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The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County advises residents and visitors to be aware of chikungunya fever, a viral mosquito-borne disease that has made its way to the Caribbean countries from Africa, Asia and islands in the Indian Ocean and Western Pacific. Travelers to these countries could carry the virus back to the United States and infect local mosquito populations.



“With a large number of people travelling to and from the Caribbean in Florida,

we have been monitoring for possible imported cases,” said Dr. Alina Alonso, Director of Florida Health in Palm Beach County. “We encourage all county residents and visitors to practice the drain and cover method to minimize mosquito exposure.”

Mosquitoes can transmit different viruses including chikungunya, West Nile and Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis. Mosquitoes also carry Malaria, Dengue Fever, Rift Valley Fever, and Yellow Fever just to name a few. Chikungunya can be transmitted from an infected human to an Aedes mosquito, which in turn can bite another human and pass along the disease. Aedes mosquitoes are day-biters that can lay eggs in very small water containers. Early detection of the symptoms and preventing mosquitoes from biting will help prevent the disease from spreading in the United States. County mosquito control will continue to treat areas with active mosquito populations to ensure the safety of communities.

To minimize exposure to mosquitoes, practice the drain and cover method. Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where water has collected. Discard any items that may collect water. Clean birdbaths and pet water bowls twice a week. When you're out and about in the early morning or evening hours, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves. You may also apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.

When the weather gets cooler, you'll find fewer and fewer mosquitoes, but they'll still be around. I've seen many residents walking who were wearing one of the clip-on mosquito repellants that use either an electronic sonic tone to ward off the insects or a Citronella-based gel; apparently both work well. The big problem with Citronella-based products is that the slightest wind will carry the scent away and have no effect. The Citronella candles or torches do work well out on your patio where it's a constant release. I even have an app for my iPhone that emits the electronic signal to ward off mosquitoes! Believe it or not, it works.

If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, do everything possible to protect yourself and your family. Cover up, use effective mosquito repellent, and check around your house regularly and remove any standing water.

Ken Miller, Association Manager



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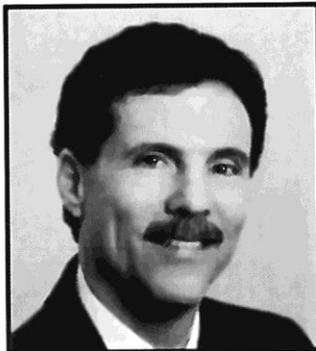
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## **Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, June 5, 2014**

*Minutes of the June 5, 2014 meetings 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**

- Two homeowners have declined to have their houses repainted.

### **Treasurer's Report, Saul Siegel**

*(Residents may request a report of the 6/4/14 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)*

### **COBWRA, Steve Bayer**

- At the meeting on May 21, COBWRA accepted 2 more communities bringing the total of West Boynton member communities to 110.
- June 1 was the start of hurricane season. Make your preparations now.
- The bill to increase speed limits was passed but vetoed by Governor Scott.

### **Safety & Security, Steve Bayer**

- The Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) reports that suspects in a recent rash of burglaries have been caught, but still use your alarms and lock your doors.

### **ARC, Mark Jaffie**

- Several ARC approvals were given for residents to install carriage lights and plantings.
- We have a list of five residents who have not had required driveway maintenance done. Letters will be sent notifying them of the Board's intent to fine.
- Fine notices will be sent to residents who have not replaced their mailboxes after receiving notice.
- Resident's request to trim an oak tree was refused.
- Compliance Committee overturned the Board decision to fine a resident for trimming an oak tree.

### **New Neighbors Committee, Iris Rothstein**

- So far in 2014, four new residents were contacted and three have been visited.
- Joyce Moskowitz MSW (Master of Social Work) of the Neighbor2Neighbor has been at Majestic Isles twice. She will be at the clubhouse on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. *[See ad on page 16 for hours.]*

### **Unfinished Business**

- Motion to accept the house colors as corrected for 2105 passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

- Motion to accept Miller Mills' proposal to replace the backstage drapes passed by unanimous vote.

### **New Business**

- Motion to accept TEM's proposal for gatehouse software for \$3800 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept Stanley Steemer's proposal to clean the downstairs carpets for \$1300 passed 6 - 0.
- Motion to accept COIT's proposal to clean the ballroom window dressings for \$1000 passed 6 - 0.
- Motion to accept Palm Beach Aquatics' proposal for four new lake bubbler compressors at a cost of \$3032 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion by Mark Jaffie to accept Palm Beach Aquatics' proposal for the maintenance agreement on the lake aerators \$495/year for semi-annual maintenance passed (6-0).
- Motion to accept Hometown Pest Control's proposal to treat for Ficus Whitefly for \$5544 passed (6-0).
- Motion to accept M&P's proposal to remove and replace two trees in the park at Cocowood Court for \$1000 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept M&P's proposal to replace Cocowood Park plantings for \$1085 passed (6-0).
- Motion to spend up to \$3600 for sod replacement throughout the community after the rainy season starts passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept Boynton Billiards' proposal to re-cover the downstairs card tables and poker tables for \$1908 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to issue a \$50 fine to residents who have their trees trimmed without permission from ARC passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to have residents, who trim their tree(s) in violation of Palm Beach County Guidelines, remove and replace the tree with a tree of the same diameter and type, seconded by Mark Jaffie, and passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept RCI's proposal to repaint the ballroom for \$3780 failed by a 1-5 vote.
- Motion to accept Hartzell's proposal to repaint the ballroom for \$3745 passed by a 5-1 vote.
- Harvey Galan read a letter from the newsletter staff offering to donate 24 Hearing Impaired Assisted Listening systems. Doris Davidoff made a presentation and answered questions. The board accepted the donation.

Harvey Galan announced that the starting time for future Board of Directors Meetings will be changed to 1:00 p.m.

## FLU SHOTS

### At Majestic Isles, October 14, 2014

Submitted by Ralph Oppler

Your best protection against the debilitating effects of the flu is to get a flu shot. For this reason, Majestic Isles is again hosting an on-site flu shot drive from **8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Tuesday, October 14th at the clubhouse.**

The flu is a disease of the breathing passages caused by the influenza virus. It affects people of all ages and is spread from person to person through the air. The virus can be highly contagious and is easily transmitted from people who are already infected, even from people who have been exposed but have not yet developed symptoms. This also means that you can be contagious without knowing it.

The flu often causes severe symptoms such as body aches, exhaustion, high fever, respiratory inflammation, congestion, cough, and more. You could be ill for a week with some symptoms lingering for up to a month.

An annual influenza vaccination is your best protection and is recommended for all people age 6 months and older. The flu vaccine is 75 to 90 percent effective in preventing infection. Contrary to a popular myth, you cannot get the flu from the vaccine because it is made from highly purified egg-grown viruses that have been rendered noninfectious.

The vaccine causes your body to produce antibodies that protect it against the virus. Because the flu strain changes each year, and because your body slowly loses its immunity to the flu, you still need to receive another vaccination this year to remain protected.

As with any vaccine, the flu vaccine has some side effects. Less than 1/3 of those who receive a flu shot will experience some soreness at the vaccination site, and only 5 to 10% will suffer mild side effects such as low-grade fevers and headaches. People with known hypersensitivity to eggs or egg products should not receive a flu shot, because the vaccine is grown in hens' eggs.

Don't leave your health to chance. **Sign up for the Majestic Isles flu drive, and get vaccinated.** Watch Channel 63 and the back lobby bulletin board for further details. **Sign-up forms will be at the front lobby desk from Tuesday, September 2 to Friday, September 19.**

## THE "YELLOW DOT" PROGRAM

The "Yellow Dot" program is designed to assist Florida citizens and first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle. The program can help save lives during the critical "golden hour" by improving communication at a time when accident victims may be unable to communicate for themselves.

