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In recent weeks I've had several calls from residents about their alarm systems, asking what is covered by the Association contract with Devcon for residential monitoring. Most of the questions concern battery replacement. Per our contract, the batteries, magnetic window and door contacts, and the control panel and boards are covered items; if they go bad, we are not charged service call fees. The only exclusion to this is that if an "Act of God," such as a hurricane or power outage, causes the batteries to go dead the residents would have to bear the expense of replacement. Devcon can install a battery cut-off switch that will save the batteries in the event of a power outage. This is a relatively inexpensive alternative to the cost of replacing batteries and well worth the investment. Adding equipment like DSL internet service requires filters to be placed on the system and this is another cost that is billed to residents along with the service call.

Alternative energy sources are becoming more and more popular as the cost of energy keeps rising. People are looking for ways to "Go Green" and reduce their carbon footprint by employing solar, wind, or so called "tank-less water heaters" that reduce consumption of fossil fuels. In many cases the savings is almost instant, but sometime the cost can take years to recoup. It's always best to research before deciding on a product.

Alternative energy is looked upon the same way as satellite dishes when it comes to Community Associations in Florida. The Association cannot deny residents the use of products like solar panels, but they can dictate where and how these items are attached to the individual units.

We've recently had our first resident apply for Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval to install a solar panel for their water heater. After several conversations with contractors and ARC, it was agreed that, for the benefit of all residents, solar panels may only be installed on the side roof surface. Ideally the rear face would be preferred, but what would this do for the view for residents who are on a lake?

I highly recommend investigating "emission free" energy sources for our future and our children. Please check with the ARC Committee or stop by my office if you're considering this just to make sure it's done the right way the first time.

One last thought. If you decide to put up decorations for the Holiday Season keep in mind that, according to the ARC Guidelines Section II Paragraph 8, "Holiday decorations may be displayed 30 days prior to the Holiday but must be removed no later than 15 days following that Holiday."

Ken Miller, Property Manager

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, November 6, 2008

Minutes of the November meeting will not be available until the Board approves them at the next meeting. To inform residents in a timely manner, we present the unofficial and **abbreviated** notes below.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

Cash balances as of 11/5/08

Operating Accounts	\$348,786.56
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$269,541.38</u>
Total of all Cash Accounts	\$618,327.94

- All of our funds in the banks are fully insured under the new FDIC maximums of \$250,000.
- 3 unit holders in arrears for a total of \$3,906.00. \$1,953.00 is for a property we have under lien.
- As of 10/30/08, expenditures have been in full compliance with our 2008 budget with a possible surplus.

Reserve expenditures:

Reserve expenditures for current year	\$95,436.64
Painting, roof cleaning payments for yr.	\$83,157.52

Finance Committee, Sy Kugelmas

- Committee decided that it would be appropriate to place the \$30,000 into the General Reserve if the Board approves this action.
- Committee discussed and accepted the financial statements for Sept. 2008.
- Maintenance payment booklets were sent to the printer for printing and mailing to our residents. Residents who signed up for Autopay will not receive booklets.
- The committee chairman thanked all committee members for their diligence and great input during the year. (*Names will appear in full minutes.*)

Security Report, Steve Bayer

- The COBWRA Security Committee met with PBSO Sgt. Bechtel October 29. (*See Steve Bayer's article, p. 5 for crime figures.*)
- Residents are reminded not to give out gate cards or transponders to vendors or aids.

Grounds Committee, Stan Brizel

- M&P has installed the fall plantings.

Contracts Committee, Joel Rosenthal

- Committee needs to get involved with the contracts that are up for renewal.

ARC Committee, Harvey Galan

- Need to meet with painter to set '09 schedule.

Clubhouse Committee, Irene Weinstein

- Met with 4 decorators and will meet to discuss their plans when they get back to us.

Insurance Committee, Ken Keller

- More paperwork forwarded to Plastridge Insurance; hope to hear back in about 2 weeks. Need to negotiate bills with vendors after claim is finalized.

Manager's Report, Ken Miller

- Presented items to the Board that need to be voted on during Old Business and New Business.

Old Business

- Motion to rescind previous vote to hire CDI for Medjool Palm lights at the Woolbright entrance; passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept proposal by Holiday Lighting to light Medjools pending approval of final contract; passed 5-1.
- Motion to transfer tree replacement money to the General Reserves at recommendation of the Finance Committee; passed unanimously.
- Discussion concerning the Royal Palm treatment. Motion to table; voted 3-4 against.
- Motion to accept All Florida Pest Control bid now and have trees treated with Merit and Fertilizer in February; voted 4-2 in favor.
- Lake restocking tabled.
- Discussions re clubhouse cleaning and trash removal by organizations using the ballroom, repainting of upstairs railings after deck was refinished, and pool regrouting.

