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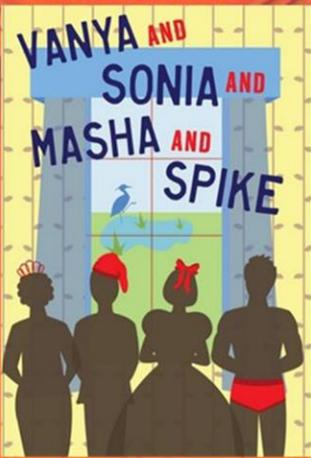
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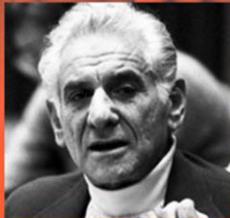
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*Welcome!*

**LORIANN PERRONE**

**By Claire Deveney**



Welcome to LoriAnn Perrone, Licensed Community Association Manager, who started in August with the Castle Group, the property management company appointed this past May.

LoriAnn lives in Madison Green in Royal Palm Beach, a golf course and clubhouse community comprised of 11 villages of 55 to 280 homes. For the past three years she managed nine of the 11 villages with a total of 1,344 homes. LoriAnn was previously a real estate agent for nine years working all over Palm Beach County. She and her

family have lived at Madison Green for the past four years.

LoriAnn was born in Worcester, MA., graduated from St. Bernard’s High School in Fitchburg, MA, and earned her associate’s degree from Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, MA.

On a trip to West Palm Beach to visit her mother, LoriAnn met her future husband and moved here. Her husband, who is called “J.P.” for John Paul, is a general manager for the car dealership *Infinity of the Palm Beaches*. They have two children, a daughter, Lasone, 21, a film and broadcast major who recently graduated from the Connecticut School of Broadcasting, and Alexander, 15, a student and budding football star at Palm Beach Central High School in Wellington. Her mother lives in Royal Palm Beach and her sister lives in Loxahatchee.

“I’ve received a warm welcome and I am very excited to be here,” said LoriAnn.

**LoriAnn may be contacted from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday wither by calling her at the clubhouse at (424-0952) or by email at LPerrone@castlegroup.com**

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OBSERVER**

### **by Steve Karten**

I am tempted to say this was the biggest crowd I'd ever seen at one of these meetings, except that this was the first and only Majestic Isles Board of Directors meeting I'd attended. My initial impression was of surprise. The ballroom was filled almost to capacity with MI residents. The room was set up sort of convention style; lots of schmoozing going on, and, as Baldar of the Coneheads might have said, "mass quantities" of Dunkin' Donuts were consumed.

The meeting began with residents asking questions of and raising concerns with the Board:

The Board was asked that the hiring of an interior decorator for refurbishing the clubhouse be put on the agenda. The board responded by tabling it for a future meeting.

One homeowner related an individual problem they had with the new Comcast service. This prompted a discussion on the subject with an explanation of steps that were being taken in coordination with Comcast to address the many problems residents were experiencing with the new contract. Comcast wants residents with problems to call either 1-800-Comcast, or 1-800-Xfinity and ask for the Bulk Service Department for Majestic Isles.

Questions were asked regarding the amounts of pesticides being used in the community for lawns, shrubs, etc. All agreed that an independent study is needed to determine if the amounts can be reduced.

A discussion ensued regarding problems in the ballroom with the movie projector and the sound system. This prompted a general discussion of what needs to be done, and how the Board was going to follow up on this problem.

Further items raised by residents: residents not receiving their coupon books from the new management; problems with the decorative lights at the entrance to the community; the lock on the front door of the clubhouse; the gate sensor at the front gate. The Board advised that the sensor issue would be looked into this week. Someone also pointed out that the light at the flagpole was aimed at the pole and not the flag. This will also be looked into.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved, and Treasurer gave his financial report. (*Residents may request a report of the 9/10/15 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.*)

Both Lisa Doran, Regional Director of Castle Group, our new management company, and Loriann Perrone, our new Property manager were then introduced. After initial greetings they, along with the Board and residents, discussed various items: tree trimming in the community; high-hat replacement in the clubhouse; the sound equipment problem, and what was going to be done about it; broken mailbox replacement; how the company was going to track work orders by computer; new bids for mulching, and reducing the strength of bleach being used in pressure cleaning roofs; flood insurance issues; fixing sidewalks (The work has been completed at a cost of \$15,000); LED lights by palm trees; cell phones and tablets for property manager; bids for an engineer to supervise repair of the pool; re-surfacing the parking lot, and coordinating the repairs to the pool, the deck, parking lot and bathrooms.

The residents were advised to lock their internal garage doors into houses, as was discussed in a piece in the Palm Beach Post recently. Also, CPR courses are being offered in the area. (Call 561-572-9151 for information and to register.)

The new Manager, LoriAnn, is planning a "Meet 'n' Greet" soon. (*Subsequent to the meeting this was scheduled for 6 p.m. on October 21.*)

Meeting adjourned, and I survived my first board meeting.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS: WHO TO CALL FOR WHAT**

The current responsibilities of the individual Board members are as follows:

President, Harvey Galan: Clubhouse, pool and tennis courts

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president, Steve Bayer: Security, COBWRA

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president, Bill Broth: Grounds

Secretary, Iris Rothstein: Comcast liaison, welcoming new neighbors, painting

Treasurer, Saul Siegel

Asst. Treasurer, Ken Keller: Insurance, contracts

Member-at-large, Mark Jaffie: painting, Architectural Review Committee

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## SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

It is often said that when you move to Florida, the most important person you meet is your neighbor. You want to have an anchor, a friend, an emergency contact and a dinner partner. Many of us got into the habit of giving our house key and alarm code to our neighbor and our closest friends in case something were to happen to us. It's a great idea if you have left your door open or your lights on when you go on a trip and suddenly realize your mistake. Call the neighbor and ask them to turn off the lights, stove, or alarm, and stop worrying.

Some of us even thought it was a good idea in case something incapacitating or worse happened to us, your children could call a neighbor to go into the house and see if we are okay.

It has come to light and been recently reinforced, that it is a *terrible* idea for you to enter the house under these circumstances. In the worst case, if the resident has passed away and you should come into the home, you will be entering a legal crime scene.