The "Yellow Dot" program provides detailed medical information that can be crucial following a crash. Participants of the program receive a "Yellow Dot" decal, and an information form for the participant's name, an identifying photo, emergency contact information, personal physicians' information, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies and medications being used. A "Yellow Dot" decal on the driver's side rear window of a vehicle alerts first responders to check in the glove compartment for the "Yellow Dot" form. Having this information following a crash helps first responders positively identify the person, get in touch with family or emergency contacts and ensures that the person's current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for injuries.

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## Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Quail Ridge, June 18, 2014

*Because of space considerations, we are printing only an excerpt of the June COBWRA Highlights. The full Highlights are posted in the back lobby. – Ed.*

**Director Sharon Reuben** announced the launch of the new COBWRA website: [www.cobwra.org](http://www.cobwra.org).

### FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

**Captain Mark Murray**, PBSO District 6:

- Reported that continuing progress is being made in reducing crime in the area.
- Reminded everyone to lock doors, turn on lights, set alarms and remove guns from cars.
- Announced his retirement effective July 1 and introduced his replacement, Captain Christopher T. (Chris) Keane and the new Executive Officer Lieutenant Beth L. Krivda.

**Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Chiefs Matt Gaffney and Doug McGlynn:**

- Reported several working structural fires that were handled this past month.
- Announced that the **Yellow Dot Program** will be launched on July 7.

President Rosoff asked the delegates to approve an expenditure of \$750 to help offset the printing costs associated with starting up the Yellow Dot Program. This was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

### GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT

Chair Gerry Morrison:

- Announced that both the Committee and Executive Board voted to recommend approval of a 24-hour Emergency Room Medical Center to be located in the Pinewood Square shopping center on the corner of Lantana Road and Jog Road. The proposal has already been approved by the Zoning Commission and will now go to the Board of County Commission for approval.
- Reported that Morse Life will be the operator of a previously approved congregate living facility on the southwest corner of Lyons Road and Hypoluxo Road.

**No regular delegates meeting in July**

**Next Meeting: August 13 at The Grove.**

Submitted by Bruce Brodsky

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To vote absentee in the **primary election**, you must **request your absentee ballot no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20**. To vote absentee in the **general election**, you must **request your absentee ballot no later than Wednesday, 5 p.m., Oct. 29**.

If, after having received and filled out an absentee ballot, you choose to vote at the polls instead, you **must** bring and turn in your absentee ballot, in order to vote in person at the polls. This ensures that no one votes more than once in any given election

Absentee ballots will be mailed four weeks prior to the election and cannot be forwarded. When you receive the ballot, complete it, sign the outside, stamp it and mail it to the Supervisor of Elections Office in the pre-addressed envelope with the correct amount of postage. **Voted absentee ballots must be received at the Supervisor of Elections Office NO LATER THAN close of polls on Election Day.**

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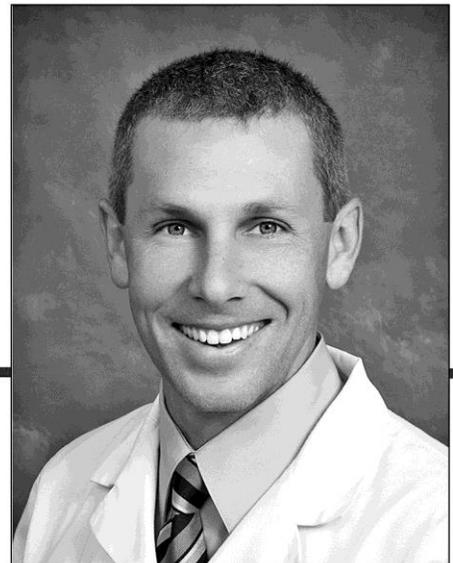


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#### SYMPATHY

To Stella Grottalio on the loss of her brother.  
To Sandy Kastner on the loss of her husband, Shelly.  
To Norma Schneider on the loss of her brother.

#### MESSAGES

Many thanks to our neighbors and friends for their get-well wishes. The residents of Majestic Isles can't be beat when someone needs a little uplift in spirit. Thanks again during our rehab.

Fran & Dave Feinberg

This community is an extension of my family. I wish to thank everyone for your condolences, cards and donations in memory of my beloved husband, Shelly. You helped my family and me in our time of sorrow.

Sandy Kastner

Many thanks to my Majestic Isles friends for all the cards and good wishes that I received during my stay at the hospital for knee replacement.

Harriet Kutner

Thank you to all my friends in Majestic Isles for your calls, cards and good wishes while I've been in rehab. I'll be back home soon.

Elaine Schwartz

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### M.I. NEWS STAFF DONATES ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM



Our residents are growing older and, unfortunately, hearing loss is often a part of aging. Some residents have stopped coming to our shows and movies because they cannot enjoy what they can't hear well.

Even captioned subtitles are not always enough to enable full enjoyment of a movie. With this in mind, the Majestic Isles News staff has offered to donate an assistive listening system to Majestic Isles. At its June meeting, the Board accepted our gift on behalf of the community.

At the start, the system will allow up to 24 people to borrow a headset and receiver when they attend a show that is using the new amplification system. Additional headsets and receivers can be added at a later date if there is a need for them.

*The Majestic Isles News is funded completely by our advertisers and staffed by volunteers from the community. Our goal has always been to serve the community by providing information, and entertainment, and our gift of the assistive listening system is a part of our ongoing commitment to the well being of the people in our community. It is our hope that residents who have stopped coming to shows and movies because of their hearing difficulties be able to once again enjoy these events*



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## Another Book to Check Out “AN OFFICER AND A SPY”

By Stan Kaish

### What Do You Know About The Dreyfus Affair?

Until I read Robert Harris's 2013 book, “An Officer and a Spy,” I knew very little about the Dreyfus Affair. I had heard of it, of course; a Jewish officer in the French army was falsely accused of spying for Germany in the 1890's and Emil Zola took up his cause in a famous open letter entitled “J'Accuse.” I knew the affair was synonymous with anti-Semitism, but that was about it.

Robert Harris has changed all that for me. “An Officer and a Spy” is a very readable historical novel about the events and characters involved in the Dreyfus affair. Harris uses the voice of Colonel Georges Picquart to tell the story. Picquart was a fast track officer (youngest Colonel in the French army) who was placed in charge of the statistical section, (i.e., intelligence unit), when its former commander, Colonel Jean Sandherr was forced to retire due to illness. It was under Sandherr that the evidence of Dreyfus's espionage was first developed and, when the book opens, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, has already been convicted, degraded, and shipped off to begin his life sentence on Devils Island.

The punishment was enormously popular. The French, having been humiliated in the Franco-Prussian War 20 years earlier, were in need of a scapegoat, and what better scapegoat than a German-speaking Jewish army officer from Alsace. Everyone, including Picquart, is satisfied that justice has been properly done.

But shortly after he assumes his new position, Picquart learns that espionage is still going on. There is another spy out there, and evidence soon points to a Major Charles Esterhazy as the culprit. Further review shows that principal evidence against Dreyfus was based on expert testimony affirming that the handwriting on incriminating documents in the case was that of Dreyfus. Wrong! Samples of writing, convince Picquart that the documents were actually from Esterhazy's hand and that Dreyfus was, in all probability, innocent. Picquart sets out to right the obvious wrong.

The trouble is, no one wants to hear it. Dreyfus has been found guilty. He is the ideal fall guy. He is a Jew, and no one in the French military, including Picquart, has any fondness for Jews. The staff of the

statistical unit that developed the evidence against Dreyfus certainly doesn't want to be shown up, so they conspire to hinder an alternative case from being developed. But Picquart compiles a file of evidence against Esterhazy and takes it, sequentially, up the chain of command to General Charles Gonse, his immediate superior, and head of intelligence for the army; to General Raoul de Boisdeffre, Chief of the General Staff; to General Jean Billot, Minister of War; and to General August Mercier, succeeding Minister of War. To a man, they tell him to forget it. Dreyfus did it; the army is not about to admit it made a mistake. Picquart is ordered to keep his mouth shut, or else. He disobeys and is stripped of his command at the statistical unit and is sent to Tunisia, where he will be out of communication with anyone influential. Picquart persists, is kicked out of the army, and put in jail on the charge of divulging military secrets to the public.

