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The Majestic Isles Board of Directors is also concerned about rising costs, except they have the responsibility of making decisions for the entire community. One way they are trying to control costs and keep the maintenance payments low 2009 which was approved at the

is with the Sod Project for September 11 Board Meeting.

In 2009 there will be no mulch applied to any of the residences in the community. Instead, all of the landscape beds will be raked back in to a manageable size and new sod laid in the bare areas. This is a one-time project designed to lower the amount and cost of mulch each year hereafter.

Some time between now and the end of the year (with a little luck), I will be visiting each home and marking the ground to indicate to the landscapers how far to rake in the mulch. In some cases, I will try to meet with the owner(s) and make recommendations for cutting back, replacing, or removing some of the plantings.

This is the perfect time for residents to take a proactive approach and have some type of border installed to define the landscape beds and control the migration of the mulch. While a cheap plastic border is readily available, you get what you pay for and most plastic borders only have a usable lifespan of 1-2 years. A much better choice for a border would be paver bricks placed at an angle, a wall of landscape blocks, or a type of extruded concrete border similar to what several residents have already installed and was installed at the clubhouse.

When the Association resumes applying mulch in 2010, each home will be given a specific number of bags of mulch based on the landscape bed configuration at the time the home was built. This mulch will be applied first to the front of each home and then continue down the sides until the amount of mulch the home was allotted has been used up. If unmulched areas remain in the beds the homeowners will be responsible for mulching them.

While it is true that the Association cannot force any resident to install a landscape border, remove plants, or put down additional mulch, we sincerely hope that each and every homeowner will look at this project as a large step to keep the cost of living at Majestic Isles as low as possible.

Ken Miller, Property Manager

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, Sept. 11, 2008

*Minutes of the September 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

Cash position as of Sept. 11, 2008	
Total Operating Accounts	\$199,125.54
Total Reserve Accounts	<u>273,184.53</u>
Total Cash In Banks	\$472,310.07

- All our deposits now within FDIC maximums.
- Two July 2008 maintenance payments still unpaid. Attorney has sent collection letters to those residents.
- All vendors' invoices have been paid.
- Expenditures so far this year fully comply with the 2008 budget. We are operating at a slight surplus.
- M.I. has received \$4,244 credit towards future invoices from Comcast. Billing has been corrected.
- Total reserve expenditures this year \$100,366.59.
- 2009 Budget submitted to Board by Finance Committee. Budget scheduled for Board approval Thurs., Sept. 25, 2008 at 7:30 pm.
- Members registered for Autopay System won't receive coupon payment booklets. We will accept Autopay applications up to Sept. 30, 2008, for last quarter of this year's maintenance.

Finance Committee, Sy Kugelmas

- Entire finance committee was in full agreement as to proposed 2009 budget.

Safety & Security, Steve Bayer

- A recent security problem has been corrected.
- TEM has repaired and tested Woolbright exit gate.

Grounds Committee, Stan Brizel

- The fall plantings proposal needs to have a couple of items removed.

Contracts Committee, Joel Rosenthal

- Requested list of our vendors from Ken Miller. Will set up a meeting with Contracts Committee.

Documents Committee, Joel Rosenthal

- Will set up a meeting with the Documents Committee.

Clubhouse Committee, Bill Broth

- Decorating Committee getting prices for upstairs.

Insurance Committee, Ken Keller

- Discussion of our claim now at upper echelon of Philadelphia Insurance. Settlement offer not acceptable.

Manager's Report, Ken Miller

- Notice of Intent to Fine letter going out to resident who has not repaired broken window.
- Awaiting additional proposals for
 - concrete at bike parking area.
 - door on Art Room closet for storage.
- October "Manager's Corner" will be about sod project (*see page 2 of this newsletter*).
- Lake restocking proposal waiting until bass available.
- Need to schedule pool refinishing and approve additional work for perimeter. Recommend doing pool acid washing and gutter regROUTing at same time. Board instructed Ken Miller to get proposals for acid washing and regROUTing for Sept. 25, 2008 BOD Meeting.
- Ficus White Fly has been confirmed at Glades Road and moving north. This insect can decimate our perimeter hedge and there is no guaranteed treatment.
- Received Hold Harmless Agreement from Attorneys for scooter parked at Woolbright entrance.
- Need to send out for bids for pressure washing if the Board wants to do it in 2009. Maximum Impact almost doubled their price.

Old Business

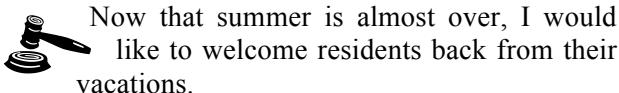
- Sy Kugelmas reported Mackail and Sterling cancelled additional bill they kept sending us.
- Motion to dismiss Document Committee from further involvement with suggesting changes to present documents; passed (4-1).

New Business

- Motion to approve proposed budget at the Sept. 25, 2008 Budget meeting; passed unanimously.
- Motion to add 10 lawn drains along Lake 3; passed unanimously.
- Motion to allow residents to walk motorbikes between the Woolbright gates and their homes and store motorbikes in their garages; passed (3-2).
- Motion to hire M&P to put in fall plantings, with 2 areas deleted from proposal; passed unanimously.
- Motion to install concrete in bike parking area and small grass area near handicap parking at a cost not to exceed \$2000; passed unanimously.
- At calendar meeting, Ken Miller will inform all clubs that outside entertainers other than speakers will be required to sign Hold Harmless Agreement or they will not be allowed to perform.
- Motion to approve the additional \$500 for the caulk around the pool perimeter; passed unanimously.
- Questions about resident's hurricane screening. Bill Broth stated all information has been sent to attorney for a letter to go out advising resident that screens must be removed and stored.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Broth



Now that summer is almost over, I would like to welcome residents back from their vacations.

With the exception of a tropical storm that left our lakes full to the brim, we've not seen hurricanes in our area so far this year. The hurricane season is not yet over and October and November could still produce significant storms. We must all be ready in the event that we receive notice of an oncoming storm.

It is hard to believe that another year is rapidly drawing to a close. With that, in addition to electing a new U.S. president and voting for other national, county and local officials, we will have our community election for four members of the Majestic Isles Board of Directors. I have appointed Stan Brizel as chairman of the election committee. We need people to serve on our Board, and we hope many will come forward to run for a position on the Board.

Florida Statutes Section 720.303 outlines the responsibilities, powers, and duties of a Board of Directors. The officers and directors of an association have a fiduciary responsibility to the members who are served by the association. The association may institute actions on behalf of all members in matters of common interest, including but not limited to: common areas, roofs and/or structural components of a building, other improvements for which the association is responsible, as well as areas of association property.

What does this mean?

A board of directors is elected by the members to take whatever action may be needed to ensure the well being of the association, its members, and its property. Article IV of our Majestic Isles documents details the responsibilities of members of our Board of Directors, who have all of the common law and statutory powers of a not-for-profit corporation. Our documents are quite clear about what the Board can do or cannot do without the approval of the membership.

