted in a pro-feminist vein.

Director Ozon seems to have encouraged his cast to behave as though they were in a bouncy 70’s farce by

dressing the ladies in pastel colored costumes. Though the earlier part of the film deals with heavy labor problems, the screenplay’s greatest laughs center on the exposure of sexual peccadilloes.

Surely Ozon’s goal in inserting a couple of musical interludes was to create fun and nostalgia for the audience by reuniting Deneuve and Depardieu (co-starring here for the seventh time). Critic Nicholas Schul hit the nail on the head when he described the pair as seeming to strike Saturday Night Fever poses while waltzing down memory lane.

Potiche brought out Catherine Deneuve’s flair for comedy as well as her other known qualities of warmth, wisdom, and maternal concern. In a nutshell it may be said that the movie was about the actress herself or at least the esteem she holds in the hearts and minds of her countrymen.

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Thank you, Veterans A LETTER TO GRANDPA

By Rich Reznick

Editor's note: Shortly before Majestic Isles resident Irv Klein died, his wife, Evie, received the e-mail below from their grandson, Rich Reznick. We print it to honor and thank all of Majestic Isles veterans.

Hello Grandma,

I was wondering if you could print this email and give it to Grandpa Irv to read. It is something I have been thinking about for a while now and finally just got down on paper. Thanks.

Love,
Rich

Hello Grandpa,

I have been meaning to write to you because it has been a while since we last saw each other, and I have thought a lot about what we talked about while we were together in Florida last March. Many thoughts come to mind, such as you telling me how you remember as a young boy people driving around in the early automobiles and how crazy the streets were back then and how much it has changed since then. I really enjoyed hearing those stories because I am so fascinated with early America and what the country was like before it became a superpower. The stories you told me are the closest things I will ever have to experiencing what this country was before it became what it is today. But the thought I most often have is not so much about America itself as it is about what you told me about your experiences fighting in the war and being stationed in China in Kunming.

It just amazes me that you have lived in China, that you trained the Nationalists, that you fought against the Japanese, and that you speak Chinese. Whenever I think about it, I am so honored and also so humbled to know someone like you who has made such a meaningful contribution to our world. I know I have been so lucky to grow up during a period of American history when there has been relative peace and enormous prosperity. I never knew war or depression as your generation did, and what you said about your experiences there, like traveling by mule and dealing with dysentery and fighting off the Japanese forces, really put your sacrifice into human terms for me in a way I never could have experienced from reading a book or watching a movie. It really

moved me in a very personal way, especially because of my recent experience living in China.

You went to China as a young man to help rid the world of militant, fascist dictatorships who placed no value on human life or liberty, and what you accomplished created the world I was lucky enough to be born into. And so, 65 years later, I could go to the same place you went but instead of traveling by mule and with a rifle, I could travel by a 747 jetliner with an iPod in peace and enjoy the prosperity. While I realize I will never even begin to know the sacrifices you made, I think I finally have an understanding of and appreciation for the opportunity you have given me, and so I wanted to say thank you.

Thank you for giving me the chance to live in a peaceful and prosperous world that values human life and liberty and for giving me the chance to travel that world in the comfort and convenience of a 747 jetliner with luxuries like an iPod. I know I will never be able to repay you for that chance, but at the least, I will do my best to pass the peace, the prosperity, and the stories down so that the future generations will also have the opportunities, the understanding, and the appreciation I have come to realize by talking with you. Love you forever, and as the Chinese say, "Qing zhaogu hao ziji" - please take good care of yourself.

Love,
Rich

MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTIONS



Memorial Day is a good time to reflect on the sacrifices and services of the American soldiers and veterans and the U.S. military men and women. The American military is, has always been and will always recruit the best and finest of the crop of young men and women of the country and we will continue to shower them with appreciation, support and prayers, as we have always done. Memorial Day is just an opportunity for us to express the special places they have in the hearts of American citizens and more by honoring the people who work in the various branches of the military.