But others rally to his cause, including Zola; Georges Clemenceau, destined to be Prime Minister; August Scheurer-Kestner, Vice President of the Senate; and numerous other liberal elements of the society. Eventually, sufficient pressure is exerted to bring Dreyfus back for a retrial and charge Esterhazy. It looks good for our boy, but the army maintains its stance, counterfeiting new evidence against both Dreyfus and Picquart. Tribunals find Dreyfus guilty again, Esterhazy innocent, and Zola guilty of libel. Picquart is locked away and held pending charges.

A few short years later, Dreyfus is pardoned and back in the army. Picquart is reinstated as a brigadier general and Zola's letter becomes the stuff of legend. I leave it to you, the reader, to learn how all this came to pass.

The long-run consequences of the Dreyfus affair are interesting. Seeing the extent of the anti-Semitism in Europe, Theodore Herzl began his Zionist movement for a Jewish homeland. Trust in the army and aristocracy in France was seriously undermined. And Georges Clemenceau, whose newspaper, L'Aurore, published Zola's “J'Accuse,” became Prime Minister by the close of World War I. At Versailles, it was he who insisted on harsh, punitive reparations from Germany, that are said to have contributed to unemployment, hyperinflation and, many suspect, a Germany ready to welcome Adolph Hitler.





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## BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

All 7 billion plus of us are on a 24/7 seesaw. We're up high, down low, sometimes somewhere in between. These are not mood swings. They are a response to changes in atmospheric pressure in a regional seesaw that from east to west spans the tropical Pacific called the El Niño – Southern Oscillation (ENSO).

Let's imagine two "children" on a seesaw. "Pedro" sits on the eastern side near Ecuador and Peru. "Filipina" sits on the western side near Indonesia and the Philippines. Most of the time, the two are almost in balance but "Filipina" keeps "Pedro" slightly higher, so that high atmospheric pressure dominates over the east Pacific. Cool, dry air sinks to produce near desert conditions along South America's north-west coast. Westward blowing Trade Winds push warm surface waters away from the shore, allowing cooler water to rise off Peru. The warm surface waters that are pushed westward by the Trade Winds and the Earth's rotation build up into a giant pool of warm water in the west Pacific. With low atmospheric pressure dominating the west Pacific, warm, moist air rises and rains out over SE Asia. Such conditions are called "La Nada"—the nothing.

Now "Filipina" is tiring. Her muscles ache from back-to-back 2010-2012 major La Niña events when she held "Pedro" up at the top of the seesaw arc. She was barely able to keep him up at all during 2013-14's La Nada, and now she can't keep him aloft any longer. "Pedro's" end of the seesaw is falling; atmospheric pressures are lower. As the Trade Winds weaken, west Pacific warm water moves east, ramping up the risk of downpours and floods from Ecuador to northern Argentina. "Filipina's" end of the seesaw is climbing; atmospheric pressures are higher. Indonesia and the Philippines become potential forest fire tinderboxes as the western flank of the equatorial Pacific dries out.

An El Niño is defined as a rise in temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific by 0.5°C. Measurements of east Pacific seawater temperatures indicate that an El Niño has already started. There is now a 75% chance that a moderate El Niño will develop by this summer with a 90% chance that a major El Niño (rise in temperature by 1.5°C or more) could begin this fall or winter. The amount of warm water now in the Pacific is significant, perhaps the biggest since the major El

Niño event of 1997-98. What is unknown at this stage in its development is how strong an event this year's El Niño will be.

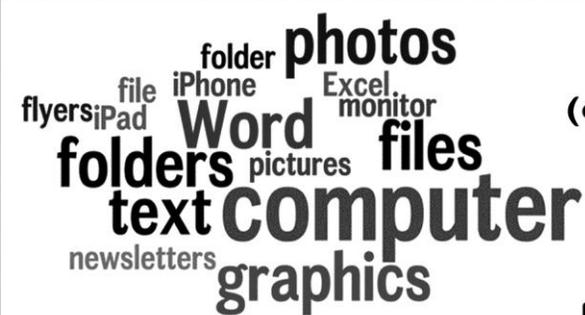
El Niño events typically occur every five years or so, peak in December and set off a chain reaction of weather events around the world, some devastating and some beneficial. India is always the first to suffer. SW monsoon rains over the southern tip of the sub-continent were 40% below average the first week of June. Two-thirds of Indian farmland is reliant solely on rainfall. Weak monsoon rains will undermine India's 1 billion-population's fragile food supply by September when the biggest cut in rainfall is usually felt. In heat-wracked Australia, where 2013 was the hottest year on record, even hotter scorching droughts are expected. Global food supplies will shrink, with corn, rice and wheat yield much lower than normal. Some nations already are stockpiling food and conserving or rationing water. The anchovy fishery off Peru, almost decimated by 1992's El Niño, conceivably could completely collapse.

But some regions could benefit. Our West has had three of the four driest years in recorded history. Dry land farmers and ranchers are running on reserves: pumping aquifers and drawing down reservoirs to record lows. A major El Niño typically would bring double the annual rainfall average to southern California. Its rains could break the searing drought there and also bring relief to Texas and the rest of our bone-dry western states.

Major El Niños typically bring warmer winters to the northern U.S. That would be a relief to our northern states after last winter's Arctic conditions. El Niños also are thought to damp down hurricane activity. This may or may not be true. For example, Hurricane Andrew, one of the deadliest and costliest hurricanes in recent history, caused tremendous destruction as it roared through Florida in 1992, an El Niño year.

The major 1997-98 El Niño event resulted in the hottest year then on record. Accompanying floods, cyclones, droughts and wildfires killed an estimated 23,000 people and caused \$36-\$48 billion in damage, particularly to food production. How were you affected by it, and how are you preparing this year?





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## YOU ARE OLD, FATHER WILLIAM

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Lewis Carroll said it best in his wonderful parody from "Alice in Wonderland" when he took on the question of old age:

*You are old, Father William," the young man said,  
"And your hair has become very white;  
And yet you incessantly stand on your head—  
Do you think, at your age, it is right?"*

*"In my youth," Father William replied to his son,  
"I feared it might injure the brain;  
But now that I'm perfectly sure I have none,  
Why, I do it again and again..."*

I've been reading quite a few novels on these hot summer days and invariably the protagonist is a hale and hearty 30-year old. Any character in the book who is over 40 or 50, let alone 70 or 80 is invariably described as tottering, decrepit, wrinkled, ancient... all of them just moments away from shuffling off this mortal coil.

I can understand how these young writers feel. After all, when I go to the doctor or store or restaurant and the person waiting on me looks as though he is still in junior high, I feel the same sense of disconnect. (And did I mention that, in spite of the age difference, we're buddies since they all call me "Phyllis" when addressing me.) It's true that it is hard to know when to call a person "old" or senior citizen or mature or any of the euphemisms currently in fashion for those of us of a certain age. I'd like to add my favorite for this period in our life, "Classic" citizens (you remember - like Classic Coke). In other words, we're the original perfect model, rather than a broken down reminder of the past.

Furthermore, there is no point relegating us to the bone yard quite yet. True, there may be more of us using walkers rather than bicycles, and speaking at the top of our voice because everyone around us seems hard of hearing. But in spite of some of these defects, there are lots of "classic" citizens still working (Hello, Joe Biden, Judge Ginsburg, John McCain) in government, stores (Welcome to Wal-Mart), schools, hospitals and doctors' offices, and in every volunteer organization that makes a difference in our life.