We have been very fortunate in having a very cohesive Board, which has addressed and corrected problems. Our community, which includes our grounds, plantings, and residents' homes, looks just

great! This has been accomplished by the cooperative effort of our staff, the grounds crew and you, the homeowners, who have put in new plantings, as well as cleaned and painted driveways. Our program of painting every home every six years and washing the roofs every three years also keeps us looking good.

Now you have further opportunity to help maintain our community by becoming a member of our Board of Directors. Please contact Stan Brizel for additional information about becoming a candidate for the Board.

Our treasurer, Sy Kugelmas, has prepared the 2009 budget, which will be reviewed by the Board before it is presented to our residents at a special budget meeting on Sept. 25.



GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Elaine Blacker	Lenore Gerber
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Joe Genova	Puggy Weiner

SYMPATHY

To Connie Goodman on the loss of her husband, Stan.
To Irma Silverman on the loss of her husband, Stanley.

MESSAGES

Thank you for all your cards, calls, and visits upon the loss of my beloved wife, Irene. You have shown what a great community this is.

Sheldon Glickman

Many sincere thanks to my Majestic Isles friends and neighbors, who called, sent cards and visited after my surgery. It certainly helped my recuperation.

Leon Leidner

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Good and Welfare (*continued from p. 5*)

A sincere thank you to my friends and neighbors for your cards, calls and help after my injury. Your caring thoughts and help were most appreciated.

Rita Leidner

My heartfelt thanks to all my wonderful neighbors and friends in Majestic Isles for your caring and kind thoughts during my son David's illness and passing.

Irma Novek

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors for your cards, calls and donations wishing me a speedy recovery. I am sure that your wishes helped me feel better sooner.

Bobbie Rice

We will always remember and be thankful for the kindness and compassion shown to us by this wonderful community upon Bernie's passing.

Barbara Segaloff and family

I truly appreciate the outpouring of good wishes, cards and phone calls during my recuperation from surgery. It's wonderful to be a part of such a caring community.

Milt Swersky

Thank you, my Majestic Isles friends and neighbors, for your kind expressions of sympathy and donations on the loss of my sister, Dorothy Harvey. Your caring thoughts were most appreciated.

Muriel Swersky

Words cannot express my appreciation and thanks for the donations, cards, calls and visits that our Majestic Isles friends kindly extended at this very difficult time.

Nancy Weiss

Thank you, friends and neighbors, for your expressions of condolences on the loss of my beloved companion, Princess.

Ronnie Weissman

Many thanks to my fabulous Majestic Isles family for your cards, donations, good wishes and concern during my recovery from back surgery. I'll be back swimming soon. Love you all!

Reggie Zee Zimmerman

*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.*

WE CARE

By Naomi Marcus

We Care of Majestic Isles is on the move, eager to fulfill its mission of neighbors helping neighbors.

At the August meeting of M. I. service organizations, initiated by CERT, 14 community-minded residents volunteered to help We Care in its work. We applaud and thank them and would welcome additional volunteers. Remember that every resident is automatically a member of We Care and that all residents are eligible to serve or to receive services.

We came into existence back in 2000 in order to provide M.I. residents with transportation to medical appointments, shopping for the temporarily homebound, help with small handy-person jobs, and the loan of medical equipment as well as non-medical items such as baby cribs and toys. There is a nominal charge for transportation to medical facilities. All other services are free.

We Care is a program of the Area Agency on Aging. Secondary insurance for drivers is provided through RSVP and We Care offers drivers reimbursement for mileage.

Please watch channel 63 for our meeting dates. We want to present interesting and informative programs that will enrich our lives in Majestic Isles and make them safer. Contact any of our officers with your suggestions or for more information about any of our programs or to become a We Care volunteer.

2008-2009 Board:

Fred Oestreicher and Sid Bedell, Co-Presidents; Marge Chappell, Recording Secretary; Renee Stichel, Treasurer; Estelle Snyder and Naomi Marcus, Planning & Publicity; Joan Baron, Coordinator; Joann Shaffer, Interim Corresponding Secretary.



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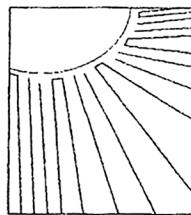
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SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

It looks like we have dodged the bullet once again. Hurricane IKE destroyed the Gulf coast of Texas and life there will never be the same. The Galveston residents will be without electric power for a month and homeowners still don't know what conditions they will find when they are finally allowed home.

Hurricane GUSTAV has had a major effect on the Gulf coast once again, although this time it is more an electrical problem than a major flooding one like Katrina. Yes, the water topped some of the levees around New Orleans, but the major problem is the infrastructure in the Baton Rouge area. Again, they will be without power in some areas for three to four weeks.

I am retelling these stories to remind our residents that both storms, which did so much damage, were only Category 2 storms. We have become very complacent here in southern Florida, thinking that we will only be inconvenienced for a couple of days, if in fact we should be the target next time.

Have you all witnessed the long lines for gasoline, food and water? Why does this happen? In both cases, the residents had four to five days warning to be prepared. Why haven't they gone shopping before the storm and made provisions for the basics? Why were so many lives lost along the beaches when the mayor told people "they should evacuate or die?"

I hope that all of us here in Florida have learned the lesson to heed the authorities when told to evacuate or to stock up on food and water.

The people just north of us in Melbourne and Ft. Pierce are still suffering from the effects of Tropical Storm Fay.

I hope that you all will rethink your preparations because our area could be the next to get hit. If you need some information on personal preparations, give me a call (561-722-6745).



HELP WANTED:

Candidates for M.I. Board

By Stan Brizel



THE MAJESTIC ISLES BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDS YOU!

This year there will be four vacancies on the Majestic Isles Board of Directors. On Dec. 17, 2008, the residents will vote to select which of the candidates will fill those vacancies. All Majestic Isles residents are qualified to run for the Board seats and we hope to have more candidates than we have open positions.

Becoming a candidate takes only a phone call. **Call me now (739-9558)**, while the nomination process is still open. If I'm not home to take your call, please leave your name and I will get back to you.

CITIZENS OBSERVER PATROL C.O.P. Unit #74

By Capt. Ken Keller



We want to remind all of our residents **not** to park opposite another car on our streets. Our streets are wide but not that wide, especially if your car is a large SUV. If you park too far from the curb, an emergency vehicle cannot pass.

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VOTER INFORMATION

By Claire Deveney



The 2008 General Election will be held on Tues., Nov. 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting will be held from Mon., Oct. 20 to Sun., Nov. 2. Check the newspapers, call the Elections Office or see its website, listed below, for early voting polling locations and hours of operation.

To vote in the General Election you must be registered by Mon., Oct. 6. The Elections Office must receive Absentee Ballot Request Forms no later than Oct. 28.

Offices to be voted on in the General Election in our Precinct 5027 are: U.S. President, U.S. Representative, State Senator, State Attorney, County Commissioner, Supreme Court Justice, District Court of Appeals (retention of 3), Supervisor of Elections, and Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District. There may also be a vote on Circuit Court Judge Group 23. In addition, there are 8 proposed amendments to be voted upon.

