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Manager's Corner

Summer is in full swing and now we're right in the middle of...**family vacations!!!** (You thought I was gonna say Hurricane Season, didn't you?)

Call up the bed rental place or drag out the blow-up mattresses to make sure there's a place for everyone to sleep, stock up on food and snacks, and make plans to entertain your guests and show them around our beautiful area. Bring them to the pool, take them to the beach, shopping at Festival Flea Market or Sawgrass Mills, stroll through Downtown Delray Beach, or just relax around the house and get caught up on all of the family things.

But how do you occupy the kids' time if it's raining? If you have a computer, the options are endless. As the father of a 12 year old I know it's sometimes difficult to keep kids entertained, and time on the computer can be used as a reward or for "Grown Up Time." Kids should *always* be monitored when they're online to make sure they're only going to appropriate web sites. There are a lot of sites out there that aren't "kid friendly." Here are some suggestions for a few sites that definitely are kid friendly and age appropriate that my son and I have found.

www.gamefudge.com This site had hundreds of games for children and I haven't objected to a single game that I've tried. No blood, no gore, no killing, no maiming, no auto theft, just a bunch of good clean fun.

www.onlinegames.com has more multi-player games where you and the grandkids can spend some quality time together doing something that they love to do. Challenge them to a game of mini golf or try out the base-jumping eggs. There's even bowling and basketball.

www.addictinggames.com is a site that will be more appealing to kids that are a little older with games that require more concentration and problem-solving skills.

Just a little piece of advice: Before the family arrives, try out a few of the games yourself before challenging the kids. They'll probably still beat you almost every time, but at least you can give them a run for their money. If you get real good at a game, and its addicting, chose that one and tell them the loser does the dishes!

Ken Miller, Association Manager



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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, June 7, 2012

Minutes of the June 2012 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.

President's Report, Harvey Galan

- Thanks to Mort Goldstein for his time, and good luck on his future endeavors.
- Rumor has it that we spent \$5000 just to change the color on the signs. The signs were due to be painted, so we changed the color while we were doing it. The only additional expense was changing the canopies at the guardhouse.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- *(Residents may request report of 6/7/12 cash positions and statement of operation at the office.)*
- Budget compliance: Net expenses over revenues as of May 31, 2012 (\$2,025).

Committee Reports

Security Community, Steve Bayer

- A notice from Commissioner Aaronson concerning proper disposal of needles will be posted on the back bulletin board.

Grounds Committee, Mort Goldstein

- Mort Goldstein has sold his house and is resigning from the Board. Harvey Galan will take over the Grounds Committee for the remainder of the year.

Unfinished Business

- Motion to accept our attorney's recommendation to simultaneously file a Motion for a Status Conference with the bank that is foreclosing on 5783 Grand Harbour, and set a hearing date for the Motion for the Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to have the Board contact each club with a letter and Hold Harmless Agreement advising them that we need the signed agreement and a copy of the contract. Motion passed unanimously.
- Driveways that are sandblasted will no longer have to be painted or stained as long as they are in good condition. Motion to have Ken Miller inspect the driveways and prepare a list for the Board to review was passed by unanimous vote. Paul Mendelsohn was appointed chairman of a three-person committee to check Ken's recommendation regarding driveway cleaning and painting.

- Motion to rescind the previous vote of the Board to purchase benches for the community. Motion was defeated by a 2-4 vote.
- Motion to accept Asphalt Restoration's proposal to refinish the parking lot at the clubhouse at a cost not to exceed \$24,600 was passed by unanimous vote. Ken Miller will contact Asphalt Restoration to see if a lower price is available now that the cost of oil is lower than it was in April. He will also contact M&P about installing root barriers.
- Residents whose houses are due to be painted next year will be permitted to use the old paint colors.
- Motion to allow outside guests to use the card rooms from June 1 to October 31 as long as at least half of the table is taken by residents. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept HP Refinishing's proposal to refinish the 8 card tables in the downstairs card room at a cost of \$2600. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion that the matter of a resident's past due account be turned over to the Attorney and that the resident's gate cards and transponders be deactivated. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Ken Miller will have dead bolt locks installed to close off the doors from the exercise rooms to the locker rooms.
- Motion to do away with all gate cards and encourage residents to purchase transponders or come in the visitor's entrance, and to allow only one transponder per vehicle per residence, was passed by unanimous vote. Ken Miller will work on this issue and notify all residents of a date on which the cards will be deactivated.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

By Elaine Jay

The Majestic Isles Newsletter welcomes the following new residents to our community.

Pierre Bouchard and Line Levesque
 Marlene Gorsky
 Mary Ruzycski
 Barry Wulkan & Carmen Rampolla

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SAFETY IN THE ISLES

Submitted by Steve Bayer

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Monday, June 11, a resident of Regal Shores answered a knock on her door. A white male in his mid 20's to early 30's, wearing a hardhat and safety vest, introduced himself as a plumber working for the property management company. He advised her he was there to inspect her water pipes to make sure they were not in need of being replaced. While he was checking the sink, he sprayed what he claimed to be a type of acid on her hands and told her she needed to immediately wash her hands with soap and water. She removed her rings and washed her hands. He momentarily distracted her and took the rings. He advised her he needed to get some supplies from the truck and never returned. This scam has been used before.

Should residents have a "worker" come to their door unsolicited, they should immediately question the reason he is there. If he says he is working for the property management company or any other business or governmental agency, have the "worker" wait outside, lock your door and verify the story. If it does not check out, immediately call the Sheriff's Office. Anyone having information of a similar event, please call Sergeant Brian Cahir, District 6 Detective Sergeant at 561-357-7047.

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" **KEEP INFORMED.....** "
|| Just a reminder: If you give Ken your email ||
address he will send you the minutes of the ||
" Board of Directors meetings each month, along " ||
|| with his weekly and monthly reports. ||
|| Harvey Galan ||
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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



If you know of M.I. residents who are not able to pick up their own newsletters at the clubhouse, please be a good neighbor and bring one to them.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Camille Capozzoli
Paul Mendelsohn
Harvey Schwartz

SYMPATHY

To Bea Corman on the loss of her husband, Al.
To Fran Ost on the loss of her brother, Alvin.
To Roberta Rabinowitz on the loss of her brother, Arthur.
To the family of Manny Ross.

MESSAGES

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Your phone calls, cards, and donations in memory of my husband Al meant the world to my family and me.
Bea Corman

Many thanks to all for your cards, calls and good wishes. Thanks to my surgery, I'm now a member of a very "hip" group and doing great.
Elaine Jay

Thank you for all the get well wishes, cards, calls and donations. I am feeling fine. It is great living in Majestic Isles with such wonderful friends and neighbors.
Ruth Oppler

My gratitude and thanks to all my friends at Majestic Isles for their cards and donations in memory of my beloved brother, Alvin. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.
Fran Ost

To all my friends at Majestic Isles: Many thanks to all for your many donations, cards and telephone calls in memory of my beloved brother, Arthur Rosenstock.
Roberta Rabinowitz

To all the wonderful people who sent cards and called with get-well wishes: Thank you so very much for your kind expressions of concern.
Norma Schneider

My sincere thanks to all my friends for their concern and thoughtfulness during my recent surgery. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
Harvey Schwartz

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Highlights of the June 20, 2012 COBWRA Meeting at The Grove

Gary Nikolits, PBC Property Appraiser spoke to the delegates on the Proposed Amendments to the Florida Constitution that the Legislature placed on the ballot for the November 6 general election. Approval by 60% of the electorate is required for passage of amendments.