So pervasive are we that I am afraid to hear the news reports about any wrong-doings. When I was a child my parents shuddered to hear a Jewish person was

accused of a crime. And my friends who were Irish and Italian reported their parents feeling the same way about any crime that a countryman was associated with. Now I am beginning to think that we "oldsters" are going to become subjects of profiling by the police. Watch out for those dangerous oldsters! You all remember the recent local bank robbery where a frail elderly man (there, I said elderly) equipped with a walker, attempted to hold up a bank when he couldn't withdraw \$139 from his account to fix his car. (The story had a thousand unanswered questions in it. How did this man get from his assisted living facility to the bank and how could he drive a car when he could barely hobble?) His son, a lawyer living in the mid-west, decided to take his time helping him so he stayed in jail for a couple of days until the judge threw out the case. The bank video showing the bank manager assisting the man out with his walker and smiling may have been the convincing evidence. Just the other day, a female resident of Century Village was arrested for two bank holdups. And, like a lot of their fellow citizens, we "classic" citizens are no strangers to the use of guns. Though frequently the victims of such violence, there are cases where they are perpetrators, too. Texting in a movie theater or playing a radio too loudly have resulted in gun-bearing seniors killing young people.

Fortunately, I am not afraid yet of groups of oldies donned in hoodies making their way from the clubhouse or movies. They are more likely to be looking for a good restaurant or ice cream shop. I am proud to be part of a generation that, like the Energizer Bunny, just keeps going ahead, in spite of illness and walkers and sick spouses and children. I see them with their Kindles and iPads and laptops, texting away like their grandchildren, taking trips to faraway places, writing and playing hard, working and contributing.

So to paraphrase my opening, let me quote:

*You are old Father Bush, Jebbie and Georgie said  
And white is the color of your hair  
So why do you continue to jump out of planes  
And go flying through the air?*

*I may be old, my dear boys, the old man said  
And though I may land on my tush,  
Jumping still gets me exhilarated and thrilled to my  
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## Reel impressions: "BELLE"



By Edye Frankel

In this richly detailed period drama, Dido Elizabeth Belle (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) is the illegitimate, mixed-race offspring of Admiral Sir John Lindsay (Matthew Goode). After he drops her off at his uncle's house,

she does not see him or hear from him again. She grew up under the care of her great-uncle Lord Mansfield (Tom Wilkinson), a noted aristocrat, who initially did not take to her very well. She experiences various levels of bigotry throughout, sometimes not so subtle and sometimes quite cruel. Throughout, Belle carries herself with dignity. This movie is bound to be acclaimed and awarded. The acting, costumes, directing, characters, and plot are totally engrossing and satisfying. Beautifully done, and, obviously recommended by yours truly.



## INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman , Co-Facilitator

Is there a secret about the market that everyone knows and many people fear? If you believed this secret, would you know what to do about it? Does the knowledge of this secret help your decisions become closer to foolproof? Obviously, this secret is not the only thing that contributes to the market movement. It is, however, of considerable import.



We have talked about this secret at our meetings and it will again be first on our agenda at our next meeting on **Monday, Sept. 8, 2014 at 4 p.m.** Until then, enjoy the summer.

## PET PATCH

By Molly



People all have their own ideas as to what they want to do and when. This week we were out for a walk and I saw my friend Gracie with her Dad. Mom asked if they were moving down now, and Gracie's Dad explained that they were Snowbirds. They hadn't been here since March and decided to come down now. Well, they certainly came down to warmer weather!

Like I said, everyone has their own ideas - whatever floats their boat!

It is definitely summer now - very warm and humid. I don't even like to walk mid-day - much too hot. I wish all my friends (and their families) a healthy and wonderful summer!

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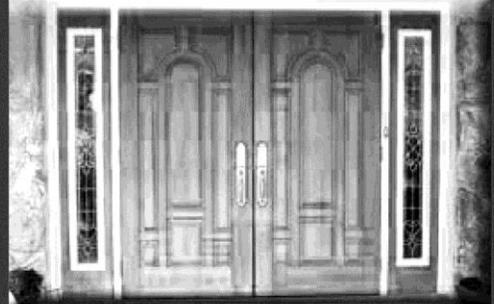
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## HONOR FLIGHT

By Bernie Freedman

*Tom Brokaw said it best when he described that whole generation of men and women who put themselves in harms' way when they fought to preserve the freedom of the world during World War II as the "Greatest Generation." And as their numbers dwindle in the 71 years since the war's end, a non-profit group called the Honor Flight has made it its mission to take as many of the vets as possible to visit the sites in*



*Washington D. C. to honor their efforts and celebrate their dedication. We are proud to have in our own community veteran Bernard (Bernie) Freedman who was thrilled to participate in this program. Bernie was the youngest of a family of five that included four boys, all of whom served during the war. The eldest, an army tank commander during the Battle of the Bulge was wounded there. The second brother was in the navy and worked in New York City arranging travel arrangements for navy personnel. The third was in the Air Force and died in Georgia during a training flight. Bernie served in the army in France in administration and supply. Here in his own words is his account of his recent trip.*

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Saturday, May 24, 2014, I met my "Guardian," Mike in my driveway at 3:45 a.m.. Each veteran on the trip had a Guardian assigned to him to ensure his well-being. All of them were volunteers, and Mike is a fire-rescue EMT. His responsibility, "Keep Me Safe." He drove us to Palm Beach airport and we arrived at 4:15 a.m.. We received our ID's, boarding pass, a wheel chair, and were photographed. 80 World War II veterans and their guardians boarded a US Airways charter to Washington D.C.

Four busloads left the Washington airport for a trip to the Iwo Jima memorial. It was very impressive and we were welcomed and honored. The next stop was to a Knights of Columbus hall for a box lunch. Then we were on our way to the Arlington National Cemetery. As we made our way to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, we were again greeted and thanked by the many visitors who wanted to shake our hands and say, "Thank you for your service." We thanked them too. We were just in time for the 2:00 p.m. Changing of the Guard Ceremony. There was total silence and respect shown during that event.

The next stop was the World War II Memorial. Breathtaking! There are 56 granite pillars surrounding the memorial. There is also a Freedom Wall of 4,000 gold stars to commemorate the 400,000 Americans who gave their lives in the war. The pillars symbolize the unity of the states, territories and the District of Columbia. Twin Atlantic and Pacific Pavilions symbolize a war fought across two oceans. Inscriptions at the base of each pavilion fountain mark key battles of the war.

Finally it was time to get back to the airport and return to West Palm Beach. On board the plane, each Veteran had "mail call" which included a personal note from a family member and letters and notes from school children and other residents of the community. There was even a letter from Senator Marco Rubio.

Upon getting back to West Palm Beach, we were pleasantly surprised by the throng of people welcoming us back. There were signs, American flags, posters, Honor Guards from the Knights of Columbus, High School Cadets, Boy and Girl Scouts and family members of the Vets and Guardians. Bagpipers played. It was an emotional and unforgettable experience.

What a wonderful and memorable day. We will never forget it!

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*After his return from the war, Bernie continued to support his fellow veterans through his work with the Jewish War Veterans and his frequent visits to the VA hospitals to see wounded soldiers. He and his lovely wife, Irene have continued to visit wounded soldiers even now in retirement. Bernie also volunteers at the food pantry programs. Irene supports animal rescue programs with donations of her original artwork to fund-raising events.*



## ERRATA

The last paragraph of last month's article on creating safe passwords was omitted.

Most important of all, one must bear in mind that passwords are valuable. With new instances of cyber crime occurring all too frequently, it is critical that passwords be modified and safeguarded.



Original orchid photos by Stan Davidson and Jerry Fefferman

Collage design by Jerry Fefferman

temperature difference between day and night that is



## *Gardening in the Isles*

*By*

*Stan Davidson*



After seeing the beautiful orchids on this month's Newsletter cover, and the collage of orchids on the opposite page, you may get the urge to grow these colorful, exotic plants in your house or add them to your landscape. Let's see how easy it is to grow and maintain these plants and to assemble a collection that will put forth exotic flowers year round.

There is a myth that orchids are difficult to grow and are not tougher and hardier than other plants. There are thousand of species of orchids and many are easy to grow and adapt themselves in south Florida to both indoor windowsills and outdoor pots or in trees.

The big difference between our popular indoor-grown houseplants is that orchids are not grown in potting soil and will die if grown in potting soil. The orchid is basically an epiphyte (air grown plant) and will grow in the air with its roots attaching itself to the growing media.