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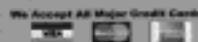
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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Facilitator

Income is on the rise, Hurrah, Hurrah! Oh, can't you tell? It's headline news. Big companies increased dividends by a record amount in the first quarter of this year. Since the start of the year, 117 companies in the S&P 500 index announced they would raise or start paying dividends compared to 78 last year.

The surge in dividends reflects a turning point in the long recovery from the financial meltdown in 2008. As an example, JP Morgan raised their dividend from \$0.20 to \$1.00---a huge % rise---and now pays a big 2.2%. In part this is a reflection of the company's confidence in its future growth as indicated by the rising stock price, and, in part, by the stock holders' pressure to share in the huge treasure trove of cash that many companies have accumulated.

This phenomenon signals that the economy is in a growth phase. That looks good for investors who want to speculate on its continuation. The only obstacles to be overcome are insufficient job creation, a growing national debt, 2 1/2 wars plus other disturbances, higher oil and gasoline prices, "non-inflation" inflation, the coming election battles, etc.,

There is another phenomenon sending out signals---the rising price of gold, silver and many commodities. This has to do with the above mentioned obstacles causing a gradual further deterioration in the value of the U.S. Dollar and its decline as the World Reserve Currency.

So which way do we go? Shall we ZIG or shall we ZAG? If you are planning to invest for growth, you would normally have a time frame of 3 to 5 or 10 years. However, be prepared to duck by year's end. If you are pessimistic about the strength of the dollar, you may want to consider gold and/or silver for the long term. If you don't know what to do and your cash is burning a hole in your pocket, or you would like to increase your cash flow, investments with reasonably good stability and paying good dividends could be a worthwhile consideration. We have mentioned many at our meetings. Do your due diligence and consult with your financial advisor as to suitability.

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In Honor Of Mothers – And Others

MY OTHER MOTHER

By Betty Wachtel

Aunt Frances, my mother's sister, always got a kick out of telling me, "I was the first one in the family to see you!"

My own earliest memory of her is the morning of March 14, 1941, when I pattered into the kitchen and realized, with a start, that the woman in my mother's flowered apron, standing at the sink with her back to me, was not my mother. It was Aunt Frances, who had come to stay when my parents left for the hospital where my brother was born.

When I was nine and Bob, five, Mom was hospitalized for many weeks. Although it meant a significant loss of income, Aunt Frances took a leave of absence from her job to keep house for us. She didn't complain – even when my brother insisted that she read Dr. Seuss' "And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street" aloud every single night.

Aunt Frances introduced me to Broadway musicals, took me ice-skating, and treated me to lunch at a French restaurant near her office. When I was in my teens, and my mother had – with good reason - lost patience with shopping for clothes with me, Aunt Frances took me shopping. She arranged a summer job for me where she worked. Shortly before I got married, she took me to her favorite dress shop and insisted that I buy two lovely dresses. The bedroom furniture that Jim and I have used for over 53 years was a wedding gift from her.

The flu epidemic of 1917 had left my grandmother seriously weakened by the bronchial asthma that took her life five years later. In 1922, Aunt Frances, then 19, accompanied her mother on the train to California, where the family hoped that a renowned doctor might be able to help. Weeks later, my grandmother had one last asthma attack and died while Aunt Frances was blocks away, summoning the only doctor they knew. Aunt Frances returned to New York alone, on the train that carried her mother's body.

Mom often told me that story but, until she was past ninety, Aunt Frances, herself, never referred to it in my presence. When she did finally speak of it, she told me, with tears in her eyes, that she had later learned of a doctor right in their apartment building. More than seventy years after my grandmother's

death, Aunt Frances was still haunted by the thought that if she'd known of that doctor, her mother might not have died that night.