Amendment 2: Property Tax Discount for Veterans Disabled due to Combat and who have Homestead. Strikes 2008 measure requiring disabled veterans with combat related disabilities to have been residents of Florida at the time they entered military service. **Amendment 4: Property Tax Limitations Part 1:** Prohibits increases in assessed value of homestead and specified non-homestead property if the just value of the property decreases. This amendment also repeals the Recapture Rule. **Part 2:** Reduces the limitation on annual assessment increases applicable to non-homestead real property. The Constitution was changed in 2008 to cap assessment increases for non-homestead properties at 10%. This amendment would repeal the 10% cap and replace it with a 5% cap. The cap is extended from 2019 to 2023. **Part 3:** Provides for an additional homestead exemption for owners of a newly homesteaded property if they have not owned a homesteaded property for a specified time before purchase of the newly homesteaded property. To qualify, owner must have not owned homesteaded property in the previous 3 calendar years and purchased the property after Jan 1, 2012. The exemption is 50% of the just current market value and is reduced 20% in succeeding years and does not apply to school taxes. **Amendment 9: Homestead Property for Surviving Spouses.** Property owned and used by the surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty is exempt from taxation. Not retroactive. Also: Property owned and used by the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty is exempt from taxation. Retroactive. **Amendment 10: Tangible Property Tax. Part 1:** Provides an additional exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts and other local governments, on Tangible Personal Property valued at more than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. **Part 2:** As provided by general law, authorizes any county or municipality to provide additional tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance.

Amendment 11: Homestead Exemption for Seniors. Permits counties and municipalities to grant additional homestead tax exemptions equal to the assessed value of a homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000, is owned by a person at least 65 years of age, who has maintained a permanent residency for not less than 25 years, and who has a low income.

Officials' Reports

Captain Marty Bechtel, District 6, PBSO, reported the crime stats in District 6 for May. PBSO investigated: 12 stolen vehicles and 229 accidents; 2 business burglaries and 1 construction site burglary; 6 robberies in parking lots and 1 business robbery; 52 residential burglaries and 58 vehicle burglaries. PBSO responded to 458 false alarms. Captain Bechtel reminded everyone that school is out and this usually means a rise in vehicle burglaries. **Don't leave valuables in your car; always lock the doors.**

COBWRA Reports

Growth Management. Chair Gerry Morrison reported on **Franklin Academy Charter School** proposed for the east side of Military Trail south of The Colony at Boynton Beach. The Delegates approved a motion that states: "COBWRA does not believe this is a satisfactory location for a school due to major issues regarding traffic and student safety. If the County approves the school site notwithstanding COBWRA's concerns, then COBWRA recommends the following conditions the developer be responsible for: 1) Traffic signal at Military Trail and Miner Road; 2) Widen Miner Rd between Military and Old Military Trail; 3) Widen Old Military Trail from Miner to the southern entrance to the school; 4) Provide a deceleration lane on northbound Military Trail at Miner Road; 5) Widen to 3 lanes both ingress/egress roads between the access points and the internal circulation road; 6) Restrict access to buses only for left turns into the northern entrance; 7) Erect a 6 ft wall atop a 2 ft berm along the northern property line; 8) Roofing material to be barrel tiles."

Future Meetings (Open to the public) July: No Meetings **Aug 6, 6:30 pm:** Meet your state and local primary election candidates at Valencia Shores (Lyons Rd. between Hypoluxo and Boynton Beach Blvd.) **(The Primary Election is August 14.) Aug 7, 6:30 pm:** Growth Management, PBSO District 6 **Aug 15, 9:30 am:** Delegates at Platina (Boynton Beach Blvd west of Military Trail.) Speaker: Citizens Property Insurance executive.
—Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications
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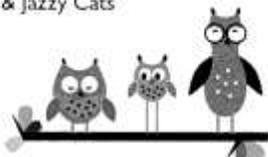



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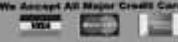
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NEW VOTER INFORMATION

NOTE: Although at the time the article for the June issue was written we had been assured by the Supervisor of Elections office that our precinct and district numbers and our voting location would not change, this turned out not to be the case.

According to the PBC Supervisor of Elections office some registered voters should have received two voter registration cards. Use the second card you received, which states **“your polling location has changed.”** Note changes below in bold. **Discard the first card.**

If you have kept both cards and are not sure which one is which, check the cards against the information below. The card you want to keep has the following information:

- As a registered voter living in Majestic Isles you are in **Precinct 5028:**
- **Precinct 5028 votes at the Chabad Lubavitch of Boynton, 10655 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach.**
- **U.S. House – District 21**
- **State Senate – District 34**
- **State House – District 91**

Note: Much of the information that follows also appeared in the June issue of the Majestic Isles News. We repeat it here because of its importance.

Primary Election: Tuesday, Aug. 14

General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 6

The Primary election for national, state and local offices will be held Tuesday, August 14 and the polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Our voting place is the Chabad Lubavitch of Boynton, 10655 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach.

In the Primary, two candidates appear on the ballot for Democratic Committeewoman in Precinct 5028. Vote for one: Claire Deveney of Majestic Isles or Diana Hatsis of Madison Lakes.

Early voting will be held from Saturday, August 4 through Saturday, August 11 at an area library and at times to be announced in area newspapers.

Voter registration deadline for the Primary Election is July 16 and for the General Election the deadline is October 7.

To vote by mail using an **Absentee Ballot** you must call and request an Absentee Ballot. **NOTE: All previous vote by mail requests expired in December 2010. Unless you have re-requested since then, you will not receive an Absentee Ballot.** To receive an absentee ballot and vote by mail or for other voting information, call the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections at **866-868-3321** or make your request online at www.pbcelections.org.

Reliable web sites for information and links to your elected officials are:

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U.S. House: www.house.gov/

State Exec. Branch: www.myflorida.com

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M.I. resident Claire Deveney (H: 742-7869, C: 504-3842) will answer questions and offers to deliver your completed absentee ballots to the Supervisor of Elections office for the primary and general elections.



“It is not the qualified voters, but the qualified voters who choose to vote, that constitute the political power of the State.” - Abraham Lincoln

COPS DISBANDING

By Harvey Galan



On behalf of the Board of Directors and our residents I want to thank all the volunteers who participated in the COP program. The program was started in 1997 by Bernie Maltz and her late husband, Bernie, with 79 volunteers. Under the direction of the four captains, Bernie, Bernice, Joel Gross and Ken Keller the program was a success for 14 years. Thank you all for your efforts to keep our community safe.