To grow an orchid indoors, plant it preferably in a terra cotta pot filled with bark, stone, charcoal, sphagnum moss or some other loosely packed material. Do not allow the plant roots to become water logged or you will have "one dead orchid" because of suffocation from lack of oxygen. Water thoroughly once a week and let the plant dry out.

What's interesting about growing orchids both indoors and outdoors in south Florida, is the need to acclimate the orchid to either warm, intermediate, or cool growing conditions. This acclimation can mean the difference an orchid plant that merely lives and one that thrives and flowers profusely. Therefore, one must adjust the indoor growing climate to a

generally about 10 degrees. The different varieties of orchids adjust themselves to different swings in temperature differences.

Orchids are grouped into three light intensity requirements for proper growth: high, medium and low. Most orchids prefer at least six hours of light a day. One can tell by the color of the plants' leaves, if it is receiving enough light. With insufficient light the leaves are a dark green. If the leaves are light or medium green with a touch of yellow, this means that the plant is receiving sufficient light to flower.

Orchids do not generally require much fertilizer. One application of soluble 20-10-20 per week is adequate. With adequate fertilization, including a bloom booster in the fall, the peak of orchid blooms usually occurs between December and April. To supplement the high Florida humidity an occasional misting is a welcome addition.

Some of us would prefer to grow orchids on trees. Here are a few tips on how to do that successfully. Choose a tree, such as our sable palms, that admits light. Attach the plant directly on the tree trunk with cotton string or a piece of panty hose. During the first few months, mist frequently. Once the root structure is established around the tree trunk, the orchid will bloom for years.

"The world of orchids is a challenging one, but it is this challenge which captures the imagination of many growers. You have to keep your eyes out for bugs when caring for your orchids. Perhaps the biggest bug is the one you may catch yourself, the orchid bug, you will then be an enthusiast for life!!" (Nigel Howell).

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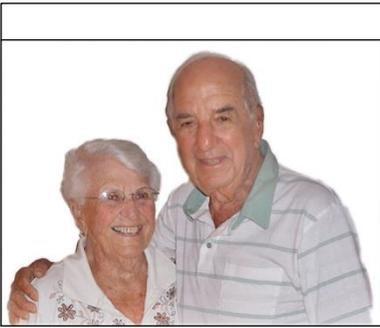
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**Visiting:****DAVID AND RENEE KANTER**

By Claire Deveney

David and Renee Kanter are best friends to each other. They enjoy lots of laughter, optimism and a positive attitude on life and living well everyday.

David was born and raised in Passaic, New Jersey. He went to Memorial Grammar School and graduated from Passaic High School. In 1941 he enlisted into the Army Air Corps, which became the Air Force in 1948. He studied for several months and successfully passed the two-year college equivalency exam, qualifying to be a Flying Cadet. David took bombardier training and on July 2, 1942 he was commissioned a second lieutenant with a bombardier rating. David stayed in the training command for two years and then joined a B29 combat crew in Guam in 1944. The crew had 11 members and he had flown 19 missions over Japan by the time the war ended. "While flying a combat mission, I saw the mushroom cloud of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima from approximately 250 miles away from my bombardier gun site," David said.

At the end of the war David returned to Passaic and at age 28 he went to Miami, Florida where he was a lifeguard at a private beach on Collins Avenue and Lincoln Road. There he met Renee, a 20-year old nurse who was working night duty at a local hospital and enjoying the beach during the day. "When I first saw her, it was love at first sight," David said. Renee recalls, "I really fell in love with him. He was my kind of guy."

Renee was born and raised in Flatbush, Brooklyn, N.Y. She attended P.S. 183 and graduated from Erasmus Hall High School. During World War II the government paid for the education of those who joined the Nurse Cadet Corps. Renee earned her R.N. degree at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. She and three of her classmates decided to go to Miami Beach, where they rented a place. One of her classmates, Elaine Sherman, now lives across the street from the Kanters in M.I. and another lives nearby in Grove Isles.

David and Renee met in September 1947 and married in May 1948 in New York. They just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. They had their first son, a Kenneth, and later moved to their first apartment in Astoria, N.Y. Close to three years later, their fraternal twin boys, Kirk and Keith, were born.

In 1951, David was recalled into the Air Force to combat-ready training as a bombardier. He flew 34 missions over North Korea. After serving and being stationed in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Idaho, California, Florida, Oklahoma and Massachusetts, and in England from 1958 to 1961, he completed a 26-year career and retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1966.

David and Renee retired to Orlando, Florida in 1966. They decided to move south in 1994 to an apartment at Huntington Point in Delray Beach. They decided they would prefer a house and looked at Majestic Isles. In 1998, they moved in 16 years ago. Renee says, "We didn't buy a house, we bought a garage. He has a garage and I have the lake view."

The Kanter's son Kirk is chief of pediatric cardiovascular surgery at Egleston Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife have four children. Keith is an endodontist in Orlando, Fl. and he has two children. "The greatest trauma of our life was losing our son Ken in 2001," Renee said. Ken was also an endodontist and his two surviving children live in Seal Beach, Calif. David and Renee have eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren with another expected soon. One of the grandchildren is a doctor, two are lawyers, one has an M.B.A., one is an R.N. The others are an NYU law school student, a college student and a high school student.

As a W.W. II decorated veteran David participated in a one-day Honor Flight\* to Washington, D.C. with 80 other veterans with 81 personal guardians this past April 26. They toured the W.W. II and Iwo Jima memorials and Arlington National Cemetery and were honored at lunch before flying home.

"Nobody could have had a better life than we have," comments Renee.

The Kanters are both in good health and they enjoy walking in the pool. David works out in the clubhouse exercise room and Renee enjoys listening to audio books and her home. David was an avid tennis player and he enjoys many hobbies.

*\*See page 19 for a description of an Honor flight.*

## NOTES FROM A SNOWBIRD

By Bobbe Green

Every year Jack and I go through the same routine. When we head south in the fall, he says we are going home; and in the spring, when we head north, I say we are going home. I have difficulty explaining why I feel this way. I love my home in sunny Florida and I tolerate my small apartment in gray, overcast New York. But, New York is home and home is where the heart is. I was born and grew up in Rockland County. I married and raised my family there. Two of our three children and four of our seven grandchildren live less than 5 miles from us and even though we don't see them all the time, it is comforting to know that they are there. And last but not least, I must not forget seeing my lifelong friends.

Being a snowbird is not all that it is cracked up to be. Number one, it is a lot of work. Two, it is a readjustment - twice a year. There are times I wonder if our marriage will survive these transitions but after 61 years together, I guess it will.

You might ask why it is so much work. I imagine that a person that is not as compulsive as I could possibly eliminate some of the chores of closing up the house. Jack is so used to me doing my thing that he either pitches in or he tries to avoid me altogether.

The one big discussion we have annually is the refrigerator: leaving it on versus unplugging it (and then remembering to leave the doors open if you do). My contention is there is so much less waste if you leave it on. Staples would not have to be replaced and cereals, crackers, and pastas, rice, flour etc. stored airtight in the frig have a much longer shelf life. But Jack insists that we are wasting electricity, it is cheaper to replace everything, and what about "going green?"

The transition is another story. I am in a state of flux for a while, readjusting to new surroundings. I'll say I'm going to Publix when I'm going to Shoprite. I refer to the TV provider as Comcast when it is Cablevision, and I look for a white sedan in a parking lot, when I came in the blue convertible.

In closing I will admit that every year the job seems to get bigger while our energy level seems to get smaller. I know that it won't be long before we have to make the decision of where we want to be "when we grow up;" sunny Florida or snowy, blistering cold New York.

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## THE JOYS OF BEING HOME

By Sue Horowitz

### GETTING THERE

We arrived safely after a miserable ride on Autotrain. The train left nine hours late, so, we didn't arrive in Virginia until 6 p.m. We couldn't travel up to Monticello as we didn't want to arrive at 1-2 a.m., so we had to take a motel overnight and get there the next day. If we had driven from Florida, we would have arrived earlier. But we got here and the house was in great shape. Now for the unpacking and food shopping. We definitely positively affected the economy here.