Aunt Frances had real talent in avoiding conversations she didn't want to have, and she never wanted to talk about herself, her parents, or her siblings. When she was in her eighties and the sole survivor of her immediate family, two of my children visited her with a tape recorder, in hopes of capturing some family history. Aunt Frances countered each of their questions with her own, such as, "Would you like some fruit?" "How long can you stay?" and "Was the subway crowded?" Margie and Steve left no more informed than when they arrived.

After Mom died in 1967, Aunt Frances and I kept in closer direct contact than before. We spoke on the phone once or twice a week and she and Uncle Aaron often visited at our New Jersey home until we moved to the Chicago area in 1976. Each time Aunt Frances called me, no matter what hour of the day, she started the conversation with, "Did I wake you?"

As she and Uncle Aaron became frail with age, Aunt Frances wanted to leave New York to be near me. In 1993, they moved to a senior residence about an hour's drive from our home. After Uncle Aaron died, we moved Aunt Frances to an assisted living facility fifteen minutes away so we could visit several times a week and get there quickly when emergencies arose.

Aunt Frances called one Friday afternoon at five o'clock, just after her doctor had gone home and just as I was about to prepare dinner. By then, I was phoning her daily but she no longer called me, so as soon as I heard her voice at that inconvenient hour, I knew something was seriously wrong. When tests at the emergency room indicated a bleeding ulcer, Aunt Frances refused hospitalization or invasive treatment. Her doctor offered to call hospice and I agreed. I stayed with Aunt Frances, mostly watching her sleep, as she always did, on her side at the very edge of the mattress, a tiny white-haired woman looking as if she were trying to take up as little space as possible. When she woke up, I tried to explain hospice care and added, "This may be the beginning of the end." One tear rolled down the lines of her wrinkled face as she slowly repeated "the beginning of the end."

I was the last member of the family to see Aunt Frances alive. When she died in 2000 at 96, she left a hole in my heart, right next to the one my mother left.

MATERNALLY YOURS

By Thelma Mechanic

Now that my children are grown and are parents in their own rights, along comes guidance for intergenerational harmony from Dr. Holly Katz. Are you ready for this very long title? "My Kids are All Grown Up So Why Are They Still Driving Me Crazy? How to Get Along with Your Adult Children, Their Spouses and Other Aliens."

Some of Dr. Katz's suggestions:

Our adult children want to be treated like grown-ups and please do not compare them with your friend's children.

Love them for who they are today, not who you would want them to be, and then don't hold them responsible for your happiness. They have their own lives and obligations.

Naturally, as parents, we want to be treated with respect and be able to express our feelings without being judged. We did the best we could (with the aid of Dr. Spock). Or did we?

I discovered the following thoughts in a magazine (author unknown) that got me thinking:

If I had my child to raise all over again
 I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.
 I'd be less correcting and more connecting.
 I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch more with my eyes.
 I would care to know less, and know to care more.
 I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
 I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.
 I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
 I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
 I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
 I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
 I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

Nevertheless, I'm happy to say that I'm on good terms with my sons and was delighted on my birthday to get these kind words, "Mom, you're always there with a kind word and a hug. Thanks for caring and sharing. Love _____".

In spite of it all, once children have left home, you are probably still able to communicate with them and learn how to be maternally correct.

"Oh, how I long to be that Mother
 Who is never in the way
 And knows just what to say
 And mostly never says it.

"Oh, how I long to be that Mother
 Who, even though she wants to bawl
 Will never say
 "Why don't you call?"

"Oh, how I long to be that Mother
 Who never gives advice
 Unless she's asked
 Not once, but twice

"Oh how I long to be that Mother
 Who never says she's feeling sad
 For causing guilt is really bad

"Oh, how I long to be that Mother
 Who raised her arms and yelled Hooray
 When her children flew away

"Oh, how long to be that Mother
 Whose life's so full of fun
 She doesn't miss them, not a one
 Not a daughter, not a son

Oh, I shoulda been that Mother
 And I woulda if I coulda, but –
Children, call your mother!!!