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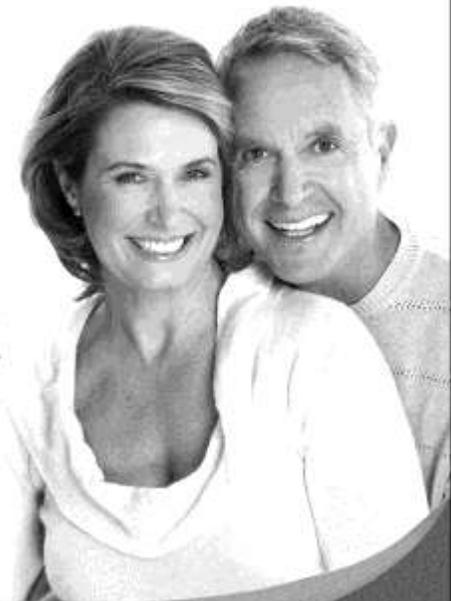


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Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*

While snakes are not a pleasant subject to many aside from herpetologists, we do occasionally see snakes in our landscapes. I would like to introduce to you these reptiles that reside in South Florida. The media tells us about the fact that the Burmese python is causing the extinction of many species of wildlife in the Everglades, but we don't often hear about the smaller species of both poisonous and non-poisonous snakes that may reside in our own landscapes.

Many people have negative attitudes towards snakes, which are often portrayed as villains in our literature and folklore. Remember Tarzan's encounter with a man-eating python? In reality, snakes cause few problems and many are beneficial in reducing the population of rodents and pests. Just six of Florida's forty-four species of snakes are venomous, and only four of the six are widespread throughout the state. Most of the snakes you may encounter in your yard are most likely non-poisonous. In the absence of photographs, the reader will have to visualize both color identity and size of the described snakes.

One of Florida's most familiar non-poisonous snake is the black snake, also known as the racer snake, because it is fast moving. It is frequently in brush or shrub covered areas near water. Like many species of snakes, black snakes are nervous and irritable, and given the chance to escape they do so quickly. The juvenile black snake has a non-poisonous bite, but when cornered will not hesitate to bite. Black snakes also rattle their tails when agitated and this causes some people to mistake them for rattlesnakes. This snake captures and feeds on a wide variety of animals including other snakes, lizards, frogs, birds, rodents and insects.

The garter snakes commonly seen in our gardens in Florida and up north may be black, greenish or brown with three obvious stripes on their back and sides

running the length of their bodies. They are fairly slender and can grow to eighteen to twenty six inches long. The smaller garter snakes are beneficial and feed on our garden pests.

Some people mistakenly refer to all snakes that they observe near water as water moccasins. Only the cottonmouth water moccasin is poisonous. Most of the snakes along Florida's rivers and lake edges, and occasionally in resident pools are harmless. One can distinguish water snakes from the poisonous cottonmouth by their behavior and faces. The cottonmouths tend to stay coiled up and open their mouths when harassed, thus the name cottonmouth.

I have not discussed above the most venomous snakes found in Florida. I want to pass on a jingle to help one distinguish between the look-alike deadly Florida coral snakes and the harmless Florida scarlet king snakes. If the snake has a black nose and the red rings on its body touch the yellow rings... better be aware it is a dangerous fellow: "Red rings on yellow dangerous fellow!" To identify the Florida scarlet king snake, think "Red rings on black, a friend of Jack!" The bands on most coral snake bands touch each other.

What should you do when you come upon a snake in your landscape? Run? No, just stand back and observe it. Snakes do not intentionally position themselves to frighten or attack people. They try to avoid encounters and usually flee.

There are many places in this world that have no snakes, including some warm but isolated islands, such as Hawaii and a number of South Pacific islands.

Have a happy summer of gardening. Perhaps you'll want to enjoy a snake free vacation this summer in the Hawaiian islands!

SLOW COOKING

By Paul Mendelsohn



As many of you know, I enjoy cooking. I even have a large collection of cookbooks that I read like novels. I recently talked with a woman who planned to get rid of her Crock-Pot® because "it took too long to cook." Amused, I responded that the purpose of slow cookers, such as a Crock-Pot®, is to be able to put the ingredients in the bowl and without any further bother have the contents completely prepared to serve eight hours later. Breakfast items can be set up the evening before, and dinner can be prepared in the morning to be ready for serving in the evening. Slow cookers are now certified as safe to leave on without supervision and they maintain a safe and constant heat level..

Slow cooking has long been used for convenience. Also, in some dishes flavor and texture improves when the food is cooked at low temperatures.

Modern slow cookers are available in a variety of styles and sizes and can be used to prepare steamed puddings, meatloaf and even baked cakes, in addition to the usual soups and stews. They are great for using at parties to serve hot hors d'oeuvres and are terrific for chocolate and cheese fondues.

My sister shared the following sweet and sour brisket recipe, which is easy to prepare and one of my family's favorite recipes,

NINA'S SLOW COOKER SWEET AND SOUR BRISKET

Ingredients:

- 3-6 lb brisket
- 1 cup any Kraft Catalina salad dressing or other brands of California French or Catalina. You may use fat-free, low fat or regular.
- 1 pkg dry onion soup mix
- 1 8-oz can of whole berry cranberry sauce
- 2 tablespoons port wine (optional)
- If roast is over 3 lbs. add 1/3 cup additional liquid (wine, beef broth or water)

Do not add any additional salt, pepper, garlic or other seasonings!

Directions:

- Pre-browning makes a prettier presentation if the whole roast will be brought to the table before being sliced, but it is unnecessary if serving meat sliced.
- Place the roast in the bottom of a large slow-cooker, fat side up. If necessary, cut to fit in pot.
- Mix salad dressing, cranberry sauce and dry onion soup mix in separate bowl until well blended.
- Place onion, green pepper, mushrooms, and/or sliced carrots over roast (optional).
- Pour liquid mixture over top.
- Cook on Low setting for 8 hrs. or High Setting for 4 hours. Do not lift lid while cooking as it will prolong the cooking time.
- After cooking time has elapsed, remove lid and allow roast to rest about 20 minutes before slicing.
- Serve with sauce from pot, either separately or over the top of sliced brisket.

PET PATCH

By Molly



One morning I was walking with Lucy and her mom. Her mom wanted to know why I always walk behind her, instead of in front. My mom told her that I was keeping an eye on her to be sure that, if she was handing out treats that she keeps in her basket, I'd know to run up and get some. I do that with Lacey's mom too (I watch to see when her hand goes into her pocket for treats).

You see, we dogs have our neighbors "trained" – we go to the clubhouse for a biscuit from Ken, then on to Herbie for Jewish salami, and to Sandy and Richard for cheese. Somewhere along the way we catch Estelle for her treats.

Walking in this heat, and between storms, has been tough – we're usually out in the morning, then we don't do a long walk until the sun goes down. If you don't see us around much, that's why. Have a good summer and try to stay cool – like we do.

A BITE OF THE APPLE

By Phyllis M. Cohen



It's summer and so, after much deliberation, my hubby and I agreed to take a vacation. Okay, I agreed and he surrendered. It's not that he doesn't like to get away, but this trip, a family reunion event to be held in the heart of Manhattan was not his idea of a good time. Though we are both native New Yorkers, we'd both become used to a sedentary and extremely quiet life in what I call Death Valley, Boynton Beach. The prospect of a week in the midst of the tumult of the Big Apple was daunting. Nevertheless, ignoring the grousing and moaning, I made all the reservations, and as they say in sports, "Let the games begin."