### BEING THERE

It is in the low 60's and sunny up here. The trees are just starting to leaf - it's that stunning yellow green of spring. The dogwoods are open - look like clouds of white fluff. The crab apple trees are pink balls of cotton candy. It is just beautiful and I love it! My mind is at peace with God's beauty. (Sorry for this rambling but I am looking out the window and this just hit me!)

### ONE MONTH LATER

The weather has warmed up (70's-80's during the day and 50's -60's during the evening). The trees are all full and shrubs and flowers are in full bloom. It's really a treat to just take a walk and look at everything.

We are all unpacked and settled into our little summer home. We are remembering the correct TV channel numbers, where we put spices, crackers, etc., and we are getting together with "summer" friends.

Memorial Day weekend, my brother, sister-in-law, and their kids and grandkids visited us. We had a wonderful time eating, walking, eating, going to the playground, eating, talking, eating ... you know.

My daughter and granddaughter came up twice and we went to Long Island once to visit one son, daughter-in-law and three grandkids. Next weekend, we are going for a three day celebration of my granddaughter's high school graduation. All of my family, plus extended family will be there. I know we will have a fun time.

In July, Don's son and grandson are visiting us for a week. **Family** is one of the big reasons we love coming up north for the summer. We get to visit and really spend time with them. The downside of being a snowbird is that we miss our M.I. friends. Keeping

in touch via email, text, and telephone is never the same as being there.

Nothing is ever perfect but being snowbirds is right for us at this time.

## NOTES FROM THE NORTH

By Lois and Stan Kaish

It was with considerable regret that we left our Majestic Isles family back in early April and headed north to celebrate holidays with our more biologically linked kin. Regret only increased when early April temperatures felt more like late February's. It was a cold spring in New Jersey. This, of course, led to neighborly comments such as, "I bet you're sorry you left Florida," and inquiries that included the always demeaning, "How come you have no tan?" What do you say to that?

"We do too have a tan?" Too defensive.

"Tan is unhealthy?" Too self righteous.

Suggestions will be welcome.

There are a number of things one must get used to once you leave Boynton Beach for New Jersey. Potholes are one of them. The main roads in southern Florida have no potholes. It doesn't freeze and it doesn't thaw. The pavement doesn't heave and crack. It just sits there, running six lanes wide, straight as an arrow and flat as a pancake, interrupted only by an occasional traffic signal that goes through its five minute routine of left turn arrows, right turn arrows and at long last, you can go now.

Here in New Jersey things are a little different. We have much repaired black top, two lanes wide and with each snow, a new crop of potholes. Granted, the traffic signals are simpler. Speed up at orange, blow your horn when it turns green, and get on the phone at red. Some towns have instituted cameras at intersections to try to catch you running a light. The main debate about these seems to be whether the rear end collisions brought about by a sudden, unexpected stop as a light is changing outnumber the reduction in side impact collisions that used to result from running the light.

Be that as it may, it is good to be back. The flowers are blooming, the pollen is flying, the lanes are open on the George Washington Bridge and the only bird not flying hereabouts is the early bird.

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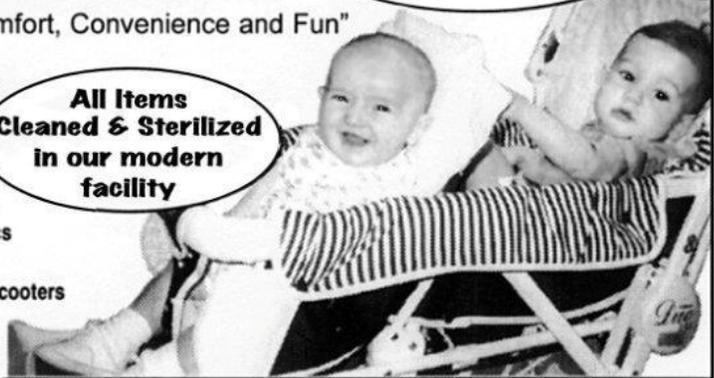
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## FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson

### The Norton Museum

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[www.norton.org](http://www.norton.org).

The Norton Museum is free on Thursdays all Summer for Palm Beach County Residents. Museums are cool and air-conditioned. Currently there is a Barbie exhibit at the Norton, plus their regular collection. There is a wonderful gift shop and a very nice café. The museum is a mere 20 minutes north of Majestic Isles.

### Bonnet House Museum and Gardens

**900 Birch Road, Ft. Lauderdale.**  
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 Go to [www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org).

Bonnet House, a wonderful historic house right on the beach, is a terrific day trip. There are beautifully decorated rooms, a fabulous shell room, an artists' studio and magnificent gardens.

### Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

**3251 South Miami Avenue, Miami**  
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[www.vizcaya.org](http://www.vizcaya.org)

Take a nice trip to South Beach and see the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. Enjoy the art and architecture and then stroll through the gardens on Biscayne Bay. Vizcaya, a lavish home with 34 rooms inspired by the palaces of Europe, was built by businessman James Deering, who had always wintered on this property. It is open daily from 9:30 – 4:30, except Tuesdays, Christmas, and Thanksgiving.

### Gumbo Limbo Nature Center,

**1801 North Ocean Blvd, A1A, Boca Raton**  
**561-338-1473**  
[www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

Gumbo Limbo is open seven days a week. The hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. This nature center, which offers close looks at sea turtles, sharks, and stingrays, has a shaded walkway and a boardwalk with stroller and wheelchair access. There is a lovely gift shop.

### Delray Marketplace,

**9025 W. Atlantic Ave. at Lyons Road,**  
**Delray Beach**  
 Fridays: Free evening concerts.

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## Pretty Cool

By Betty Wachtel

Remember, when PC didn't yet mean "Politically Correct," much less "Personal Computer?" Personal computers? When I first heard the term, my initial thought was, "Computers are bigger than refrigerators. Why would anyone want their own?" Earlier computers took up a whole room.

A 1973 statistics class at Rutgers required completing calculations by computer, so off I went to the campus computer lab, where two huge computers dominated a small room. Students who wanted calculations done by computer sat punching numbers into data cards, setting up the problems to be solved. We handed our sheaf of data cards to the lab staff, all hotshot male computer students, whose enthusiasm and excitement at being part of this great leap forward was almost palpable. The rest of us, clueless about the mysteries of computers, simply hoped that we'd punched the holes in the right places and were not participating in a "garbage in, garbage out" exercise that would mean doing the whole time consuming assignment over.

When I returned two days later to pick up what I hoped would be my completed homework, I was handed a stack of 14 7/8 x 11 inch attached sheets of paper with holes down both sides. A few weeks of homework and the stack of paper could have served as shelf paper for my entire neighborhood.

After the statistic course was over, I barely thought about computers until our youngest child started college ten years later. As we unloaded Steve's belongings from the car, I noticed other freshman schlepping personal computers and monitors into their dorm rooms. I admit that my first thought was "spoiled brats," but almost immediately Steve started writing his letters home on a friend's computer, rather than on the suddenly antiquated electric typewriter we'd just given him for high school graduation. He was hooked.

Now, over thirty years later, laptops, tablets and smartphones – mini- PC's all – are everywhere. Only minutes after Steve's grandson was born in Israel, the news reached us via email, and photos taken and sent by smartphone arrived a couple of hours later. The pictures of this Precious Child, our great-grandson, rendered me Plenty



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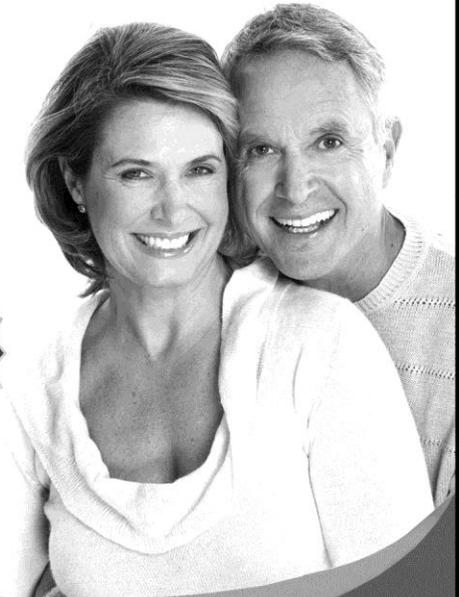


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To: **All who help put out the Majestic Isles News**  
From: **Phyllis Cohen and Betty Wachtel, editors**  
What: **Our heartfelt thanks**

It's no exaggeration to say that without Gerry **Herman's** exceptional and successful efforts at obtaining advertisements, we would not have the funds to pay for printing and there would be no newsletter. **Elaine Jay** and **Bobbe Greene** assist Gerry with record keeping and banking.