New Business

- *See Steve Bayer's article, p. 5 re: turkey dinners for fire station.*
- Motion to accept proposal from Shapes Custom Mica to install a built-in desk; passed by 5-1 vote.
- Motion to accept Pro Tennis proposal for the tennis court reconditioning; passed unanimously.
- Motion that newly elected Board take over at adjournment of organizational meeting; passed 4-2.
- Motion to set a specific day for the Election (e.g.; third Thursday in December; voted 1-5 against).
- Motion that the president preside over the organizational meeting. If president not available, first V.P., followed by second V.P., then Secretary, will preside; passed unanimously.
- Motion that each resident running for Board sign a paper signifying that they have read or will read Documents and Statutes; passed unanimously.
- Board agreed to Ken Miller's recommendation that Stanley Steamer be scheduled to clean ballroom and lobby carpet after Jan 1 to coincide with pool deck refinishing.
- Board agreed to Ken Miller's recommendation to replace exhaust fans in downstairs locker rooms as per proposal by City Wide Mechanical.
- Recommendation to send out 3 Notice of Intent to Fine letters – two for driveways painted wrong color without ARC approval, and one for not painting driveway as required. Board agreed.

SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

In a recent meeting of the COBWRA Safety Committee with Captain Bechtel, commander of our PB Sheriff's District 6, we received some startling figures. District 6 goes from Hypoloxo Road to the canal south of Coral Lakes. During the month of October there were 21 stolen vehicles, but more importantly, there were 117 vehicle burglaries. Of the 117 vehicles, 99 had been left unlocked. If you have a habit of not locking your car, you are inviting an even greater problem than losing your purse or GPS. Once the burglar has access to your auto, he has access to you and your home with your garage door opener. Please remember not to leave anything of value in sight when you park your vehicle.

Don't think that this only happens in "other" neighborhoods. There were 14 vehicles burglarized in one night in the Westchester Community. Also hit were Venetian Isles, Sun Valley East (just up El Clair Ranch), Canyon Lakes, Mizner, Equus and Lake Charleston. On October 17, five police vehicles were burglarized and a weapon stolen.

In just this one month, there were 52 residential burglaries. One suggestion that was made was to put your car keys on your night table. If you should hear any noise outside your home, press the red panic button. This should scare the person away. This should also make people who don't use their alarm system think twice about going to bed without the alarm being set. You are paying for the service, please remember to activate it. If you have forgotten how to set the alarm, call Devcon or Ken Miller, our property manager (424-0952).

For the second year in a row, Majestic Isles and Publix supermarkets are delivering turkey dinners for the three shifts at the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Station #41 on Thanksgiving Day in appreciation of their continued concerned response.

As this is my last article as Chairman of the Safety and Security Committee of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank my committee for the help they have given me over the last two years. You were always there for me to bounce ideas off. It was a real pleasure for me to attend these meetings.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Broth

As my term in office draws to a close, I would like to thank my fellow Board members, with whom I have had the privilege of working these past two years.

In addition I would like to thank our staff, Ken, Bonnie, Esther, and all of the M&P personnel who work so hard to maintain our community. It was with their support that many of our projects were completed; they helped – and continue to help - to maintain and improve Majestic Isles.

As one of the first residents to move into Majestic Isles, thirteen years ago, I have seen a number of changes take place. I have seen this community grow with expanding clubs and the continued participation of our residents who support them.

A newly redecorated clubhouse, enhanced landscaping, and an ongoing painting program for our homes and the clubhouse has shown that Majestic Isles can and will be a community of which we can all be proud.

I wish the new members of the Board, as well as those who remain, the best of luck. Even though I am stepping down as a Board member, I will be available to the new Board whenever needed.

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By Ken Keller, Captain



Attention Snowbirds: If you are back at Majestic Isles before the time listed on your home inspection form, please contact Lieutenant Richard Levine at 739-9544 so that he can remove your name from our list of home inspections.



REMINDER:

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SYMPATHY

To Adele Freitag on the loss of her husband, Norton.
To Phil Skaler on the loss of his wife, Joyce.