These words were written by my longtime friend Helen Oxenberg, who writes a syndicated column called "Ask Helen" for several newspapers. I asked Helen for a few words about parenthood and that was what she replied. We've often discussed relationships and can only conclude: "We did the best we could and I'm sure you did too!"

So Happy Guiltless Mother's Day!



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women who worked so diligently and determinedly to finally pass a budget for the year 2011. Just shows what friendly cooperation by all three parties (don't forget the "tea") in Congress can do for the benefit of the public? Now we can turn our attention to the next 2011 budget fight and the 2012 election. Nuff said.

So there we have it -- our meeting agenda for April 11, 2011 – "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly."



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GARY AND SUZANNE SKINNER

By Claire Deveney



Gary and Suzanne Skinner moved into Majestic Isles four months ago. Gary, who was born in Granite City, Illinois, near Madison, Illinois,

across the river from St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating from Madison High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University in Normal, where he majored in teaching Industrial Arts. He moved to Florida in 1969, and taught at Miami Norland High School. and was then assigned to a few junior high schools. "I decided to get out of teaching; it wasn't my thing," says Gary.

Gary worked in insurance sales and as a lifeguard at Dania Beach before taking a friend's suggestion that he become a firefighter. He joined the City of Hollywood as a firefighter and paramedic, advanced to drive engineer, and was promoted to lieutenant. He served for 29 years and retired in 2005.

Suzanne was born in Arlington, Massachusetts. When she was 10, her family moved to New Haven, Connecticut. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Conn. and entered New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. When she was a student nurse, her patients included Gene Tunney, boxing heavyweight champion, and Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce. After earning her R.N. degree, Suzanne remained in Boston and worked at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, now called Brigham and Women's Hospital. She got married, moved to Syracuse, N.Y., worked at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital and gave birth to her first daughter.

Suzanne moved to Hollywood, Florida, in October 1977. After some time as a stay-at-home mother, she returned to work at Hollywood Memorial Hospital, now called Memorial Regional Hospital. Initially Suzanne worked part time and then was a full time critical care nurse for 10 years. She moved into nursing administration at the same hospital and later at an assisted living facility. Suzanne then did home health nursing and worked at Hollywood Medical

Center as a night supervisor. She worked in the Center's cardiac catheterization lab for seven years prior to her retirement in 2005.

Gary and Suzanne first met in 1987 while serving on the same jury. A couple of years later, they met again in the emergency room at Hollywood Memorial Hospital while Gary was a paramedic and Suzanne was on staff. Their friendship evolved, and a year later they became engaged and married. They were both previously divorced. When the Skinners married, Gary's two boys were the same ages as Suzanne's two girls, 12 and 8. Gary and Suzanne have been married for 22 years.

Gary's son Brian, 35, is a flight safety instructor. He lives in Vero Beach, Fl., and has a daughter, Sara, age 2. Bobby, 31, is a restaurant manager. He and his wife, Megan, who have a new baby son, Mason, born March 28, live in Lake Worth.

Suzanne's daughter Kate, 35, a relocation specialist for large corporations, her husband, Paul, and their son, Fisher, age 2 ½, live in Lantana. Emily, 30, a C.P.A., lives with her husband, Peter, in Massapequa Park, Long Island, N.Y.

"We are 15 minutes from our grandchildren and can visit and help out easily because they are so close," Suzanne said.

Gary and Suzanne love boating, fishing, swimming and diving in the lower Keys and among their favorite places are Islamorada and Key West. Gary enjoys sports and played a lot of sports in school. He loves theatre, and they both enjoy the Broadway play series at the Broward Center. Gary is also an excellent chef.

In 2000 Gary and Suzanne sold their home in Hollywood and bought a 40 ft. trawler motor yacht moored at Lighthouse Point. They both commuted to their jobs until 2005. They also bought an island home in the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick, Canada, on Grand Manan Island. They drove and flew the 2900 miles from Florida many times and sold the house this past September.

