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## Majestic Isles Little Theater

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**MANAGER'S CORNER**

As many of you have probably already heard, one of our residents had some personal property stolen while a vendor was working in her house. This seems an opportune time to remind everyone of general security precautions.

**Know your vendors:** We have many vendors doing all types of work for our residents both inside and outside their homes. Do you know whom you are hiring? Are you making sure they are licensed and insured? Florida law requires that anyone doing contractor work, (basically, anything that requires that a permit be issued – roofing work, electrical work, gutter installation, to name a few) – needs to have a valid Contractors License. Not only is it a felony in Florida to perform unlicensed contractor work without a license, but you have no idea if the vendor is qualified, or even competent, to do the work. Their prices may look attractive, but if they're not insured and fall off of their ladder, guess who they're going to sue? If not the vendor, then the vendor's medical insurance company will certainly look to the property owner for payment of the medical claims.

**Lock your doors:** A few weeks ago, I saw a piece on the news about how easy it is to break into a home through the garage door. Using a block of wood and a coat hanger, the "burglar" took only *15 seconds* to release the overhead garage door from the automatic opener. Once he was inside the garage and had the overhead door shut behind him, he could take his time getting into the rest of the house. Even when you're at home, make sure you have the deadbolt lock secured on both your front door and the door from the garage to the house.

**Gate cards and transponders:** *Never* give your gate card or transponder to *anyone!* While you may trust your vendor, housekeeper, or aide, the security of Majestic Isles is compromised when anyone but a resident has carte blanche to enter the community at will. The Board has voted to deactivate gate cards or transponders that are found to be in the hands of anyone but a resident. Once deactivated, there is a \$15 charge to reinstate gate cards and \$30 to reactivate transponders.

**Use your security system:** Part of your quarterly maintenance fees covers the burglar alarm monitoring by Devcon for your house. Every house in the community has (or had) a security system installed and activated when the home was built, but if you don't use it, what good is it? If you have no clue how to operate the system, I have copies of the manuals in the office. If you've forgotten your PIN code or never knew it, you can call Devcon directly at 800-878-7806. Residents do not pay for batteries for their systems unless there's an "Act of God" such as an extended power outage from a hurricane.

Questions about this or anything else in the community? **Call me!**

Ken Miller, Association Manager



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## **Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, September 8, 2011**

*Minutes of the September 8 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**

- *(Residents may request, at the office, the report of the 9/8/11 cash positions and statement of operation.)*
- Maintenance Receivable: The total amount now outstanding is \$7,168. Of this total there are 2 units that are in arrears in the amount of \$7,048. The remaining unpaid amounts are late charges and reminder notice fees. The two units in arrears are in the hands of our attorney and are currently being adjudicated. Liens have been filed.
- Current Year Budget: The budget is within current year compliance requirements.
- 2012 Budget Committee: Contracts are being reviewed and items for the reserves will be discussed.
- Resales for the current year: There have been nine units sold to date, of which five are patio home and four are single family homes. The average single family home was sold for \$236,250 and the average Patio Home was sold for \$165,000.

### **Safety and Security Committee, Steve Bayer**

- A resident had a burglary by a vendor doing work. PBSO and the guardhouse were notified and we are awaiting the police Report.

### **Painting and Roof Cleaning, Harvey Galan**

- Ken Miller informed the Board that M&P has completed the plant replacement from the 2011 Painting and Cleaning, but still needs to be checked.

### **Appointment of Chairpersons for Committees, Joel Rosenthal**

- Budget Committee: Sy Kugelmas
- Election Committee: Claire Deveney

### **Unfinished Business**

- Motion to provide the same amount of money as last year to sponsor the Grandkids Party passed by unanimous vote.
- Board approved a resident's request to install a satellite dish.
- Board approved a resident's request to remove a Live Oak tree and to replace it at a future date with approved tree in an acceptable location.
- Motion to get an updated Reserve Study passed with a 6-1 vote.

### **New Business**

- The Board agreed to send a letter to our vendors offering them contract renewals for 2012 with no increase as was done in previous years.
- Motion to allow residents to choose a new paint color or keep their existing color passed by 6-1 vote. Owners of patio homes will have to agree on a color or both homes will be repainted the existing color.

*The approved minutes of the July and August meetings are available in the manager's office.*



## **M.I. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Final Report 8/25/2011

The Planning Committee's mission is as follows: "The Majestic Isles Planning Committee shall review the 2009 Reserve Study Report, with respect to community needs for the next five years, and thereafter the Committee shall make recommendation to the Majestic Isles Board of Directors."

*The full M.I. Planning Committee final report dated 8/25/2011 is on file in the Association office and any resident may have a copy upon request.*

- This report assumes no increase in funds contributed annually to the reserve account.
- It does not include Reserve Study expenses for roadwork in 2015 because the study appears to overestimate what will be needed.
- It includes Reserve Study expenses plus an adjustment of 3% for inflation.
- It is based on annual contingency expenditures of \$25,000.

Additional future possible reserve expenditures, which shall be determined by the Board of Directors:

- Replacement of community entry system,
- Asphalt seal coating of roads,
- Solution of lake problems in drought conditions,
- Exercise room new equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

M I Planning Committee: *Janice Davidson, Marshall Deutsch, Mort Goldstein, Sue Horowitz, Don Horowitz, Leo Miller, Barbara Portnoff, Gil Portnoff, Mitch Radin, Stan Rothstein, Alice Schultz, Ted Shapiro.*

## RUN FOR OFFICE

Doris Davidoff



Majestic Isles belongs to all of us. We are all responsible for making sure that our community is well-managed. Our Board is made up of a small group of residents who volunteer their time, energy and skills to make this happen.

To paraphrase John Kennedy—ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your community. We have many residents who have good ideas about what should be done. Board members hear occasional praise and frequent disagreement about their decisions, but we hear these things via the grapevine, when we get together at functions, and in people's homes. We see very few people at Board meetings, where these ideas should be exchanged.

My late husband and I lived with a code all our life, both in business and personal; that you don't have a right to complain about something if you're not willing to do the job. This is why I have served on the Board for the past two years. I felt like complaining about something two years ago, so I took the responsibility of being willing to serve.

We need more people willing to serve on our Board. This year, we have three openings, and it would be good for the community to have at least five or six people running. And, yes, you should be one of them unless you are too ill or do not believe you are competent to be a Board member.

We are *all* owners of our community and, therefore, all of us who are physically and mentally capable, have a responsibility to take a turn at helping to run our community. Please step forward and offer to take your turn. If you are not willing to do so, then please support the Board's decisions, because the Board members are doing what you are unwilling to do.

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*Only some of us can learn by other people's mistakes. The rest of us have to be the other people." — Albert Einstein*

## FOR M.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Claire Deveney

We need **you!** There are three (3) two-year seats open on the seven member M.I. Board of Directors. We are seeking candidates to run in the election to be held at the M.I. Annual Meeting at the clubhouse on **Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011** at 7:30 p.m.

If you intend to run, you must notify the Election Committee chairman, Claire Deveney, no later than **Friday, Oct. 21, 2011**. Candidates will then submit their photos and one-page biographical statements and goals to the Election Committee Chairman by **Tuesday, Nov. 1**. This information about the candidates will be sent to all residents' home in early December. In addition, the candidates photos will be published on the cover of the December issue of the "Majestic Isles News."

Candidates Night will be held at the clubhouse on **Wednesday, Nov. 16** at 7:30 p.m. That evening, all candidates will give statements and answer questions, some of which will be prepared by the Election Committee and others will be selected from those submitted by residents. The program will be taped and rebroadcast several times on Channel 63 before the election.

All M.I. residents will receive at their home an information packet in early December. Proxy ballots will also be included, for use by residents who cannot make it to the clubhouse on Dec. 15.