If you should ever get a call to go and check on someone, or decide to do it on your own, **don't do it!** The proper procedure is to call 911 and ask for a deputy sheriff to come to the home and do a welfare check because you suspect the worst. They will do this and if the resident has gone shopping or is out of town, everyone will be happy and relieved.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to give me a call at 737-0495.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

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| Helen Benowich     | Adele Siegel    |
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| Charlotte Goldberg | Marcia Vetstein |
| Leona Husarsky     | Bert Weinberg   |
| Paul Mendelsohn    | Irwin Zivitz    |
| Fran Ost           |                 |

### SYMPATHY

To the family of Paula and Linda Goldberg.

### MESSAGES

Thanks to all my Majestic Isles family and friends for all your get well wishes while I was ill. Thanks to all of you, I am now fine!

*Marty Baron*

My family and I would like to thank all our Majestic Isles friends and neighbors for your cards, donations, food and condolences on the passing of my wonderful wife, Tillie.

*Irwin Citron*

Thank you to my Majestic Isles friends for your cards, calls and good wishes. You made recovery from my most recent back surgery so much easier. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

*Marcia Vetstein*

Thank you to our wonderful friends at Majestic Isles for all your cards and donations on the loss of Miriam's mother and sister.

*Bill Weitzner*

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## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

By Elaine Jay

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## And the Comcast Saga Continues...

By Iris Rothstein, BOD Liaison to Comcast



*Disclaimer: The information contained in this article is guaranteed to be accurate up to the date this newsletter goes to print. Please watch Channel 63 for more up-to date information.*

Well, Majestic Isles residents, we made it through the Comcast Community Event held August 24-27 with 269 residents signing up for installation. Congratulations if your installation went well and you are now enjoying your HD TV and are able to use your DVR. For those of you who were not here, please call 1-800-XFINITY (1-800-934-6489) Bulk Service Department Majestic Isles, Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fret not if you are having problems. Help is on the way! If you have installation issues, you must first call the number above to resolve your problem. Then, if all else fails, call me, Iris Rothstein (732-0372) if you live on Royal Caribbean; Harvey Galan (742-8815) if you live on Cocowood, Island Reach or Grand Harbour; or Bill Broth (731-0323) if you live on Crystal Key, Emerald Cay, Seashell Terrace or Swaying Palm.

The following is the statement we've received from Comcast concerning billing, "We have an audit team that reviews each account to make sure the resident is not paying for the bulk services which is paid by the Association. It can take up to two billing cycles for a resident to see an adjustment. The individual resident has the choice to pay the statement as is or wait to see the adjustment on their next statement."

Please call the gatehouse computer (375-8406), to clear the Comcast technician to come to your home. If you are switching from AT&T to a Comcast phone, the Comcast tech must connect your phone to ADT, our alarm company.

As you work with your TV and DVR, please write down questions and turn them in to the office. We will review them and pass them along to Noel Pagan, Comcast Community Representative. Noel will

respond to these questions during four sessions in our ballroom in October. The sessions are scheduled as follows:

Friday, Oct. 9 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Friday, Oct. 16 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Thurs. Oct. 22 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Tues. Oct. 27 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the meantime, you can pick up a brochure entitled, "Welcome to the X1 Entertainment Operating System," at the office, click on the "A" button on your DVR box remote for tutorials or go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and enter "XFINITY on X1 Tutorials."

I want to thank the residents for their patience, knowing we are doing our best to help with transitioning into our new Comcast contract.

I can be contacted by email at [iriscsr@yahoo.com](mailto:iriscsr@yahoo.com) or by phone (see above).

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MAYOR SHELLY VANA reported that the Palm Beach County Commission is working on an ordinance that would prohibit the illegal sales of vehicles from public roads and open fields. She also reported that the 2016 budget calls for the hiring of two additional code enforcement officers.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER KAREN BRILL announced that the School District will be working with REPRESENTATIVE IRVING SLOSBERG to attempt to provide transportation for students who are currently required to walk significant distances to and from school.

STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG announced that his office is seeking legislative support to make it easier and cost free for residents to recover their stolen personal possessions from pawn shops.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT CHAIR STEVE OSEROFF presented two proposals:

- \* The building of a self storage facility on Military Trail north of Hypoluxo Road in a structure that is currently a bowling facility. The Delegates recommended approval of the proposal as submitted.
- \* The installation of a 150' Flag Pole Cell Tower on El Clair Ranch Road between Flavor Pict and Pipers Glen Roads. The Delegates recommended approval of the proposal with the condition that the landscaping, both horizontal and vertical, shall be consistent with the surrounding communities.



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## ***Gardening in the Isles***

***By  
Stan Davidson***

Welcome back to our part-time residents to a part-time season of gardening in the Isles. A possible issue of concern from residents in our community is the environmental impact of the herbicide Roundup®, recently reviewed in the media, which is a herbicide developed by Monsanto Chemical and is widely used throughout the United States. It is currently used in Majestic Isles to control and eradicate weeds, particularly in our stonescapes, pavers and sidewalk cracks. The question to be answered is whether this product safe for humans and animals or is it just like chlordane, diazanon and dursban, which were banned several years ago?

Since Roundup®'s introduction in 1974, all types of testing has been conducted worldwide. The question of risk is still up for discussion. The New Yorker Magazine published an article in April 2015, "Roundup® and Risk Assessment," by Michael Specter, a staff writer who writes frequently about agricultural biotechnology. I hope my review of his article will shed some insight on this topic so you, the resident, can then assess its risk to our environment.

The product classified as the chemical glyphosate in the Specter's article is an active ingredient in Roundup®. However, only 2% of the mixture contains the chemical glyphosate. This small ingredient has caused food activists to condemn it for decades. A panel of seventeen scientists around the world concluded that glyphosate could probably be dangerous. The terminology "probably dangerous or a risk" is a cliché that has been used for years and means that there is not enough evidence to indicate that it is more than possible to say that it is harmful.

The National Cancer Institute, which has studied the effects of this herbicide, states that you should be a little concerned about the nature of glyphosate.

On the other hand, it was stated that many studies have been conducted for the past 40 years and *no* connection has been found between glyphosate and cancer. It has been approved by EPA agencies throughout the world. A recent study by the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment reviewed hundreds of toxigeologic studies stating that glyphosate is not toxic to fertility, reproduction, and embryo development in laboratory animals.

Specter's article then addressed how it can be proven that a substance is safe. You first need to examine the data performed on the subject to determine the risks and benefits. It was noted that the data, after being reviewed, and analyzed for forty years of use, demonstrated that *no* study had shown a clear link between glyphosate and cancer.