Before finding Majestic Isles, Gary and Suzanne worked with a realtor in Palm Beach and saw 35 to 40 homes located between Delray and Stuart. They are happy to be here and plan on becoming active in various clubs.

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After each article has been submitted by the writers, edited by **Betty Wachtel** or her co-editor, Phyllis Cohen, and proofread twice, it is time to choose graphics and lay out the articles and ads as they will appear in the printed copy.

While many people are involved up to this point, the last steps have to be done on one computer. Betty has been doing this job since becoming newsletter editor in October 2005. Some months, she puts in about forty hours on the newsletter. Lately, Bobbe Greene has assisted her by putting together the ad pages.

Betty and her husband, Jim, moved from Buffalo Grove, Illinois to Majestic Isles eight years ago, and Betty first joined the newsletter staff as a proofreader during the 2003-2004 publication year. The following year, she and Ira Schneider were assistant editors to Naomi Marcus during her last year as editor. Prior to the move from Illinois, Betty had edited four-page "cut and paste" newsletters for Hadassah and AAUW (American Association of University Women) -- not quite the same thing as working electronically on a 28 to 36 page publication! In addition to editing the newsletter, Betty has contributed occasional articles of personal reminiscence.

Betty, a retired school psychologist, spent her childhood in Yonkers, New York, then moved to the Bronx, where she attended and was graduated from the Bronx High School of Science. She earned her B.A. degree at Barnard College and taught elementary school for two years. She was a stay-at-home mother for twelve years before attending graduate school to earn a doctorate in school psychology at Rutgers University. The Wachtels have a daughter, two sons, five granddaughters and one grandson.

The daughter of a newspaper editor and the mother of a magazine editor, Betty jokes that editing is in her blood, but she certainly wasn't born knowing how to put a magazine together on a computer. With much help from Doris Davidoff, she learned on the job how to vanquish persnickety computer gremlins.

After five years as the editor of the M.I. News, Betty is beginning to think "retirement" after another year sounds good, and she'd be delighted to hear from residents who might be interested in succeeding her.

PET PATCH

By Molly



April 2 was an exciting day for me – and for everyone else who walked in the Cancer Walk-a-Thon. It was the biggest crowd that they'd ever had. There were bagels and coffee for all. And

Nancy fed me some of her bagel with cream cheese – that was yummy! My Mom and I walked with the Majestic Isles folks. And there were lots of other communities there too.

There's a new dog in the community – would you believe her name is Molly too? So now when we're together and someone calls Molly, we both go – it's confusing!

It sure feels like summer has arrived. You'll see less and less of my friends and me during the day – it's too hot. But we'll be around early, and then again late in the day. Hope everybody has a great summer!

M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Claire Deveney and Arlene Levin



Thank you to all who planned and/or attended the M.I. Pap Corps Card Party at Benvenuto's and the Walkathon at FAU. Both were grand successes.

Upcoming Events

Football Mania tickets are now available from Ed Strauber, David Lader and Paul Mendelsohn. Your \$20 ticket gives you 17 chances to win!

Save Saturday, July 30 for a Mid-Summer Break, with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. and an evening of fun and games.

Sample clothing sales – watch Channel 63 for details.

Dunkin' Donuts will donate \$2 to Pap Corps for each \$8.99/lb. bag of coffee purchased through the local chapter in May. Order forms, which must be in by May 31, are in the back lobby. Contact Claire Deveney if you have questions.

Save Thursday, May 26 at 1 p.m. for the next M.I. Pap Corps meeting with sumptuous desserts at the clubhouse.

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SOCIAL CLUB

By Rita Dick & Arlene Koch

In continuing with the very successful series season, our April show still carried on the quality of excellent entertainment that we have strived to provide you with in the past and look forward to continuing with top notch artists in the future.

The next event will be the Memorial Day Party on Monday, May 30 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$18 p.p. and entertainment will be provided by Larry Brendler. See flyer in the back lobby for details.