President Joel Rosenthal appointed Claire Deveney, chairman of the Election Committee at a Board of Directors meeting held Sept. 8. Members of the seven-member committee in addition to Claire are: Edd Bloom, Florence Cohen, Gil Portnoff, Ed Strauber, Harvey Vetstein and Jim Wachtel

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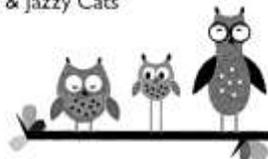
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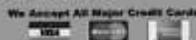
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Joel Rosenthal



Over the past two years, your Board of Directors has been very busy trying to upgrade and improve services and the condition of our homes. It is easy to recognize aesthetic improvements, but less visible, changes also improve our quality of life here. For example, we've improved the security system with camera and computer updates and have put in new barriers to keep out unauthorized vehicles.

We have new furnishings at the pool and the repainted fence displays the plantings to better advantage than the white fence did. Higher lounge chairs have made it easier for many of our residents.

In response to resident suggestions, we have offered new paint color options to brighten the look of our neighborhood.

We now have Wi-fi at the clubhouse for those who wish to take advantage of it. The completion of the second floor project has resulted in a marked improvement to the clubhouse, and the general maintenance next August will be part of an annual effort to service our structure.

In an effort to encourage increased resident participation, we have included the Board meeting agenda on channel 63 and displayed all committee-meeting schedules. We have also encouraged residents to take part in Board discussions at our meetings.

This year we repaired some 75 chairs to make them more comfortable for clubhouse events and have cooperated with the organizations by allowing them to hold more functions than in the past.

In order to continue and improve services, it is important that we have excellent vendors and hard working office staff. We have been fortunate to have both and with the involvement of our residents we can continue to improve our community.

Over the next few months there will be elections for board members and budget meetings. It is important to participate in your community affairs because that is the only way we can continue these efforts.

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

By Ken Keller, Captain



First, let me welcome back our seasonal residents.

Second, I wish to bring to the attention of all Majestic Isles residents a problem that we, as a community, are facing. Our Citizens Observer Patrol is fading away. When we had fewer than 450 families living in Majestic Isles we had 76 members in our patrol unit. We are now down to 12 full time and 7 seasonal drivers. This means that our observers drive alone instead of in pairs to patrol our community.

Our job is to observe and report. We patrol with our flashing light because it is a deterrent to anyone attempting a crime of opportunity, such as an unlocked car, a garage left open or the door to a house unlocked. We also station our car at the rear gate when school lets out to prevent vandalism to our property. The low percentage of incidents in our community compared to the incidents in the area proves that our unit functions successfully.

We desperately need volunteers: men, women, or couples, new residents or old timers. Schedules can be adjusted to the needs of the volunteers. Call me (738-9401) to talk about what the C.O.P. program is.

Again, let me remind everyone, now that the season is starting, if you see something you think looks suspicious, but you aren't sure, "**When in doubt call them out,**" by dialing 911.



*From the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office website:*

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### SYMPATHY

To the family of Jean Bezack.  
 To the family of Angelina Cremona.  
 To the family of Brant Nekris.  
 To Fred and Marilyn Reiss on the loss of their daughter, Susan Reiss Shapiro.

### MESSAGES

We thank all our Majestic Isles friends for your calls, thoughtfulness and prayers for Joe and myself. We had a "Double Whammy" of setbacks.

Love, Rhoda and Joe Bloom

Thank you to all of you for your support and get well wishes during my recovery from hip replacement surgery. The doctor says everything is going great.

Mort Goldstein

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors. I'm overwhelmed by your calls and cards. Your thoughts are most appreciated. I am blessed to live here in Majestic Isles.

Stella Grottalio

It is with much appreciation and love that I thank you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness in my time of need.

Betty Zeidler

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## JOSH KATZ'S MUSIC LIBRARY DONATED TO LYNN UNIVERSITY

By Lee Katz, with Betty Wachtel

Those Majestic Isles residents fortunate enough to have seen the extensive music library that the late Josh Katz had set up in his den must surely have wondered what would become of all of that material now that he is gone. Josh's drums, which he delighted in playing for community events, stood in the middle of the room and tapes (3245!), CDs and vinyl recordings lined the walls of the 12x14 foot room. With the ingenious catalog he developed, Josh could find any selection in moments.

Lee Katz has donated all of Josh's music paraphernalia to Lynn University in Boca Raton, where it will be used in the formation of a new jazz program at the school. When the Dean of Music at the university came to inspect Josh's music room, he just stood in awe, marveling at the set-up of the room and the complex filing system.

Joan Baron and Doris Davidoff, with help from Dr. Robert Watson of Lynn University, facilitated the arrangement of this donation. Lee hopes that a plaque with Josh's name will be placed in the library to commemorate his great love of music. If there is a dedication ceremony, the information will be posted on channel 63.

Josh's generosity in helping M.I.L.T. to find all types of music to enhance their shows and performances will be greatly missed. He will be remembered for his knowledge, his quickness with words and his ability to assess a situation.



## SAFETY IN THE ISLES

A few short notes from the Safety & Security committee...

Here is the proper procedure for entering the El Clair Ranch gate:

- Stop as you approach the card reader (the silver box on the post).
- Wait until the gate opens and the gate arm goes up, and then drive through to the stop sign.
- Make a full stop, check your rearview mirror to see that no one is tailgating, and continue on.

When was the last time you had your clothes dryer vent cleaned? We don't mean the filter in the dryer, but the hose and the pipe that lead out of your house. If it wasn't done within the last year or two, we suggest you hire someone to clean and remove the lint and debris from within the interior of the dryer vent system (from the dryer to the terminal end) in order to prevent a fire.

## MEDICARE ENROLLMENT DATES CHANGE

**Attention, everyone on Medicare:** This year there is a new, earlier deadline if you want to change your Medicare coverage for 2012. Open enrollment now runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 (instead of Nov. 15 to Dec. 31, as in previous years).

- Open enrollment gives you the chance to switch to another Part D prescription drug plan, or to another Medicare Advantage plan, or from traditional Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan and vice versa.
  - During this period you can compare the costs and benefits of your current coverage with other plans on Medicare's website at [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov) or by calling 1-800-633-4227.
  - If you change plans by Dec. 7, your new coverage begins Jan. 1. If you don't change, your current coverage will likely continue through 2012 – unless a specific situation (such as receiving Part D Extra Help) allows you to switch plans during the year.
- Patricia Barry*

*The above article appeared in the AARP Bulletin of Sept, 2011, page 6.*

## PET PATCH

By Molly



The heat and humidity have been bad this year – but we're thankful that so far we haven't gotten the bad storms, floods and fires that have plagued our country.

We're starting to see the Snowbirds come back and my friends will be coming back too! I'm looking forward to seeing them.

This summer one day my Mom couldn't figure out why her Minnie Mouse phone didn't "talk to her" any more. We went to see Renee, because her Mickey Mouse phone wasn't "talking to her." It's sure a good thing I was there – my Mom didn't realize Minnie needed batteries, and Renee knew that but couldn't open the compartment – so with my help, Mom's and Renee's phones now both "talk." It's great to be needed!

I'm so happy to be living in such a friendly community...no matter what goes wrong, my Mom always has someone to help her...that's what it's all about. See you next month – hopefully a cooler one.

### FALL BACK: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOV. 6, 2011 (next month)

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

The official end of daylight saving time is 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6. Remember – it's "Spring ahead, fall back," so before going to bed on Sat. night, or very first thing Sun. morning, **turn your clocks back an hour**, effectively moving an hour of daylight from the evening to the morning.