Majestic Isles residents vote in Precinct 5027 and the voting place on Tuesday, Nov. 4 is the Chabad Lubavitch of Boynton, 10655 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Your voter registration card lists Congressional District 19, State Senate District 27, State House of Representative District 86, County Commission District 5 and School Board District 3.

According to Bob Bartelsmeyer, Absentee Ballot Coordinator at the Supervisor of Elections Office, all absentee ballots are counted. Absentee ballots **must** be correctly signed on the outside envelope and mailed or delivered to the Supervisor's Headquarters before Nov. 4 by 7 p.m.

Six days before the election, the Elections Office begins to open Absentee Ballots and a partial tabulation is started, but no results are released at that time. The absentee ballot results and all other voting results are reported on Election Day eve and on subsequent days by the Supervisor's Office.

For additional voting information, please contact the Supervisor of Elections Office, at 561-656-6200 or, toll free within Palm Beach County, at 866-868-3321. Information is also available on-line at www.pbcelections.org.

CONVERTING TV TO DIGITAL

by Phil & Doris Davidoff

February 17, 2009. Do you know what will be happening on this date? Is this a date that strikes fear in your heart? Should it? We are writing this article to set the record straight and ease your fears.

First – what is going to happen? After February 17, all television broadcasting stations must switch from broadcasting analog signals (the type used since the beginning of television) to sending digital signals. The stations will cease to broadcast analog channels. Today, most major stations broadcast both analog and digital signals.

After February 17, television sets with only analog tuners will not be able to receive broadcasts with an antenna. People with analog TVs who want to continue to receive signals over-the-air through an antenna attached will need a TV converter box for each television to display digital broadcasts.

Almost all of us have at least one old analog television. However, if our old, analog televisions are attached to the Majestic Isles Comcast cable system (or to a Direct TV or Dish Network satellite system), we have nothing to fear. We DO NOT have to get converter boxes for our older televisions. Comcast (or our satellite network) will deliver a converted broadcast signal to our TVs.

If you are using an antenna to receive broadcasts on analog TVs, you will have to get a converter box. The federal government is offering up to two coupons, each good for \$40.00 on the purchase of an analog-to-digital converter box. Coupon information can be found at www.DTV2009.gov.

Unfortunately, the small, battery-operated TVs for emergency use when we lose electricity will not work. They are still usable during this year's hurricane season. Hopefully, inexpensive battery-operated digital TVs will be available next year.

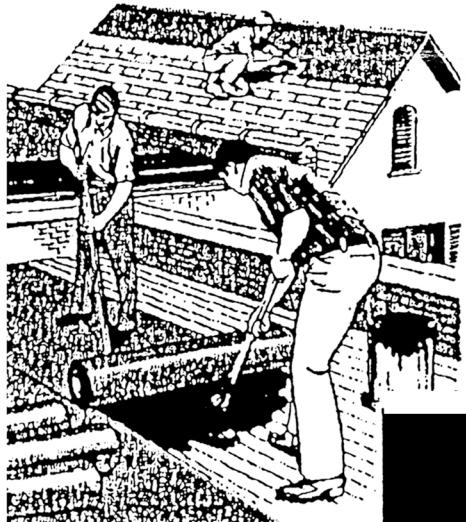
Analog TVs will continue to work with cable, satellite, VCRs, DVD players, camcorders, video games and other devices for many years. Analog VCRs will not be able to record digital signals.

For more information on the transition from analog to digital television, visit the Digital Television web site at www.dtv.gov.



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New In Town RENAISSANCE COMMONS

By Ellin Goldstein

Those among us who believe there is no restaurant north of Snappers on Congress are living in the dark ages! I recently took a jaunt from Old Boynton to Gateway and discovered the whole new world of Renaissance Commons. There I found numerous shops, offices and homes, as well as juice bars, hair salons, a massage place, and so much more, but it was the great number and variety of restaurants that grabbed my attention. I can only hope that they are all still open by the time you read this article!

By the way, I also found a great road running behind the Commons, from one end of the complex to the other, that drivers can avoid using Congress. That discovery alone made the trip worthwhile.

With so many restaurants, calling the area Restaurant Commons would not be inappropriate. Pei Wei (owned by P.F. Chang), Chipotle (Mexican, hot, and fairly delicious), Dominic's Pizza, and Pasta and Bar offer ethnic diversity, as do Lemon Grass Asian Bistro, Rotelli Pizza and Pasta, and Panda Express (Chinese fast food).

The Bonefish Grill (seafood, a wide variety of fish with interesting combinations), Shane's Rib Shack, Jason's Deli (interesting food and a giant salad bar), and Jimmy John (cold subs only) add further variety. Pollo Campero, and Red Lobster are at the end of the road mentioned above and not really in Renaissance Commons – but close. Chili's and Friendly's are also nearby, north of Gateway. My entire family went to Friendly's, where the balloons, ice cream and main dishes were more than acceptable for my two and three year old grandsons and for the rest of us.

Coffee hounds might seek out Starbucks and the Coffee Beanery. For other thirsts Village Tavern or Bar Louie (an outside bar) may fill the bill, or perhaps The Ale House, just north of Gateway.

As if the establishments listed above do not offer enough choice, Milan's Italian Restaurant, Sharkbite Grill, Moe's Southwest Grill and Five Guys Burgers and Fries are coming soon to expand your options.

Try some of these new places; you may end up enjoying them and becoming a regular customer.

Highlights of the September 17, 2008 COBWRA Meeting

The March meeting of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations was held at Palm Isles.

We have abridged COBWRA. Highlights. See the back bulletin board, where our delegate, Martin Goodman, has posted the full version.

County Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Dist. 5

The County had spent \$110 million dollars to buy the Mecca Farms property in hopes of bringing Scripps Research to Palm Beach County. That money [costs] Palm Beach County \$6.3 million dollars annually. The county voted six to one to sell the property for 56 million dollars. The proposition put forward was to consider changing the land use to equestrian commercial. The commission voted, to have the Business Development Board contact commercial equestrian people and find out how much they would pay to make the area an equestrian community. Money brought in would go to reduce the 6.3 million dollar annual debt on the 100 million dollars. If we change the land use to equestrian commercial, we may be able to recover most if not all of the 110 million dollars. [Another item] A change to the County Charter is to be voted on Nov. 4, 2008: If passed, this change would allow municipalities to opt out of county laws and rules imposing a financial burden on Unincorporated West Boynton.

County Commissioner Robert Kanjian, Dist. 3 [objects] to the land sale process. He said that we can do a project that is green and environmentally sensitive. However what is proposed is speculation; no developer was approached, no market study was done and no independent appraisal has been completed.

Captain Martin Bechtel, PBSO Commander, Dist.6. Crime stats for Aug. 15 to Sept. 15: *Residential burglaries increased to 61 (Eight of those homes had their closed hurricane shutters alerting the burglars to empty homes)*Vehicle burglaries 50, down from 71. *38 stolen vehicles *7 robberies.