Plans for our New Year's Eve Party are underway. Lawrence of Florida will provide fun, motivators and favors. The cost is \$50 p.p. and a deposit of \$25 per person is required at this time. Arrangements can be made for tables of 8, 10 or 12. See the flyer for more information. Place checks in Social Club box.

Seats are still available for the 2012 Series. The tri-fold advertisement lists the entertainers' bios and dates of the shows.

January will be Impressionist Paul Tanner, who is a new entertainer to this area. February is "Funny Man" Brad Zimmerman who performed a one man show at Kravis Center and also Patrick Murray with his #1 Jamaican comedienne/diva, "Matilda." March features "Let's Hang On" with the music of Frankie Valle singing such songs as "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Walk Like a Man" and so much more.

We will be asking for Nominating Committee volunteers for the 2012 Social Club Board. Please contact Rita Dick or Arlene Koch.

We wish all of our residents a safe, healthy and happy summer.

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Even though the letters are jumbled in the following paragraph, most people have no trouble reading it!

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SAT., JUNE 4: MOTHER AND CHILD
 Fifty-year-old Karen (Annette Bening) regrets giving up her daughter, Elizabeth (Naomi Watts), for adoption; years later, Elizabeth questions her own approach to life. Their stories intersect with that of Lucy (Kerry Washington), who hopes to fulfill her dreams of motherhood through adoption. Rodrigo Garcia writes and directs this drama about parenting, sacrifice, romance and self-fulfillment. Eileen Ryan and Samuel Jackson co-star.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



The Travel Club's next trip is to Atlanta, a modern city with a rich history. We will tour the World of Coca Cola and the headquarters of CNN, and spend an afternoon at the brand new Georgia Aquarium, the largest in the world, where we will also see a dolphin show. There will be additional sightseeing on the way there and on the return trip. The dates for this trip are July 22-25.

Pick up a flyer in the back lobby with all the details. Join us for some fun!!

SINGLES' SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

Fun and Games Night on April 9 was just that. Singles were divided into groups of seven and prizes were awarded to the highest scoring group. "Horsereading" elicited so much excitement that you'd think we were at an actual track. TooJay's sandwiches were delicious and ice cream dessert topped off the evening. Kudos to Doris Davidoff with assists by Helen Benowich and Roberta Rabinowitz.

Coming Up:

Fri., May 6: Board meeting at 4 p.m., general meeting at 5 p.m.

Sat., May 28: Harid Ballet matinee. Carpools will be discussed. Dinner following ballet will be at "Sabors," Boynton Beach. Bring your check for \$22 to pay for dinner, or put it in the Singles' box.

Sat., July 16: "Strong Man, Dance Man" at the Stage Door Theater, Sample Road. Price is \$33. Put the check in the Singles' box.

Sat., Oct. 15: "Pot Luck" Supper followed by cards and games. Discussion at next meeting.

ROYALS BOWLING FOR FUN

By Shelly Mehlman



The Royals bowling group has just completed its first season with a luncheon at Benvenutos. All of our bowlers and guests enjoyed themselves. During our initial season many new friendships were made.

Trophies were awarded to our first and second place winners. First place trophies were won by Fred Oestricher, Zully Smith and Arnie Sarett. Second place trophies were won by Sylvia Fefferman, Eileen Mehlman and Steve Mussman.

Our **summer league** at AMF Lanes, Boynton Beach, is in progress. We meet on Thursdays at 3 p.m., with free coffee and cookies. Royal bowlers, join us and take advantage of our **free** practice time and free bowling coupons.

We look forward to a great fall season beginning Thursday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m., at AMF Lanes.

Have a great summer!

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

The Women's Club Canasta Tournament was held on Monday, April 11, at the clubhouse. I want to thank our committee for all their hard work. We all enjoyed the refreshments. The winners are as follows:

1st place \$40: Myrna Bader/Marlene Fruitman-

2nd place \$30: Sheila Goldstein/Selma Wattenberg

3rd place: \$20: Arlene Brizel/Judy Markowitz

4th place: \$14: Estelle Levy/Simmy Rabinowitz..