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## Highlights of the September 21, 2011 COBWRA Meeting at Villagio

### Louis Caplan: New HOA & Condo Laws

Louis Caplan is a partner in the firm of Sachs Sax Caplan. He practices community association law and represents many communities. Lou is a member of the board for the West Boca Community Council and advises COBWRA from time to time. These changes took effect on July 1, 2011 for HOAs and condos:

- The Legislature passed restrictions making certain personal information “not inspectable.” Hence it is a violation for HOAs and condos to publish telephone directories and email addresses unless owners opt in. A questioner asked, “What’s the penalty for a violation?” The answer: “Who knows.” He applauded COBWRA for taking a position on this issue.
- For condos, boards can now have a private meeting if they are discussing personnel matters. HOAs have it.
- A condo or HOA owner who is 90 days or more delinquent in any monetary obligation to the association is ineligible to run for the Board.
- Last year the law changed to allow an HOA or condo to collect future assessments from a tenant where the owner was collecting rent but not paying assessments. The 2011 law allows associations to collect all the rent until all past due assessments are satisfied also.
- HOAs and condos have a statutory right to fine or suspend common area use rights for violations, and to suspend common area use rights for delinquencies. To fine or suspend, an HOA needs a 14-day notice of a hearing by a committee and fines must be approved by a committee vote. A suspension for failing to pay does not require a hearing but requires board vote and written notice of suspension to the unit owner.
- People asked if a delinquent owner could have their resident gate entry privileges suspended. Caplan said the law does not allow you to impair entry or parking or access to the owner’s unit. The problem is the term “impair” is very broad. Some judges view suspending gate privileges as impairment.
- People need to understand that, in Florida, non-payment of assessments can lead to the HOA or condo association taking ownership of the unit even if the owner has homestead rights.
- Homeowners associations approaching 30 years of existence are reminded to be sure to have their covenants renewed as specified in the Marketable Records Act in Chapter 712. Does not affect condos.

**Officials’ Reports Commissioner Burt Aaronson,** District 5, thanked COBWRA for support of PBSO

District 6 Substation and Green Cay Nature Center. They will both stay open.

- **Chief Todd Blake, Fire Rescue Battalion 4,** said he is bringing equipment to COBWRA meetings so people can meet the crews and see the fire engines. All crews are both fire fighters and emergency medical specialists.

- Fire Rescue will conduct CPR training in your clubhouse. Contact Doug McGlynn, 561-969-0729.

- For questions, contact Chief Todd Blake, at 561-498-3334, Ext 102 or [tblake@pbcbgov.org](mailto:tblake@pbcbgov.org).

- **Captain Marty Bechtel, PBSO,** thanked COBWRA for supporting District 6 staying open. Crime stats for Aug.: 12 stolen vehicles, 57 vehicle burglaries. Sept. stats to date: 17 stolen vehicles, 48 vehicle burglaries. Please lock your cars and never leave valuables inside.

**COBWRA Reports Legislative Concerns** COBWRA delegates voted unanimously to ask state legislators to make these changes to HOA/Condo laws:

- Change the telephone directory law in Chapters 718 and 720 from requiring everyone to “opt in” to allowing anyone who so wishes to “opt out.”

- Require HOA board members to either certify they have read and understand their community documents and Florida Statutes Chapter 720 OR to complete a course for residential association directors. (This is already required for Condo directors.)

Delegates voted to recommend that the County Charter continue with Constitutional Officers elected independently and to keep the number of County Commissioners at seven.

### Bethesda Day at Aberdeen Golf & Country Club.

Marty Weissman, President, Aberdeen POA, and Amy Brand, Bethesda Hospital Foundation, invited people in the COBWRA area to participate in Aberdeen’s first annual fund raising event for Bethesda West Hospital with a day of golf and fun on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011. For more info or to support, call 561-737-7733 X85600 or click on [www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org](http://www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org).

Walmart will open a new Neighborhood Marketplace (grocery only) in the space left by Winn Dixie in the Boynton Trail Centre at Military Trail & Boynton Beach Blvd. Estimated opening is January 2013.

**Future Meetings (Open to the public)** Oct 4, 6:30 pm: Growth Management, PBSO District 6 Oct 19, 9:30 am: COBWRA Delegates meeting at Palm Isles, Boynton Beach Blvd between Jog & Hagen Ranch Roads. Speaker: Dave Aronberg on prescription drug abuse in Florida.

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## *Gardening in the Isles*

*By  
Stan Davidson*



Welcome back to a new year of gardening in the Isles and allow me to provide you with several landscape settings to achieve the best appearing landscape in our community.

The first setting is your front entry. To create a visually welcoming front entry use plants with color, texture and fragrance. Be sure to choose plants that are in scale with the size of your lot and house. Plant characteristics to look for include: low growing compact plants (green island ficus, low growing juniper), colorful plants (gold mound duranta, dwarf ixora, desert rose), medium or coarse textured plants (crotons, foxtail ferns), bold forms (podocarpus, aboricola) and simple growth habits (bromeliads, crown-of-thorns). Locate your low growing small plants such as green island ficus next to walkways to reduce trimming needs. Plant interesting annuals and perennials in containers at natural viewpoints in your entry. Use small trees such as standard bougainvilleas, compact jatrophas and robellini palms to provide a sense of scale and visual interest. Use colorful or fragrant plants such as gardenias and jasmine to engage the senses. Finally, eliminate straight edging in your entry beds and use curved planting beds to draw the viewer's eye through the landscape.

The second setting is along our walls. A blank wall is not visually pleasing and bare walls on the west side of our homes act as heat sinks during our hot summer months. To break the monotony of bare walls one can use properly sized foundation plantings. The plant characteristics to look for are: low or medium height shrubs such as dwarf ixora, trinette aboricola, indian hawthorn, alamanda, soft and fine textured foliage such as helix and foxtail ferns, loose foliage such as

plumbago, snow on the mountain, with soft/fine texture and flexible branches for easy pruning. Place the root ball at least a couple of feet from the wall to allow for airflow, maintenance and the installation/closing of shutters. Consider the planting of standards of bougainvillea and lantana to provide shade and cooling benefits. Use slightly taller plants between windows to break the monotony of uniform hedges. Remember to curve the edging of the beds.

The third location to consider that under our front windows. Dense plantings block our window views and are not recommended. The goal is to frame the window, particularly the underside, with plants to add interest and curb appeal. Include medium height plants such as aboricola, gold mound duranta, and crotons. Do not plant stiff leaf plants with thorns such as crown-of-thorns or with loose foliage such as plumbago. Avoid blocking views by choosing plants with medium mature height and compact growth habits. For example, one should not plant the fast growing shrub cleradendrum near the front window or place a robellini palm directly in front of the window. Select shrubs such as indian hawthorne and gold mound duranta to allow enough room to access windows for cleaning and installing shutters.

The above are several landscaping ideas you may want to consider, whether you are a do-it-yourselfer or you work with a professional landscaper. My intent is that by following the above recommendations, we can add to the beauty of both our residential and common grounds landscape. Each of us, whether a full time or part time resident, should take pride in our home's landscape and have a happy season of gardening!

## FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Barbara Portnoff

**Boynton Beach City Library**  
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The citizens of Boynton Beach can now enjoy a completely new 62,864 square foot library. Expanded collections and 40 new public access computers were added. There are many areas to sit in comfortably, numerous study rooms and a large reception hall for special programs. The many exhibits change often and library staff is very helpful.

Although this library is in the city of Boynton Beach, residents of unincorporated Boynton Beach (that's us!) may have a library card at no charge. Books taken out of the city library must be returned there; books taken out of the Palm Beach County System must be returned within that system.

The Sailfish Café is now open and can be entered from inside or outside the library. Enjoy a light lunch or drink. You might even choose to eat outside under the shade of the trees as you listen to the sounds of the water coming from the sailfish water sculpture. This is a jewel that sits only eight minutes from Majestic Isles.

