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MAJESTIC ISLES WOMEN'S CLUB



*Welcome
Back
Luncheon*

**November 10
11:30 a.m. \$10 p.p.**

GUEST SPEAKER

**Dr. Robert P. Watson, Ph.D.
"The Road to the White House"**



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Now that we're almost through Hurricane Season, let's talk about hurricanes. Just kidding, but I would like to talk about replacement of trees lost in Hurricane Wilma in October 2005. The Association lost 97 trees on common areas and individual residents lost a total of 111 trees. While all of these trees must be replaced, they don't have to be put back in the same location. In many cases, nearby canopy or palm trees have matured to the point that they would shade out trees planted too close by.

For over a week, Joey and Julio, from M&P, and I thoroughly mapped out the irrigation zones on each of our nine irrigation pumps, separating zones by individual addresses. This information is being used to apply for a variance from the current watering restrictions imposed by South Florida Water Management District.

My plan, if approved, is to begin replacing trees in January 2009. At the same time, we'll be starting the sod project I discussed in last month's column. Beginning with irrigation pumps "A" and "F," trees and sod will be replaced only in the areas covered by these two pumps. All trees and new sod will be watered every day for the first 30 days, after which time we'll move on to Pumps "B" and "G" followed by Pumps "C" and "H", then "D" and "I", and finally Pump "E". Maps will be posted in the back hallway that will show which irrigation pump waters your lawn and landscaping.

You'll notice that, in the three years since Wilma, there has been no talk about requiring residents to replace trees on their property. That's because the Association has not been able to plant trees, so there was no way to require this from residents. This plan will give residents an excellent opportunity to finally install these trees, as well as upgrade or replace their landscaping without fear of having to water every day.

Check the maps in the back lobby to find out which Irrigation Pump covers your property, so you can time your tree replacement or landscaping to coincide with the Association watering schedule. There will be plenty of advance warning on Channel 63 and in my Weekly Highlights indicating when we'll be working each area, so you can arrange your planting times accordingly.

I have another map in the office that shows the location of *every* tree we lost in 2005 to Wilma – on both the common areas and on residents' property. If you don't remember if any trees were taken out from your property, stop by the office and I'll check the map.

Take this opportunity to survey your landscaping and think about a major overhaul while the Association can water the new plantings...provided that the Variance Request is approved.

Ken Miller, Property Manager

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, October 16, 2008

*Minutes of the October 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.*

Finance Committee, Sy Kugelmas

- Committee met with Colonial Bank to discuss CDARS Program for keeping balances below FDIC maximum of \$100,000. Recommend tabling.
- FDIC has raised maximum coverage to \$250,000 until December 31, 2009.
- Wachovia Securities not now appropriate for M.I.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

Cash balances as of 10/15/08:

Operating Accounts	\$454,301.96
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$255,108.58</u>
Total Cash Accounts	\$709,410.54

- All of our funds in the banks are fully insured under the new FDIC maximums of \$250,000.
- Unpaid maintenance: As of 10/15/08, 26 unit holders in arrears to total of \$26,564.00. All maintenance amounts due first of quarter; payments must be received within 15 day grace period. Late charges can only be removed or rescinded with approval of the Board. Do not call Treasurer.
- Budget compliance: As of 9/30/08 our expenditures in full compliance with 2008 budget, with possible surplus.

Reserve expenditures:

Reserve expenditures for current year	\$92, 056.76
Painting, roof clean. payments for year	\$83, 157.52

- We have still not collected any monies from our insurance company for damages to clubhouse from leak in men's workout room. Recommended to our bookkeeping service that liability item be placed on our books in amount of \$42,000 along with an offsetting receivable claim from insurance company in same amount. This will provide someone looking at our financial statements with information that would normally not appear.

Security Report, Steve Bayer

- Resident with a scooter has been walking it in from gate and parking it in his garage.

Grounds Committee, Harvey Galan

- 2009 painting and cleaning list has been posted in the back hallway.

Clubhouse Comm., Bill Broth for Irene Weinstein

- Contacted 4 decorators about upstairs renovation.

Insurance Committee, Ken Keller

- The president of our insurance agency has written to the highest level of Philadelphia Insurance about claim.

Manager's Report, Ken Miller

- Presented items to the Board that need to be voted on during Old Business and New Business.

Old Business

- Motion to 1) rescind previous vote requiring 16 residents who previously sandblasted their driveways to now paint them, and 2) from this date forward require residents who sandblast their driveways to paint or stain them. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sy Kugelmas wants it on record that he believes CDARS Program is valuable.
- Board agreed to make decision on waiving late fees for residents.
- Issue of regrouting and acid washing pool tabled.
- Pool to close 2 weeks in Jan. for deck refinishing.

New Business

- Motion to accept Hartzell proposal to install doors in art room closet, and to repair doors between the men's locker room and pool and from the art room to the hallway. Passed unanimously.
- Proposals for pressure washing sidewalks, gutters, driveway aprons, storm drains, and mailbox posts tabled pending more information.
- Need one more proposal for Royal Palm bug treatment because cost exceeds \$3000.
- Motion to accept proposal from All Florida Pest Control to treat hedges for Ficus White. Passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept Hartzell's proposal to clean and paint El Clair fence and gate. Passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept CDI Enterprises proposal to wrap three Medjool Palms at Woolbright entrance. Passed unanimously.
- Ken Miller recommends waiting until Joseph can finish caulking pool fence pickets with Marine 5200 before considering further steps. Board agreed.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Broth



Soon after this issue of our newsletter is printed, we will elect a new President of the United States. Our national election has been hotly contested, and it will bring out one of the largest voter turnouts in many years.

Here at Majestic Isles we will soon have our own election to choose four new members of our Board of Directors. Here at Majestic Isles, we have a complacent group of voters who do not vote in the Board elections, because they do not see why it is important. This thinking can result in a Board that may or may not spend money to maintain what we presently have. We have been fortunate that we have not had a damaging storm since 2005. If, in the coming years, we do have damage, and we have a Board that is not responsive to the needs of the community, we could face high assessments. This is but one reason for you to come out and vote for our Board of Directors.

The people who have volunteered to run for the Board are concerned individuals who feel that they can contribute to the continued well being of Majestic Isles. When choosing between candidates, see what they have done recently on behalf of the community, what committees they have served on, and what they have done over the years.

Our documents mandate that the Board is responsible for the maintenance and well being of our community. While we always look for new members, what the candidate can contribute toward meeting that responsibility should be the major criteria in deciding for whom you will vote.