Mike Wells, Battalion Chief, PBC Fire-Rescue, ... Fire-Rescue Station, 44 on Flavor Pict Road will be [completed] within the next few weeks. Recent house fires led to the request that smoke alarms be tested regularly, batteries changed as needed and also clean lint from your dryer vent.

State Senator Ted Deutch, District 30 [Senator Deutch explained] the pros and cons of the six amendments to Florida's constitution that will be on the ballot on Nov. 4, 2008. He did not offer an opinion on any except Amendment 1 where he suggested a strong "Yes" vote in order to reverse the only racist amendment in the Florida constitution. In the early 1900's, in order to combat the perceived "Yellow Peril," an amendment was passed stripping "aliens ineligible for citizenship," of the right to own property.

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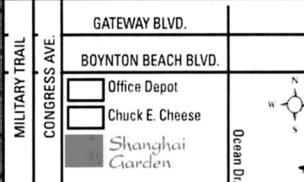
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Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*

Now that you are back to Majestic Isles from your summer retreat, you may want to observe how well our common ground plantings are doing. One plant, in particular, that provides color all year round is the *euphorbia milii*, commonly known as the Crown of Thorns. There are several of these red-pink flowering plants on the west side of our clubhouse and also in beds on the west and east ends of the El Clair entrance island.

The *euphorbia milii* is one of the best selling ornamental plants in the Philippines and Thailand because of the great number of collectors and enthusiasts in these countries. The plant is called the Crown of Thorns because of a legend that it was from the stems of this plant that Christ's thorns were made during the crucifixion. The spiny stems of the plant can be bent enough to form a headpiece.

The Crown of Thorns is a woody, climbing succulent shrub with shoots of some species reaching a height of up to six feet. While most *euphorbia milii* have red flowers, there are species in pink, white and yellow. Leaves are found primarily on young growth. The plant is a member of the cactus family, and so is drought tolerant and the plant may defoliate completely if subjected to excessive moisture or temperature stress. This versatile plant can be grown both indoors and outdoors.

The white latex fluid produced by this plant, seen when one cuts into the succulent stems, can cause severe dermatitis, much like poison ivy, in susceptible individuals. The fluid can also be poisonous if ingested in large amounts. The latex fluid serves as a protection for these plants from pests. Despite its poisonous properties the latex fluid has been used for medicinal purposes.

By and large, the Crown of Thorns is an undemanding plant, but do be careful tending it, as it has some nasty thorns along the stems. It requires good drainage and, as is evident around our clubhouse, it can survive in varying degrees of shade.

The Thais, who consider *Euphorbia milii* to be a lucky plant, have developed more than 2000 cultivars in Thailand over the past 30 years. Why not try some lucky ones potted on your patios or in your home?

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MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz

HARRY JAMES



Harry is best remembered today for his trumpet playing and as the husband of Betty **Grable**. Born in Georgia, Harry's parents were circus performers -- his mother a trapeze artist and his father the bandleader. James began playing drums at seven and took up the trumpet at 10, performing for the circus band. The family later moved to Texas, and he began playing for local bands while in high school.

In 1935 he joined **Ben Pollack's** orchestra, leaving in late 1936 for **Benny Goodman**. During his time with Goodman, he became very popular with the crowd for his colorful playing. He left Goodman in December 1938 to form his own band. Harry James and His Music Makers debuted in February 1939 and made their first recordings. **Connie Haines** was his vocalist. Later that year James hired an inexperienced **Frank Sinatra** as his male vocalist. While on tour in Chicago, and having financial problems, he met up with **Tommy Dorsey**. Tommy offered Sinatra a job. With Sinatra's wife expecting and the band's financial future uncertain James let him go. Dick Haymes soon replaced him.

In 1941, Harry decided to add a string section. The band took on a different look and Harry recorded several schmaltzy ballads and semi-classical selections, including the now famous "You Made Me Love You." and the band was on its way to stardom. James had gone through a string of female vocalists until he hired **Helen Forrest** in 1941. She turned out to be a most valuable asset. With Harry's sentimental horn and Helen's emotional singing the band was at its peak and soon began to receive movie offers. While working in Hollywood, James met Betty Grable. Though he was married, he fell in love with her. Harry got a divorce, and he and Betty were married in 1943. Shortly thereafter, Harry's band began to suffer from the draft. Hiring quality musicians became a problem and Harry decided to break up the band. However, when Harry was classified 4F, he decided to try music again. He formed a new orchestra, which became very successful. **Kitty Kallen** was the featured vocalist. But Harry's interests were turning away from music. He and Betty were devoting a great deal of time to raising their racehorses. He began to perform less and less. Harry continued to lead bands off and on until his death in 1983 of lymphatic cancer.

WARSAW CONCERTO

In 1941, British RKO made a movie called *Dangerous Moonlight*. It was shown in Britain, and was not very successful. They decided to not show it in the United States, but later relented when Republic Pictures showed an interest in it. RKO leased it to Republic who changed the name to *Suicide Squadron*. Republic was not one of the major studios, thus the picture got very limited distribution. It also received poor reviews.

There was a musical theme that was played throughout many portions of the movie. It was written by **Richard Addinsell**, and was titled "Warsaw Concerto."

Although the movie was a flop, the recurring theme of Warsaw Concerto became a very popular piece, and became part of the repertoire for classical pianists, symphony orchestras, and even popular bands. Today, most everyone is familiar with Warsaw Concerto, but practically no one remembers the movie.

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LONGEVITY IN THE MOVIES

Edward G. Robinson's movie career lasted 58 years. His first movie was *Arms and the Woman* in 1916, and his final movie was *Soylent Green* in 1973.

James Cagney appeared in movies for 52 years. He started in 1930 with *Sinner's Holiday*, and finished in 1981 with *Ragtime*.

John Wayne appeared in his first movie in 1926. It was titled *Brown of Harvard*. He finished in 1976 with the *Shootist* – a period of 51 years.

MUSICAL QUIZ

Hope to see many of you at my next Musical Quiz for M.I.L.T. on Sunday, **October 12** at 7:30.



PICKY, PICKY, PICKY

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Okay, I admit it. This summer I have been getting up on the wrong side of the bed on a lot of mornings. Things that didn't bother me have been irritating me like a case of poison ivy. Maybe it's been the long hot summer days (has it always been so hot in the summer?) or the shrill voices of the presidential campaigns sandwiched in between the near hysteria of the weathermen and their hurricane predictions. It can't be because I've become more crotchety with my advancing years and am gradually becoming a curmudgeon rather than a gracious, interesting, older woman. In any event, little things that I used to ignore have become huge irritants.

One of my top annoyances has to be the morning cable newscasters. You know those announcers, the Barbie and Ken look-alikes that come on at 6 a.m. and are so gosh darn "perky." (Shades of John Gambling singing, "Good morning, Aloysius, the coffee is delicious.) Perky, at 6 a.m. It's positively indecent for anyone to be so gleeful and cheerful while delivering updates on floods and bombings, famines and car crashes, especially before I have a cup of coffee.