MESSAGES

I'm truly blessed to live in a community that cares so much. Your outpouring of sympathy, love and generosity in memory of Norton is truly appreciated.

Adele Freitag

To all my friends in Majestic Isles: Many sincere thanks for all your good wishes and thoughts.

Vito Ruggiero

My love and thanks to the wonderful friends and neighbors whose warmth and good humor helped speed up my recovery. For the food, visits, cards, driving---thank you, thank you.

Renee Stichel

*Please note: We reserve the right to edit for length (30 word maximum) and clarity. Submit articles to Elaine Jay by email at ElainJay@aol.com with **Good and Welfare** as the subject.*



TO MAJESTIC ISLES RESIDENTS:

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Harvey Galan, ARC

WE CARE

By Naomi Marcus

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Highlights of the November 19, 2008

COBWRA Meeting

The November meeting of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations was held at Palm Chase Lakes.

Officials' Reports

Capt. Martin Bechtel, Commander, PBSD District 6

- 44 stolen vehicles – 3 arrests made.
- 10 burglaries (7 business, 3 construction sites).
- 89 vehicle burglaries. 89 in a community in Westchester. An alert neighbor called the Sheriff, which resulted in an arrest clearing 15 burglaries.
- 64 residential burglaries.
- 13 robberies (7 business & 6 to people).
- Dec. 1st, our "Holiday Action Plan" will begin.
- Everyone is urged to make an inventory of their possessions. Items sold at a pawn shop are not recorded with any detail, however your inventory together with serial numbers and photos if available can be of major value in finding and returning stolen items.

Mike Wells, Battalion Chief, PBC Fire—Rescue,

- The new Station 44 has increased response time.
- If you are using or plan to use a space heater, use a heater that blows hot air out. The radiate heaters can be dangerous and can cause a fire if not positioned at least 30 inches away from flammable substances.

Harvey Hoffman, Representative, US Census Center said the US government is hiring part and full time workers to take the 2010 census. For information, call 1-800-861-2010 or on the internet at:

<http://www.census.gov/roatl/www/empty.html>

Barbara Katz, COBWRA President announced that on Fri, Dec 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Valencia Shores there will be an HOA/COA Seminar in cooperation with Rep. Maria Sachs, COBWRA and the Delray Alliance.

Mitch Radin, Chair of the Membership Committee made a motion that Rainbow Lakes be accepted as the 89th COBWRA member. Motion unanimously passed

Sam Hershkowitz, Chair, Bylaws committee and Mark Allen Siegel, Attorney and Parliamentarian Sam asked the Delegates to vote on two new amendments as presented at the last meeting. **1:** No member of the Nominating Committee may run for any office elected at the March Delegates meeting. Motion passed unanimously. **2:** No past president may serve on the Nominating Committee. Motion defeated.

Nominations from the Delegates, for the Nominating Committee, to recommend candidates for COBWRA

Officers for 2009-10 were requested and collected. Delegates will vote for the five committee members at the Dec. meeting.

Harriet Helfman, Co-chair Growth Mgt. Committee

- Motion to approve the plan for the Saddle Ranch Day Care Center on the south side of Boynton Beach Blvd. and Lyons Rd. Motion approved by majority of Delegates
- Motion to approve GL Homes' request to change the configuration of Canyon Springs to replace the estate homes section with 22 zero lot line homes. Motion unanimously approved by Delegates.

Joan Brunswick, Co-chair Flu Shot Committee

- This year's program was a great success with over 7000 shots given. The program will continue in 2009.

Ralph Moccia, Chair, Safety & Security Committee

- The committee, at its last meeting, decided that monthly meetings would continue. The meetings are always on the last Wed. of the month however the Nov. & Dec meetings are combined on Dec 10, 2008.
- Because many of HOAs & Condos may be liable for accidents that are due to incorrect traffic signage, we have invited an expert to suggest where the rules come from and their requirements. **Dan Weisberg, Director of the Traffic Division of the PBC Dept. of Engineering and Public Works** said that the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control is the standard for the US. In it are rules and guidelines for sign location, height requirements and distances for posting and information on the signs. Even if Sheriff's Deputies are invited to patrol in a community, they can't enforce traffic rules unless a traffic engineer has certified that the signs conform to the manual. The rules and procedures for community signage are in the manual. For specific questions call Dan at (561) 684-4030.

Q: What is the rule regarding speed bumps or humps inside a community?

A: There are no rules or guidelines for either traffic control device.