Please come out and vote to ensure that Majestic Isles remains a strong and viable community that we can all be proud of.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

**Majestic Isles' Election Committee
invites you
to hear the candidates for
the 2009 Board of Directors**

Wed., November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

SECURITY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

Stop and say hello!

The next time you drive in the Woolbright Road entrance, stop and tell the guards how much you appreciate them. You must have noticed that when you drive into other communities the guards are not as friendly as the crew that we have here.

We are blessed with truly caring employees. They work for a guard company called Associated Protective Services owned by two professionals, George Tobin and Richard Fisher.

Phil Taub is the smiling one who works days from Sunday to Thursday. He is relieved in the afternoon by Howard Sperling. Richard Fernandez is the gentleman who works Fridays and Saturdays during the day as well as sometimes a double shift into the night. Lee Kopeloff, Dennis Friedman and Len Troiani split the overnight shift and also substitute at other times.

If you have a guest or vendor coming to visit, please do not call the guard directly, use the voice mail number **375-8406** and leave the name. If you call directly, it holds up cars waiting to come in.

On another subject, if you do not pay the annual alarm permit fee to the Sheriff's office, our guard company, Devcon, is not permitted to report your alarm to the Sheriff. The only exception to this is for medical or holdup button activation. If you do not know if you are current, you can call Devcon directly at 1-800-226-2351.

AED CONTEST

By Al Lynn

Remember what AED stands for? No, that's not the contest question, so I'll tell you the answer: Automatic Emergency Defibrillator. We still have two AED units at Majestic Isles and personnel trained to use them in case of a heart emergency. In an emergency *first* call 911, *then* call the guard at the gate house or the AED phone number (**313-5894**).

Now, for my contest: How many times in the past two years has an incident been reported to A E D? If you guess the right answer you are a winner – no prizes, just a pat on the back. For the answer, call me, Al Lynn, at 742-9937

WE CARE

By Naomi Marcus

Medical equipment

You twisted your ankle getting out of bed and now you wince every time you move your left foot. In desperation you find a sturdy umbrella and, using it as a cane, you hobble out to get your newspaper. A neighbor sees you and says, "Why don't you call WE CARE? They'll lend you a real cane."

The loan of medical equipment is one of the services offered by We Care of Majestic Isles. Since the beginning of the year we have been called upon 32 times for an item we keep in stock—a cane, walker, wheelchair, shower seat, commode, raised toilet seat, or a cast cover. Yes, we deliver. Just call the chair of our Medical Equipment Committee, Sid Bedell, at 733-2123.

Please let Sid or Fred Oestreicher know if you have any medical equipment to donate. If we are fully stocked with that item we will arrange for its delivery to a local hospice. Right now we need commodes.

Medical Drivers Committee

We are pleased to inform you that Herb Friedberg (742-5766) is the new chairperson of our Drivers' Committee. Call him (preferably at least 48 hours in advance) if you need transportation to a doctor's office or other medical facility and he will try to match you up with one of our wonderful volunteer drivers. There may be a nominal fee for this service because with the high price of gasoline we feel that it is only fair to reimburse for mileage.

Reminder

Be sure to update your emergency contact information. Forms are available in the back lobby of the clubhouse.

Sunshine Calls

The Sunshine project of the Area Agency on Aging is an especially valuable service for anyone who lives alone. If you sign up for it, a volunteer will call you every day at the time of your choosing just to be sure you are O.K. If you do not answer, the volunteer will contact a neighbor you have designated. **Call 211 for more information and to set up this service.**

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Lynn Gerstanhaber Naomi Marcus
Jake Jacob Renee Stichel

SYMPATHY

To Manny Goodman on the loss of his sister.
To Ed Strauber on the loss of his brother.

MESSAGES

Without visits, telephone calls and cards from our M.I. friends and neighbors, time in the hospital, rehab and recuperation would be unbearable. Thank you, Majestic Isles.

Elaine and Jerry Blacker

To all my friends, neighbors and family in Majestic Isles: A sincere and loving thank you for your calls, cards and donations wishing me a speedy recovery after my recent surgery.

Sandy Kastner

Heartfelt thanks to the wonderful Majestic Isles family of friends and neighbors for your caring and concern. The cards, calls, donations and visits were, and are, much appreciated.

Ruth Oppler

Thank you all for being there with cards, phone calls, contributions, visits and meals during my recent surgery and recuperation. You ARE my wonderful extended family.

Mimi Pestreich

*Please note: We reserve the right to edit for length (30 word maximum) and clarity. Submit articles to Elaine Jay by email at ElainJay@aol.com with **Good and Welfare** as the subject.*



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FROM THE TREASURER: NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Sy Kugelmas

The Board of Directors approved the 2009 budget on September 25, 2008, as follows:

Maintenance payments will remain the same as they were in 2008:

Single family home: \$1,015.00

Patio home \$964.00

Coupons will be mailed on or about November 15, 2008. If your mailing address has changed, please call bonnie at 561-734-8738.

Residents who are on the autopay system will not be receiving coupon booklets. This is to save money on postage and envelopes.

For further information, please contact Sy Kugelmas at 561-315-3847.

CITIZENS OBSERVER PATROL UNIT #74

By Ken Keller, Captain



The snowbirds are beginning to return. We would appreciate it if those snowbirds who are C.O.P. members contact me so that we will know when to start scheduling you into our patrols.

We want to thank the residents for their compliance with our request that you not park cars opposite to one another on the street.

Come to our meetings; get an idea of what we do. Check channel 63 for the dates and times. We can always use new members. Thank you.



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SAFETY TIPS FROM C.E.R.T.* Florida And Lightning

By Bernie Berger

Lightning has been a fascination of mankind for centuries. However, it is the top weather-related killer in the USA.

When a lightning hazard is present, protect yourself by:

- Avoiding open high ground
- Avoiding isolated large trees
- Avoiding water
- Staying out of swimming pools
- Seeking inside shelter or an auto with a roof
- Staying away from windows and doors
- Staying off corded telephones and other electric devices such as computers.

Florida's tropical atmosphere and sea breezes attract tornadoes and create conditions favorable for hurricanes and lightning. Do you have an emergency plan? Are you prepared with food, water and other supplies? If your answer is no, then rethink a plan - DO IT TODAY.

We recently had a 20 minutes power outage. Did you have emergency lighting devices (flashlight and the like) available? Did they work? Did your generator start? Did it work correctly?

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Highlights of the October 15, 2008

COBWRA Meeting

The October meeting of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations was held at Cascade Lakes.

Officials' Reports

County Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Dist. 5

Both this year and next will be tough years for the county because of unfunded state mandates. Palm Beach County's bond rating is AAA because of its reserves. Dipping into our reserves could lower our bond rating. In coming years, we must be prudent and prioritize the programs we support.