Later in the evening, the mature announcers, exuding such an air of *gravitas*, take over. All of those solemn, dour looking, doomsday talking broadcasters fill the airwaves with their pronouncements on the death of the middle class, and their wisdom and insights into the political future. Just when I am feeling good they remind me of all of the world's agony. Even those hotties, Brian Williams and Anderson Cooper can't take the edge off. No wonder I am so grumpy.

And here's another thing that has bothered me this summer. We were fortunate enough to see several great plays and musicals this summer at local theaters. Because these theaters are small, we always get our choice of aisle seats. So why is it that at every performance, the people who sit in the middle of the aisle are always the last to arrive? And you know our Florida audience. If we are not burdened with walkers and canes and big handbags and umbrellas, we have creaky knees and backs so that getting up to let the latecomers in is a major effort. Of course, those people who sit in the middle always go out at intermission, and are the last to come back. So we all stand up again.

Which leads me to another issue. Who are the restroom police that decided that a 600-seat theater need only have a bathroom that accommodates three or four patrons at a time? How much time do theatergoers (we women in particular) spend in lines outside the bathroom during intermission? I'm sure that's why the theatergoers rush outside as soon as the play ends. They're heading for first place on line.

And here's another gripe. In addition to my pleasurable time at our local theaters, I've been passing not so happy hours at the various offices of our medical professionals. Recently, I've noticed that I've been getting appointments for peculiar times, like 10: 40 a.m. or 2:20 p.m., as if the appointments are being fine-tuned down to the minute. And a few days before the appointed hour, the staff calls to remind me that I have an appointment at that particular time. So why is it that I am still sitting in these offices a half hour or an hour after the given time? And if I am called in promptly, you can guess what happens. I sit in the examining room, dressed in a stylish paper robe for half an hour in a temperature designed to kill microbes and freeze my you know what. And to add insult to injury, have you noticed those signs at the doctor's office stating that patients who fail to keep their appointments will be charged \$25? Hmm, does it work the other way?

You may have noticed that I haven't said a word about the campaigns and candidates, or the hideous nature of airplane travel and their fees. I did plan to suggest to the airlines they charge for using the toilets and weigh passengers and make them pay by the pound, but thought better of that after I got on the scale. I told you I wouldn't complain about anything important.

Of course, one of my biggest peeves are all those people who have nothing better to do than complain in their blogs and letters to the editors and to those call-in radio shows, like I just have. So if you don't like that kind of thing, you might as well destroy this article before reading it. Maybe I should have done that myself.



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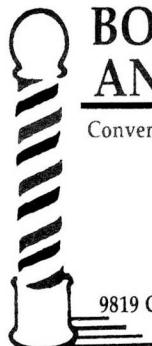
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INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

by Al Silverman



Cheer up. Change is coming. No, this is not about politics. The subject is the economy. Some analysts are saying, “housing prices will continue to go down until they stop going down (clever)---then they will start rising---the housing market will improve---housing sales will increase---and so will the economy and the stock market.” I seem to recall that, a little over a year ago, our government spokespeople as well as market analysts were saying that housing was a small part of the overall economy and any downside move would be limited and would not seriously affect our strong economy---well---so much for yesterday’s prognosticators.

Whoopee!! The dollar is strengthening as of this writing on Sept.12, 2008. Some think this is a forerunner of an improving economy. After all, the price of oil and gas, as well as many other commodities, are going down, and we may soon be able to afford to drive our cars again. The clever ones are saying, however, that the dollar is strengthening, not because of an improving economy, but because the European economy is weakening. In other words, the Euro is being repriced to reflect the worldwide slowdown.

Bill Gross, the head man at Pimco, feels the economy is *deleveraging*, led by housing. As housing prices continue to fall, banks need to raise additional capital, causing interest rates to rise, causing housing prices to fall---in a continuing spiral. The Fed, however, is struggling to maintain low interest rates to stimulate the economy.

In another view, the heavy selling is characterized as liquidity driven by participants, or selling simply to raise cash, and not as a basis of deteriorating fundamentals---except for those securities that have deteriorating fundamentals!!! The Fed takeover of Freddy Mac and Fanny Mae, arguably, is not a bailout (now that's a nice phrase “arguably”), and not a cure, but a first step in a long process of stabilizing our broken financial system and the real estate market. The strengthening dollar against the Euro was a major cause for the decline in oil, and commodities followed, as hedge funds and institutions, facing high prices of commodities, began

to liquidate securities, breaking the momentum, to be followed by panic selling by investors---or was it the other way around?

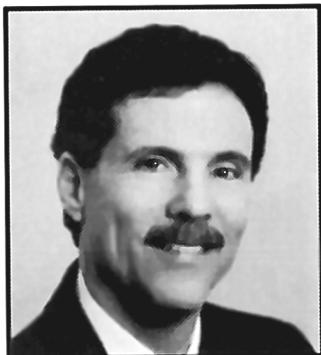
These are just a few tidbits of information you may have missed while you were enjoying the summer season.

How has the market psychology changed? Leave it to the analysts to tell us:

- The U.S. Dollar is strengthening against the Euro.
- Commodities including oil are selling off.
- Most banks and other financials involved in sub-prime mortgages and other highly leveraged investments are taking a beating. Leveraged investments are dangerous.
- Housing construction is projected to improve in 12 to 18 months.
- Retail may follow in due course if housing improves.
- With the high cost of shipping products long distances, some corporations are re-thinking the advantages of offshore manufacturing. Services may continue to move offshore, but with the rising cost of labor and moving materials, some companies are evaluating a partial return to U.S. shores. Yet many thousands of jobs are still being shipped overseas. - Shipping by rail is more cost-effective than long distance trucking, which may change the logistics in some industries.

I've searched high and low for some answers to the question “What do we do now?” The commentary is everywhere the same: diversify, plan for the long term; maintain a high cash position; if you must buy, do so in small increments. In other words, the market is in total confusion, held captive by the massive machinations of the hedge funds, the institutions and the short sellers---particularly the naked short sellers and they employ substantial leverage.

That's nice to know, but what do we do to provide income? Income of 4% to 15% is still available with various degrees of risk, and many have some potential growth should the market recover. But do your research carefully and watch out for leverage. Remember, when you buy, you become a part owner in a real live company. Try to understand its history, products, competition, earnings, debt, etc.



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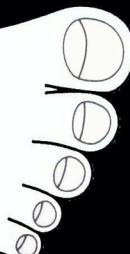
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THE NOT SO FRIENDLY SKIES

By Thelma Mechanic



We've lamented over the price of gas as prices soar upward when we fill our gas tanks. Now, the same rising cost of fuel that has affected our driving habits is threatening to alter the way we are used to flying. Whether we fly to visit friends, family or to seek new vacation vistas, the airlines have steadily increased fares. No longer can they claim to fly the friendly skies. Not only do we have fewer flights, but have you priced any fares recently? You are in for a shock.