The first obstacle was packing. There's a major issue when a minimalist (me) and a survivalist (him) pack to go away, whether it is for a day or a month. My aim is to find the smallest bag possible, take the fewest things, and be done with the whole job of getting ready in about 15 minutes. If I forget something, I figure that anywhere I am going I can pick up the missing item (travel slippers missing in action when I went to pack) and go shopping. Isn't that part of the fun? But the survivalist partner has a different attitude. His aim is to find the biggest bag the airline will allow and then take along all the items we might need on our trip in the event of hurricane, act of war, or being trapped on a deserted island. That included everything from vise grips to masking tape, flashlights, batteries, first aid supplies and snacks. (In his defense we actually did use the vise grips when my son repaired his mother-in-law's wheel chair one evening. Unfortunately, toothpaste, clock and laundry bag were left home.) But given a few days head start for the compulsive packer, we both managed to be waiting at the door for our 8:30 a.m. pickup to the airport with two stowaway items and two carry-on bags. Since my smaller bags were relatively empty, hubby proceeded to offload some of his gear to my cases. So loaded like a Sherpa, I led the way to Palm Beach Airport.

Ah, the joy of airline travel. Hubby in his wheel chair was pushed through security quickly, but I am clearly a more dangerous character. The TSA employee put me through the body scanner twice (I had moved once) then wiped me down from head to foot with a chemical to check for gunpowder residue, and then told me I was going to have a full patdown which I could have in private, if I chose. I wouldn't say it was invasive, but did I tell you the TSA inspector and I are now engaged?

At last we did get to New York and to our hotel in the heart of the upper West Side. If you don't know New York this is the New York always pictured in Woody Allen movies. There are blocks of beautiful old apartment buildings, hundreds of stores and restaurants, a constant flow of traffic and millions of people walking, walking, and walking: dog walkers with a pack of four or five canines of all sizes on leashes, baby carriages pushed by nannies, toddlers sporting bicycle helmets riding scooters and everyone else pulling carts loaded down with groceries or toting bags and bags of purchases. And did I tell you everyone was walking at marathon speed with that single-minded obliviousness to people around them that you develop when you live in a city of millions of people? With our laidback Florida attitude, we were an obstacle to be skirted amidst a torrent of hurrying pedestrians.

So what did we do on our vacation? Well, we went to the theater and saw "Newsies" (lots of rugged dancing like Gower Champion used to choreograph) ate in a bunch of great restaurants, and enjoyed being in the midst of lots of people from all over the country and the world. One morning the breakfast room was filled with 20 young ballerinas getting ready to go to practice at nearby Lincoln Center. There were hotel guests from Australia and Denmark, Seattle and California. There's no recession in New York if the crowded theaters, restaurants and streets are any indication. We spent a hectic but happy week with our whole family, enjoying our grandchildren and children, overeating and reminiscing, laughing and talking. We were sorry to see them all leave, but glad to be going home. We'd had a taste of the frenetic life of the city, but Florida was calling. But to add symmetry to our vacation, hubby spent ten minutes being patted down at Newark Airport until they found a paper clip in his pocket.



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YEAR END MUSINGS

By Betty Wachtel and Phyllis Cohen



It's the end of the year - our newsletter year, that is - and as we prepare for a couple of months' break, we, the editors, take a deep breath and wonder how somehow we managed to finish another year of getting our community newsletter out. It only takes us a moment to realize that the "we" in this case involves a huge group of people who work with us tirelessly and rarely, only rarely, yell at us or stamp their feet. Okay, sometimes we editors are the ones doing the yelling and stamping. But here are our thanks to our staff:

Kudos to Jerry Fefferman for our wonderful covers and for preparing the ads for publication, and to Gerry Herman for managing the advertising that provides the revenue we need. She is ably assisted by Sylvia and Jerry Fefferman and Elaine Jay. Our appreciation to Doris Davidoff, Elaine Jay and Bobbe Greene for providing us with computer, mailing and accounting support, as well as numerous articles.

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To all of our contributing writers from the clubs, organizations and Board of Directors, thank you for providing a vital link to the community.

We appreciate Bonnie's assistance with the calendar and meeting space and Ken for keeping us informed of community business.

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By Thelma Mechanic

Are you a “H. M.” person?

H. M. is determined by your spending habits and attitude.

There are expenses we cannot live without: food, clothing and shelter. The question is, beyond those basics, to what degree you allow yourself to indulge?

Health care takes a big bite of the budget; be it prevention or any illness, we opt to see a doctor. Years ago, a G.P. (general practitioner) diagnosed all your ills and also made house calls. Today, if you are a high maintenance person, you can have a specialist for each part of your body. We make appointments to see the internist, the cardiologist, ophthalmologist, dermatologist, podiatrist, periodontist and dentist – and the list goes on. A doctor for every ache!

If you require eyeglasses, you may opt for a discount store: Target, BJ’s, or Cosco. On the other hand, you may prefer designer frames and go to an optical store and that, my friend, is H.M.

As a woman, you prefer to have your hair taken care of in a beauty salon. Here again, there is an entire range of prices and services. Again, there are discount salons and the high end where you pay top dollar for a wash and blow, hair color, hair cut, permanent, hair straightening, manicures, pedicures, waxing. If you are a steady customer (at least once a week), you are H. M.

You need some new outfits? Do you try to find what you want at Bealls, Kohls, or Ross? Clothes are pretty well discounted. If, however, you are not satisfied and shuffle off to Bloomingdales or Saks Fifth Avenue, you are headed for H. M.!

Shopping for a new car? Many choices exist with Ford, Honda, KIA, etc. Well, you’ve never owned a B.M.W. or Mercedes so perhaps you can swing it. Again, you’re headed into H. M.

Dining out, leaves us many choices. Usually it’s with friends, so here we can compromise – unless they insist on going to Morton’s Steak House, or other pricey places. Do you limit your cocktails? Those too, add to the H. M. check.

Don’t forget the tips encountered for every service. Everyone has his hand out, from the gardener, valet parker, waitress, newsboy delivery, beauty salon – paid workers, hair blower, manicurist, barbers, etc.

Most of all, don’t forget family birthdays, especially grandchildren. A check in every envelope!

You may wonder, “Where has all my money gone? However, you may recall the L’Oreal lady whose attitude toward H. M. is “I’m worth it.”



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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

At present, continental ice sheets cover only Antarctica, Greenland and adjacent Arctic Canada, Iceland, and parts of several island groups in the Danish and Russian Arctic. Yet, multiple times in the past 700,000 years these same ice sheets were far more extensive, spreading over large portions of North America and Europe. Ice advanced during periods of colder average global temperature, and ice retreated when global temperatures were warmer. Average global temperature cycles switched from cold to warm and back to cold every 100,000 years.

Research ship-borne piston corers have retrieved sixty-foot long cores of sediment from the deep-sea floor that span hundreds of thousands of years of earth history. The sediment layers reveal a history of changing ocean surface temperatures going back in time. Cores retrieved from **sub-polar** high latitudes mimic the land record of ice advance and retreat. These cores too, show a switch in average global temperature cycles, cold to warm to cold, every 100,000 years. Yet in cores retrieved from mid-latitudes, cold-warm-cold cycles last only about 40,000 years. In deep-sea sediment cores from low latitudes, each cold-warm-cold cycle appears to last only about 20,000 years.