I hope you will all join us at the Boca Greens Country Club for Parents' Day, May 1, 2011, 11:30-2:30. This event is sponsored by the Men's and Women's Club of Majestic Isles. We'll have a delicious buffet brunch and great entertainment. The covert is \$25 for members and \$28 for guests. We hope to see you there.

We will hold Board meetings on Monday, May 2 and Monday, June 6, at 10:30. Other summer meeting will be announced later.

THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

The Men's Club went to Gulfstream Casino & Racetrack with almost a full bus.

As of this writing, we have almost 170 reservations for the Men's and Women's Club's Parents' Day Brunch. Based on our prior experience, we anticipate a wonderful event.

Other than casino trips in July and September we have no plans at this time for the summer months.

I have been attending a consortium of several Men's Clubs and we are looking into the possibility of going to one or more football games at FAU. We will keep you informed. Trips to some baseball games may also be possible.

We wish our seasonal residents a wonderful summer and look forward to their return.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER APRIL 2, 3, 2011 "LEND ME A TENOR"

By Selma Friedman

It wasn't an opera, but people are still talking about the tenor - that is, "Lend Me a Tenor." It was a wonderful production and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the high jinks. The cast succeeded in flitting through doorways as the script directed, but it wasn't easy! The acting performances improved through the many rehearsals until each actor truly became his or her character. Together, they made an outstanding ensemble.

The comedy, written by Ken Ludwig, featured eight actors. Iris Rothstein, Ed Strauber, Lenny Schwartz, Marilyn Chermak, Phil Chermak, Isabel Lubchansky, Enid Bayer and Seena Calder romped through their scenes with gusto.

Although the cast numbered only eight, it took 29 people to be the support group. We are fortunate indeed to have hard-working, loyal M.I.L.T. members to take on jobs all the way from director, producer, set designer, to make-up, photographer, tickets, publicity, dressers, and more. They all came to rehearsals, contributing their time, effort, and individual talent to achieve the finished product – the performances. And achieve it, they did. We thank Edd Bloom, Bill Broth, Barbara Portnoff, Paul Mendelsohn, Marty Baron, Milt Swersky, Joan Peckins, Buddy Koch, Mark Jaffie, Morris Berman, Rita Dick, Arlene Levin, Ira Schneider, Ed Strauber, Saralee Weinstein, Lee Katz, Stan Rothstein, Ray Kozlin, Claire Deveney, Jerry Fefferman, Doris Davidoff, Linda Kessler, Francine Gitto, Nancy Levitan, Marilyn Broth, Helen Benowich, Phyllis Pinsel, Sylvia Fefferman, and Bev Jaffe. Well done all, and thank you. M.I.L.T. members, if you would like to participate in future productions in any way, just contact a board member.

On May 16 we'll enjoy a great musical, "Show Stoppers" by our new Artistic Co-President, Larry Stander. You will love the songs, all great Broadway hits. And of course, coffee and

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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



May is filled with a wide assortment of activities. We hope to see you there.

Mon., May 16: Board meeting at 10:30 a.m. The Study Group will follow at 3 p.m. and feature a program in honor of Yom HaShoah. A film, "The Diary of Anne Frank," produced by an English company in 2009, will be shown. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wed., May 18: Matinee "The Music Man." Tickets are sold out, but contact Roberta Rabinowitz about availability if you are still want one.

Mon., May 23: Installation meeting 11:30 a.m. Carole Burstein and Sherry Everitt are chairing it. Watch Channel 63 for more details.

Mon., July 18: "Summer Sizzler Games."

Lee Katz is still selling bricks for the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower. Buy one to celebrate an occasion or memorialize a loved one.

There is still time to make someone a life member for the bargain price of \$100. Call Sue Horowitz or Sheila Goldstein for forms and general information.