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## LEARNING ALLY

By Elaine Jay

Recordings for the Blind was established in 1948 to help veterans blinded in combat who wanted to pursue an education under the G.I. Bill. Over the years, its user base has expanded from visually impaired students to include those with dyslexia and those in need of auditory learning support. Learners from kindergarten through graduate school, veterans and lifelong learners have access to Learning Ally's library of 65,000 digitally recorded textbooks and literary works.

Modern technology enables Learning Ally to make texts accessible via computer, iPod, mp3 or CD players. Many Learning Ally members have computer software that enables their computer to read emails and printed text to them.

One of Learning Ally's 20 recording centers is located nearby on the FAU Boca Raton campus. An organization such as this relies on volunteers to read and record the texts requested by learners. This year, as a result of recent Congressional budget cuts, the organization has lost federal appropriation and volunteers are needed more than ever.

At a recent orientation program, I learned that the FAU center has a particular need for readers with expertise in *engineering*, *mathematics* and *science*. When recording a book, diagrams and graphs are described for the learner, thus, in some cases, readers with particular specialization are crucial for accuracy.

One recent FAU graduate who is about to begin graduate studies in Social Work spoke to the orientation group about the importance of Learning Ally materials in enabling her to complete her course work in college. She mentioned enjoying the variety of voices and the descriptions of the graphics in the recordings. With her visual limitation, she would normally only be able to read for 2 or 3 hours, quite slowly, before her eyes become too strained to continue. With the aid of the recordings, she was able to complete assignments on time.

If you are interested in enabling students to learn or have expertise in the areas mentioned above, Learning Ally would love to hear from you. Future orientations will be held on October 18, November 8 and December 3. Contact 561-297-4444 for further information.

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## BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris



Last year, my wife, Evelyn, and I sailed from Fort Lauderdale to Venice, Italy, on a three-week repositioning cruise. Although we were exposed to many once-in-a-

lifetime experiences on-board and onshore, we never saw the “hill” in the central Atlantic, across which our ship had to sail. A “hill?” Most people imagine that the sea surface, when undisturbed by waves, is flat, but it is **not**! It’s literally warped into broad mounds and depressions so that if you could walk across its uneven watery surface, you would be moving up “hills” and down “valleys.” True, these are not towering hills or gaping holes of water. The difference in elevation between the top of a water “hill” and the bottom of a water “valley” is only about three feet or less. Nonetheless, this subtle sea surface topography that results from horizontal pressure gradients has profound effects on ocean surface circulation.

The central portion of the North Atlantic circulation gyre is known as the Sargasso Sea, named for the ever-present, floating brown seaweed *Sargassum* that floats in its waters. This water “hill” consists of a large lens of buoyant, warm water, about 1650 feet thick, that is separated below, and to the sides, from cold water by a region of rapidly decreasing water temperature (sharp thermocline). It is encircled by an asymmetric, clockwise-spinning (anticyclonic) “wheel” of water that flows steadily, in dynamic balance, between two opposing forces, much like an orbiting satellite. However, this “wheel” is **not** a perpetual motion “machine.” It’s a geostrophic current flowing along the sides of the water “hill,” in balance between the pressure gradient (downhill motion) and Coriolis deflection (uphill motion). Just as friction with the Earth’s atmosphere can cause a satellite’s orbit to decay, frictional forces, due to current shear and planetary spin, cause the current to wobble. The western boundary current of this “wheel” of water is our eastern “river,” the Florida current, which is the official beginning of the Gulf Stream system.

This “river” in the sea is the swiftest and most energetic current in the North Atlantic. It flows at a speed of almost five knots (7 feet per second), northwards through the Florida Straits between Florida, to the west, and the Bahamas, to the east, and then, as the Gulf Stream, up to Nova Scotia. If you do the math, that’s 233 times faster than the speed (0.5 miles/day) of our western “river,” the River of Grass, and 100 times faster than the average velocity (1.2 miles/day) of the mighty Mississippi. To compensate for our eastern “river’s” swift northward flow, the MS Bahamas Celebration out of Palm Beach has to sail southeast, rather than due east, to arrive at its destination, Freeport, on Grand Bahamas Island.

Like the wavy, snake-like broadly curved river channel loops of the meandering lower Mississippi, the Gulf Stream also meanders, or wobbles, along its flow path. Frequently, these meander loops become sufficiently large enough to pinch off from the main current, and form large closed eddies, or rings. Rings formed to the south of the Gulf Stream spin counterclockwise (cyclonic) and contain cold Slope Water (water from between the coast and the Gulf Stream) in their centers. Gulf Stream rings formed to the north spin clockwise (anticyclonic) and have warm cores of Sargasso Sea water. About five to eight rings form each year on either side of the Gulf Stream. As the Gulf Stream flows north from Florida and then east to the Grand Banks off Nova Scotia, its volume transport increases dramatically, from about 7900 million gallons of water per second, off Miami, to about 39,000 million gallons per second, north of Bermuda. As a part of the Gulf Stream’s return transport, rings move southwest and eventually become entrained in the Gulf Stream off the Florida coast. These rings are vital in redistributing water, marine life, momentum and energy in the Gulf Stream system and in the North Atlantic.

As an integral part of the Earth’s heat engine, our eastern ocean “river”, and its extension beyond Nova Scotia, the North Atlantic and Norwegian currents, help transport the sun’s absorbed heat from the tropics to the European Atlantic’s far northern regions. Climatic conditions requisite for human habitation in places like Ireland, the British Isles, and Scandinavia, would at best, be unfavorable, perhaps even impossible, without our eastern “river’s” warming of these distant shores.

## FLORIDA ROAD TRIP

By Elaine Jay



During the sweltering summers here in Florida, I try to take road trips to seek out small towns and sites that are a bit off the beaten path

but with an interesting history.

Have you ever been to Arcadia, in central Florida? It is an historic town a three-hour drive, about 150 miles, from Boynton Beach. Established as Tater Hill Bluff, in 1883 it was assigned a U.S. Post Office and renamed Arcadia. Incorporated three years later, after the arrival of the railroad, it became DeSoto County Seat in 1888. Today, more than 370 homes and businesses are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Society provides a brochure for a driving tour of noteworthy buildings.

Did you know that Florida has the longest history of ranching of any state in the Union? It is one of the top cattle producing states and, in Arcadia, cattle and citrus are king. In the early 1890's, the infamous cattle wars started and lasted for several years. This era was the most turbulent in the county's history and was almost comparable to the Seminole Indian Wars. In the 1890's Arcadia was known as one of the wildest towns in Florida. Cattle barons and outlaws were very much part of the local scene. Today, real cowboys still find work and the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo in March, established in 1928, draws top athletes from all over the nation.

If you are a collector of antiques, then this is a perfect destination for a weekend away. There are 24 antique shops in the compact historic downtown area. In addition, an antique fair is held every fourth Saturday of the month, with 50 to 150 dealers selling their treasures, depending on the season. Sidewalks under covered arcades bring to mind old cow towns like Fort Worth, Texas.

On a second visit to Arcadia, I discovered the recently opened Oak Park Inn, a fully restored and remodeled 12-room bed and breakfast. It is located in one of the three 19th century buildings that survived the devastating fire of 1905 that destroyed the entire downtown of Arcadia. In addition, I re-discovered Flagler Antiques, formerly located in Ft. Lauderdale,

which specializes in art deco items, a store that I thought had ceased doing business. Mary Margaret's Tea and Biscuit is a Victorian tearoom whose servers wear period clothing.

Arcadia is located about 45 minutes from Sarasota and Port Charlotte, 2 hours from Orlando. Its location on the Peace River provides time for canoeing and fossil hunting, a pleasant change from antique hunting.

When visiting Arcadia, one feels as if caught in a time warp. You can imagine the shows presented at the Old Opera House (*see photo*) while wandering through its rooms filled with antiques. Rumor has it that the building is haunted. And yet, one passes the most modern of sites when approaching the vicinity of Arcadia. A field of solar panels has been installed in a pioneer effort to capture our Florida sunshine and convert it into electrical power on an industrial level.