Only the 100,000-year cold-warm-cold high-latitude deep-sea sediment cycle coincides with what we know about land-based chronologies. The deep-sea sediment cycles at mid-latitudes (40,000 year cycles) and low-latitudes (20,000 year cycles) do not coincide with the chronology of the ice cover on land.

What caused Earth's Pleistocene Ice Age from about 700,000 to 10,000 years ago? Scientists tell us that all it would take to initiate a new ice age is for the snow that falls on Canada's Hudson Bay region in any winter not to melt the following summer. A drop of a mere 4 degrees Celsius is all that would be needed to keep successive winters' snows from melting and transform them into ice.

Earth's climate, kind of like that depicted in the short-lived TV show "Terra Nova," was lush and tropical for most of the past 200 million years. A general cooling trend began about 20 million years ago. By five million years ago this cooling trend had accelerated, culminating nearly one million years ago in probing fingers of ice invading much of northern North America and northern Europe. Total ice cover

at its maximum was almost 11 million square miles of land that today is free of ice.

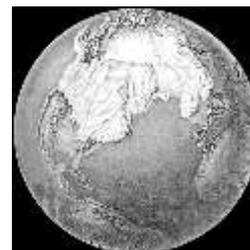
By 1842, mathematicians began to suggest that the prime mover of the ice ages might be variations in the way the Earth moves around the sun. The astronomer, Johann Kepler had already demonstrated in the seventeenth century that Earth's orbital path around the sun is not a circle but an ellipse.

As the Earth moves around its elliptical orbit each year, it is sometimes nearer to, and sometimes farther away from the sun. Contrary to what you might think, each year on or about January 3, the Earth reaches the point on its orbital path at which it is closest to the sun. On or about July 4, it reaches the point farthest from the sun. At this point, the distance between the Earth and the sun is three million miles greater than it is when Earth is closest to the sun.

By 1864, astronomers realized that Earth's orbit was continually changing. Earth's orbit varies from a circle to an ellipse and back again. With a circular orbit, a specific region on Earth's surface would receive relatively equal amounts of incoming solar radiation on January 3, July 4 and on any other day of the year. Seasons would almost disappear. With an elliptical orbit, a specific region on Earth's surface would experience unequal surface heating during Earth's passage about the sun. Earth-sun and Earth-Jupiter gravitational attraction stretch the ellipse and the more it is stretched, the greater will be Earth's distance from the sun on July 4. The "stretching" of the ellipse is referred to as the eccentricity of the Earth's orbit.

In 1867, James Kroll, a geologist, showed that the eccentricity of the orbit has changed cyclically over the past three million years. Intervals of high eccentricity (4 to 6%), lasting many tens of thousands of years alternate with long intervals of low eccentricity. Could it be that high orbital eccentricity, occurring every 100,000 years is the cause of repetitive ice ages?

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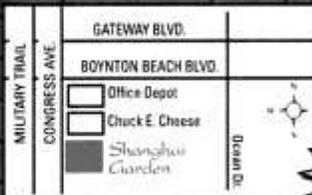
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HERBERT AND HELEN MAI

By Claire Deveney



Herbert Mai, a Holocaust survivor, and his lovely wife, Helen, who came to the U.S. when she was 14 months old, celebrate life each day. This

November they will mark their 55th wedding anniversary.

Herbie, as he is called, was born in Wurzburg, in the northern Bavaria section of Germany. In 1941 the Nazis sent him and his parents to a labor camp in Riga, Latvia, a working farm, where at age 12 he became Bar Mitzvah. At the labor camp, which had many cows and sheep, Herbie said, "There was never enough food." A year and a half later he was taken by truck to the Riga ghetto, as were his parents. Ironically, his father had become sick at the labor camp and had been treated at a nearby hospital. He was released only to be taken to the Riga ghetto. Through the "selection" process both parents were sent to Auschwitz when Herbie was 14.

At 14 he was sent to Stutthof concentration camp in Poland. "One morning I woke up, found the camp had been deserted by the SS, and we were free." It was the last camp liberated by the Allied Forces. "At the time the Germans intended to take us on the 'Death March' to the ocean – the North Sea, and place us on barges, blow-up the barges and kill us," he explained.

Herbie spoke German, Yiddish, and some Polish. A Polish friend said to him, "Come with me to my hometown. We rode on top of a train coal car and we arrived, covered in coal dust, in Ludz, Poland. A Jewish organization wanted to take us to Israel. I was supposed to go," said Herbie. "I didn't, and instead went back to Wurzburg, Germany where I was born to look for my parents. The whole town had been bombed. I was in a refugee camp where they gave us food and medical attention and we were waiting for a train to come, when someone shouted to me 'Aren't you Louie's son?' I went with him and stayed overnight." There was a meeting of Jewish people who hoped to go to America, Herbie explained. He stayed with the man who wrote to his brother, who in turn contacted one of Herbie's uncles. Herbie sailed

from Hamburg on a German Children's Transport arranged by a Jewish organization, and arrived at Ellis Island in 1947. He was warmly welcomed by his Uncle David and Aunt Stephanie and lived with them in Washington Heights, N.Y.

At age 18, Herbie started to work as a butcher in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, and went to night school to learn English. In 1951 he and his childhood friend, Fred, were drafted into the U.S. Army and were stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. He became a cook with a medical battalion. He served for two years in the U.S. Army 28th Infantry Division Pennsylvania National Guard.

After returning to the U.S., Herbie was a butcher in Manhattan. He met Helen at a small Hadassah dance held in an apartment house basement in Washington Heights. "There she was," he said excitedly. Herbie and Helen married within two years.

Helen's parents left Germany in 1938 after a high-ranking Nazi soldier warned them of impending atrocities and advised them to leave. They sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, aboard the New Amsterdam ship. Her family settled in Washington Heights. Helen attended Public School 132 and Junior High 155 and graduated from George Washington High School. She attended secretarial school for a year and shortly thereafter married Herbie. They moved to Kew Gardens, Queens where they lived for 50 years. Helen, a devoted wife, homemaker and mother, worked as a secretary after the children were grown.

The Mais have two sons. Leonard, a bachelor, lives in the Raleigh-Durham area, N.C. and works for the American Institute of C.P.A.'s. Robert and his wife, Barbara, live in Holland, Pennsylvania with their children, David, 14, and Emma, 11. Robert is a compliance manager with Prudential Insurance.

The Mais moved to M.I. 10 years ago after being snowbirds who rented nearby for over seven years. Herbie plays poker four times a week at the clubhouse, exercises at the gym five to six times weekly, and rides his bike throughout the community daily. He is a member of the Men's Club and he and Helen both belong to the Social Club. Helen plays canasta and mahjong at the clubhouse and is active in aerobics classes, Hadassah, the Women's Club and the M.I. Pap Corps.

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What's Wrong With OUR NATIONAL PASTIME?

By Rick Sachs



*Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd;
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker
Jack,
I don't care if I never get back..*

Each year our hopes that our team will go on to win the World Series start anew, but there is a huge difference between the game we grew up with and the one we see today.

As most of you can remember, going to see your favorite team play was filled with joy and anticipation. My first ballpark recollection is going to Fenway Park with my father and seeing Ted Williams. We sat in the bleachers and I can even remember how uncomfortable the seats were, but I remember how beautiful the field looked too. It was well groomed, the grass was as green as green could be. I also remember the wonderful smell of popcorn and peanuts and the sound of vendors yelling out to sell their goods. Oh, and by the way, the cost to sit in those bleachers was 50 cents. That's right, 50 cents.