You can feel the squeeze as soon as you get to the airport. Some airlines charge for a second checked bag – some even charge for the first bag – and some charge for all bags. American, for example, charges \$15 for the first checked bag, \$25 for the second, and **\$100** for the third. Delta, United, Northwest and Continental are a little more generous. They allow the first bag, and charge \$25.00 for a second bag... Other airlines have similar policies. Just remember "*light is right.*"

There are other ways airlines impose extra fees. Boarding a Jet Blue flight recently, I was charged for ear phones (which was always a given.) As for food – well, they'll sell you a good-sized sandwich for a hefty price, if the crackers and drinks are not satisfying. I can recall years ago when a choice of hot meals was offered (and tasty, too) at no cost, or am I going back too far?

Another add-on cost is for seat selection. Whoever said "the early bird gets the worm?" – Wrong! You now have the option of a window, middle or aisle seat, but it'll cost you. (That is, if you book online.) Sometimes, the premium seat towards the front of the plane is assigned for free--but don't be fooled. The cost is already included in the more expensive seat price. You can't win. A pundit compared that to paying \$6.00 for a movie ticket and a few more dollars to have a seat to watch the movie.

If you're a frequent flier, be aware that some airlines attach costs to the redemption of your frequent flier miles. Delta charges \$25 for SkyMile Award tickets,

and \$20 if you book by phone. U.S. Airways charges \$25 and up.

Eastern Airlines doesn't charge extra for seats, baggage, food, etc. The only problem is – they are out of business.

How many more annoying new fees can be added? Some jokester suggested pay toilets (ouch) or oxygen masks that drop down to offer passengers better air, for the swipe of a credit card. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

OK – so you're determined to up the ante and fly away in spite of the inconveniences. Let me share with you search engines for the lowest fares. My friend says to log on to any one or more of the following web sites: kayak.com, orbitz.com yahoofarechase.com, cheapflights.com, mobissimo.com, supersearch.com.

However, if the "unfriendly skies" don't appeal to you, one alternative is a "staycation." Stay home, relax and avoid the hassle.

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INTRODUCING... Herb and Arlene Levin

By Claire Deveney

Stand-by. Light the lights. Music Up. Meet Herb and Arlene Levin – a collaborative team when it comes to writing and directing some fabulous and memorable programs for M.I.L.T. M.I. residents are in for a wonderful M.I.L.T. production, “A Salute to Jerry Herman,” written and directed by Arlene. Herb is co-director and Selma Friedman is musical director. The program will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22.

Stand-by. Here’s a story from the other side of the theatrical curtain: Herb and Arlene were both born, raised and attended public schools in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1949, Herb was drafted into the Army and served with the 1st Calvary Division as a radio operator using Morse code and “fought all over Korea” until 1952. Upon returning home, he enrolled under the GI bill at the University of Maryland pre-dental program. He graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School in 1958 and was a family dentist in Baltimore for 32 years.

Arlene was a student at the University of Maryland from 1950 to 1954 and recalls, “Most students did not have cars and you needed to get a ride to go home on Friday and return on Sunday.” One of Arlene’s friends learned that Herb could take them home on Fridays to Baltimore and that’s how Herb and Arlene met in Arlene’s junior year. She graduated with a B.A. in English.

Arlene recalls with great enthusiasm that on their first date they went ballroom dancing at the Gwynn Oak Pavillion. “Herb danced right into my life,” she explains. “We learned that we like a lot of the same things. We married after Herb’s first year of Dental School,” said Arlene. They celebrated their 53rd anniversary this past June 19.

After college, Arlene became an elementary school teacher in Baltimore and worked for four years until the birth of their first child. Herb and Arlene have three sons, Marshall, 50, who lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Carey, 49, who resides in College Park, Md., and Brad, age 45, of Baltimore, who is currently relocating to Florida.

In the early 70’s, Arlene explains, “I decided to become a dental hygienist” and embarked on a two-

year school program. She graduated in 1977 and worked part time for 16 years. “I initially worked for a friend of ours as a hygienist for nine years and eventually joined Herb in his dental practice.”

Arlene has written skits since she was a teenager. When they moved to Majestic Isles in 1997, after retiring and initially living in Palm Springs, Florida for three years, another career took seed and blossomed. Herb wrote the show “America Remembers” that’s been performed by M.I.L.T. three different times. Herb has sung in almost every M.I.L.T. musical. Arlene wrote and directed “Hooray for Hollywood” and danced in the production. She also wrote and directed “Roxie” – a show adapted from the musical “Chicago” and wrote “Gypsy and Me”, performed last November.

“Every word I write goes through Herb,” says Arlene. “He is my collaborator. I depend on his expertise. We have production meetings every morning while having our coffee.” Herb says, “I’m the official consort of my wife who is a playwright.” The Levins are devoted students of American musicals and Broadway plays and describe themselves as movie junkies.

The Levin’s home is tastefully decorated in soft tones of white and beige with dramatic paintings and accent pieces.

Herb and Arlene are members of M.I.L.T., M.I. Cancer Research Unit, the Social Club and Hadassah. Arlene currently serves on the M.I.L.T. Board of Directors and served previously. She is a member of Women’s Club, was on its Board and was co-chair of programming. Arlene survived cancer over 40 years ago and is dedicated to the important work done by the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Corp. She is one of the founding members of the M.I. Cancer Research Unit. She served three years as co-vice president of fundraising and is currently one of the unit’s three co-presidents. “Belonging to this organization has given a very special meaning to my life,” says Arlene.

Herb and Arlene Levin are very accomplished and a delight to know. Their shows and collaborations provide great entertainment. We are fortunate to have them at Majestic Isles. Curtain Up.



MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Bobbe Greene

We would like to begin by wishing all our friends and neighbors a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are ready to get going on another season of fun and camaraderie.

Join us at our meeting on Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker, Roz Capp's topic will be "One Night in the Life of a Single Older Woman." Ms. Capp is a bold, brazen, bawdy and very entertaining lecturer whom we are all certain to enjoy.

In November we are planning a special one-day trip. Watch channel 63 for more details.

It is hard to believe that 10 years has passed since we started the Majestic Isles Chapter of Hadassah. On Dec. 14 we are celebrating our anniversary at Maggianos Restaurant in Boca Raton. Special surprises are planned to mark this momentous occasion. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATE: Get your games and tables organized because on January 8, 2009 we are holding our annual luncheon/ card party. By popular demand we are returning to the fabulous Broken Sound Country Club.



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WOMEN'S CLUB

by Sandy Gardner and Bernice Kozlin

Welcome back to all our friends. Women's Club was active during the summer. As always, our Summer Canasta Tournament drew a large crowd and was successful for many (see below), and fun for others. The winners:

- 1st: Ruth Oppler / Bev Jaffe
- 2nd: Betty Zeidler / Harriet Strauber
- 3rd: Arlene Brizel / Judy Markowitz
- 4th: Phyllis Fishkin / Tillie Citron

Many thanks to our scorers, Beverly Hoffer, Marilyn Sumberg and Zelda Snyder for keeping track of time and to the many ladies who came in early to help set up (*we couldn't a done it without ya!*)

On Oct. 24 we are holding our Annual Card Party at Boca Country Club. Cost is \$40 per person, guests \$42 per person. Starting time at 11 a.m. and luncheon will be served at 12 Noon. Checks for each game table should be in one envelope. Please place in the back lobby Women's Club mailbox.