The new **Fire-Rescue Station 44** on Flavor Pict Road near Jog Road will open October 31, 2008.

County Commissioner Robert Kanjian, Dist. 3

Because of the condition of the Supervisor of Elections, ten days ago we agreed to check on the status of our elections. We found inconsistencies in the counting of the ballots and worked to solve the problems. You deserve to be confident that your ballot will be counted. I can tell you that I am confident that, with the changes made in the Supervisor of Elections Office, we will have a better election than we had had six weeks ago.

Capt. Martin Bechtel, PBSO Commander, Dist. 6.

Crime stats for Sept.15 to Oct. 15:

- 102 vehicle burglaries, 83 cars left unlocked, 3 firearms stolen, 5 arrests
- 66 residential burglaries, 5 robberies, 8 arrests
- 19 Stolen vehicles
- 4 shootings, no one hit and 1 stabbing

Trevor Watson is the Deputy of the Month.

COBWRA Reports

Barbara Katz, COBWRA President, announced that Sandy Greenberg, COBWRA Past President, was elected as President of the LPA (Local Planning Agency) formerly known as the LUAB.

Ken Lassiter, COBWRA 1st Vice President

unveiled the new COBWRA Website. The web site address is www.linkingcommunities.com/cobwra. All members will receive an email with their individual password and instructions for entering. This website is a work in progress and your suggestions are welcome. Anyone having a problem should contact Bob Katz.

Sam Hershkowitz and Harriet Helfman, Co-Chairs, Growth Management, requested and received unanimous approval by for a motion to support Canyon Town Center's request for a variance

to extend the restaurant hours of operation from 11pm to 1 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

Roberta Levitt-Moccia, COBWRA 2nd Vice President:

Joan Brunswick, Co-Chair, Flu Shot Committee, reported that the program has started. It is running smoothly and will end on October 28, 2008

Sam Hershkowitz, Chair of Bylaws Committee COBWRA's proposed revised bylaws will be published and voted upon at the November 19 meeting.

Editor's note: The remainder of the October COBWRA meeting was a Candidates' Forum. Because many M.I. residents will have already voted by the time this issue of the newsletter is available, we have omitted the candidates' statements.

Future Meetings (Open to the public)

Oct 29: 9:30 am, **Security Awareness at PBSO Dist 6**

Nov. 4: 6:30 pm, **Growth Mgmt at PBSO Dist 6**

Nov. 19: 9:30 am, **Delegates Meeting** at Palm Chase South side of Boynton Blvd, East of El Clair Ranch Rd Topic: Community Traffic Signs

Nov. 26: 9:30 am, **Security Awareness at PBSO Dist 6**

—By Bob Katz, COBWRA Communications

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By
Stan Davidson



It may be fall and winter back north, but now is the time to start a vegetable garden in South Florida, particularly with the price of vegetables going sky-high. With a few containers of soil and an inexpensive small potted transplant you can enjoy fresh vegetables grown on your patio. Tomatoes are probably the easiest vegetable to grow. However, one can also grow peppers, cucumbers, peas, eggplant and carrots in just 5 gallon containers.

A wide assortment of containers may be used, ranging from hanging baskets for cherry tomatoes and strawberries to a 5 gallon plastic bucket. Be sure to drill holes at the bottom of the container to allow for drainage of excessive moisture. It is good to fill your container with a commercial soil-less mix, which usually contains vermiculite, ground bark, and peat moss, with a trace of sand and fertilizer added to the mix.

It is advisable to purchase small potted transplants, rather than start propagating with seeds. It is very important when transplanting to start with short, stocky plants that do not have blossoms. Make a depression in the center of the container, insert the transplant and cover the root ball with soil. For a tomato transplant one can bury up to a third of the transplant in the container.

Watering is probably the most important single need for your plants. If your plants are on the patio, then the sun and wind are constantly drying out your containers. When you water, water thoroughly, so that the excess water runs out of the bottom. Check your containers daily and twice on hot dry days to prevent wilting. Feel the soil (use your finger to probe to a depth of several inches) to see whether or not it is damp. Excess water can also be fatal, especially if your soil mix is not porous and there is inadequate drainage

Let's review several of my previous articles pertaining to fertilization: The three numbers that always appear on the label of a fertilizer package refer to the proportions of nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K) included in the package. These are the three key ingredients that plants require for healthy growth, i.e., the nitrogen promotes foliage growth, the phosphorous is for root growth, and the potassium is for vegetable production. If you use a soil-less mix with fertilizer added, then your transplants will have sufficient nutrients for about 10 weeks. If your transplant is grown longer than this, add a water soluble fertilizer 20-20-20 at the recommended rate.

Last but not the least; your vegetable garden will need sun light. It is vitally important to locate your potted plants where they will receive preferably full sun all day or least 6 hours a day.

The various diseases and pests that are common to an in-ground vegetable garden can also attack vegetables grown in containers. Plants should be inspected periodically for the presence of foliage feeding and fruit feeding insects, as well as the occurrence of diseases.

The advantage of container planting is mobility. If necessary, move your plants to a protected area to avoid the heat of the day and remember to shelter them from severe weather, in particular the high winds from hurricanes.

Remember when your friends back north are buried under a foot of snow, you can be harvesting fresh vegetables on your patio.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

By Jim Wachtel



Last year we ran a column called “Where Were You On...?” in which we provided a date and asked readers to identify significant events associated with that date. We also asked for memories of the events.

Some of the stories were marvelous, like that of Dave Bader’s son who blew out the candles on his fourth birthday just as the electricity failed in New York and then thought he had caused the blackout. On the same date, Josh Katz had driven to a high point in New Jersey and looked over toward New York - at nothing but blackness. On October 3, 1951, Leo Hendler played hooky from high school and saw the “Shot Heard ’Round the World,” Bobby Thompson’s home run that put the Giants into the World Series.

As time went on, it became harder and harder to come up with events that were not so obvious that *everyone* knew them, yet memorable enough that people could come up with good stories. Also, we realized that people were identifying the dates by using the computer, rather than their recollections. This year we’re modifying the format. We’ll provide the topic - you just provide the stories.

Several of last year’s dates were associated with sports and men provided most of those stories, so here’s one specifically for the women: What do you remember about “The New Look” of 1947?

Here’s one for former New Yorkers: What are your memories of Mike Quill and the transit strikes?

If you have suggestions for events that might bring in good stories, we invite you to send those in too.

Please submit your stories – and your suggestions – by putting them in the newsletter mailbox in the back lobby by November 15, or by sending me an e-mail (jimwachtel@comcast.net).