Arcadia is an excellent destination on its own or as part of a trip to other interesting places in this area of our sunshine state.

## PUNS FOR THE LITERATE

King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss league records were destroyed in a fire, ...and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

A marine biologist developed a race of genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls. One day, his supply of the birds ran out so he had to go out and trap some more. On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them. Immediately, he was arrested and charged with -- transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises.

## INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Facilitator

The gambling casino (some people call it the stock market, so we will too) has expressed – in very volatile terms – the doubts and confusion we ordinary mortals struggle with in attempting to interpret, or at least understand, the world of Finance and the world of Politics as it affects the market. (Since I never completed my Doctorate Degree in Political Ridiculosity, nor my Master's in comparative Animosity, nor even received my Kindergarten Diploma in Civility, I will leave it to the Politicos (boo - hissss) to handle that subject.)

The market can provide income, growth, capital gains – and losses – and an arena to challenge the gambler who thinks he can beat the system. At our meetings, we have emphasized the development of income to meet the needs of retirees. The source of this income includes stocks, preferred stocks, master limited partnerships (MLP's), real estate investment trusts (REIT'S), corporate bonds, municipal bonds, closed end funds and exchange traded funds and more.

Within each category are many variations that you should understand before making a purchase. We emphasize that you are buying into “someone's” business and you should know as much about that business as possible. This is called due diligence, which includes other factors as well, including among them research, suitability and risk. We have discussed many variations of the above in over 120 monthly meetings. It is important, however, to periodically review them as to current relevancy to your portfolio.

Investing with an emphasis on growth, rather than current income, may be desirable for some of you, based upon your time frame, your desire for long term capital gains, suitability, risk level, building equity in your estate to pass on to your heirs, etc. One of the better chances for success may lie in holding non-speculative, substantial, well-rated companies with long track records for paying dividends in the 4% to 6% range and re-investing those dividends. A time frame of 10 to 40 years should yield great results, especially if it keeps you ahead of inflation. Occasionally, a winner may be found where the income generated is re-invested by the company,

rather than providing dividends for humongous gains – you wish!

A gambit that many investors use, (they should be called gamblers), is short term trading where they buy and sell within a turnover of a minute, an hour, a day or several days to capture a quick move before the security turns. Some brokers, newsletter writers and analysts are encouraging active trading – and even giving trading courses to build increasing volume of trading. Of course the prime motivation is to increase commissions, but the effect on the markets is to substantially increase volatility whether or not there is any significant news to influence the market. They are also pushing FOREX investing. If you have any questions about FOREX – don't ask. Las Vegas is a better choice.

For those who are interested in long term investing for growth supported by some income, here are some examples you may want to research: Seadrill (SDRL), BHP Billiton (BHP), Deere (DE), Altria (MO), Kimberly-Clark (KMB), Consolidated Edison (ED), Dominion Resources (D), Southern Company (SO), Enterprise Products, among others. These are conservative companies with long-term track records. For best results, re-invest the dividends. Remember the magic of compounding and the rule of 72: everything being equal, a stock value can double in the number of years equal to 72/dividend rate. For example,  $72/6\%=12\text{yrs}$ . Increased dividends can further increase the value.

Recent additions to our investment vocabulary have attracted considerable interest: Fracking, Shale, Horizontal Drilling, Pipeline Expansion, LNC Liquid Natural Gas, along with Eagle Ford, Bakken, Marcellus, etc. They are illustrative of the explosive growth of the energy industry, particularly natural gas and oil. This could be the growth industry of the future whenever our government jumps on the bandwagon – after the economy turns around – in two, five or more years. The U.S. now has more energy potential than Saudi Arabia. We will talk more about this in future meetings.

*The above are not recommendations but are provided for information only. Do your own research and consult with your investment advisor.*

## VISITING

### Bill and Bert Weinberg



By Claire Deveney

Bill and Bert Weinberg exemplify the American Dream in many ways – building a business from nothing and being successful.

Friendly, charming

Bill and Bert hail from Indiana, known as the “Hoosier” state. Bill was born and raised in Knox, Indiana, in a rural area on a gravel road in a town of 2500 located 80 miles south of Chicago. He graduated from Knox Grammar School and Knox High School. There were 35 members in his high school graduating class. After graduation, Bill enlisted in the Army Air Corps and trained to be a pilot. When W.W. II ended he wasn’t needed as a pilot and was assigned to be a pass clerk.

After the service Bill majored in accounting at Purdue and Northwestern Universities. With one semester remaining before earning his degree, he decided to leave college, get married and go into business with his brother, Henry, operating what became a pre-Wal-Mart era all-purpose TruValue store. The name of the store, Weinberg Brothers, hung on a huge sign over the 12,000 square foot store that sold everything from groceries, furniture and mattresses to drugs, shoes, hardware and linoleum. The store was located in Rensselaer, Indiana, 40 miles from Knox. The town was established by Stephen Van Rensselaer, who later founded Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1824 in New York.

Bill and Bert married in December 1949. They bought land to build their house and the store in Rensselaer. A photo of their home shows endless cornfields behind the house. Bill and Bert built their home, which was expanded later, across the highway from the store. “I could walk to work in two minutes,” Bill explains. The store was situated near the junction of two main highways. They successfully operated the store for 38 years. Its location, called “Weinberg’s Corner,” became a central meeting place for the area, for customers and school buses.

Bert (Bertha), who was born in Chicago, was raised in Knox, Indiana. She is a year younger than Bill and was a year behind him at the same grammar and high school. They lived six miles apart and knew each other casually from school.

Bert attended Indiana University in Bloomington where she studied to be a dietician. She changed her plans and went to Chicago, where she worked as a secretary to an architect who built synagogues. On Friday nights she visited her grandmother and one of the guests was Bill’s mother, who later gave her son Bert’s number to call. He called and they dated. A year later, when she was 21, they were married. Bert was a full time homemaker and also worked at the store’s office on bills and at the cash register.

Bill’s father was also an entrepreneur who, with his fraternal twin brother, owned and operated a general store in Toto, Indiana, 80 miles from Chicago. As a youngster, Bill helped out at the store and learned many lessons about hard work and running a store.

Bill and Bert have three grown children: Marian, who lives in Hollywood, Florida is a pianist, flutist and singer. She performed at the M.I. Social Club’s New Year’s Eve parties for the past two years. Susan and her husband, Arthur, live in Coral Springs and have two children, Eric, 24, and Kara, 17. The Weinberg’s son, James “Jim” and his wife, Cathy, lived in Lisle, Ill., and their three children are Erin, 28 who is married to Ryan, Stacy, 26, a medical student, and Lisa, 22, who is studying nursing.

Bill and Bert moved to M.I. seven years ago. “We bought this house in 10 minutes,” says Bert. Their friends from Coral Lakes recommended M.I. to them and thought they would like it. Previously, they had been snowbirds in North Miami for 22 years.

Bill and Bert are both members of the Social Club, Yiddish Club and M.I.L.T. Bill is a member of the Men’s Club and Bert is a member of the Women’s Club. Bill distinguished himself as an excellent golfer, now retired, and had four holes in one! He is an accomplished table pool player, and plays mostly nine-ball at M.I. on Tuesdays. Bert enjoys playing bridge often and participates in the duplicate bridge games at the clubhouse. Bert also loves baking.

Bill and Bert worked hard to attain the American Dream and are most welcoming and gracious.

## THE SPORTS FAN

By Rick Sachs

What a great time to be a sports fan! Pro and college football are starting up, and we've also got the battle for the baseball playoffs. This brings to mind the great battles between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox, of which this year is no exception.