On Nov. 10 our Welcome Back Luncheon takes place in our ballroom. A short meeting will be held before the luncheon to present the new slate of officers for 2009. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Watson. For further information, check flyers in back lobby.

On Nov. 19 we will be collecting items such as clothing, personal items and baby items for the abused women.

On Dec. 3 we are planning a trip to the Morikami Museum. More information to follow.



On Monday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m., the Social Club will host a meeting of the League of Women Voters. Representatives will discuss amendments on the November ballot. Coffee and will be served. Please don't forget to sign up in the back lobby

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MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES

Saturday, October 4 at 8 p.m.: AND THEN SHE FOUND ME: A comedic tale about a schoolteacher in the thick of a midlife crisis involving a messy divorce, the death of her adoptive mother and a reunion with her eccentric birth mother. As if that weren't enough to juggle, things grow even more complicated when she begins dating a man who turns out to be the father of one of her students

Sunday, October 26 at 8 p.m.: MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY: After losing yet another nanny position because of her gruff demeanor, Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) mistakenly lands an assignment as the assistant of an American starlet (Amy Adams) and finds herself swept up in a dizzying world of glamour and high society. The movie is based on the novel by Winifred Watson.

A \$1 per person donation is collected at the door. If you plan to attend, we do ask that you sign the sheet in the back lobby to give us an idea of how many people to expect.

JOIN US!

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CERAMICS CLASS

by Sandy Gardner

We are proud to announce that as of Monday, Sept. 22, at 1 p.m. there will be a new ceramics class. We have a qualified new teacher and the residents of Majestic Isles will be able to make many beautiful ceramic items.

Come join us for the fun and camaraderie with your neighbors and friends.

SOCIAL CLUB

by F. Cohen, R. Dick and S. Fefferman

Our Labor Day party was ushered in with the fanfare of a Hawaiian Luau theme. Rita Dick and her co-workers decorated the ballroom into a South Seas delight. Guests were welcomed with an aloha greeting, leis, and two hula dancers. Gary Wayne entertained us with Broadway show tunes and also acted as a DJ for our dancing crowd. Last, but not least, we feasted on a tasty Chinese buffet.

Many thanks for this wonderful party were extended to chairpersons Helen Aldoroty and Fran Ost. Other committee volunteers were: Arlene Brizel, Florence Cohen, Gladys Cohen, Rita Dick, Sylvia Fefferman, Barbara Goodman, Arlene Koch, Isabel Lubchansky, Jennie Platteis, Estelle Snyder, and Joan Sorkin.

Plans for an Oct. 25 picnic have been cancelled. On Nov. 15, comedian Jack Debo and singer Ann Aeillo will entertain us. Tickets are \$15 per person. (Please, only four tickets per envelope)

Do mark your calendars for the first general meeting of the season that will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. We will present the 2009 slate for the Social Club officers. Nominations from the floor will be accepted, followed by a membership vote. At the conclusion of the business meeting, a choral group, the Majestic Isles Singers, directed by Al Weinstein, will sing for us. Of course, we'll have "coffee and."

Our annual grandkids' party plans for Dec. 26 and 27 are presently being formulated. December also brings to mind New Year's Eve. There are still tables available for this bash. Contact Karen Cohen at 737-3550. Final payment for this party is due Oct. 15.

As the holidays are approaching, our Toys for Tots program will be in progress once again. Toys should be unwrapped and placed in the carton located in the back lobby. Check Channel 63 to determine when to begin donating.

The Social Club thanks Judy Zied for organizing the collection of items, and giving many hours of her time to the "Help Haiti" effort. Our residents made this appeal a success by their outpouring of donations.

BOOK TALKS AND MORE

by Judy Markowitz



The first Book Talk of the Fall Season will be held on Wednesday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. Rita Goldman will present "The Senator's Wife" by Sue Miller. The book revolves around two couples. One couple consists of Tom an older brilliant, self-made philandering politician and Delia, his stoical wife of many years. The other, their next door neighbors, a 30-something, newly married couple consists of Nathan, a historian and Meri, who is pregnant and is having trouble with her pregnancy and the loss of freedom she fears motherhood will bring. At first it is Nathan who is lured by the idea of famous liberal Senator Naughton residing next door. But when it becomes plain the retired Senator seldom shows his face there and Delia alone is their neighbor, it is Meri who craves a relationship with the self-possessed, stylish older woman.

I do not wish to give away any details of the novel's plot, but I can promise that if you read the book you will have a strong reaction— either positive or negative. The story is a **fable** about marriage, attraction, infidelity, betrayal, unalterable consequences, faux mother-daughter bonds, new mother insecurity, the boundaries of privacy and other issues. This is a novel that won't be forgotten an hour, a day, or a week after being read. Read it and see what you think.

Many of our residents love to read but have never attended one of our Book Talks and More meetings. Book Talks is open to everyone in the Majestic Isles community whether or not you have read the book we are discussing that day. Try to attend our October 15 meeting and give us a chance to show you what you have been missing.

On November 19, I will be reviewing "Change of Heart" by Jodi Picoult.

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



M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Bobbe Greene

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are ready to start another great year

We ended in June by telling you about a program that we called: "GO FOR THE GOLD!!" In July we hosted a unique jewelry party, which by now you must have all heard about. We had a terrific turn out and everyone was astounded by the amount of money they received for selling their old jewelry. This event is being repeated on **Oct. 12**. It is a "by appointment only" party that will be held at Renee Stichel's home. A reputable jeweler will buy your antiques and jewelry, be it gold, silver or marquisate. Look through your stash of unused jewelry. You'll be surprised by how many single earrings, broken chains and old class rings etc, you will find. Instant cash is given for all transactions. We need 40 people to participate in order for Cancer Research to receive a generous donation from the buyer. Make your appointment today with Barbara Lader at 734-0277. Come and MAKE money instead of spending it and also enjoy delicious refreshments while you wait your turn.

Our next light lunch meeting will be held on Oct. 23 at 12 noon. A guest speaker/lecturer, Laura Panizza, will ask questions like; "Did you forget where you put your purse," "Did you misplace your glasses, your keys?" "Can't find the right word?" Are you concerned about forgetfulness, dementia or even Alzheimer's? High-spirited, energetic Ms Panizza will address these issues and more. Join us for a very interesting discussion

SAVE THESE DATES:

A surprise evening will be held on Nov. 7. The mystery night we have been talking about for several months now is in the final planning stages so keep your eyes and ears open for further details.

On Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m. we will hold our annual Cancer Sunday Brunch in the clubhouse Enjoy delicious food plus entertainment. More information will be forthcoming. Check flyers in the back lobby or watch Channel 63 for more details on these events.



THE SINGLES

By Myrna Levine

Welcome Home! Our '08/'09 Gala Season has begun. We started with a super "JAZZ B & B" (music, boat ride & brunch) aboard the LADY on the Intracoastal and Atlantic Ave. Gorgeous day, no rain, plenty of parking and good company. What could be better? Our "Fun" committee is planning a holiday party Dec. 19 plus New Years Eve at Delray Playhouse...Musical Memories. \$50 p/p Tickets have been purchased.