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MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz



"**Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye**" is probably the single most memorable tag line of the big band era, and millions of people did just that -- "swing" and "sway" to Sammy Kaye's orchestra. It was actually more just swaying. Kaye's arrangements never approached the swing end of the spectrum. His music fell quite tidily into the style of simple and commercial dance rhythms often called "Mickey Mouse," and he was very successful at it.

Kaye's real name was **Samuel Zarnocay**, and he was the son of Czech immigrants. Kaye began playing clarinet in college bands while at Ohio University. In the early 1930s he led his own orchestra at the Statler Hotel in Cleveland. Later he performed at many of the best hotels in New York and starred in his own radio program. Vocalists at various times included Don Cornell, Jimmy Brown, Johnny McAfee, George Brandon, Maury Cross, Marty McKenna, Tommy Ryan, Charlie Wilson, and Arthur Wright.

Kaye relied on several gimmicks to make his performances more entertaining. His most famous gimmick was called "**So You Want to Lead a Band.**" He would bring a member of the audience up on stage to wave a baton and act as bandleader.

Kaye's band never featured any truly memorable musicians. In fact, his sidemen were often rather mundane. Kaye, however, was strict and demanded discipline, and the sound that came out of his men's instruments was usually flawless. Kaye's dictatorial attitude as a bandleader was well known.

Kaye's radio program moved to television during the 1950s. He continued recording up until the 1960s. He eventually retired to Southern California, though his orchestra carried on under the direction of trumpeter Roger Thorpe. It still performs to this day. Kaye died from cancer in 1987 at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey.



Introducing a religious program, the announcer said, "Do you know what hell is – come in and hear our organist."

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Another bride, another **June**
Another sunny honeymoon
Another season, another reason
For makin' whoopee

Eddie forgot the original lyrics as shown above and sang

Another bride, another **groom**

Eddie also recorded the song, and his mistake effectively changed the opening lyrics of the song for many singers – to this day.

OSCAR LEVANT



Did you know that classical pianist Oscar Levant played piano in Bernard Anzelevitz' band. Oscar was required to play the popular songs of the day, including some jazz charts. Oh, Bernard Anzelevitz was better known as Ben Bernie. some jazz charts. Oh, Bernard Anzelevitz was better known as Ben Bernie.

ONCE UPON A TIME...

By Phyllis M. Cohen



In case you thought that you no longer believed in fairy tales, think again. Just because you no longer believe in the tooth fairy (I could use her now with bigger rewards for the teeth I now lose) or Santa Claus

(desperately needed in Washington, D.C.), many of our biggest life decisions are made based upon our faith in fairy tales.

Let's look at how people choose their life partners. Most of the time that decision is made in a fog of hormones and "Bride Magazine" fantasies. The whole wedding party dress-up game, the honeymoon euphoria, the vows and celebrations are reminiscent of the Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty stories. And we expect to live happily ever after.

And then think about our holiday celebrations. Every year, regardless of our past experiences, we anticipate holidays like the ones depicted in magazines and on television. We deck the halls, overspend our budgets, and invite friends and family from far and near.

Now for a reality check. Statistics show that many marriages, in spite of the \$30,000 wedding, fall apart. When Cinderella comes home from the honeymoon, she discovers that Princey has a foot fetish and Princey finds out that Cindy snores. Those much-anticipated holiday festivities often collapse, too. Uncle Murray gets drunk, the kids fight about their presents, and your mother-in-law still can't bear to say your name. Our Partridge Family party turns out to be more of a Bart Simpson fete.

Don't think only women fall into the fairy tale fantasy. All those great sporting events, World Series, playoffs, championship games, create a frenzy among male spectators. For those hours of vicarious participation, you are a winner and champion. How about those Rays?

But the biggest fairy tale is repeated every four years with the presidential elections. No matter how intellectual or rational we call ourselves, by the time the campaigning is over, we are asked to choose between candidates presented as mythological figures. The "good guy," depending upon his or her

background, is a super hero, a great warrior and war hero, a fighting crusader for justice, or an avuncular older statesman with powers to unite the fragmented population. The "bad guy" is demonized as corrupt, evasive, and hypocritical. You know what I mean. Every deed or misdeed is traced back to the cradle and presented as meaningful portents of future action.

The fact that the candidates are on view 24/7 because of television and the Internet means that they are competing for our attention along with David Letterman and "American Idol." No wonder Bill Clinton had to go on television playing his saxophone and Sarah Palin is asked to appear on "Saturday Night Live" along with Tina Fey. I'm trying to imagine FDR or Winston Churchill appearing on "America's Got Talent." Not even as the judges. Like all celebrity creations, any hint of scandal is enough to doom the candidates. Sayonara, Gary Hart and John Edwards. Never did two men disappear so fast and so completely from public view. (Only the French seem to find romantic dalliances a plus in politics. Oo la la!)

Somewhere in the media frenzy and the campaign hysteria, a lot of the issues get lost as appeals are made strictly on the emotional level. Adlai Stevenson was approached by a supporter who gushed, "Gee Governor Stevenson, every intelligent person in the country is going to vote for you."

"That's too bad," he replied. "I had hoped to get a majority."

If you think that candidate appearances explaining their views are helpful, consider this. After the second presidential debate presented in a town hall format, one of the television newscasters interviewed two of the carefully chosen members of the audience, one Republican, one Democrat. He asked each one to explain what their candidate's position had been on tax policy. Each person claimed that their presidential choice had supported aggressive tax cutting and the opposition candidate favored huge tax hikes. Apparently we hear what we want to hear.

During a holiday sermon last month, I heard this story about a well-known local clergyman who visited Tallahassee for the opening of the legislature and met one of the representatives. "Are you here to bless the legislature?" he was asked. "No," he replied. "I've met the legislature. I think I'll say a blessing for the people instead." Amen!

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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Facilitator

Our last meeting was held on Columbus Day, Oct 13, 2008. Have you ever thought where you would be if Columbus was not a sailor and a daring explorer?

There is some good news to report:

- Stocks are falling into buying range---that is, if you have a 10-year time frame and you are optimistic about the long-range future of our economy.
- Your Federal Income Tax may be lower if you remember to do tax loss selling by year-end.
- The price of fuel is dropping so you will soon be able to afford to drive to the doctor and the supermarket, except that prices of medical care and food are rising.

The good times brought on by laissez-faire and deregulation have given way to a swirling recession, a huge federal deficit, and a lack of liquidity in the financial markets. Do you recall that only a year ago, government officials said the housing market was a small part of the economy and that the U. S. economy was strong and in good shape? It is these same people who are now taking massive steps to stem the flood tide of devaluation which is due to a lack of liquidity, lack of confidence in the financial system, and humongous amount of de-leveraging in housing and financials. (De-leveraging means selling investments which were leveraged or margined up to 20 or 40 to one.) Some say that those involved in this practice included hedge funds, banks, pension funds, and brokers, many using an assortment of exotic financial instruments to the tune of **trillions**, yes, **trillions** of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$.)