In conclusion, the article stated that we should not abandon studies to investigate the possibility of both immediate and cumulative effects of this chemical on humans and animals. The key of any risk to our environment could be due to the small 2% glyphosate dosage in the Roundup® mixture and its residual effects. There is a formula for weed control on stonescapes, pavers, and sidewalk cracks that is definitely environmentally safe. I recommend filling a 32 ounce spray bottle with vinegar, add ½ cup of salt and a ½ tablespoon of dishwashing liquid to the mixture. **Do not spray on weeds in your lawn or your car windshield!! Label the spray bottle!**

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## BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

At 150 miles long, the Florida Reef Tract is the third longest coral barrier reef in the world, surpassed only by Australia's Great Barrier Reef and by Belize. It stretches from Biscayne Bay's Soldier Key through the Florida Keys past Key West to the Dry Tortugas. Some of the best reefs are off Key Largo, right in our backyard, a quick 50 minute drive and a four to eight mile, 20 minute boat ride from Majestic Isles. If you haven't gone yet and can swim, be sure to add this unique experience to your "To Do" list.

The reef tract corals and associated marine life can be observed from glass-bottom tour boats or viewed up close and personal on a snorkel or SCUBA charter. Sign up at Key Largo's John Pennenkamp Coral Reef State Park, or with an outside-of-the-park charter on Key Largo or Marathon. If you don't want to get wet, yet still experience the coral reefs, cruise Pennenkamp's glass-bottom observation boats out to Molasses Reef. If you came to snorkel, however, for the best experience charter a snorkel-only, outside-of-the-park dive boat (minimum 6 passengers). You'll save Pennenkamp's parking and admission fees and have a dive master available for individual instruction. Water temperatures above 78° are optimum; otherwise, rent a wet suit. Go when wind speeds are less than 10 mph for smoother sailing.

No matter how you reach the reefs, be sure to reserve your observation tour or snorkel charter, and whatever snorkel gear/wet suits you need in advance. Lastly, younger than 15-year old minors must be accompanied in the water by an adult, and if snorkeling, be sure all in your group can swim.

Based on my past experiences, join me now for a virtual traverse of the Florida Reef Tract, from Marathon in the Florida Keys, to Key Largo Dry Rocks. Our charter dive boat rumbles slowly from Florida Bay through Snake Creek's mangroves to the inner reef tract. About midway across the chalky lime mud shelf, a spine of patch reefs rise like pinnacles from the sea floor to within eight feet of the sea surface. Pennenkamp's boats come here if the weather is poor. These patch reefs teem with life. Schools of colorful reef fish dart between the coral heads. Soft coral sea whips (gorgonians) wave in the gentle currents. Sea turtles float overhead; a lone barracuda glides by.

As we approach the outer reef tract, the chalky mud bottom begins to gently rise to the reef apron, a backreef rubble zone composed of lime sands and the broken skeletal remains of reef crest corals and other reef dwellers, transported there from the reef front by waves and currents. Marine life also changes. Marine grasses and colonial calcareous green algae with tufts of hairy needles on hairy thin trunks that look like miniature palm trees carpet the inner reef tracts' mud bottoms. In contrast, reef apron sands are home to armored colonial calcareous green algae that look like miniature warriors clad in body armor, branching red algae, small heads of brain and star coral, club and finger corals, starfish, sea urchins, sea anenomaes and purple sea fans. Be careful not to step on *Diodema*, a black sea urchin with long barbed poisonous spines. Moosehorn corals spread their branching arms from two to three feet in all directions so as to maximize sun exposure for yellow-brown commensal algae embedded within their tissue. These algae, the cause of the coral's brown coloration, help the coral polyps build their stony wave-resistant reef structures. As you swim between moosehorn corals towards the exposed reef, Kevlar-like "body armor" algal plates stripped from *Halimeda* jingle as they wash back and forth with the currents.

Your dive boat can take you around the exposed reef to the reef front. On entering the water here, pay close attention to the dive master's instructions. You don't want Florida Straits' swells to push you into the reef. Moosehorn corals here, no longer spread their branches wide, but instead, point a single branch seaward to blunt the force of the waves. Beneath the reef crest zone, a thicket zone of staghorn coral forms an impenetrable barrier of interlocking branches. Deeper down, the tops of wave buttresses built by massive heads overlying pipes of star coral are just reachable by a 10-foot surface dive. Make sure to stay away from the stinging coral and from sea anenomaes! Back on board your dive boat, look through its glass bottom at the spur and groove topography of the head zone buttresses designed to dissipate wave action. Admire the myriad schools of fish flashing by. If you are lucky, you might see a blue marlin jump clear of the surface as he slashes through a school of jackfish or school tuna. Inside the reef, on the trip back to port, your good luck might continue if a pod of bottlenose dolphin (porpoise) decides to ride your bow wave. If you're really lucky, the shark you see won't see you!



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## More Books to Check Out “The Children Act” and “Solar” by Ian McEwan

By Stan Kaish

“The Children Act” is a small book, some 200 pages and generously spaced. It doesn't take long to read. However, the brief time spent reading will be dwarfed by the time you will spend ruminating over its characters, their actions and the consequences of those actions.

Fiona Maye is a leading judge who presides in London's Family Court. She prides herself on the thoroughness of her legal knowledge and analysis, as well as the literary elegance of her written decisions. Fiona is a sixty-year-old woman, immersed in her work, who takes the stability of her marriage for granted. But her husband, Jack, has just announced that he is dissatisfied with their sex life and is embarking on an affair with a younger woman. He hopes Fiona will give this idea her blessing. Nice try, but no blessing is forthcoming. In fact they separate over the issue after 37 years of marriage, embittering and distracting Fiona.

Gradually, we learn about Fiona. After postponing parenthood for the sake of her career, time has run out, and they will remain childless. Over the years she has presided over hundreds of divorces. “Greedy husbands versus greedy wives, maneuvering like nations at the end of a war, grabbing from the ruins what spoils they could before the final withdrawal. Men concealing their funds in foreign accounts, women demanding a life of ease, forever.”

In the slice of time we visit her, she is presented with a case involving Adam, a seventeen year old boy with leukemia whom the doctors say needs a blood transfusion to survive. But his Jehovah's Witnesses parents have refused, as has the boy. The hospital has sued to be allowed to administer the transfusion and Fiona is hearing the respective pleas.

We the readers are treated to the brisk point and counter point of the legal arguments. Witnesses are called. Physicians press the case. Theologians rebut. Ultimately Fiona decides she wants to talk to the patient, see if his resolve is sincerely his own or something imposed on him by parents and community. There the pivotal events of the book occur. She finds him a “beautiful” child whom she questions about his beliefs. His intelligence is attractive. She is impressed with his sincerity. The

boy, in turn, is enchanted by her compassion and worldliness. She has experienced so much of which he knows nothing. But he refuses the transfusion.