The crisp look of the Majestic Isles News is largely due to **Jerry Fefferman's** skill and high standards in getting the ads ready for printing. In addition, Jerry creates artistic covers and special inside color pages. **Ray Kozlin**, a relative newcomer to the newsletter staff, also designs and works up some of our covers. **Ira Schneider** did the Social Club covers.

**Ken Miller** provides his monthly "Manager's Corner," and the Board minutes on which our "Highlights" page is based. **Bonnie Haberstick** has been kind enough to proofread our calendar page and has saved us from many errors.

The following people have contributed articles toward meeting our goal of informing and amusing Majestic Isles residents: **Steve Bayer, Molly** (through her secretary, **Marge Chappell**), **Joel Cohen, Phyllis Cohen, Doris Davidoff, Stan Davidson, Claire Deveney, Dave Feinberg, Edye Frankel, Selma Friedman, Ellin Goldstein, Bobbe Greene, Bill Harris, Gerry Herman, Sue Horowitz, Elaine Jay, Stan Kaish, Ray Kozlin, Paul Mendelsohn, Ruth Oppler, Barbara Portnoff, Rick Sachs, Donna Shaneson, Al Silverman, Joan Sorkin** and **Betty Wachtel**.

The work of our typists, **Ellin Goldstein, Gloria Steingart** and **Joyce Stoudermire**, and our proofreaders, **Edye Frankel, Ellin Goldstein, Sue Horowitz, Lois Kaish, Elayne Rovner** and **Joan Sorkin** is less obvious than that of our writers, but critically important to production of the newsletter.

We applaud each and every one of you for a job well done. Thank you. We truly could not have done it without you.

*We've tried hard not to leave anyone out, but if we did omit your name, please let us know. We'd like to acknowledge you in the October issue.*

## HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



On June 1, Hadassah members went to Chico's. The store opened early for Hadassah, gave discounts and also gave money back to Hadassah. Personal Service was provided, as well as a nosh of bagels and coffee. Everyone really enjoyed the shopping spree. Afterwards, many of the group went for lunch on the Intracoastal and laughed and truly enjoyed each other's company!

June 11 was the Schmooz & Booz at Lee Katz's house. Everyone who attended had a great time talking and having a general get-together. There are already plans for a similar event next summer.

**On Monday July 14**, Hadassah will have its annual summer card party, **The Summer Sizzler**. It will be at 11:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. Flyers are in the back lobby. The price is \$20. Please put envelopes with the names of the players, the game and, of course, the money as soon as possible.

Elaine Grossman reminds us that there is a **dine-around at Duffy's on July 27**. Please come for lunch, mid-afternoon snack, or a delicious dinner. Everyone is invited to join the group.

Our fund raising activities continue year round. To buy a brick on our 6<sup>th</sup> Brick Lane, call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garelick (364-0533).

Elaine Grossman writes that Hadassah is working hard to aid Camp Judea in providing scholarships. Our pledge is almost completed. Thanks to all of you who helped by contributing and/or attending any of the dine-arounds. Elaine continues to collect kappot, tallism, talis bags and t'filot. Call Elaine at 736-3636 or just leave these things in her foyer.

Evelyn Harris and I have finished the 2014-2015 calendars. Please continue to support our efforts in the future. We have sent the calendar to the printer and hope to be able to deliver the finished calendars at the Summer Sizzler.

There will be a board meeting August 18 in the clubhouse.

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**WOMEN'S CLUB**  
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By Ruth Oppler, President



The Women's Club has no July and with September, we have programs lined up for the next several months – so mark your calendars!

**Sept. 8:** Norton Museum

**Oct. 4:** Friendship Supper 7:30 p.m.. at the clubhouse. This is open to all at Majestic Isles residents, family and friends.

**Nov. 10:** Card Party at Delray Country Club starting at 11:30 am. The cost will be \$25 per person. The card party is open to residents, family and friends.

**Dec. 8:** Welcome Back Luncheon at the clubhouse, guest speaker Marjorie Wolf, Chinese food, \$10. p.p.

**Jan. 12, 2015:** Installation at Copenhagen, with guest speaker Sondra Steinhauer. Members only; Women's Club is subsidizing the event. \$20 p.p.

There will be flyers in back lobby and information on Channel 63 as the date draws nearer.

Dues are still \$15, drop in mailbox in back lobby

**Have a healthy enjoyable summer!**

**FLAVORS OF FLORIDA**

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## SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

Compiled by Judy Markowitz and Donna Shaneson



### FICTION

Atkinson, Kate: "Life After Life"  
 Baker, Jo: "The Undertow"  
 Baker, Christina: "Orphan Train"  
 Belfoure, Charles: "The Paris Architect"  
 Coben, Harlan: "Missing You"  
 Ferguson, Will: "419"  
 Grisham, John: "Sycamore Row"  
 Gross, Gwen: "The Orphan Sister"  
 Holmes, A.M.: "May We Be Forgiven"  
 Hood, Ann: "The Obituary Writer"  
 Jones, Sadie: "The Uninvited Guests"  
 Kid, Sue Monk: "The Invention of Wings"  
 King, Stephen: "Dr. Sleep"  
 Koch, Herman: "The Dinner"  
 Lamb, Wally: "We Are Water"  
 Moriarity, Lane: "The Husband's Secret"  
 Moyes, Jojo: "Me Before You"  
 Patterson, Richard North: "Loss Of Innocence"  
 Pratt, Theodore: "A Novel Of The Florida Boom"  
 Rindell, Suzanne: "The Other Typist"  
 Shapiro, B.A.: "The Art Forger"  
 Shriver, Lionel: "Big Brother"  
 Tartt, Donna: "Goldfinch"  
 Waldman, Ayelet: "Love And Treasure"  
 Wolitzer, Meg: "The Interestings"

### NON-FICTION

Bar-Zohar, Michael and Nissim Mishal: "Mossad: The Greatest Missions of the Israeli Secret Service"  
 Cahalan, Susannah: "Brain On Fire"  
 Conroy, Pat: "The Death Of Santini"  
 Delman, Carmit: "Burnt Bread And Chutney"  
 Halevi, Yossi Klein: "Like Dreamers"  
 Keaton, Diane: "Let's Just Say It Wasn't Pretty"  
 Kiernan, Steven: "Curiosity"  
 Maitland, Leslie: "Crossing The Borders Of Time"  
 Taitz, Sonia: "The Watchmaker's Daughter"

## MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



The Travel Club has had an exciting year since last summer. We enjoyed several wonderful one-day excursions, including Vizcaya and the Science Museum in July, the charming Bonnet House in December, the amazing Coral Castle in March, and the wonderful Palm Beach Zoo in May.

We made a return trip to Key West in February. Key West was the Travel Club's first trip – in October 2010. On the original trip we had only 21 people, but on the return trip, we sold out with 51 passengers. Several of our trips this past year were sell-outs.

We are looking forward to our visit to the Flagler Museum in August, and to our eagerly anticipated Blue Danube riverboat cruise in November. We still have room on this exciting trip if you want to join us.

Our Planning Committee is currently busy planning future trips. Among them are the Miami Seaquarium, Charleston, St. Petersburg, the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens and a spring Alaskan cruisetour.