Future Meetings (Open to the public)

Dec. 2: 6:30 pm, **Growth Mgmt** at PBSD Dist 6

Dec 10: 9:30 am, **Security Awareness** at PBSD Dist 6

Dec 17: 9:30 am, **Delegates mtg.** at Tuscany Bay Military Trail and Pipers Glen Blvd. Program: Celebration of COBWRA

—By **Bob Katz, COBWRA Communications**

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Editor's note: These COBWRA Highlights have been slightly abridged.

INTRODUCING

Howard & Karen Cohen

By Claire Deveney

Howard and Karen Cohen both have sparkling, twinkling eyes. They are warm, friendly and have a wonderful sense of humor, wit and a zest for life. They moved to Majestic Isles two years ago and Karen is the Social Club's co-chair of the 2009 New Year's Eve Gala.

Karen was born in Laurelton, Queens, NY, and raised in the Bronx. She graduated from James Madison High School and earned her bachelor of science degree in Art Education from New York State University College at Buffalo and her master's degree in education from Brooklyn College. She taught art at Bildersee Junior High School in Brooklyn for over 7 years. She was then a full time mother and homemaker for 11 years before returning to teaching. After 18 years at P.S. 199 elementary school, she retired in 2001. After she retired, Karen worked part-time for the Reading Reform Foundation mentoring teachers in phonics.

Howard, who prefers to be called Howie, was born in the Bronx and from age 6 was raised in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. After graduating from Seward Park High School, he had a distinguished career in the U.S. Postal Service, working for 39 years at the Church Street Station on Barclay and Vesey Streets. "I saw the construction of the World Trade Center, located directly across the street and that opened in the early 70s." (Howie had retired before the tragedy of 9/11.)

The Cohens met at a dance in Brooklyn. Howie explains, "We went out to coffee and I took her number." Karen said, "We were married a year later at the Glenwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn." This April they will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary.

After they married, they lived in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Karen, Howie and their children spent their summers in the Catskills from 1979 to 2006.

Karen and Howie have two children: Jennifer, a physician, 36, her husband, Andrew, and their children Aimee, 8, and David, 5, who live in Chappaqua, N.Y., and Adam, their son, 33, who lives in Chicago with his wife, Jamie, and their children Beila, 4, and Yael, 5 months old. Karen adds that

Yael was born on Father's Day and said, "What a wonderful gift she is."

Howie is a very proud grandfather. At the M.I. pool, where this interview took place, he was wearing his baseball cap with all the grandchildren's names. He is a Doo Wop afficianado and has attended many concerts in southern Florida.

They moved to Florida on a whim, says Karen. She visited the area several times to see an aunt who lives at King's Point and a cousin in Delray Beach. On one trip she and her cousin went, "Looking at places," Karen said, "and I saw our new home at Majestic Isles, called Howie and bought it." Three months later, Karen added, "We put our two-year old, black and white house cat, "Sammy", in the car and drove to Florida in two days. Every morning I came to the pool and then I'd go off shopping and, in a few months, I furnished our entire home."

Howie lost over 100 pounds and 9 or 10 inches around his waist, following bariatric surgery at JFK Medical Center 16 months ago. He says he "feels so much healthier" and tries to walk in the pool daily, weather permitting. Karen is his biggest supporter.

Karen is an accomplished knitter. She recently made a new baby blanket for Yael that features a design of Noah's Ark. "It's a work of art," Karen says, explaining that the pattern has 350 lines and that every line was different.

Karen says she wakes up everyday and says to herself, "Another day in Paradise. I open the shade and I see the Florida foliage and have to pinch myself." In addition, Howie and Karen have reconnected with family whom they visit and enjoy. "The kids and grandkids love coming to Florida," Howie adds.

Karen and Howie are both members of the M.I. Social Club and the Cancer Unit of the Pap Corps. She is membership vice-president for Hadassah. Howie is also a member of the Men's Club and Karen belongs to The Women's Club. Karen has helped design and paint the scenery for MILT productions for the past two years.

Howie and Karen Cohen are delightful and we are lucky to have them at M.I.



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Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*



Let's go indoors for the holidays. Did you know that houseplants not only add natural beauty to our homes, they also make the air we breathe healthier? Research has shown that common indoor landscaping can remove certain pollutants from the indoor environment to make it a more pleasant place in which to live and work.