In the end, she finds for the hospital, the transfusion takes place, the boy's leukemia goes into remission and both move on with their lives, Fiona to the cold logic of the law and her dubious matrimonial situation, and Adam to an extended life he had initially rejected and now embraces. And he wants to share that life, somehow, with the wise and compassionate judge that gave it to him.

At this point we must remember that in a novel situations are created and resolved in a manner that best satisfy the author. It is his story and he tells it his way. But it may not be your way. It is the “what might have beens” that the reader is left to dwell on, as I did, and that I invite you to do as well.

My appreciation of “The Children Act” led me to check out other Ian McEwan books. For starters, I picked one called “Solar,” published in 2010. By then Google had confirmed for me McEwan's reputation as an acknowledged giant of English letters, known not only for a mastery of the language, but also for acquiring a mastery of his topic at hand. Just as “The Children Act” displayed his legal acumen, “Solar” show us an impressive grasp of modern physics. Its principal character is Nobel Prize winning physicist Michael Beard who is lazily coasting on his reputation, while gorging himself on food and insatiably pursuing women. He has been married five times with dozens of conquests in between. He would happily have lived out his life, belonging to prestigious boards and chairing meetings. But fate throws him an opportunity to seize as his own, the creative work on solar energy of a brilliant and suddenly deceased subordinate. Based on his student's stolen work, Beard propels himself to global recognition and leadership in this vital field and is about to revolutionize the world's economies.

But surely we know McEwan doesn't intend to allow such a despicable character this triumph. Still, oddly enough, you may find yourself pulling for Beard, despite his gluttony, and recklessness. Or not.



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## BAD KARMA

By Phyllis Cohen

By rights, this should be my “How I spent my vacation” column. After all, for 15 years, I have been regaling readers with my summer vacations and cruises, trips to my children, adventures and misadventures while traveling. And this is, in many ways, that column. It was supposed to start out with all of the hassles of traveling and packing, flying cross-country, and ending up in a wonderful family celebration with my children and grandchildren, sister and niece and nephew. Unfortunately, I didn’t count on one additional trip. On that first day of the big three-day weekend party, while walking to the restaurant next door to the hotel with my sister and daughter, I took an unexpected flight when I stumbled and fell. Instead of sitting with my family at the first of the planned festivities that night, I was whisked away to the hospital by the EMTs and spent the afternoon in the emergency ward as they poked and prodded anything that looked bruised or hurt. My wonderful daughter sat and held my hand the whole time, supervising the doctor on-call and keeping me cheerful while my sister and her husband focused on calming my greatly shaken-up husband.

In spite of my bruises and aches, I made it through the events of the next few days, having more problems with the unsolicited advice and suggestions from the loving peanut gallery about what I should, could, and would, do for the future (use my walker, watch where I was walking, hold on to the railings, go to the gym for more body conditioning). Back home, after an aching five-hour red-eye flight (not recommended when you are battered and bandaged), I settled in for the beginnings of a long, slow, recovery of a nasty wound. I was barely settled into my chair, when my daughter called to make sure I was following the doctor’s advice and said in an off-hand way: “*I tripped and fell last night at a restaurant with my friend when I caught my foot on a piece of carpet that was not nailed down. But I fell on the waitress and she was nice and soft. Neither of us was hurt.*” Ouch! The restaurant manager remarked, “Gee, I have to do something about that piece of carpet. Someone is always tripping over it.” You think?

A few days later, while a visiting nurse was dressing my wounded knee, my older sister, a recent widow who lives in northern Florida, called to see how I was doing and then informed me of her accident. On

Friday, she had had a fantastic day cheerful and happy as she did her grocery shopping at Publix, even going so far as to buy a forbidden slice of layer cake at the bakery and devouring it in the store. At home, happy and singing, *she wheeled her walker around the kitchen* putting away the groceries when she suddenly tripped over one of the walker’s wheels and went airborne across the floor, striking the cupboard door with her head and landing on knee and elbow. A neighbor called 911. A lot of bruises and a hairline fracture of the knee cap...

My daughter, checking in that same night, sympathized with our injuries and remarked that she had seen her close friend, a lady of my age, that weekend at a party. Her face was black and blue, like the loser in a 10-round battle with Mike Tyson. She had fainted at the Y’s gym. *She had signed up for the gym to improve her health and balance* and neglected to mention that she has a blood pressure problem that causes her pressure to rise and fall unexpectedly. She too, made an unplanned trip to the hospital.

To top it off, my daughter remarked that she had just received an e-mail from another friend announcing that her own mom of 80 *had been holding on to a railing that had given way and had experienced a serious fall*, resulting in injuries to her neck and sternum.

So as I recuperated, alternating between wallowing in self-pity (a lot of that) and trying to suck it up, I thought to myself, you can try all you want to do the right thing, but sometimes you just can’t win.

## PET PATCH

By Molly



Wow, will this heat ever end? Neither my Mom nor I want to be out mid-day, so we walk in the morning and at night about 7:00. People ask my Mom if I’m okay, because they don’t see much of me.

I miss seeing everyone – since no one else wants to be walking either. Sometimes when Mom takes me out front, I just sit down and look up and down the street for people or my dog friends.

By the way, there are a few new dogs in here that I haven’t met yet. Maybe their owners could contact the newsletter staff and would like to write a column and introduce themselves. Let us hear from you.



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## INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Bill Harris, facilitator

Market volatility is back, and it is back big time. August was the worst month for global investors since May 2012. U.S. stocks got off to their worst September start in 13 years. Seesaw trading drove the S&P 500 down 6% during the third week, and nearly 6% more in the first two days of the last week of August, then up 4% on August 26 and another 2.5% on August 27, before finishing flat on August 28. The S&P lost yet another 1% on September 4 on a weaker than expected August jobs report. Meanwhile, investors' volatility expectations—as measured by the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX), is double the level it was at for most of the summer. Triple-digit swings in the DOW could continue right up to and through our *next meeting on October 12*.

China problems, the oil price drop and interest rate uncertainty were probably the three primary factors that caused the August volatility. China's economy, the world's second largest, is losing steam. Global markets have been jolted by a series of economic reports from the Chinese government revealing manufacturing has hit a six-year low. As of late August, the Dow Jones Shanghai Index has plunged over 40% since the June 2015 high.