Our Alaskan cruisetour will depart at the end of May and include an optional two-night stay in Vancouver, a seven-night cruise from Vancouver to Anchorage (Seward), and a three-night extension to Denali National Park and Fairbanks. We will return home from Fairbanks. There is still room to book this fantastic trip, but we are only holding a limited number of cabins. If you are interested, book now.

Stay tuned for more information on these and other trips as they are developed. Come to our monthly meetings and watch Channel 63 for details.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month (check Channel 63 for any changes). Our trips have a mixture of couples and singles. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club.

*"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." Saint Augustine*

*The traveler sees what he sees, the tourist sees what he has come to see. Gilbert K. Chesterton*

## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATRE

By Selma Friedman

Our dedicated MILT Board is never on a hiatus. As of June 4, at our year-end closing meeting, almost all programs and events for the 2014-2015 year (Oct. – May), were scheduled. They have something for everyone, and one particular workshop topic has never been done before, at least as far as I can remember.

“Sing For Fun” got off to a good start, and after a break will resume after the clubhouse reopens in mid-August. If you would like to join us, we meet Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the ballroom. There will be special plans for this group. Watch Channel 63 for dates.



I am proud of the accomplishments of our MILT performers and support groups over the years. Well done. We are amazing.

Enjoy your summer and come fall, be ready to participate and/or support MILT.

## SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

As this article is being written, the Singles are looking forward to their July 19 card party, which will be follow the board meeting and general meeting. During the meeting, we will make plans for activities for the coming year. We welcome any ideas you can contribute.



We are already in the planning stages of New Year's trip - departing Dec. 31 and returning Jan 1.

Have a healthy and enjoyable summer.

The M.I. News staff wishes all our readers a healthy, happy summer.

We'll be back with the October issue.  
(Deadline, September 15)

## MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

By M. Chermak, C. Deveney, R. Stichel



Save the date for the sixth annual Summer Event at the clubhouse on Saturday, August 2 at 6 p.m.. The evening will feature a catered full Italian dinner, desserts,

photo booth, and DJ's John and Tina DiMare. At the professionally operated photo booth you'll receive 2 strips of 4 photos each. You decide on the hats or other accessories you'll choose that will be provided for the photos. Applause and many thanks to Fundraising Vice Presidents Marcia Steiner and Suzanne Skinner for planning this fun event. Call them if you have any questions. Flyers are in back lobby and on Channel 63. Tickets are \$27 per person. Please place your check made out to the M.I. Pap Corps in the Pap Corps mailbox in the back lobby. On the envelope, write table groupings if you wish, and tables will also be arranged for you.

Football mania is here. Tickets are \$20. Contact Ed Gerard, Ed Strauber or Paul Mendelsohn to buy your tickets. Every week of the football season we'll have a \$25 winner.

Latest fashions from our Jewelry Boutique of costume jewelry from New York City are available at our meetings or call Renee Stichel, 733-2871.

Mark your calendar for the spectacular Fashion Show by Sondro Boutiques of Deerfield Beach and Ft. Lauderdale modeled by our own members on Thursday, November 20, at 12 noon.

The Pap Corps is working with a thrift shop in Lake Worth. Fall donation dates will be posted on Channel 63 and will appear in future issues of this column.

Additional Pap Corps dates:

**Thursday, October 23** at 3 p.m.: Opening meeting, with wine and hors d'oeuvres.

**Sunday, December 14** at 10:30 a.m.: Annual “Coins for the Cure” brunch.



### SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin



Our show on July 5 with Suzi Cruz was a fabulous success and the ice cream sundaes really made the evening. Thanks to Fran Ost, our resident topping person, the hot fudge and wet walnuts were better than ice cream store quality. Special thank you to all the "scoopers" too.

We will again be collecting school supplies for needy children in the area. There will be a box in the back lobby soon. Please watch Channel 63 for an announcement of the collection dates, and please give generously.

We have just booked an outstanding show for Saturday, Oct. 25 with a beautiful young singer named Ariel Rose. She will do an hour and a half show with two back-up dancers. More information will appear in the October newsletter, on Channel 63 and in a flyer in the back lobby.

We are thrilled to announce that we will have the K9 Corps with their specially trained German Shepherds for the Grandkids Day activities Friday Dec. 26. Anyone who attended the recent Pap Corps meeting will tell you what a wonderful presentation it was. This is for children and adults too. We will follow with a pizza lunch. The afternoon activity will be arts and crafts with Miss Gerry and Miss Estelle. Watch for further details.

We are accepting deposits for our annual New Year's Eve Bash. Lawrence of Florida, with two motivators, will again be our DJ, and Three G's will provide the food. We are expecting a sell-out crowd. Tables of ten please, or we will be happy to make table arrangements for you. Full price is \$50 per person, with a deposit of half the amount. There will be an additional \$5 charge for on-resident guests. Get your deposits in for a fun filled evening with neighbors and friends of Majestic Isles.

### MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

8 p.m. at the clubhouse

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**SATURDAY, JULY 26: SAVING MR. BANKS** When Walt Disney sets his sights on obtaining the rights to the children's classic "Mary Poppins," he reaches out to the book's author, P.L. Travers, only to find that she proves a tough nut to crack.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16: THE MONUMENTS MEN** In a race against time, a crew of art historians and museum curators unite to recover renowned works of art stolen by Nazis before Hitler destroys them. Written, directed and starring George Clooney.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30: AMERICAN HUSTLE** This fictionalization of the "Abscam" scandal of the early 1980s follows con man Irving Rosenfeld and his lover, Sydney Prosser, as they help an eccentric FBI agent expose corruption among several members of Congress in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: FADING GIGILO** Middle-aged Fioravante and Murray are an unlikely gigolo and pimp in this farce about two cash-strapped friends who turn to the sex trade to make ends meet. Their new enterprise is fruitful, but things get complicated when romance enters the picture.

**SAURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:** Movie to be announced on Channel 63.

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

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



## FAST FOOD AND OTHER MEMORIES

### From the Internet – Source unknown



The kid asked, “What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?”

“We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,” I informed him. “All the food was slow.”

“C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?”

“It was a place called 'at home,'” I explained. “Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.”

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents *never* owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card.

In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed – slow.

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 5. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called “pizza pie.” When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 4. It was an old black Dodge.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

Newspapers were delivered by boys. My brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which he got to keep 2 cents. He had to get up at 6 a.m. every morning. On Saturday, he had to collect the 42 cents from his customers. His favorite customers were the ones who gave him 50 cents and told him to keep the change. His least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.



Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

(and neither are we!)

## Summer - The Most Popular Time to Travel



*"Well, I don't know what the problem is. Didn't Joe say something about fixing the computer?"*



*"I don't know who arranged it, but they've brought new meaning to the phrase 'scheduling conflict'."*



*"Let's see...14 days at sea, 12 shots a day...yep. I think we'll have enough vacation slides to bore my family, your family, and the neighbors."*



*"Perhaps, you'd like to rethink your itinerary, Mrs. Simpson - eight of these destinations are having revolutions and four others show sign of political unrest."*



*"All I ever get to take are guilt trips."*

**ACTIVITY CALENDAR**  
July – August – September 2014

<b>19</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Card Party (p, h)</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>Casino trip (p, a)</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time (p, h)</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Travel Club</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
		<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Hadassah</b>	<b>Duffy's (p, a)</b>

**JULY**

<b>2</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pap Corps</b>	<b>Italian Night (p, h)</b>
<b>AUGUST 4- 15 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</b>				
<b>13</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Travel Club</b>	<b>Flagler Museum</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time (p, h)</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Travel Club</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time (p, h)</b>

**AUGUST**

<b>5</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time (p, h)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>Breakfast (f, h)</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Women's Club</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Board of Director's</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Hadassah</b>	<b>Meeting (p, h)</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>	<b>Casino (p, a)</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Club</b>	<b>Movie Time (p, h)</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Travel Club</b>	<b>Meeting (f, h)</b>

**SEPTEMBER**

Watch Channel 63 for additions, cancellations, or changes in date or time.  
For additional information, please contact an officer of the appropriate club,  
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f = free, p = paid, a = away, h = home

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