Now for coalition events – *remember* if a phone number is not listed, please call Barbara (369-2772) or Marge (742-7719) for reservations.

October 15: Floral Lakes. Jose Lambiet, gossip columnist for the Palm Beach Post will speak at noon. Serving Coffee & Cake, NO CHARGE. Call Linda 498-4567

October 30: Cascade Lakes. Your shopping experience to Gallery 5- wearable art fashion show; lunch at the Crab House ending with a visit to Hoffman Chocolate Factory. \$55 p/p Leaving @ 9 a.m. returns 4 p.m. Contact Sandra Warman 374-9123

November 1: Valencia Isles. Bus leaves Valencia 2:30 p.m. for Las Olas-shopping- boat ride, Island Barbecue-Entertainment Returns 10:30p.m. Reservations with check by October 1. \$59 p/p. One check per community.

November 8: Bellagio Singles. Dessert and Magic Show by illusionist Gary Midnight. \$15 p/p. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

November 10-14: Platina Singles. Four night cruise to the Bahamas on Majesty of the Seas out of Miami. Inside from \$351, outside from \$396. Contact Phyllis Glaser at Sand & C Travel 561-736-3880

November 16: Lakeridge Greens. Miami Tour w/lunch @ Marriott on Biscayne Bay. \$49 p/p includes Motorcoach, Tour Guide & gratuities. Call Ronnie 737-7009

L'Shana Tova to our friends and neighbors.
C'ya next month.



MAJESTIC ISLES YIDDISH CLUB

The Joys of Yiddish

By Jerry Raske

The Sept. 7 meeting opened with the singing of "God Bless America," led by Norman Katz on the harmonica and God Bless America, which was led by Reggie Zee.

New members Marcia Brandfon and Fred & Elsa Stein were introduced. We're happy to have you.

Jack Lust continued his efforts to assist our understanding of Yiddish by speaking Yiddish first, and then translating into English, with a little help from Reggie. Jack's theme was the upcoming presidential election and emphasized the importance of the election to us and to the entire world.

Reggie spoke of the planning of the Chanukah party and also reminded all that membership dues of \$5.00 per person for 2009 can now be paid.

Larry Dorn was the entertainer, and his story telling and humor were very enjoyable. The Senior Finance Network representative, who discussed reverse mortgages with the group, sponsored our entertainment.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 5 and singer Elaine Rubin will entertain us.

Remember, you don't have to speak or understand Yiddish to enjoy our great evenings.

THE MEN'S CLUB

By Sy Lubchansky, President

Well, summer is almost over and we'll soon be welcoming back our seasonal residents.

At our Oct. 5 LOX breakfast we'll hear a speaker on Elder Law. A sign-up sheet will be in the back lobby of the clubhouse.

Men's Club Bingo will be back on Oct. 19. At that time, we will be presenting computerized bingo on the big screen.

A trip is being planned to either the Isles Casino at Pompano Race Track or another casino on Thursday, Oct. 30. Please watch channel 63 for updates.

SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg



Summer is over and it is now time to get back to the task of taking the rust off the bowling ball and refreshing the arm. I would like to wish all our bowlers, friends and neighbors a very healthy new year with many more to come.

MEN**WOMEN****WEEK 1 – HIGH GAME**

Howard Scherer	226	Gladys Feldman	166
Howard Scherer	215	Luise Levine	138
Ted Shapiro	199	Toni Kohn	138

WEEK 1 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	614	Gladys Feldman	387
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WEEK 2 – HIGH GAME

Howard Scherer	211	Gladys Feldman	161
Dave Feinberg	172	Marcia Brandfon	143

WEEK 2 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	539	Gladys Feldman	396
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WEEK 3 – HIGH GAME

Howard Scherer	203	Ellie Fox	163
Bernie Kass	200	Sandy Rosenhouch	154
Howard Scherer	197	Ruth Rossi	148
Bob Rosenhouch	188		

WEEK 3 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	579	Sandy Rosenhouch	399
Bob Rosenhouch	508	Ellie Fox	391
Bernie Kass	491	Ruth Rossi	390

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By Selma Friedman

"Tengo familia!" I have family. Just what that means is quite subjective. It means you have relationships, responsibilities, homes to visit, meals to attend. It means loving and arguing. It means hopes and disappointments. It also can mean living up to other people's expectations, rather than your own dreams.

Joe DiPietro's "Over The River and Through The Woods" deals with a young, single man who lives through all that with his grandparents, to whom he is close both emotionally and physically. He must decide whether or not to move across the country for a wonderful job opportunity.

If he accepts what impact will this have on his family? If he doesn't accept how does this affect his future? "Tengo familia!"

Reading the script were Seena Calder, Marilyn and Phil Chermak, Mike Ost, Lenny Schwartz, Doris Silverman and Fred Stein. Assisting were Ed Bloom, Selma Friedman and Buddy Koch. Well done!

Save Oct. 12 for a new Music Trivia Evening with Josh Katz, and Nov. 21 and 22 for "A Salute To Jerry Herman" written and directed by Arlene Levin.

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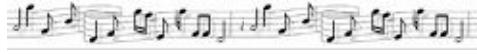
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OCTOBER

- 4 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p,h)
- 6 Mon., 7 p.m. **League of Women Voters**, (f,h)
- 12 Sun., (by appt. only) Cancer Unit, **Go for the Gold**
- 13 Mon., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., **Flu Shots** (f,h)
- 18 Sat., 5:30 p.m., Singles, **Pizza Party** (f,h)
- 19 Sun., 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p,h)
- 24 Fri., 11 a.m., **Women's Club Card Party** (p,a)
- 26 Sun., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p,h)
- 30 Thurs., 10 a.m., Men's Club, **Casino?** (p,a)

DECEMBER

- 1-15 Cancer Unit **Cruise** (p,a)
- 3 Wed., 11 a.m., Women's Club, **Morikami** (p,a)
- 13 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Time** (p,a)
- 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)
7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p,h)
- 26, 27 Fri., Sat., Social Club, **Grandkid's Party** (f,h)
- 31 Wed., time? Social Club, **New Year's Eve Party** (p,h)

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p,h)
- 7 Fri., 12 noon, Cancer Unit, **Mystery Event** (p,a)
- 8 Sat., 8 p.m., Singles, **Magician and Dessert** (p,a)
- 13 Thurs., 10 a.m. Hadassah, **event?** (p,a)
- 15 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Showtime** (p,h)
- 19 Wed., time TBA, **Collection for Abused Women's**
7:30 p.m., **M.I. Meet the Candidates** (f,h)
- 20 Thurs., 11:30 a.m., Hadassah, **Life Member Luncheon** (p,a)
- 21 Fri., 8 p.m., MILT, **Show** (p,h)
- 22 Sat., 8 p.m., M.I.L.T., **Show** (p h)
- 26 Wed., 10 a.m., Men's Club, **Hard Rock Cafe**, (p,a)
- 29 Sat., 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Time** (p,h)
- 30 Sun., 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo**, (p,h)

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