Today to take your family to a ball game probably would cost a few hundred dollars (at least). I realize times have changed but here are some facts.

- Most ball players of yesteryear played the game with contracts that were for little money and were year to year. Today's ball players sign multi-year guaranteed contracts for outrageous sums of money.
- Years ago, it might have cost a dollar to buy a hot dog, coke and ice cream at the concession stand. Today those same items would probably sell for \$10 or even more.
- Parking your car near the ballpark today will cost a minimum of \$25.
- Most games today last about 4 hours. Years ago, games lasted 2 hours or less. There are many reasons for this, but number one is the advent of the relief pitcher. Pitchers of yesteryear such as Warren Spahn, Sandy Koufax, Bob Gibson, or Whitey Ford, pitched complete games. It was a rare occurrence that a relief pitcher would come into a game.

Baseball has become a very boring sport and unfortunately it is no longer America's pastime; football certainly has taken over.

Most owners seem more interested in the bottom line than in the customer (that's us, the fans). Today, the huge salaries paid to ballplayers and the high costs of maintaining stadiums are reflected in the cost of tickets. Major and minor league advertising and other expenses are also reflected in the cost of a ticket, that can range to hundreds of dollars.

I miss the old days of baseball when players played the game for the love of the game, when going to a game was all you would think about, not the price or how long it would take to play. I will always be a baseball fan, but the game will never be the same as the one I grew up loving.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Name the six original NHL (National Hockey League) Teams. (Answer on p. xx)

A Song for the Ages,... uh Aging

By Stan Kaish



It's been a good year for all our physicians,
Who we've kept very near treating the conditions
That come to us, as our parts show wear,
Lucky for us, we have Medicare.

With Dick, it's trouble with his urinary tract,
With Jennie, it's surgery to fix a bad back.
With Art, it's the doctor to patch up his hide,
For Peggy, it's an invasion to see what's inside.
Mickey has finally gotten over her ills.
But Lois and I, pop half a dozen pills.
Another thing, that I just found out,
Is Alex is troubled with a touch of the gout.
So, unless you've got something seriously wrong,
Don't expect to get a mention in our little song.

Our shrinking band of heroic survivors,
Gamely soldiers on, grinding their incisors,
Awaiting assault with stoic resolve,
Wondering which fault it might involve.
They take comfort in knowing, whatever the drama,
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MY DAD

By Rick Sachs

Editor's note: Rick's recollection of his dad missed the deadline for the June issue – but it's never too late to remember loved ones.

My father, Morris Zalman Sachs, (a.k.a. as Moise, Saxie, or Mo) was born in Boston in 1917, weighing in at 13 pound at birth – you read it right: 13 pounds! Growing up poor, he learned early how to earn a dollar. He sold ice cream and newspapers, and did anything other honest thing he could to bring money into the household.

My dad had little time for himself but loved playing ball. He also became well known in his area for his pool playing and was able to make extra money, taking on all comers. Throughout his life, he loved to watch all sports, especially boxing and pool.

In his early 20's, Dad volunteered to join the Navy and entered WWII. He served for four years, mostly on Patrol Crafts looking for U-boats coming around the coast of Africa. His boat, PC575, was decorated for sinking two U-boats during the war.

After the war Dad returned home with little money but with the help of the GI Bill he was able to purchase a 3-decker in Worcester, Mass. and in 1949 he and my mother opened A-1 Storm Window Co. We are still in business after all these years, operating now as A-1 Wholesale Window Co. My father instilled in me the ethics of hard work and honesty that I hope I've passed on to my sons.

At the age of 80, my dad won a poker tournament at Foxwood Casino. He outlasted over 400 players and won the Grand Prize of \$8500. Each year since my dad passed away, we've held the Morris Zalman Sachs Memorial Poker Tournament, with the name of each year's winner added to a permanent trophy.

Each day that passes I think of my father, his humor, work ethic and competitiveness.



ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION (p. 23): Boston Bruins, Chicago Black Hawks, Detroit Red Wings, New York Rangers, Montreal Canadians and Toronto Maple Leafs.

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CORN AND ORZO SALAD

Submitted by Joan Sorkin

Ingredients:

2 tsp red chili flakes
 A little less than ½ cup rice wine vinegar
 1 lb cooked shrimp or chicken
 2 TBSP. light corn syrup
 1/2 cup toasted pine nuts
 2 bay leaves
 3 TBSP. fresh lime juice
 1/4 lb. orzo
 2 1/2 cups fresh corn kernels (or two cans corn)
 1/3 cup chopped basil
 1/2 cup chopped scallions
 1/2 cup red pepper chopped
 salt/pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Put chili flakes, vinegar, corn syrup, bay leaves, lime juice in small pan and simmer 5 min. Cool and remove bay leaves.
2. Cook orzo and combine with dressing and chicken or shrimp. Lightly toss and season with salt/pepper.
3. Chill and garnish with pine nuts and basil sprigs before serving.

Note: If you are afraid of the chili flakes, just leave them out.

GINGERED CARROT SOUP (from "Moosewood Restaurant Daily Special")

Ingredients:

2 cups chopped onions
 2 tsp. canola (or other vegetable) oil
 2 cups peeled and diced carrots
 1 T. grated fresh ginger root
 1/4 tsp. salt
 ground black pepper to taste
 3 cups water
 3 cups orange juice, apple juice or cider
 sprinkle of nutmeg

Directions:

1. In a nonreactive soup pot, sauté the onions in the oil on medium heat until softened, about 5 minutes.
2. Add the carrots, ginger root, salt, and pepper and continue to sauté, stirring constantly for 2 to 3 minutes.



3. Add the water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes, until the carrots are soft.
4. Stir in the juice.

5. In blender or food processor, puree the soup until smooth and velvety. Serve warm or chilled with a dash of fresh nutmeg.

Serves 4 to 6

Note: You may want to try less ginger at first. If so, sauté 2 teaspoons of ginger with the onions. If, after all, you'd like more ginger, thoroughly blend in a little grated raw ginger to taste.

TWO MELON SOUP (from Jane Brody's "Good Food Book")

Preparation tip: Start with equal weights of cantaloupe and honeydew. Note that the purees need to be chilled for at least 3 hours. You can prepare them a day or two ahead and store them in separate containers in the refrigerator until serving time. Just be sure to stir them well before pouring.

Ingredients

1 ripe cantaloupe, seeded and flesh diced
 2 TBSP fresh lemon juice
 1 small honeydew (or ½ large), seeded and flesh diced
 2 TBSP fresh lime juice
 1 ½ teaspoon minced fresh mint, or to taste
 Mint sprigs for garnish (optional)

Directions:

1. In a blender or food processor, puree the cantaloupe with the lemon juice until the mixture is smooth. Transfer the puree to a suitable container, and refrigerate it, covered, for at least 3 hours.
2. Rinse out the blender, and puree the honeydew with the lime juice and mint until the mixture is smooth. Transfer the puree to a suitable container, and refrigerate it covered, for at least 3 hours.
3. At serving time, transfer the purees to separate measuring cups or pitchers with pouring spouts. With one cup in each hand, simultaneously pour equal amounts of the purees into individual serving bowls. The purees will stay separated, with the cantaloupe on one side and the honeydew on the other, even when carried to the table and while being eaten. If desired, garnish each dish with a sprig of lemon.