The Professional Landscape Network cited several common houseplants that remove airborne toxins such as, carbon monoxide, benzene and formaldehyde from the air we breathe in our homes. A living air cleaner is created from the soil within the roots of the plant that slowly degrade the chemicals absorbed there.

Different varieties of plants were placed in sealed plexiglas chambers in which chemicals were injected. Philodendron, spider plants and the golden pothos were labeled the most effective in removing formaldehyde molecules. Flowering plants such as the gerbera daisy and chrysanthemums were rated superior on removing benzene from the chamber atmosphere. Other good performers were the dracaena, peace lily and the golden pothos.

It was determined that plants take up the pollutant particles out of the air through the tiny openings in their leaves. Therefore, it is important to clean dust from the leaves by gently wiping with a damp cloth. I do not recommend commercial leaf shine products, since their residue clogs up the openings in the leaves.

Formaldehyde is a chemical found in virtually all indoor environments. The major sources are in foam insulation and pressed particleboard used in furniture. It also is used in consumer paper products including: plastic grocery bags, waxed paper, facial tissues and paper towels. Cigarette smoke also increases the levels of formaldehyde.

Benzene, a commonly used solvent, is present in gasoline, inks, oils, paint, plastic and rubber. It is also allowed in the manufacture of detergents. The cigarette smoker in your home is also a source of benzene.

The experiment concluded that the top plants most effective in removing the above pollutants were the bamboo palm, the Chinese evergreen, English ivy, gerbera daisy, dracaena, the peace lily and the chrysanthemum. Research shows that for plants to be effective as "air cleaners," it is necessary to use one potted plant per 100 square feet in your home.

I suggest the next time you go shopping for home cleaning supplies, you go "green" and consider adding large leaf plants to your home. They reduce unhealthy pollutants, air-borne bacteria and fungi, while adding some humidity needed to combat respiratory and allergic conditions.

Remember that a few of the above recommended plants will make you feel better, perform better and enjoy life better by cleaning the air that you and your family breathe this holiday season and year round.

Happy Holidays of Gardening!!

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MILESTONES

By Joan Sorkin

Frances and Norman Katz celebrate 60 years of married life.



Wedding Date: Nov. 28, 1948

Norman was born in Brooklyn but his parents later moved to Lynbrook, Long Island. He served three years of combat infantry duty with Patton's 3rd Army (Battle of the Bulge) rising to the rank of Sergeant. After learning how to drive, his friend Howie suggested they go to a dance in Brooklyn's Biltmore Ballroom. On Nov. 8, 1947, Norman saw a blond "across a crowded room." It was Frances, who had grown up in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. They danced the night away and after taking Fran home, Norman told Howie "I'm going to marry that girl!" Howie thought he was nuts. One year later, they were married.

After daughter Shelly was born in Lynbrook, the family moved to Massapequa, Long Island, where daughter Elaine was born. After their daughters married, the Katzes moved to Coram, NY. They were snowbirds in Majestic Isles and then became full time Florida residents. They love it here at Majestic Isles. Both daughters continue to live on Long Island. The Katzes have two grandsons, Scott and Greg.

Norman was in retail furs and then formalwear tuxedos. Fran was head bookkeeper for a large carpet store.

Fran and Norm both enjoy playing cards and Fran also plays mah-jongg. Norm is VP of the Men's Club and is active in M.I.L.T. and M.I. Social Club. He enjoys tennis and handball.

The Katzes celebrated their 60th with their family at Elaine's home on Thanksgiving weekend.

The Katz's secret to a successful marriage: Through good and bad times, Fran and Norm have always made time to talk to each other with understanding, love and respect.

FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson

Welcome, snowbirds, back to sunny Florida.

I hope this month's column will provide ideas for entertaining visitors – children and adults.

The Palm Beach Zoo is a fantastic place to spend an afternoon. Lion Country Safari has a coupon in the Sun Sentinel for \$4.00 off. There is a new Children's Museum in downtown Boynton Beach, on Seacrest across from the library (742-6780). Old School Square in Delray Beach is a wonderful cultural center, with a museum, the Crest Theater and a new children's museum. During the holidays, the big carousel is a highlight for children.

The Morikami Museum has many special programs for kids as well as wonderful gardens to stroll. A Morikami film and the museum's exhibits are a good way to learn about Japanese culture in Palm Beach.

Take your guests to Worth Avenue for a walk. This is our East Coast Rodeo Drive. The windows are decorated for the holidays.

The Sandway House and Nature Center in Delray houses over 10,000 seashells. You can view sharks in the outdoor tanks.