The Centennial Key is a new project to help "The Tower" raise money. Sheila Traum is inviting people to join her "key club." The key on a beautiful chain is \$100 and can be paid in installments or all at once. Call her for more details.

Lee Katz has started the preparation of the Book of Remembrance. Be sure to submit your names at \$5 per line so that the book will be ready before the High Holy Days.

Evelyn Harris continues to collect old eyeglasses for Israel. Just bring them to her house.

Be Kind To Your Neighbor



Some residents who are interested in reading the M.I. News, are not able to get to the clubhouse to pick up a copy and are not able to access the online version. If you are aware of residents in that situation, please be a good neighbor and deliver a newsletter to them.

YIDDISH CLUB

By Jerry Raske

The April meeting was indeed a unique treat. Buddy Koch hosted, planned and presented a wonderful Kosher Wine Tasting Seminar. His presentation was expertly done and right on time for Passover.

Dr Raul serenaded us with some lovely songs including "Granada" and the Italian "Mama".

Leo Zee surprised us when he took the microphone and sang "Smile" and "You Made Me Love You". He was wonderful.

Thelma Fatcher, a long-time friend of the YCC played piano and sang a parody of songs related to Passover.

Our sincere thanks to Pearl Kornblau. She provided the special kosher cheese in honor of her beloved late sister Surilla Aqua in appreciation for how important the Yiddish club was to Surilla. She was a dedicated member of our YCC and we miss her very much

Reggie Zee concluded the evening by singing Hebrew and Yiddish songs that involved audience participation.

It was a great evening; tasting wonderful wines supplied by Buddy and noshing the ever-present cheese, ice cream, cake and coffee. Thanks to Fran and Mike Ost, Morris Berman, Norman Katz and all the wonderful helpers.

MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

By Dave Feinberg



A great season is over, a fabulous dinner has ended and all the winners were given their trophies, but the fun does not stop there

Every Tuesday at 12:00 noon we still have a great time bowling with friends and strangers who soon become friends [relatives included] at Greenacres Bowl. Come on down, and join the fun and companionship of all our friends and neighbors. As we said before no reservations needed just come down and bowl.

Fran and I wish every one a very happy and healthy summer.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR
May 31, 2011 – June 30, 2011

May

1	Sun.	11:30 a.m.	Men's and Women's Clubs	Parent's Day Brunch (p, a)
2	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop (f, h)
3	Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Citizen Observer Patrol	Meeting (f, h)
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
6	Fri.	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter staff	Meeting (f, h)
		4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f, h)
7	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p, h)
8	Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p, h)
		7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Meeting (f, h)
9 & 10, Mon. & Tues., 9 a.m. to noon, Safety Council of PBC, Mature Drivers Course (p, h)				
9	Mon.	4:30 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
15	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T	Workshop (non-members \$2, h)
16	Mon.	3:00 p.m.	Hadassah	Study Group (f, h)
18	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks and More	Book Discussion (f, h)
		2:00 p.m.	Hadassah	"Music Man" (p, a)
21	Sat.	8:30 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p, h)
23	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Installation Luncheon (p, h)
25	Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino Trip (p, a)
26	Thurs.	1:00 p.m.	Cancer Research Unit	Meeting (f, h)
28	Sat.	2:00 p.m.	Singles	Ballet (p, a)
30	Mon.	TBA	Social Club	Memorial Day Party (p, h)

June

2	Thu.	10:00 a.m.	Citizen Observer Patrol	Meeting (f, h)
		7:30 p.m.	B.O.D	Meeting (f, h)
3	Fri.	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter staff	Meeting (f, h)
		4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f, h)
4	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p, h)
5	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p, h)
		7:00 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Meeting (f, h)
6	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop (f, h)
9	Thurs	7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
12	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T	Workshop (see above, h)
13	Mon.	12 noon	Women's Club	Meeting (f, h)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
15	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks and More	Book Discussion (f, h)
18	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
25	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Show Time (p, h)
26	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)

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

For additional information, please contact an officer of the appropriate club,
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