Serves 6 Both soups submitted by Betty Wachtel

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SOCIAL CLUB

By Marge Chappell

Memorial Day at the clubhouse was wonderful, and a great reminder of the meaning of that day. There were two boxes of items that had been requested by the Forgotten Soldiers organization. We thank all who participated. Please see page 23 for the beautiful thank you letter we received. The organization is also in need of funds to cover cost of shipping, so if you wish, leave a check in the Social Club mailbox made out to the Forgotten Soldiers and we will forward it.

On July 28 we'll show "Win Win" (and a special dessert will be served following this movie). We will not be showing movies in August. The next movie will be "Tower Heist" on September 22.

Have you purchased your tickets for the Social Club's winter show series? If not, we've decided to have a payment plan that might make it easier – one half down, and final payment due by November 15. No doubt you will be thrilled with this new series. See the purple tri-fold flyer in the back lobby. Hope to see you there!

Plans are in the works for our New Year's Eve gala. The price is \$50 per person. A deposit of \$25 per person is required by July 20, with the balance due by November 16. "Lawrence of Florida" will be entertaining us. He was here last year and was rated **outstanding** by those who attended. Catering will be by 3G's. See flyer in back lobby. Any questions, call Arlene at 736-4315. Drop your check made out to the Social Club in our mailbox in the back lobby. Come and join the fun!

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SAT., SEPT 22: TOWER HEIST When a group of workers at a ritzy Manhattan condo realize their boss has swindled them out of their pensions, they vow to reap their own justice. With the cooperation of the building manager, the group devises an ingenious plot to recover the funds.

SAT., OCT. 6: THE BOYNTON BEACH CLUB Who says sex after 60 isn't sexy anymore? The residents of the **Boynton Beach Club**, an active retirement community, don't think so. Upon joining a bereavement support group, the lives of six individuals cross paths, opening the doors to dating again.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

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1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou hast at home, for thou hast left home to find things different.
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3. Thou shalt not let the other travelers get on thy nerves, for thou hast paid good money to enjoy thyself.
4. Remember to take half as many clothes as thou thinkest and twice the money.
5. Know at all times where thy passport is, for a person without a passport is a person without a country.
6. Remember that if we had been expected to stay in one place we would have been created with roots.
7. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no pleasure and few things are that fatal.
8. When in Rome be prepared to do somewhat as the Romans do.
9. Thou shalt not judge the people of the country by the person who hath given thee trouble.
10. Remember thou art a guest in other lands and he that treats his host with respect shall be honored.

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YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Reggie Zee and Jerry Raske

The next fun filled meeting will be on Sunday evening August 5th at 7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the back lobby for this event.

On June 3, the last meeting, our own Estelle Snyder opened the meeting with a spirited delivery of "Hatikvah." Reggie Zee followed with a moving version of "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," and "God Bless America."

Bernie Freedman started the program with wonderful, humorous stories, which were most professionally presented and extremely well-received. Leo Zee continued this joke night with his own personal stories. Lots more laughs, especially when our guest Howard Katz continued the merriment. His timing was excellent and everyone enjoyed his generous contribution to the Yiddish Club.

In keeping with the custom of serving dairy foods on Shavuot, which had just passed, cheesecake, ice cream and the ruggelach topped off a great evening.

Thanks to Buddy Koch, Fran Ost, Marty Baron and all the wonderful helpers to this wonderful club.

SINGLE SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

On June 24 the Singles enjoyed the performance at F.A.U. of "Jerry's Girls."

The following is our schedule for the summer:

August 5: "Divorce Party" at the Kravis. Call Marge Chappell for tickets. Dinner at Calero.

Events still in the planning stage:

Dinner theater (car pooling).

Stay tuned for New Year's Eve plans.

PONDERISMS (From the Internet)

- * All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- * Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- * Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Marilyn Chermak and Claire Deveney



The M.I. Pap Corps welcomes new members at any time. Annual membership is \$35 for the year, which runs from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Annual members may renew and

place their checks in the Pap Corps mail box in the back lobby. For this coming year only, every man who upgrades to Life Membership or joins for the first time as a Life Member will pay only \$160, saving \$140.

Football mania has started for the fall season. Tickets are \$20. A guaranteed winner will receive \$25 every week. For tickets contact Ed Gerard, Ed Strauber or Paul Mendelsohn.

M.I. Pap Corps and Hadassah are offering a seven-night Western Caribbean Cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas ship Sun., Jan. 13 to Sun., Jan. 20, 2013. The ship will depart from Ft. Lauderdale. Informational flyers are in the back lobby and contact is J.B. Travel at 880-2790.

Dates of Future M.I. Cancer Research Activities:

August 4 – Saturday at 6 p.m. Summer Italian Feast with dinner, and a well-known folk singer Ellen Bukstel, \$22 per person, b.y.o.b. Place checks in Pap Corps mailbox in back lobby. Tables arranged or make your own.

Oct. 25 – at 3 to 5 p.m. Reception with hors d'oeuvres.

Nov. 15 – M.I. Pap Corps and Hadassah Fashion Show at clubhouse.

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By Selma Friedman



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We at M.I.L.T. are planning and already working on our fall schedule. On October 14, you will enjoy "Politically Incorrect II." (If you remember, in 2004, we did a similar presentation featuring the race between George W. Bush and John Kerry).

On November 11, we proudly present Dr. Harvey Vetstein, who will offer a special theatrical event. On December 2, Francine Gitto and Selma Friedman are pairing up again to present a delightful musical salute to "Colors."

Watch Channel 63 for more information.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

We hope everyone is having a good summer.

At our June 11 meeting, we heard a guest speaker from the Sheriff's Office. He was very informative about scams, particularly those of which seniors need to be always aware. Coffee and delicious refreshments were served.

See the box below this article for information about the Sept. 26 "Friendship Supper" at the clubhouse.

There are no meetings in July or August. If you have not joined us, the dues are \$10. Please put your check in Women's Club mailbox in back lobby.

Stay well, see you in September.

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MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Phyllis Cohen, Fran Ost, Judy Radin



Summer does not slow down M.I. Hadassah. We have just held our very successful Summer Sizzler here at the clubhouse featuring an afternoon of games, a wonderful lunch, and good company. Though there are no scheduled meetings this summer holiday cards are available from Arlene Koch and Natalie Rubin; Lee Katz handles brick sales for celebrations and memorials; scrip for Glicks and Boys can be purchased from Rita Marderstein and Betty Wachtel, and Sandy Froelich has scrip for the Kosher Marketplace. Our new item, Honey for Holidays promises to be a sweet gift for the New Year. Helenc Riffle handles those sales and flyers are available in the back lobby.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events in the coming season:

2012 events:

Thursday, November 15 Hadassah/Cancer Fashion Show, with fashions by Patchington. **Monday, December 5** "House around Lunch"

And for 2013 our big events:

Sunday, January 13 Hadassah/Cancer cruise, (Allure of the Seas)

Thursday, January 24 Card party

Sunday, February 17 Barbeque

Monday, November 21 Donor Luncheon at Brooks Restaurant

And our wonderful **Woman of the Year** celebration in the Spring is in the planning stage.