Crude oil prices on August 21, fell below \$40 per barrel for the first time since the financial crisis in 2009. That's down from roughly \$100 per barrel just one year ago. The oil market has been struggling with excess supply, driven by strong U.S. shale production and increasing OPEC production, in the face of tepid demand growth. It's worth noting that oil prices have bounced back a bit amid very volatile trading, trading at \$46 per barrel in early September.

The magnitude and timing of the Federal Reserve's anticipated interest rate hike remain unknown. The uncertainty surrounding when exactly the Fed might raise rates appears to have increased on renewed global growth concerns.

What might be next? Will the market surrender to global issues? Did stocks swing a little too far into the red? Is the U.S. market now oversold? Just 20% of S&P 500 companies' stock prices are above their 50-day moving averages. Similarly, that number was 17% when the market bottomed out last fall. Going forward, what strategies should investors consider? The recent selloff was all about China and investors

expecting the worst-case deflation scenario, along with concerns about the timing of an eventual interest rate hike. Also, the market rout may make a September rate hike less likely.

A bigger risk for U.S. stocks might be the earnings drag from the energy sector. Weaker earnings out of the energy sector have continued from the second and third quarter of 2015 and may linger into the fourth quarter of 2015 and next year. If that's the case, then 2015 may be a year of zero earnings per share growth for the entire market. With falling earnings estimates and the likelihood of no earnings growth for the year, it's not surprising that the market has been struggling this year, and is now down on a year-to-date basis.

It's unknown if stocks have hit a bottom. Market corrections like we're seeing now are quite normal. Historically, there is a one in three probability of a 10% drop in stock prices using a rolling 20-year period, and one in five for a bear market (20% or greater correction). The last time stocks experienced a similar market decline was the 9.8% correction last fall. It's worth noting that last fall's correction was entirely reversed in a very short period of time as stocks rallied soon thereafter.

There is also the longer-term context to consider. After six years of at least 20% compound annual growth, nearly two-thirds of the way through 2015 the S&P 500 is down roughly 4% during a transitional year when the Fed is widely expected to raise interest rates for the first time since 2006. With the August correction and the market's continued turbulence, I can understand if, like the market, some of you feel unsettled. That is no reason to overreact. Don't get caught up in the market's balancing act. Instead, focus on developing and maintaining a sound, investing plan. You've set goals and you've developed strategies. You owe it to yourself to keep your plan on track, especially during the market's ups and downs.

Everyone wants to make wise decisions about their hard-earned money. It's natural to have questions and concerns. At our **October 12 meeting**, ask your questions, voice your concerns, and join in our discussions.

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- Strategies for Volatile Markets
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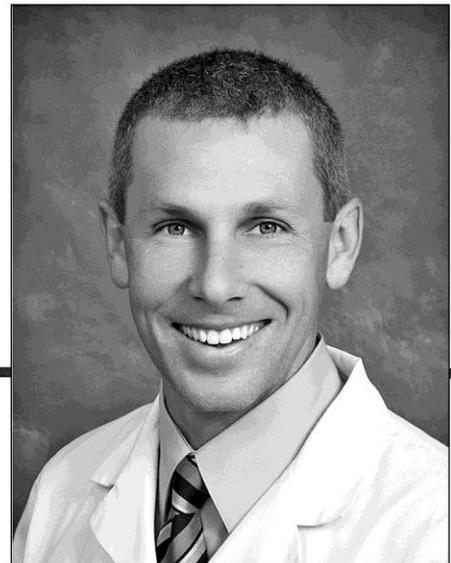


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## Visiting: ISABEL AND SY LUBCHANSKY

By Claire Deveney



Talking with Isabel and Sy Lubchansky reminds one of the interplay between George and Gracie Allen. The Lubchanskys are bright, talented and gifted with a wonderful sense of humor. They are also kind, considerate, giving and active in the community.

Sy attended kindergarten at P.S. 21 (where neighbor Adele Freitag taught years later), went to P.S. 103 for grammar school, and P.S. 113 for junior high. He graduated from Evander Childs High School, where he distinguished himself as a clarinet player in the band, played other instruments, and was a member of the theatre stage crew. (Neighbor Myrna Bader later taught at this high school). Following graduation, Sy worked for his father's business, Izzy's Kosher Butcher Shop, for a few years. After studying for two years at the College of Insurance, a private higher education school, he earned a certificate in finance and estate planning. Sy had a successful 45 year career in estate planning. Each year he attended continuing education classes to maintain his certification and said of his career, "I knew my work was always done in a proper way."

Sy played as the second clarinetist in the 92nd Street Young Men's Hebrew Association symphony orchestra. He is lucky in many things. Once while on a B'nai B'rith trip to Atlantic City, he took out \$60 and while playing the slots for one dollar a game, he had only \$15 left when he won \$20,000!

Isabel was the youngest of three daughters. After her father died when she was a year old, the family moved several times. She has only fuzzy memories of those early moves, but by sixth grade she was attending P.S. 105 at Pelham Parkway. She graduated from Christopher Columbus High School where she was captain of the cheerleaders. Her father's brother lived with her family and helped her mother support the family.

Born at the same hospital in the Bronx one year and eight months apart, Isabel and Sy say their marriage

was "*bashert*" (Yiddish for "meant to be.") Isabel was "age 19 and 7/8ths" when she and Sy started married life at Knox Place in the Bronx for \$43.25 monthly rent. Their little apartment on the first floor faced a golf course. Isabel says, "Looking out each day, it was our backyard." After their second child was born they moved to the Pelham Parkway area, and later moved to Co-op City. They lived in Bayside, in Queens, for the fifteen years preceding their move to Florida.

Isabel and Sy have two sons and a daughter, six grandchildren – 3 boys and 3 girls, and six great-grandchildren – 3 boys and 3 girls. Sy explains that there are 24 in their immediate family. "Everyone loves each other and that is beautiful," says Sy. "We have all kinds of heritage in our family – Jewish, Indian (from India), Irish and Italian. We all get along and enjoy each other."

The Lubchansky's older son, Allen, a retired high school science teacher and accomplished trombone player, lives with his wife, Frieda, in Howell, N.J. Isabel and Sy's younger son, Steven, is in electronic sales and lives with his wife, Gale, in Monroe, Conn. Steven and Gale's son made a cartoon of Isabel's (Grandma's) recipe for brisket, featuring a little bit of this, a little bit of that and hours of cooking, that is posted in a local store. The Lubchansky's daughter, Debra, who has a master's degree in nursing and worked in pediatric oncology, now works as a nurse practitioner at a school for the city of Irvington, N.Y., where she and her husband, Keith, live.