Let us hope and pray that they will do a better job now that they have seen the light.



The solutions, on a grand scale, are in the hands of the politicians, but how do we protect our own assets and income? These issues were addressed at our meeting by the attendees. They expressed

concern about the deterioration in the value of their portfolios as well as a reduction in income. It was pointed out that, since the market values of many high income securities have fallen significantly, many securities, such as income producing closed-end funds and preferred stocks, now have yields of 6%, 8%, 10%, 12%, and higher. Their income

streams have been steady, in many cases, while their market values fluctuated and are now down, which is why the yields are so high. Some financial analysts are suggesting that these investments may be suitable for income-oriented investors.

If you are considering these securities, consult your advisor or broker, or do your own research to make sure you understand what you want to buy and that it is suitable for you in meeting your objectives. At our meetings, our main objective is education and discussion. Your professional finance person provides the recommendations.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting in November.

LEST WE FORGET



At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918, the Great War, World War I came to a halt in Europe with an official armistice. It was called the Great War by the people of that time who could not foresee that the

malice and ingenuity of the next generation would plunge the world into another worldwide conflagration in less than 20 years.

The original holiday, Armistice Day, was designed to honor the veterans of World War I. In 1954 it was renamed Veterans Day to include the millions who later served in World War II and Korea. In 1968 the date was changed to another of those meaningless holidays, but in 1978 it was returned to the original date of November 11 as a day to honor the living veterans of all wars, unlike Memorial Day, which is a day to remember the fallen.

We salute our neighbors, friends and relatives who are veterans of all of these conflicts. In a year, we will mark the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II in Europe, and soon, only the whisper of those who fought in that war will remain. PBS Television marks that conflict with repeats of Ken Burns's series, "The War," "God on Trial," a play that takes place in Auschwitz; and two great movies on that war, "The Great Escape," and the documentary on the Nazi looting of art works, "The Rape of Europa."



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By Thelma Mechanic



After many years of contented retirement living, we are suddenly faced with a crumbling economy. The stock market has reached a five-year low; banks are failing and bad news from the financial markets arrives daily.

Add all this to the presidential campaigns with the “go for the jugular” strategies of the nominees. (*Please note that we may have elected a president by the time you read this.*) However, the candidate’s allegations plus the disparities of our economic system have added additional stress to our disrupted lifestyles.

Have you noticed that conversations have shifted away from doctor visits and where to go to eat? There is more concerned talk now about Dow Jones and Fannie Mae and 401K’s. And Paulson and Bernake have become troubled names.

Most of our parents, lived through the great depression. I recall the conservative attitude my parents showed with money. They were frugal, and I remember some penny-savings admonitions. “Turn the lights off when you’re not in the room!” “Turn off the water in the shower when you’re soaping up.” “Save something out of each paycheck. It’ll add up at the end of the year.” “A penny saved is a penny earned.” This was not always observed with the ‘yuppie’ generation (our children). I recall an incident in the school lunchroom during my working years. A student accidentally dropped some change on the floor. Neither he nor those around him made an effort to pick up any of the coins. Why? “It’s only pennies,” they said.

Moving on in time, our grandkids haven’t wanted for anything. Lavish confirmation parties, select schools, credit cards and change to spare. Good jobs were available and life was affordable and good.

All this has currently changed, as the economy goes through roller-coaster gyrations, scaring investors. The outlook appears murky as market observers called the past month the most dramatic in the 216 year history of the exchange.

‘Economics 101’ was never so complicated – with the government providing massive (and I mean massive,

like in trillions) bailouts to troubled banks, which in turn helped the stock market rebound – albeit temporarily. Blame is assigned everywhere – from Clinton to Bush and back again for their financial decisions. A pundit observed that “you are stuck in debt if you can’t budge it.”

So where do we go from here? We know that it’s pretty ugly out there, and people are blowing their gaskets, which really doesn’t help. My humble recommendation is to keep things in perspective, and stay on top of your situation. Don’t panic and above all – **keep your cool**. These are historic times and we’re all in this together. Keep tuned.

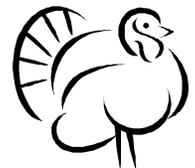
PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS

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Each year before Thanksgiving, the President of the United States pardons a turkey – and its alternate - at a White House ceremony. An alternate is chosen just in case the first bird is unable to perform its duties. For fifteen years through 2004, the turkeys were given to Kidwell Farm, a petting zoo at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, Virginia. After a last minute pardon and enduring a turkey “roast” full of poultry humor and history, the birds were led to their new home at the Turkey Barn.

In 2005 and 2006, however, the turkeys were flown to Disneyland in California where they served as honorary grand marshals for Disneyland’s Thanksgiving Day parade. After that, they spent the rest of their lives at a Disneyland ranch. A spot in sunny Disneyland seems immensely preferable to a place called Frying Pan Park if you happen to be a turkey who has just escaped from becoming the main course of someone’s Thanksgiving feast.

On Tuesday, November 20, 2007, President Bush gave two turkeys named May and Flower a last-minute reprieve. For the fifth time, the American public was allowed to vote for the turkeys’ names on the White House web site. About 28,000 votes were cast online in 2007. 2006’s turkeys were named Flyer and Fryer; 2005’s were Marshmallow and Yam; 2004’s were Biscuit and Gravy; and 2003’s were Stars and Stripes.



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By Claire Deveney

Phil and Marilyn Chermak are fascinating, thoughtful and creative.

Phil grew up in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, and graduated **from** James Madison High School. He comes from a family of pharmacists – his father and uncles were pharmacists. Phil decided after working odd jobs for a few years “to grab some of the things in life,” he explains and graduated from St. John’s University College of Pharmacy in Brooklyn.

He and a classmate, Norman Richman, who also lives in M.I., were partners for 10 years in a pharmacy in the Midwood section of Brooklyn. “Lured by the suburbs,” the Chermaks moved to Smithtown, Long Island. Phil worked for a pharmacy chain for 16 years, then, seeking regular hours, he worked for four years at a mail order pharmacy. Following a layoff, he returned to retail at Waldbaum’s, a supermarket chain, for six years until he retired and convinced Marilyn to stop work and move to Florida.