In the early days of baseball, the Boston Red Sox were the dominant team, winning World Series in 1903 (the 1st), 1912, 1915, 1916 and 1918. Of course, they had great players one of whom was a dominant pitcher and outfielder named Babe Ruth.

Ruth was traded to the Yankees in 1920 because Red Sox owner and theatrical producer Harry Frazee, wanted the money to back a Broadway play. (Bad move!) The rest is history as the Yankees went on to win World Series in every decade since the 1920's. As long as I can remember whether the Red Sox were having a good year or bad, there was no better rivalry than these two teams.

Over the years it seems that the Eastern division of the American League comes down to these two teams. The Yankees certainly have had the best of it over these years, winning the division in 1996, 1998-2006 and 2009 and winning the World Series in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2009.

In 2004, the Boston Red Sox beat the Yankees after trailing 3 games to 0 in the Eastern Division playoffs - an amazing feat against a great and favored team. The Red Sox went on to defeat the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series 4 games to 0. This was Boston's 1st World Series win since 1918.

The 2004 World Series is the one I will remember for the rest of my life. Not only was this the first Red Sox win in my lifetime, but we won by coming back to beat a great team like the Yankees in the playoffs.

Lets hope that no matter whom you root for, great rivalries like this continue.

**Sports trivia quiz:** At each position in baseball 1st, 2nd, SS, 3rd, catcher, left field, right field, center, and even a pitcher, there has been at least one person who has won back to back M.V.P's. Name them (**No cheating!**) The answer will be in next month's issue.

## From our residents:

### TALK ABOUT IRONY

By Georgie Gilbert



Yesterday, **August 10, 2011**, I noticed a huge swelling on my left ring finger. It scared me so much that I went to the emergency walk-in clinic. The staff there couldn't get the ring past the swelling, so they sent me to the hospital emergency room to have the ring cut off.

The ring in question was my wedding band, which had been on my finger since **August 10, 1954!** It was cut off at the emergency room, and now sits on the vase holding my husband's cremated remains!

### CLUBHOUSE SCAVENGER HUNT

By Ellie Yates

How many of these items, used by Ladies-in-Waiting in palace courts of old, can *you* find right in our M.I. clubhouse?

- Thread
- Needle threader
- Hoop
- Spool of thread
- Sock darning
- Hoop of lace

No – you don't have to go running around with a sheet of paper holding a bag to put your findings in. This is an "eyes only" hunt, so look sharp and see what you can find. (Hint: You are not looking for actual three-dimensional objects.)

*For answers, see page 27.*



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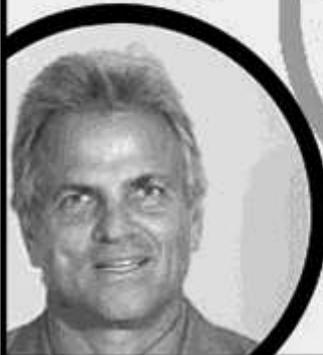
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## TALK TO THE HAND

By Phyllis M. Cohen



I admit it! For my birthday, my daughter sent me a Nook, the Barnes and Noble version of the famous Kindle e-reader. Those who know me well know that I

am a non-stop reader of books, magazines, and newspapers, and that I always have a bag of books in transit between my house and the public library. But I was intrigued by the e-reader and for the first few days I played around with it, learning its idiosyncrasies and techniques. I even downloaded some books, mainly a compendium of classic novels that I had read 40 to 50 years ago. And then came the moment of truth. If I wanted to read more, I would have to buy books from Barnes and Noble, and though the prices were not excessive, why would I want to spend money on books that I would read once and then ignore? I could access the public library system on the Nook, and even loan books back and forth from other Nook readers. But the truth is, e-readers don't fit my reading style.

To begin with, I am frugal, all right, cheap, and I would need to buy a lot of books to keep up with my "habit." Also, I like going to the library and even the bookstore on the occasions when I do want to buy books. I like talking to the librarians, the other library patrons and even the guard in front of the building. And like Cheers, everyone knows my name when I go to the library. When I switched over to the Lantana Branch this month while the Boynton branch is being retrofitted, I was greeted by a chorus of "Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Cohen" from the Boynton library workers who were now working there. And I like holding books in my hand, flipping through pages, or going back and forth when something eludes me. It's true you can do all of those things on the Nook, but to me it's not the same.

Yet the other day, I had an "Aha Moment." I was trying to stuff my cell phone, date book and address book in a small purse to lighten my tote bag with its books and magazines. I thought of those television commercials I have seen that showed people loaded down with a host of electronic gadgets -- calculators, GPS devices, electronic readers, mini-scanners, -- who encounter someone with a smartphone or iPad with the capability of doing all of those things plus 200,000 others. Besides making and receiving calls,

apparently you can download applications that will enable you to do anything from delivering a baby to making a pizza. Of course, most allow you to text and twitter, listen to music, interface with all your social media sites or even set the car alarm. And you never have to go home to watch your favorite TV show, sporting event or news broadcast. Even if you have a 55-inch television set at home, there seems to be a certain cachet in watching a program on the 4 inch to 6 inch screen.

For a few minutes, I wondered if maybe I had missed a step in the electronic revolution. Wouldn't it be simpler if I traded in my cell phone, that only makes and receives call, for a snappy new number so that I could take pictures, balance my checkbook, get the news and watch TV all with one tiny appliance?

Yet I am not ready to switch over to the little hard screen reader nor to miniaturize all my activities to tiny screens or to reduce my private life to Facebook or YouTube. My grandson was visiting recently and he had a laptop with him that had Skype capability. (For the uninitiated, Skype is a video transmittal program that enables you to send and receive live pictures from another computer). "Grandma, grandma," he insisted. "Let me Skype you." "But I'm standing right here," I said. "You can just talk to me." So I don't want to be your "friend" on Facebook even if that means I can see all 700 pictures they took at your granddaughter's wedding or relive your moment-by-moment experience of having your gall bladder out. If you want to be my friend, call me up and come over for coffee and we'll talk about books or children or politics. I don't want to have a conversation with you while you are shopping in Publix, trying on dresses in Bloomingdale's or flying down I-95.

Do you remember watching Senor Wences, the Spanish ventriloquist on the old Ed Sullivan show? He would draw a puppet mouth and eyes on his hand and talk to his hand, and say, "All right?" The hand would reply, "All right." I don't want to talk to my hand all day or communicate electronically in every aspect of my life. I'm not a Luddite that hates progress, but I am going to hold on to the printed word, dealing with live people in banks and stores and offices and sharing my life with real people. I know it's a generational thing, and the young are rolling their eyes, preparing quill pens and stone tablets for an old fogey like me. But that's all right, all right?

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## BOOK TALKS

by Judy Markowitz

On Wednesday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. I will be facilitating a discussion on "Minding Frankie" by Maeve Binchy. This novel by a best-selling author is an emotional story about unconventional families, relationships that aren't quite what they seem, and the child at the heart of everyone's lives.

Stella, a young unwed mother-to-be, lies in a hospital bed with her due date drawing near. Stella is terminal and she is about to bring into the world a little daughter, knowing it will mean the end of her own life. Desperate that her daughter, Frankie, have a home and a secure childhood, she contacts Noel to inform him that their one-night stand resulted in her pregnancy and that he is the father. Would he raise this little girl?

Thought full of self-doubt and fighting alcoholism, Noel determines he will do just that. He changes his life, attends AA meetings, goes back to school, moves out of his parent's house, and takes little Frankie into his life and heart.

Noel finds he can't do it alone. Fortunately, he has a competent, caring network of friends, family and neighbors. Lisa, his unlucky-in-love classmate, moves in with him, his American cousin, Emily, always there to lend a hand, the newly retired Dr. Hat, Dr. Declan and his wife Fiona, and many other eager babysitters. Frankie is covered around the clock.