Sy and Isabel moved to Majestic Isles 18 years ago. Their respective credits as performers in MILT are far too numerous to list. Isabel is a fabulous comedian and actress and Sy is a talented actor. They are also members of the Social Club. Sy is former president of the Men's Club and continues as a busy member. Isabel is a life member of Hadassah and the Pap Corps.

The Lubchansky home has many photographs and family pieces. In their living room, Isabel has a magnificent framed tablecloth handmade by her mother using a Norwegian method called Hardanger, a process of pulling threads.

This past June 30 Isabel and Sy celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. A fun couple to spend time with and smile. Say "Good Night, Gracie."

## LONG DISTANCE

By Betty Wachtel

*After my paternal grandmother, then 20, left Poland in the late 1880s, she never saw her parents again and never again heard their voices. Her parents never saw her children nor heard their voices.*

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International phone calls were pricey and email wasn't an option in 1985, when our younger son was leaving for a year in Israel, so I said to Steve, "You will write home once a week."

Steve: "What if I have nothing to say?"

Mom: "You go that far, you find something to say."

If Steve interpreted that as, "If you don't write, we'll bring you home," he wasn't far off. Rather than risk being yanked home, he wrote weekly, usually a couple of barely legible, but detailed handwritten pages. Snail mail was – and still is – well, snail-like. As my husband put it, "When a letter came, we knew he'd been okay ten days ago."

Because of the eight-hour time difference between Chicago and Israel and the fact that Steve had no personal phone, we made occasional appointments to call him on the one phone available to him. We'd stay up past our usual bedtime to place the call and he'd wait at the phone at 6 a.m. Israeli time. As good as it was to hear his voice, those calls brought back memories of my parents putting me on the phone to say "Hello" to my Aunt Anne, and then, with "Hello" barely out of my mouth they were hovering over me, saying, "Hurry up, hurry up – it's long distance."

We couldn't be in New York to see Steve and his family off when they moved to Israel in early 1997. Hadar, our oldest grandchild, was old enough at three-and-a-half to want her turn on the phone when I called to say goodbye. After we talked for a few minutes, she said, "Hang on, I have to go to the bathroom," and doting grandmother that I was and am, I hung on, thinking, "Sweetie pie, I'm not going 'hang on' when you're in Israel."

I broke that silent promise over and over. Shortly before Steve and his family moved to a new apartment I was talking with our second granddaughter, Ma'ayan, then three and a half, about our upcoming visit.

Ma'ayan: Which bedroom will you sleep in?

Grandma: I don't know. You'll have to ask Ema.

Ma'ayan: Hold on and I'll ask her.

Before I could stop her, Ma'ayan had trotted off to ask her mother where we would sleep.

Ma'ayan: "You will sleep in the room next to Abba and Ema's room. Wait! I have to ask Ema if you will have beds!"

I hung on several times more before Ma'ayan was satisfied that we would have beds, mattresses, sheets, blankets and pillows with pillowcases. Even if phone rates had still been sky-high, that call would have been worth every penny and an amusement tax would have been well justified.

When the cost of international calls eventually dropped to a few pennies a minute, we stopped feeling pressured while we talked with our Israeli family. I helped with homework over the phone (How does one describe how to draw a picture of manna that fed the Israelites in the desert? How could I explain math concepts without a blackboard or pencil and paper?)

On visits when the children were young, my husband told them stories he made up about a not-very-scary witch. Once, shortly after the Israeli family had returned home from a visit to us, our daughter-in-law called to say that Ma'ayan wouldn't go to sleep without hearing Dad-Dad tell another witch story. He obliged, making up a new story on the spot.

Over international long distance, I calmed and consoled my granddaughters when they were upset with their mother – and calmed and counseled their mother when she was upset with them.

A couple of days after her engagement was announced, the youth group Hadar and her fiancé had led the previous year threw an impromptu party for them. On her way home from the party, Hadar used her cell phone to call from the bus to fill me in on every detail right down to the balloons and junk food, with her excitement and happiness just bubbling over the phone.

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*In 2013 at Hadar's wedding, my cousin's wife, Shulamit, commented to a young woman holding up her cell phone during the ceremony, "Even at a time like this, you have to have your phone." Shulamit was quite chagrined to learn that the young woman was the groom's sister who was Skyping the ceremony to their older brother in Australia.*

## RANDOM THOUGHTS From the Internet

### Source unknown

The biggest lie I tell myself is ..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!

I don't trip over things; I do random gravity checks! I find that I constantly have to check out walls and doorways to see if they have moved location.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop making me mad! Seems that happens more and more.

Old age is coming at a really bad time! And faster and faster.

I don't have white hair. I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work. Lots and lots of work.

Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

When did it change from "We the people" to "Screw the people?"

Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?

## HADASSAH

By **Ellin Goldstein**



Our chapter is off to a great start for the new season. Have a Happy New Year. Don't forget to pick up your Book of Remembrance. Lee and

her committee have done a great job – as usual!

Our next meeting is Oct. 26 at 11:15 a.m. Please join us and be entertained by Thierry Khalfa, a musician and vocalist. Our regular charge of \$2 per person will be collected at the door. We will be collecting kosher products for the Ruth Rales Center, and your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Our Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 11:00 a.m., presented by Stein Mart Department Store. Marilyn Broth and her committee have worked very hard to make this a success. Please be sure to attend. It will be held at Ellie's Flamingo Palace, located at 2410 N. Federal Highway, Delray Beach. The per person cost is \$34. It really sounds like fun!

The Donor luncheon will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant on Nov. 11. Check to see if you have made donor and are eligible for this event. We'll have more on this next month.

A Hanukah Party will be held on Sunday Dec. 6. Remember to participate in everything and volunteer whenever you're able. Hoping to see you soon!!

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## MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



In August everyone enjoyed our Jungle Queen Cruise. As usual, even after a worrisome forecast, the weather was wonderful. We started with a relaxing cruise past Ft. Lauderdale Millionaire's Row of mansions and spectacular

mega yachts. Then we got off the boat for a delicious barbeque dinner and a wonderful variety show before returning to the boat for the trip back to the dock, and then the bus to Majestic Isles.

Our next major trip will take 17 of us to the beautiful country of Ireland, where we will visit Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, and Limerick. We will get a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone and to view the stunning 700-foot high Cliffs of Moher for an awe-inspiring view of the Atlantic. Many of us will also get to experience a Medieval Banquet one evening.