Marilyn lived in East New York, Brooklyn until age nine, then moved to Ridgeway, PA. After returning to Brooklyn at 16, she graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. She earned a B.A. degree in elementary education at Brooklyn College. “I wanted to be a teacher since I was 5 and I’d gather the neighborhood children and play school.” Marilyn did her student teaching at the same elementary school, P.S. 202, that she had attended. “Dr. Eichel, my old principal was still there! I also substituted at P.S. 249 where my mother had gone to school.”

Living in Brooklyn after marriage, Marilyn taught third grade for three years, then was a full time mother and homemaker until her younger child was in kindergarten. She taught nursery school for four years, and then was a substitute teacher at her children’s school. “Using the same skills,” says Marilyn, she entered the field of Human Resources and advanced to administrator in a large manufacturing company where she worked for 18 years.

The Chermak’s son, Cory, 47, his wife, Debbie, and daughter Alyssa, 11, live near Tampa, Florida. Their daughter, Meri, 45, resides with her husband, Zeki, and their children Benjamin, 10, and Hannah, 7, in Tenafly, N.J.

Starting with M.I.L.T.’s first production Phil has sung, written and performed in many workshops, featured productions and page on stage (scripts in hand) offerings. Currently, Phil is the Artistic Director and has written this year’s main production, “A Fantasy Showboat” that will be performed March 7 and 8, 2009. Marilyn is the show’s producer.

Phil, and others, wrote and enhanced M.I.L.T.’s first production of “A Little Bit of This and A Little Bit of That.” He also wrote “The Harry Bernstein’s Murder Trial.” Phil made his professional acting debut in “You Can’t Take It with You” at the Lake Worth Playhouse. He volunteered with the stage crew, and joined a playwriting group and as coordinator was responsible for an “Annual New Playwrights Festival” of eight 10-minute presentations at the Stonzer Theatre and Lake Worth Playhouse.

Marilyn found coming to Florida difficult. “It was a great surprise. I started using the same skills here,” she says. She and Selma Wattenberg were the first co-presidents of the Women’s Club. Marilyn was active in the Social Club, planning off-site programs, and got involved with M.I.L.T. “Phil encouraged me to try out for the part as Nursey Nursey in ‘The Sunshine Boys’, a Neil Simon comedy, and I got the role and found out I love the stage,” says Marilyn.

Marilyn has performed diverse roles in M.I.L.T. workshops and productions. She acted in “Hooray for Hollywood” as Marilyn Monroe and in “Roxy” in the Queen Latifa role. Recently she was in “Over the River and Through the Woods” a “page on stage” workshop production.

Six years ago, Marilyn was one of the founders of the M.I. unit of the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Corps and is now one of the unit’s three co-presidents. “It’s a labor of love for me in the hope of making a difference,” says Marilyn.

Marilyn has attended the aerobics classes three times a week since May 1997. She had not played tennis until moving here, but has been playing three times a week since our courts were opened.

Phil, a group of his childhood friends, and their respective spouses, have been meeting every three months for over 50 years. Phil wrote and directed a M.I.L.T workshop depicting highlights of the members’ lives from the 1950’s through 2000.

Phil and Marilyn truly dazzle as individuals and contribute greatly to Majestic Isles and enrich us all.

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MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Bobbe Greene



We hope everyone enjoyed the High Holy Days. May we all be inscribed for a good year.

Our next meeting will be on November 24 at 11:30 a.m. We hope to see you all there.

Chanukah is right around the corner and with that in mind, we have planned a "fun-day away". On November 13 we'll be taking a bus trip to Sawgrass Mall. What a great way to get all of your holiday shopping done without having to purchase gas and drive your own car. Have lunch (on your own) with your friends. Enjoy the day for only a \$20.00 donation to Hadassah.

There is still time to sign up for our 10th anniversary celebration at Maggianos Restaurant in Boca Raton. It will be held on December 14 and promises to be a wonderful party. Tickets are \$40 per person. Please join us.

January 8, 2009 will be here before you know it, which means it's time to get your games and tables organized for our annual luncheon/ card party. By popular demand we are returning to the Broken Sound Country Club to enjoy again their sumptuous buffet. Tickets are \$45 per person.

Please put your separate checks for the above events in the Hadassah box – and be sure to note on the envelope, which activity the check is for.

We are still selling our wonderful selection of "Bears." They are delightfully costumed, already named and each one sings a song you will remember. To buy one or more, see them at our general meetings or call Doris Robin at 732-6213.

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NEED TO FIND MISTAKES WILL HAVE
SOMETHING WITH WHICH TO FULFILL
THEMSELVES.*

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Sandy Gardner and Bernice Kozlin

On October 24, we held our annual card party at Boca Country Club. We thank Bunny Eisenberg for the lovely centerpieces she created for the tables and we hope that all who attended had a wonderful day.

On **November 10**, our **Welcome Back Luncheon** will be held with Dr. Watson as the guest speaker. His subject will be "The Road To The White House." This will be an interesting subject even though it takes place after the presidential election. The luncheon price is \$10. Please check the flyers for choice of menu and note your choice on your check.

The slate of officers for the Women's Club for 2009 is as follows:

Co-Presidents: Sandy Gardner, Myrna Levine

Programming: Sandy Kastner, Ruth Rossi

Treasurer: Tillie Citron

Financial Secy.: Gladys Cohen

Corresponding Secy.: Isabel Lubchansky

Membership: Marlene Ehrlich, Gladys Feldman

Publicity: Bunny Kramer, Bert Weinberg

Hospitality: Marilyn Sumberg

We want to thank the Nominating Committee comprised of Zelda Snyder, Selma Wattenberg, Loretta Brodsky, Sheila Shapiro and Beverly Hoffer for the many hours they put in to get this accomplished. However, there is still a need for a Recording Secretary and we're looking for another person for the Programming spot.

On **November 19**, between the hours of **11:00 a.m. and 1 p.m.**, we will be **collecting items for the Abused Women's Shelter**. There is a notice in the back lobby about the items that are needed. Please bring your donations to the rear door of the clubhouse. Thank you to Marcia Vetstein for volunteering her services for this worthy cause.

On **December 3**, we are planning a trip to the **Morikami Museum**. There will be a box lunch and tour, starting at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. respectively. Cost will be \$29 per person.



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SOCIAL CLUB

By F. Cohen, R. Dick, S. Fefferman

A multitude of residents attended the October 6 meeting in our ballroom to hear a discussion of the amendments on the November ballot. Corrine Miller, representing the League of Women Voters, did an excellent job as she described each amendment. The Social Club provided refreshments after the meeting. We thank Claire Deveney and Marcy Selko for making the arrangements with the League.

Tickets are on sale now for our November 15 Showtime -- \$15 per person. Comedian Jack Debo and singer Ann Aeillo will provide us with great entertainment. (Please only 4 tickets per envelope.)