Not everyone is supportive of this unconventional arrangement. Moira, a nosy social worker with family issues of her own, is convinced Frankie would be better off in a two-parent household.

The book is a heartwarming story of love and unconventional families. It reminds us that "it takes a village to raise a child."

## ROYALS BOWLING

By Shelly Mehlman



The Royals are back having fun at the AMF Lanes, in Boynton Beach every Thursday at 3 p.m. We always welcome new bowlers. Come on down and have a great time.

For details, call Shelly Mehlman (733-8070).

## MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



The Travel Club has had a busy year since its birth in June 2010. We have operated five trips, all of which have been very well received. Three of the trips were one-day excursions, one trip was for two nights and one for three nights.

Our first trip, last October, was a two-night visit to Key West with 18 participants. In January 2011, 24 of us visited the NASA Space Center at Cape Canaveral. The next month, 23 art lovers traveled to Coconut Grove for the annual arts festival. Our largest group so far, with 25 people, in July 2011, had a wonderful time on our three-night trip to Atlanta with stops at an aviation museum and a museum dedicated to Stephen Foster and his music.

Our most recent trip was to Miami for a one-day Jewish Heritage Tour, with 23 people in the group. We visited the Jewish Museum, the Holocaust Museum. On the way back, we stopped at the Turnberry Jewish Center in Aventura.

Over the past year, 74 people have participated in at least one of these five trips. Six people have taken four trips.

Our next trip, October 16-20, will be a four-night trip to Branson. We currently have 25 people looking forward to this trip, which is chock full of a variety of shows, along with meals, shopping and all the other fun on a trip.

We would like to thank Sid Bedell of We Care for allowing us to borrow a wheelchair on most of our trips. So far, happily, we have not needed to use it, but we believe in being prepared.

Be sure to visit the Travel Club page on our website at [www.majesticisles.com/travelclub.htm](http://www.majesticisles.com/travelclub.htm) to see what future trips are available as we plan them. You can also see pictures from past trips.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents, their friends and relatives, even if they don't live in Majestic Isles. We have a mix of singles, couples and even times where only one person of a couple joins us.

## HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



As usual, the Hadassah calendar is chock full of activities. Our first fall activity was the very successful and enjoyable High Tea at Lee Katz's house. With our tea, we enjoyed scones and other delicious desserts. Lee took pictures of all of us who were wearing hats. We looked adorable.

Don't forget, in celebration of Hadassah's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, life membership is "on sale" for only \$100 through December 31. It's quite a bargain so be sure to take advantage of the savings.

Our next board meeting is October 17 at 10:30 a.m. Later that day the study group will meet at 3 p.m. and the regular meeting is Monday, October 24 at 11:30. The next Rosh Hodesh gathering will be on Friday, October 28 at 10 a.m. at the Morikami Picnic Area. All are welcome.

On November 9 members will attend a performance of "Guys & Dolls" at the Stage Door Theater in Coral Springs.

There is still time to join Hadassah on a wonderful Caribbean cruise from Sunday January 8 to January 15. Call Roberta Rabinowitz (736-6387) for more details.

There are a host of other winter activities coming up, including card parties, luncheons and a special Majestic Isles centennial celebration.

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## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

Welcome back to all our Snowbird friends and neighbors. We hope you will join us for a new and interesting season. Dues are payable now. Please put your \$10 checks in the in the back lobby of the clubhouse.

A big thank you to Steve Bayer who stepped in when a family emergency prevented our guest speaker from the Sheriff's Dept. from appearing at our meeting on Monday, Sept. 12. Thank you to our Board of Directors who baked and donated all the goodies to go with our coffee.

Our next event will be on Monday, October 10 at 11:30 at the clubhouse. Free lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. A Financial Advisor from Raymond James will be our guest speaker. This function is for members only. Please sign up at the back lobby by October 3..

November 14 is the date of our card party at the Delray Beach Golf Club, and November 15 we'll be collecting used items for abused women.

Tune into Channel 63 for additional information. Hope to see you soon.

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## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

By Selma Friedman

What a wonderful way to start the next season! To prepare for our Oct. 9 meeting, Arlene Levin and Ira Schneider researched our albums back to the inception of M.I.L.T. They've put together a video synopsis of M.I.L.T.'s special programs featuring so many of our residents, past and present, who were involved in these great shows. Back in 1998, M.I.L.T. was under the umbrella of the Social Club. Did you know that?

Come for an evening, "Down Memory Lane." There may be a few surprises, also. This is a night to enjoy! And bring a neighbor!

## M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Claire Deveney and Marilyn Chermak



Thank you to everyone who attended the M.I. Pap Corps Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Extravaganza Thursday, Sept. 22, at the clubhouse and special thanks to all the volunteers who made

this event fun and very successful. Paul Mendelsohn, as maître d' was ably assisted by wine stewards Erwin Silling and Ed Gerard.

We also gratefully acknowledge the 87 residents who attended the Caribbean Summer Festival at the clubhouse on July 30, for fun, games and prizes. Many thanks to planners co-presidents: Marilyn Chermak, Arlene Levin and Renee Stichel, as well as Marion Brandwein, Claire Deveney, Doris Davidoff, Barbara Lader, and Paul Mendelsohn. Bunny Eisenberg was responsible for our spectacular table centerpieces. Thank you, too, to all the others who helped make this fundraising event successful for the Pap Corps.

Football Mania tickets for the 2011-2012 season are still available. Your \$20 ticket may make you a winner! There is a guaranteed winner each week. Contact Ed Gerard, Ed Strauber or Paul Mendelsohn for tickets.

Future dates:

**Oct. 27:** 12 noon, Lunch and Program: "How Hollywood has Influenced America," by Myrna Loman, teacher and lecturer on film makers.

**Oct. 30,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pap Corps White Elephant Sale at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Call Claire Deveney or Helen Benowich to contribute your items or volunteer.

**Nov. 17,** 12 noon, Lunch and Program

**Dec. 4,** 2 to 4 p.m., Elegant Jewelry at the home of Phyllis Pinsel, 5950 Grand Harbour.

**Dec. 18,** 10:30 a.m. Coins for the Cure Brunch

Details about activities scheduled after Oct. will appear in later issues of the newsletter.



*Answers to the Scavenger Hunt: With a careful eye and a little imagination, all of the items on the list can be found on the carpet in the ballroom.*

## GOURMET CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

The Gourmet Club started another wonderful evening nestled around the table in the home of Paul Mendelsohn and munching on olive tapenade with fresh baked wheat bread. The wine was flowing as well as the conversation.

At Paul's suggestion, our evening theme was "Foods From the Bible." Joan Peckins prepared poached tilapia fillets with choice of two sauces – herb pesto and a sweet onion. Joan Sorkin prepared a beef stew with mint, and meatballs in wine sauce were made by Flo Kalestein. Side dishes were lentils and rice by Janice Berger, carrot salad with cumin and beans and bulgur wheat salad by Seena Calder

Dessert was an array of fresh coffees, teas and date nut cookies by Judy Zied and a fresh semolina cake with apples made by our host Paul. Of course there was a big bowl of fresh fruit.

An evening such as this gives us a chance to try our cooking skills on new and exciting menus. Some we want to try again, others are filed away, but Gourmet Club gatherings always make for a new experience with good friends.

### Carrots With Cumin

6 medium carrots  
water  
1/4 olive oil  
2 crushed garlic cloves  
1 TB chopped parsley  
salt  
1 TB honey  
1/2 tsp ground cumin  
salt and freshly ground pepper

Peel and slice carrots into 1/4 inch rounds. Put in pot with a little water and salt and cook covered for 10 minutes until tender but crisp. Mix remaining ingredients and add to hot carrots. Toss and adjust seasoning to taste. Serve at room temperature. (Four to six side dish servings.)