We are planning a one-day excursion to the Everglades in January. This trip is still in the planning stages as I write this column in mid-September. Watch Channel 63 for the full information about this trip. By the time this issue goes to press, there will be flyers in the back lobby with all the information.

The Planning Committee is considering a number of other adventures. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming trips as they are developed. The members of the Planning Committee are: Paul Mendelsohn and Doris Davidoff, co-presidents; Francine Gitto, treasurer; and Sue Horowitz, Linda Kessler, Jack Moss and Ellie Rogg, members-at-large.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. Check Channel 63 for information. Email [dorisdav@aol.com](mailto:dorisdav@aol.com) to be added to our email list. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club. We meet four times a year. Our next meeting is Sunday, October 18.

*The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page. ~St. Augustine*

## FINDING THE EIGHTEENTH HORSE

Source unknown

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons. When his sons opened up his Will it read:

“My eldest son should get one half of total horses. My middle son should be given one third of the total horses. My youngest son should be given one ninth of the total horses.”

As it's impossible to divide 17 horses into half, 17 by three or 17 by nine, the three sons started to fight with each other.

So, they decided to go to a farmer friend whom they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the Will patiently, and after giving due thought, he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses.

Now, he divided the horses according to the father's Will.

Half of 18 = 9, so he gave the eldest son nine horses. One third of 18 = 6, So he gave the middle son six horses. One ninth of 18 = 2, so he gave the youngest son two horses.

Now add up how many horses they have:

Eldest son, nine; middle son, six; youngest son, two, for a total of 17!

Now this leaves one horse over, so the farmer friend takes his horse back to his farm.

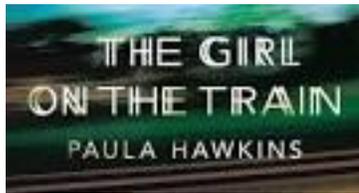
**Problem Solved!**

*Moral: The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to find the 18th horse, i.e. the common ground. Once a person is able to find the 18th horse the issue is resolved. It is difficult at times.*

*However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any.*

## BOOK TALKS

By Judy Markowitz



On Wednesday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m., I will be facilitating a discussion of “The Girl On The Train” by Paula Hawkins. The novel is a psychological thriller. Many reviews of the book have compared it to “Gone Girl,” a popular 2012 novel.

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning. Every day the train flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes and stops at a signal that allows her to watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She’s even started to feel like she knows them. She calls them “Jess and Jason.” In her mind, their life is perfect, not unlike the life she recently lost.

Then one day she sees something shocking. It’s only a minute until the train moves on, but it’s enough. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel offers what she saw to the police, and becomes entwined in what happens next. Has she done more harm than good?

The story is told through three female protagonists, each of whom explains, re-explains and justifies her actions. None of the women are likeable. The men involved aren’t much (or any) better. As the swiftly paced story unfolds, and each woman gradually reveals herself, the reader feels as if she’s been on a roller coaster ride.

The novel has been adapted into a film which should be released by the end of 2015. It has also been on numerous Best Seller lists over a year.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings whether or not you have read the book. Often after hearing our discussion, persons who have not read the book will decide to do so.

### **This is *Your* Newsletter**

*With the October 2015 issue, we start the Majestic Isles News’ 19<sup>th</sup> year. Several loyal, hardworking staff have been with the newsletter since the start, some have joined more recently, but the years have taken their toll. The only way to ensure that the Majestic Isles News continues is if some of **you** contribute your ideas, your time and/or your talent. Do you write? Type? Proofread? Do you have expertise from your working life to share? Do you draw? We meet the first Friday of the month, 11 a.m. at the clubhouse. (We’re always out by noon.) Come!*

## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

By Selma Friedman



The summer has flown by, but wow! M.I.L.T. is ready to start the new season with an exciting presentation, “This is your life – Ethel Merman,” written and directed by Gerry Herman. It features a wonderful cast, several “tried and true” M.I.L.T. performers but, we are happy to say, also several new cast members who are getting their feet wet with a first time venture onto the stage. Good for them! We all started somewhere.

Ethel Merman was a real star of Broadway, and this presentation will tell you a great deal about her. Come Sunday October 4 and join us for an evening of fun and more.... And, of course, ‘coffee and ....’

## WOMEN’S CLUB

By Joyce Milbauer, co-president

On June 9, we had a very nice docent tour of the Helena Rubinstein exhibit at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. Then we had lunch at Ruby Tuesday’s, where it was comfortable enough to sit outside.

### **Mark your calendar for these fall events:**

**October 28, Wednesday:** We will go down to Ft. Lauderdale to see the “LIPS” Female Impersonators. The cost includes a dinner show, plus the bus for \$52 per person. We have to have at least 30 people to plan this event. Outsiders are welcome.

**November 9, Wednesday:** Card Party at Delray Country Club. \$25, all welcome.

Please pay your dues of \$15 if you have not already done so. Also, we will be happy to welcome any new members that want to join the Women’s Club!

We look forward to seeing you in this fall!

## SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

“Deli-Man” at the clubhouse with dinner was a tremendous success. 110 people enjoyed delicious sandwiches from 3G’s and reminisced with the showing of the movie. We hope to do something like that again. We welcome any suggestions, as well as volunteer chair people to make the arrangements.

Thank you to all who contributed to our school supply collection. Everyone was very generous and the children greatly appreciated all your efforts.

On Oct. 24, Josie O’Donnell will entertain us with her wonderful singing style, costume changes and humor. Admission is only \$13 per person. Please leave your checks in the Social Club box in the back lobby. Seats will be assigned as checks are received.

Our Social Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 15 will feature John and Tina DiMare entertaining us. Of course, “Coffee and…” after the program. Please join us.

Even though summer has just ended, New Year’s Eve is just around the corner. Arlene Koch and Sylvia Fefferman are already working on our annual New Year’s celebration. I know this year’s party will be as good, if not even better, than last year. Deposits of \$50, as well as seating requests, are being accepted. Food will be from 3G’s and we will be dancing to the music of “Lawrence of Florida.” Kosher food can be arranged. Please get your checks in early.

The Winter 2016 Series is selling well. The shows are as follows:

Jan. 23: John Capes will appear with a three piece band.

Feb. 27: The Four Atlantic City Boys will be singing and dancing

Mar 26: MODI will have us all laughing

Flyers with further information about the series are in the back lobby, and we hope many more will join us so we can continue bringing our community the best entertainment around. The series is \$75 per person. It can be paid in full now – or we will accept deposits with the balance to be paid in November. Individual shows are \$30 per person. Seats are assigned as checks are received. Of course, handicapped seating is available.