At our general meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m., we will be entertained by a choral group "The Bonaires." Comprised of men and women, the singers have been together for twenty-five years spreading their voices throughout Palm Beach County. Our own Mel Burstein joined the group about one year ago. If you plan to attend, please be sure to put your name on the sign-up sheet in the back lobby. At this meeting we will also present our 2009 slate. Nominations from the floor will be appreciated and accepted, followed by a membership vote. "Coffee and ... will round out the evening.

Our Toys for Tots program is underway and "pickings have been slim." Please take a few minutes while you are out to find something for the children. These may be the only toys they receive. The presents need not be expensive but do need to be left unwrapped. Please place them in the carton in our back lobby.

Some of the plans for the grandkids' party on Friday, December 26 have been finalized. Storyteller, magician and entertainer Suzy Hammer will be here at 2 p.m. to delight our children (and adults). Tickets are \$2.00 per child. Saturday, December 27 is still in the planning stage. Details to follow.

Seating is still available for our "Big New Year's Eve Bash." Call Karen Cohen at 737-3550. All payments due NOW. Don't miss out!

There are wonderful programs being worked on for 2008-2009. Please join us and enjoy.



M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Bobbe Greene

On Friday, November 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. we're holding a Sale-a-bration at Arlene Levin's home. All new assorted sportswear has arrived and full donor credit will be given on every purchase, PLUS if you spend \$100.00 or more you will receive double donor credit. For every three items you buy, you will get one free. If you purchase two articles of clothing you will get half off the price of the third one. Don't miss this sale!

On December 21, at 10:30 a.m. we will hold our annual Cancer Unit Sunday Brunch in the clubhouse. Come and enjoy delicious food and good entertainment. Check flyers in the back lobby or watch Channel 63 for more details.

Best wishes to our friend Renee Stichel for a complete and speedy recovery from her injuries caused by a fall in her house..

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting, Oct. 12, 2008

By Selma Friedman

Well, it was supposed to be M.I.L.T.'s answer to Kay Kayser's College of Musical Knowledge, but a "higher power" had other thoughts. We were well on our way into the second category of Josh Katz's selections when the electricity went out. Telephone calls were made and we found we were part of a 5,000+ home power outage!

The coffee was ready, so we decided to eat. Why not? Everything was delicious, the company was good, and then - surprise! The power came back on! But a number of people had left and the decision was made to try and reschedule the program. Watch for announcements of the date.

Meantime, be sure to put your request for tickets for "A Salute To Jerry Herman" in the drum in the back lobby. It promises to be a good show with plenty of good music in the capable hands of Arlene and Herb Levin. Tickets are \$3 p/p and the dates are Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22.

In December Ed Strauber will present Old Time Radio Days. We have a busy year; come join us.

THE SINGLES

By Myrna Levine

Our Pizza Party and Game Night proved once again to be both a gastronomic and fun evening. Many thanks to Helen Benowich and her committee for a flawless time.

November meeting: Friday, November 7 at 4 p.m. in our clubhouse.

Holiday Party: December 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Coral Lakes Clubhouse Cost: \$30 p/p. Many thanks to Helen Benovich and Roberta Rabinowitz and their committee for their efforts in planning a great evening.

New Year's Eve: We will see Randy Del Lago at the Del Ray Beach Playhouse singing down memory lane with "Musical Memories." Tickets have been purchased and are \$50 p/p. If interested call Marge (742-7719) or Barbara (369-2772).

Our **Community Outreach Program** is again here. We will be collecting pajamas and books for abandoned or homeless children (sizes infant to 18 years). This is part of the Child Welfare Pajama Program under the auspices of the National Ladies Auxiliary of Jewish War Veterans. Please bring your donations to our November meeting.

In the next issue of your Newsletter, make sure to check "The Singles" column. We will be featuring "What's next on your social calendar?" with many events to participate in, available to you through the Singles Coalition.

Happy Thanksgiving! Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!

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BOOK TALKS AND MORE

By Judy Markowitz

On Wednesday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m. I will be facilitating a discussion of "Change of Heart," a novel by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is welcome to attend whether or not you have read the book. Often, after hearing our discussion, persons who have not read the book will decide to read it.

Jodi Picoult needs no introduction to readers of fiction. She has written 16 NEW YORK TIMES best selling novels in 16 years. One of her most famous novels, "My Sister's Keeper," was a provocative novel dealing with important issues: stem cell research, genetic "designer" babies and cancer.

"Change of Heart" is also thought provoking. The topics here are religion, the death penalty and redemption. The way Picoult sets up both novels is very similar, leaning toward formulaic. Both stories are told from the points of view of various characters that are integral to the plot. In this way, Picoult can avoid bias toward one side of an issue. Picoult did extensive research for this book. Some of it took her to a prison in Arizona where she found herself right next to the lethal-injection gurney while discussing the death penalty with the warden. She also visited a gas chamber and spoke with a condemned man.

The book begins with a simple premise. A mother, whose husband and daughter were murdered 11 years ago, seeks a heart transplant for their second daughter, who will die without the transplant. Meanwhile, the man who murdered the father and child and is due to be executed shortly, hears on TV about the girl and offers to donate his heart to the dying child. If it were only that easy.

There are many twists and turns along the way. "Change of Heart" is further complicated by the seemingly miraculous powers of the condemned man. He is a 33-year-old carpenter. He cures the sick, turns water into wine, feeds the hungry (albeit with bubble gum) and revives a dead baby bird. He also acquires a nickname, "The Death Row Messiah."

The writing style of "Change of Heart" is very engaging. I could not put the book down after I started reading it. Please join us on November 19.

Judy Markowitz and Rita Leidner are co-chairpersons of the Books and More program that meets monthly on the third Wednesday.

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GOURMET CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

On September 20, the Gourmet Club met at the home of Judy Zied to feast on Middle Eastern Cooking. The table, decked in blue and red, complemented Judy's bright and cheerful home décor.

We started with a tossed salad with Eastern Asian dressing made by Joan Sorkin, followed by Chicken Marrakeesh made by Judy, Lamb and Eggplant Meatballs in Tomato sauce by Joan Sorkin, Wild Salmon Stuffed Tomatoes made by Joan Peckins and Ted Kotsonis, and an Apple Carrot Kugel made by Helaine Fasio assisted by Peter. A Brown Rice Pilaf rounded out the meal. Dessert was Sweet Coconut and Almond Squares made by Seena Calder, Pears with Grapes and Wine by Joan Peckins and Chocolate Macaroons made by Helaine. With two kinds of wine and good conversation, this made for a wonderful evening.