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BOOK TALKS

By Judy Markowitz



On Wednesday, October 17, 2012 I will be facilitating a discussion of “Room” by Emma Donoghue. “Room” is unlike any book I have ever read. It grabbed me from the very first page and didn't leave my thoughts for the two days it took to read it.

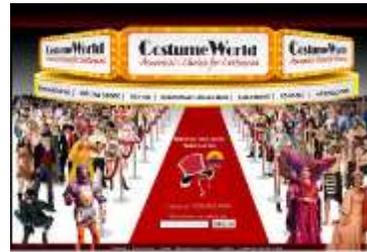
The story is told from the perspective of five year old Jack. Jack was born into a small, windowless room and has lived there his entire life with his mother, who is being held prisoner by a sexually abusive man. Now that Jack is five and increasingly curious, Ma knows they can't stay there much longer without going crazy, yet escape seems impossible.

Despite its horrifying premise, “Room” isn't a scary book. “Room” is about Jack – the story is told by him in a stream-of-consciousness narrative. The reader recognizes the similarities Jack shares with other children his own age. We see the differences caused by living in almost solitary confinement, not knowing about the existence of an outside world and everything it contains. Mostly, it is about the love between a mother and child regardless of circumstances.

“Room” is a unique and amazing book. Addictive from the start, readers of all sorts won't want to put “Room” down. Copies are available in our local libraries. I recommend reading “Room” over the summer.

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

Doris Davidoff



Costume World in Pompano Beach will be our destination on November 7, when we will tour their fabulous Broadway Collection from many well-known shows and movies, including *The King and I*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Camelot*, and others. Included in this one-day excursion is transportation, a guided tour of their astounding exhibits, luncheon in their recreation of the famed New York landmark, Tavern-on-the-Green® and entertainment. The price for this exciting experience is \$69 per person. Flyers are in the back lobby and on the website, so sign up and join us. Invite friends or relatives to join you even if they do not live in Majestic Isles.

Our next trip is a 15-night Italian Mediterranean cruise from August 24-September 8, 2012. We'll spend one night flying to London and 14 nights on Royal Caribbean's *Independence of the Seas*, departing from Southampton on August 25 and visiting eight exciting European ports before returning home. Although, it's now past the time for final payment, we might still be able to add people to our group, so, if you are interested, let us know.

The price includes transportation to the airport, flights to and from London, the cruise, two cocktail parties, \$100 shipboard credit, taxes, and gratuities. There will be some other “surprises” as well. Snowbirds are welcome, as well as friends or relatives from other cities, since people can join us in London.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. There is no membership fee. We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Sunday of the month at 11:00am in the Clubhouse. Visit our website at www.majesticisles.com/travelclub.htm to see what trips are available. You can also view pictures from past trips. If you like to travel, talk about travel or just dream about it, come join us at our meetings.

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MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

By Dave Feinberg



Summer time bowling is coming to an end soon and I hope everyone has signed up for the next season. Teams are made up according to averages. To get an average you must bowl six games for an entering average. Then when the season starts the first six games will be averaged out by computer and that will be your season's average.

Bowl anywhere you want and bring me a print out of the six games. They don't have to be on the same day, three one day, three another day, but I must have the print out for each day. We still bowl on Tuesday at Greenacres Bowl at 11:45 a.m. (10 minutes practice time). Come on down and join us for fun and games. Need more information? Call me (733- 4837).

Hope everyone had a healthy and great summer.

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May 31, 2012

Joan Sorkin
Majestic Isles Social Club
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Dear Joan,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach (FSO), we would like to thank you and Majestic Isles Social Club for your generous donation of items we received on May 29, 2012. These items will be included in our "We Care" packages that soon will be shipped to members of all branches of our military personnel serving overseas.

We would like you to know that as we prepare each box, we ensure that each serviceman or woman receives not only a part of home, but also the knowledge and feeling that there are so many caring people that have "not forgotten" them.

Our mission is to ease the feeling of separation our servicemen and women experience so far away from their loved ones and help families here at home who cannot afford to ship their own packages. From letters received in our office from those stationed abroad, we know each package and every item in the package is sincerely appreciated.

Again, thank you so much for joining our efforts and providing the wonderful gifts you have donated from the heart. Without your cheerful and heart-felt donations, our efforts would not be possible.

With kindest regards,

Lynelle Chauncey Zelnar
Executive Director and Founder

RELAX, IT'S SUMMER

By Phyllis M. Cohen



It's summer and you have big blocks of time you are seeking to fill -- and that's where a good book or a DVD comes in.

Of course, you can download your favorite read on your favorite device, iPad, Nook, or Kindle. On the other hand, if you are a lover of the traditional book format, we are lucky to have three great libraries nearby: the newly renovated West Boynton, Hagen Ranch Road and Lantana Road Branches. Of course, Barnes and Noble is nearby and Amazon.com is a click away. And this summer, all of your favorite authors have new books to tempt you. If mystery books are your genre, you can try Italian writer Andrea Camellier's Sicilian detective series featuring Inspector Montalbano in the "Age of Doubt," as a change of pace from those frosty Scandinavian writers so popular lately. James Patterson and Maxine Paetro have a new addition to the women's murder club series, "11th Hour," John Sandford has written "Stolen Prey," and even Janet Evanovitch has "Wicked Business," a new Lizzy and Diesel tale.

For historical fiction buffs, Jeff Shaara's "Blaze of Glory" continues his civil war history, and Hilary Mantel continues her Henry VIII saga with "Bring up the Bodies," a sequel to "Wolf Hall."

Scheduled to be released this summer, are new books by Daniel Silva, Catherine Coulter, and Danielle Steele and another James Patterson (solo).

Good films like all of the major academy award winners from last year, from "Midnight in Paris" to "The Actor" are now available from Netflix, Infinity or Comcast. But don't overlook the local libraries which have tons of older DVDs. For those who like British mysteries, search out the series "Foyles' War" (set in WWII England), "Midsomer Murders" (set in the English countryside) "A Touch of Frost", and "Pie in the Sky." These series feature quirky detectives and great ensemble casts. The library has them in sets of three or four discs so you can watch a whole season. Keep cool and relax.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR
July, August and September, 2012

22 Sun.	11a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting(f,h)
25 Wed.	10 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino trip (p,a)
28 Sat.	8 p.m.	Social Club	MovieTime(p,h)

JULY

AUGUST

2 Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Citizens Observer Patrol	Meeting(f,h)
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f,h)
3 Fri.	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f,h)
4 Sat.	6:00 p.m.	Cancer Unit	Italian Festival (p,h)
5 Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p,h)
	12:30 p.m.	Singles	Theater (p, a)
	7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Meeting(f,h)
August 6 - 17	CLUBHOUSE CLOSED FOR CLEANING		
August 16 - 17	POOL CLOSED		
August 24 - September 8		Travel Club	Mediterranean Cruise
25 Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	MovieTime(p,h)

2 Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Meeting (f, h)
8 Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
9 Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p, h)
10 Mon.	12:00 noon	Women's Club Meeting	Meeting (f, h)
	4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
12 Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino Trip (p, a)
14 Fri.	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f, h)
22 Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	MovieTime (p, h)
23 Sun	11:00 a.m	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)

SEPTEMBER

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