## SOCIAL CLUB

By Rita Dick and Arlene Koch

The Social Club started the new season with a very successful Labor Day Luau Party. Many thanks to our hard working committee Co-chaired by Sylvia Fefferman and Doris Silverman with the help of Helen Aldoroty, Helen Benowich, Rita Dick, Arlene Koch, Sheila Miller, Fran Ost and Joan Sorkin. Everyone enjoyed the singing talents of Christy Mauro Cohen and the delicious buffet catered by China Gardens.

On Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m., we will be holding our first general meeting, at which time the new slate for 2012 will be announced. Dean Richards will be our entertainer for the evening. We'll be serving "coffee and." New residents will be most welcome.

We have scheduled a show for Oct. 29 at 8:00 p.m. Comedian Alan Prophet and vocalist Grace Azar will be appearing that evening. The price will be \$12/person..

Plans are underway for our annual Grandkids' Party on Dec. 26 and 27. Watch for the details as the dates grow nearer.

Lawrence of Florida will be providing music and motivators for our fun filled New Year's Eve Party. We are still accepting deposits of \$50 per couple and the final payment of an additional \$50 will be due on Nov. 15. Contact Rita Dick for table arrangements.

We are looking forward to our fabulous 2012 Series. On Jan. 28 Paul Tanner and a seven piece band will be appearing. On Feb. 25 Comedian Brad Zimmerman and Ventriloquist Patrick Murray and his sidekick Mathilda will keep us laughing. Our final show on March 26 we will be featuring "Let's Hang On." A group of six young singers and a four piece band paying tribute to the sounds of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The price for the series is \$70/person. Individual tickets will be sold at \$25/person for the Jan. and Feb. show and \$35 for the final show in March. Put checks in the Social Club box in the back lobby.

## MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

8 p.m. at the clubhouse

### FRI.,OCT.14: THE INVENTION OF LYING

In a world where no one fibs, fiction doesn't exist and people take each other at their literal word, unsuccessful screenwriter Mark (Ricky Gervais) gains fame and fortune -- and maybe **the** girl of his dreams (Jennifer Garner) -- by saying things that aren't true. Gervais co-writes and co-directs this original comedy that co-stars Rob Lowe. Look for cameos by Tina Fey, Jonah Hill, Louis C.K. and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

### SAT., NOV. 11: MAO'S LAST DANCER A

delegation from Madame Mao's Beijing Dance Academy selects 11-year-old peasant villager Li Cunxin to study ballet in far-off Beijing, where he trains for seven grueling years to become one of China's greatest dancers. His efforts win him the opportunity to dance in America, opening his eyes to a new love and the possibility of a dramatic defection from China in this remarkable true story based on Cunxin's autobiography.

**NOTE: We are now showing films with closed captioning.**

*The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.*

*This film cost \$31 million. With that kind of money I could have invaded some country.*

*Clint Eastwood*

*Even if I set out to make a film about a fillet of sole, it would be about me.*

*Federico Fellini*

*The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.*

*Alfred Hitchcock*

## MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg



As I write, we are in the second week of the new season and are just beginning to hit our stride.

<b>WEEK 1 MEN:</b>			
<b>HIGH GAME</b>		<b>HIGH SERIES</b>	
Mike Ost	165	Ted Shapiro	418
<b>WEEK 1 – WOMEN:</b>			
<b>HIGH GAME</b>		<b>HIGH SERIES</b>	
Sandy Gardner	128	Sandy Gardner	354
<b>WEEK 2 – MEN:</b>			
<b>HIGH GAME</b>		<b>HIGH SERIES</b>	
Fred Katz	212	Fred Katz	412
<b>WEEK 2 – WOMEN:</b>			
<b>HIGH GAME</b>		<b>HIGH SERIES</b>	
Estelle Snyder	149	Estelle Snyder	379

I hope all the snowbirds and the cruisers had a great summer, but it's time to start another great bowling season.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

## SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

As usual, the Singles have many activities planned for the next few months.

October 15: Italian buffet at 5:30 p.m. Please get your \$10 in ASAP.

November 4 : Regular meeting. It's time to pay dues.

December 9: Dinner from TooJays, followed by a classic movie. The charge is \$10.

December 17- We are going to Harid's for a ballet.

## M.I. YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Reggie Zimmerman

The July 3 Yiddish Club meeting was fabulous! Rael Friedkes, accompanied by Reggie Zee, opened the meeting with a rousing singing of Hatvikva. Norman Katz played "God Bless America" beautifully on his harmonica, then continued with George M. Cohan's "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy," while we sang, clapped and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Lucky Buck winners were our two Sheilas – Traum and Goldstein – who very generously re-donated the "Bucks" to the Yiddish Club.

We were very happy that some young people at the meeting participated in a special commemoration and remembrance of the miraculous Entebbe rescue on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1976. We paid tribute to Israeli hero Yoni Netanyahu (Benjamin Netanyahu's older brother) who was killed during this rescue mission. Thanks to Selma and Al Wattenberg and Gerry and Norman Herman for bringing their grandsons to this commemoration. In honor of Independence Day, we viewed the wonderful film "Yankee Doodle Dandy" starring James Cagney and Joan Leslie.

Thanks to Fran and Mike Ost, Florence and Teddy Lipschitz, Norman Katz, Gladys Feldman, and everyone who helped serve the delicious refreshments: cake, coffee, apple pies, and premium ice cream! Thanks to Buddy Koch, our sound engineer, who is always so helpful and knowledgeable. Thanks to all for making the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend just wonderful! We thank Jean Abramowitz, Estelle and Al Finer, and Fran and Puggy Weiner for helping to sponsor this great evening. Get well wishes to all who are not feeling well – a "Rafuah Shlaimo" to Fred Oestreicher, Leo Zimmerman, Teddy Lipschitz and many more who are recuperating.

We will not meet in September or October. The November meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Chanukah party will be on December 25 at 6 p.m. (*note the change of date and time*). All are welcome. Be well - and support our Yiddish Club.

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

October 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011

# OCTOBER

2	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p, h)
6	Thurs	10:00 a.m.	C.O.P.	Meeting (f, h)
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
9	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop (\$2 non-members, h)
10	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	Women's Club	Luncheon (f, h)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment group	Discussion (f, h)
14	Fri.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p, h)
15	Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Singles	Workshop (p, h)
16-20	Sun. – Thurs.		Travel Club	Branson trip (p, a)
17	Mon.	3:00 p.m.	Hadassah	Study group (f, h)
18	Tue.	7:30 p.m.	Social Club	Meeting (f, h)
19	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks and More	Book Discussion (f, h)
23	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
24	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting (p, h)
27	Thurs..	12 noon	Cancer Research	Meeting (f, h)
29	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Show Time (p, h)
30	Sun.	10 a.m. –noon	Cancer Research	White Elephant Sale (a)

# NOVEMBER

3	Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	COP	Meeting (f, h)
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
4	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (p, h)
5	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p, h)
6	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p, h)
		7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Meeting (f, h)
7	Mon	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
9	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	Hadassah	"Guys and Dolls" (p, a)
10	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Single	Meeting
13	Sun.	8:00 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop
14	Mon.	12 noon	Women's Club	Card party (p, a)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
15	Tues.	11 a.m – noon	Women's Club	Collection for abused women
16	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks and More	Book Discussion (f, h)
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Candidates Night (f, h)
17	Thurs.	12 noon	Cancer Research	Meeting (f, h)
20	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
21	Mon.	3:00 p.m.	Hadassah	Study group (f, h)
28	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting (f, h)
30	Wed.	10:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino trip (p, a)

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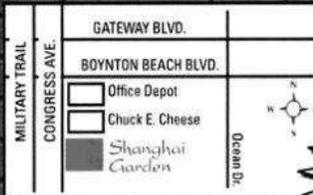
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