**Support your social club ...**

**Join us in as many events as you can.**

## MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

By Renee Stichel



I hope everyone had a great summer. Our last event was the fabulous “wedding of the year!!” Thanks to the great stars who made this a fun-filled evening with constant

laughter. Their creativity in costume design was amazing. We all enjoyed the reception and Viennese table after the ceremony. Thank you to our many board members for working so hard and a special thanks to all who supported this summer event.

Please join us Oct. 29 at 3 p.m., for our annual opening wine and hors d’oeuvres meeting with fabulous entertainment. This is open to all residents and friends to see what we do for a great cause, cancer research.

November 19 – meeting and entertainment

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### MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

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Assigned to protect the sexy widow of a drug kingpin, a straitlaced Texas police detective is forced to take flight with her precious cargo when an assortment of bad cops and ruthless hit men start closing in on the pair.

#### **SATURDAY, NOV. 21, THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU:**

In accordance with Jewish custom, four siblings gather to sit shiva after their father's death but are soon bickering and renewing old grudges. Brought together for the first time in years, the quarrelsome brood is in for a weeklong emotional duel..

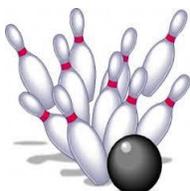
**NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.**

*The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website*

## MAJESTIC BOWLING LEAGUE

By Arnie Everitt

With the start of the 2016 bowling the League marks nineteenth bowling As in the past years note of the upgrades that



2015 - season, its season. we take continuing

Greenacres Bowling Center has made to its physical facility, with new floor carpeting and wall murals overlooking the bowling lanes.

The League welcomes three new bowlers – Jerry Elefson, Steve Herbin and Marty Ratiner – to our ranks. With the additional bowlers, the League has adopted a six team format, while still leaving room for additional bowlers.

The Majestic gals led the way with fine bowling by Estelle Snyder 179, Natalie Herbin 169 and Joyce Stoudermire 145. The boys showed some steady bowling by Ken Ramnarine 150 - 167 - 183 and Michael Neikrug 155 - 159 - 157.

With the holidays falling on bowling days and our snowbirds still tucked away, the month of September will be very quiet. However, with that said, we look forward to a full crew in the coming weeks.

## THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

The Men's Club would like to welcome back our seasonal residents.

We are having problems with our casino trips as the casinos are pulling back on their offers. They are really not looking too much for outside buses.

The Hard Rock does not offer anything to outside bus trippers if they even allow them anymore. I am checking with them to see if there is something we can do.

The offer I had for Gulfstream Casino & Track was \$34 for a package and we pay for a bus. I called them and am waiting for a return call.

The Isles Casino also is a problem. We would have to rent a bus for \$625 and then pay about \$14 additional for a \$10 play money return.

We will continue to work on a casino trip and hope to have something by November when we will have more people to go and meet the minimum requirements.

## M.I. SINGLES

By Renee Stichel

The Singles are back with a bang after enjoying a great Labor Day celebration. We had a wonderful dinner and played assorted games. Thanks to all who made this a success and a special thanks to Helen Benowich, Doris Robin and Ellie Rogg for planning and executing it so well.

We are looking forward to our next meeting, on Friday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m., starring the great Alfonso Aranda, one-man band and vocalist. Coffee and cake will be served. Price is \$5 per person. This is a members only event.

Our plans for Friday, Nov. 6 include our meeting and then individual deli dinners. Entertainment will be the Sun Valley East Singers. Prices TBA.

We are also planning a great holiday party, details to follow on Channel 63 and in this column.

It is not too late to join our New Year's Eve cruise to the Bahamas on the Grand Celebration leaving Dec. 30, 2015 and returning January 1, 2016.

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR October 2015

**OCTOBER**

|           |             |                   |                                |                       |               |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Mon</b>  | <b>2:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Board Of Directors</b>      | <b>Meeting</b>        |               |
| 4         | Sun         | 9:30 a.m.         | Men's Club                     | Breakfast             |               |
|           |             | 7:30 p.m.         | M.I.L.T.                       | Workshop              | (f,h)         |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Mon</b>  | <b>4:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>New N' Views</b>            | <b>Discussion</b>     | <b>(f,h)</b>  |
| 6         | Tues        | 11:00 a.m.        | Calendar                       | Meeting               |               |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Wed</b>  | <b>2:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Neighbor 2 Neighbor</b>     |                       |               |
| 7-17      |             |                   | Travel Club                    | Ireland Trip          | (p,a)         |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Fri</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Singles</b>                 | <b>Get Together</b>   | <b>(p,h)</b>  |
| 12        | Mon         | 4:00 p.m.         | Investment Group               | Discussion            | (f,h)         |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Wed</b>  | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Hadassah</b>                | <b>Fashion Show</b>   | <b>(p,a)</b>  |
| 17        | Sat         | 8:00 p.m.         | Social Club                    | Movie Time            | (p,h)         |
| <b>18</b> | <b>Sun</b>  | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Travel Club</b>             | <b>Meeting</b>        |               |
| 19        | Mon         | 4:00 p.m.         | News N' Views                  | Discussion            | (p,h)         |
| <b>20</b> | <b>Tues</b> | <b>2:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Board of Directors</b>      | <b>Budget Meeting</b> |               |
| 21        | Wed         | 11:00 a.m.        | Sing for fun                   |                       | (f,h)         |
|           |             | 2:00 p.m.         | Neighbor 2 Neighbor            |                       | (f,h)         |
|           |             | 2:00 p.m.         | Book Talks                     | Discussion            | (f,h)         |
|           |             | 6:00 p.m.         | Meet & Greet                   | Castle Group          |               |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Sat</b>  | <b>8:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Social Club</b>             | <b>Showtime</b>       | <b>(p,h)</b>  |
| 26        | Mon         | 11:15 a.m.        | Hadassah                       | Meeting               | (p,h)         |
| <b>28</b> | <b>Wed</b>  | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Sing for fun</b>            |                       | <b>(f,h)</b>  |
|           |             | <b>6:15 p.m.</b>  | <b>Men &amp; Women's Clubs</b> | <b>"LIPS"</b>         | <b>(p, a)</b> |
| 29        | Thurs       | 3:00 p.m.         | Pap Corps                      | Wine & Cheese         | (p,h)         |



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