LAMB AND EGGPLANT BALLS

1 ½ lbs. ground lamb*
 1 TBS. parsley
 2 cups chopped eggplant (1 small)
 1/3 cup fresh bread crumbs
 1 egg lightly beaten
 1 ½ tsp cornstarch
 1 ¼ tsp salt
 ¼ tsp ground black pepper
 ¾ cup chopped onions (divided)
 3 TBS. olive oil
 1 cup (8oz) tomato sauce
 1/8 tsp. dry mustard
 ½ tsp. cinnamon
 ¼ tsp. ground cloves

- Mix lamb and ingredients up to onions using only ½ cup onions.
- Shape into balls and brown in a 3 TB olive oil in frying pan.
- Combine rest of ingredients including rest of onions and pour over lamb balls. Simmer 30 minutes.
- Uncover and cook 15 minutes longer.
 Can be made in advance and reheated.

*I was able to buy ground lamb at Mario's Meat Market on Military.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

By Elaine Jay



Card players who enjoy the challenge of playing duplicate bridge have been gathering on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the M.I. Clubhouse. The game is social, the group is friendly, and participation is open to all. Interested bridge players are invited, even if your partner is unavailable or if you have no steady partner within the community.

Overseeing the play, and filling in when an additional partner is needed, is Jean Reiter, an ACBL certified group director. For a \$4 per session fee, Jean provides all the necessary material for duplicate play: the boards, traveler score sheets, convention cards, pencils, and most importantly, the ability to provide knowledge-able decisions when an irregularity in play has occurred. Happily, the call of "Director!" is heard much less often than at most bridge clubs.

While master points are not granted for play in this game, Jean does calculate the scores and determines the ranking among the pairs for the evening's play. Results for each week's game are posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board. In addition, players can find their standings for the game, as well as the results for every board, on Jean's website, www.bridgescore.com/aces.

If you love bridge and enjoy the idea of comparing your play of the evening's hands with those of your friends and neighbors, then come to the Clubhouse on Tuesday evenings for a stimulating evening of duplicate bridge.

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MAJESTIC ISLES YIDDISH CLUB

The Joys of Yiddish

By Jerry Raske

Leo Zimmerman opened the October 5 meeting with a touch of humor and a good joke.

Thanks to Norm Katz (Hatikvah) and Dave Katz (God Bless America) for assisting the group in singing these songs.

We welcomed new member Shirley Gershberg.

Elaine Rubin, our entertainer, presented a polished singing performance and was joined in some numbers by her husband Milt, who danced his *tush* off.

Thanks always to our dedicated members who make these meetings very enjoyable – and thanks to Arlene Koch and Fran Weiner who worked hard, as they always do.

Our next meeting, on Sunday, November 2, promises to be a great night of music. Our musical guests include the wonderful Bob Weiner at the keyboard, Josh Katz on the drums, and our own Reggie Zee providing the vocals.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fun and fellowship at our meetings. And remember, you don't have to speak or understand Yiddish to enjoy our great evenings.

TENNIS NEWS

By Bobbie Blitman

First, I want to welcome back all the snowbirds. I hope their summer was a good one and that they are ready for another wonderful season here in Majestic Isle, especially playing tennis.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to our friends Shelly Glickman on the loss of his beloved Irene and to Barbara Segaloff on the loss of her husband, our fellow tennis player Bernie. They shall be missed.

We are working on a tennis dinner dance for the fall and further information will be found in the next newsletter. The first board meeting was held on Thursday, October 23 at 3 p.m. with a general meeting at 4 p.m. We expect to hold our next meeting on Thursday, November 20. Check Channel 63 for details.

Hope to see you on the courts.

SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg



MEN

WEEK 5 – HIGH GAME

Shelly Mehlman	199	Sandy Gardner	147
Howard Scherer	189	Estelle Snyder	144
		Sandy Rosenhouch	135

WEEK 5 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	554	Sandy Gardner	381
Shelly Mehlman	517	Estelle Snyder	379
		Sandy Rosenhouch	377

WEEK 6 – HIGH GAME

Howard Scherer	235	Sandy Gardner	146
Bob Rosenhouch	190	Sandy Rosenhouch	136
		Gladys Cohen	134

WEEK 6 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	591	Sandy Gardner	383
Bob Rosenhouch	489	Gladys Cohen	365

WEEK 7 – HIGH GAME

Dave Feinberg	202	Gladys Cohen	153
Howard Scherer	191	Shirley Scheffel	129
Bob Rosenhouch	180	Ruth Rossi	129
		Luise Levine	129

WEEK 7 – HIGH SERIES

Dave Feinberg	531	Gladys Cohen	392
Bob Rosenhouch	505	Shirley Scheffel	358
Howard Scherer	489	Ruth Rossi	356

As I am writing this, I am hoping for a full recovery of one of our favorite bowlers and our former V.P. Hal (Jake) Jacob underwent a tough surgery on Tuesday. Get well quickly, Jake.



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SPECIAL EVENTS
NOVEMBER 1, 2008 – DECEMBER 31, 2008



NOVEMBER

- 1 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
 4 Tues. **Election Day – VOTE!!!**
 7 Fri., 1 – 5 p.m., Cancer Unit, **Sale-a-bration**, (f admission, h)
 8 Sat., 8 p.m., Singles, **Magician and Dessert** (p, a)
 15 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Showtime** (p, h)
 19 Wed., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Women's Club, **Collection for Abused Women**
 7:30 p.m., Association Board, **Meet the Candidates** (f, h)
 21 Fri., 8 p.m., M.I.L.T. Show, **“Tribute to Jerry Herman”** (p, h)
 22 Sat., 8 p.m., M.I.L.T. Show, **Tribute to Jerry Herman”** (p, h)
 26 Wed., 10 a.m., Men's Club, **Hard Rock** (p, a)
 30 Sun., 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p, h)

DECEMBER

- 1-15 Cancer Unit, **Cruise** (p, a)
 3 Wed., 11a.m., Women's Club, **Morikami**, (p, a)
 13 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
 14 Sun., 12 noon - 4 p.m., Hadassah, **10th Anniversary luncheon** (p, a)
 19 Fri., 7:30 p.m., Singles, **Holiday Party** (p, a)
 21 Sun., 10:30 a.m., Cancer Unit, **Brunch**, (p, h)
 26 Fri., 2 p.m., **Grandkid's Party entertainer/dessert** (p, h)
 27 Sat., time TBA, **Grandkid's Party activity/pizza** (p, h)
 28 Sun., 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo**, (p, h)
 31 Wed., 8:30 p.m., Social Club, **New Year's Eve Party** (p, h)

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