Sugar Sand Park offers many wonderful programs for your grandkids. The museum staff conducts classes and demonstrations of electricity, magnetism, chemistry and other scientific concepts. There are nature trails, a science museum, game rooms and playgrounds. The park is located at 300 S. Military Trail (347-3900 or 347-3913).

To order theater tickets for the season call the following: Caldwell Theater (241-7432), Crest Theater (243-7922), or Florida Stage (585-3433).

This time of year is a great time to take a walk at Wakodahatchee on Jog Road between Woolbright and Atlantic. This wetland ecosystem offers beautiful looks at alligators and varieties of birds. The boardwalks offer easy walking. As a suggestion, buy the kids throwaway cameras and/or find binoculars to view frogs, turtles, and other wonderful wildlife!

There is a new Children's attraction at John Prince Park in Lake Worth. A splash park has opened in the Quantum Kid Zone. This terrific attraction is designed for children two to twelve years old. Check it out for a splashing fun day!

MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz



ABBE LANE

Abbe Lane was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1932. Her real name is Abigail Lassman. Abbe got her pro-fessional start at age four singing on a radio program. She then started to sing regularly at her parent's synagogue. She

appeared in several short films during the 1940s and at age 16 began working in stage musicals. She also appeared as featured vocalist on the **Vincent Lopez** television program in 1949, where she met **Xavier Cugat**. Impressed by the young singer, Cugat hired her. The two were married in 1952.

With Cugat, Lane emerged as a star. Her seductive stage persona made her the focal point of the orchestra. In the mid-1950s she traveled with Cugat to Italy, where he worked in film and television production. Lane starred in many of his endeavors and established herself as a successful actress. When Cugat decided to return to the United States she stayed in Italy to continue her career. The couple divorced in 1964.

Lane returned to the United States that same year and married **Peter Laff**. She resumed singing and appeared on several television programs throughout the 1960s. By the early 1970s, however, her career had gone downhill. An attempt to revive it in the late 1970s with the release of a disco album brought her briefly back into the public eye.

QUESTION

What song title starts with the same four letters? Answer at end.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Delorean	Paine Webber
Pullman cars	Lionel Trains
Eastern Airlines	E.F. Hutton
Burger Chef	TWA
General Foods	Arthur Anderson
Pan Am Airlines	Montgomery Ward
F. W. Woolworth	La Salle
Oldsmobile	De Soto
Checker Cabs	Phillies cigars

UNUSUAL SONG TITLES "D"

I went through my index cards once again – this time looking through song titles beginning with the letter D. I came up with a few unusual ones. Here are some of them.

DALVATORE SALI -- DASH AND DOT
 THE DAY I DRANK A GLASS OF WATER
 DEAD DRUNK BLUES
 THE DEVIL WITH THE DEVIL
 DILL PICKLES -- DINGBAT THE ACROBAT
 DINNER MUSIC FOR A PACK OF HUNGRY CANNIBALS
 DOCTOR HECKLE AND MISTER JIBE
 DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE I PRESUME
 DO DOODLE DOM -- DOG ON THE PIANO
 DONCHA CARRY MY GAL OUT FISHIN'
 DON'T YOU FEEL MY LEGS
 DOO DE DOO ON AN OLD KAZOO
 DOOJI WOOJI -- DO YO DOOTY DADDY
 DRACULA -- DUCK FOOT WADDLE
 THE DUCK'S YAS YAS YAS
 DUNKIN' A DOUGHNUT
 DUSK IN UPPER SANDUSKY

Letter E is next – when I feel like it.



BLOOPERS

The announcer meant to say, "I Love Lucy." However it came out as "I Love **Loosely**."

Friday night is fight night on NBC. It became Friday night is "**Fright** night on NBC."

The announcer was talking about the death of President Carter's brother. She mentioned that "during his brother's **pregnancy....**" I guess that's close to "presidency."

SOME MORE REAL NAMES

Buck Henry	Henry Zuckerman
Charlton Heston	John Carter
Hulk Hogan	Terry Bollea
William Holden	William Beedle
Dennis Hopper	Dennis Hooper

ANSWER

The song title that starts with the same four letters is **KKK KATY**

More next issue

GADGETS FOR THE HOLIDAYS ... AND BEYOND

by Phil & Doris Davidoff

Electronic gadgets have taken over the world – everything from kids’ toys to cameras and picture frames to cell phones, iPods and other MP3 music, photo and data storage devices, PDAs (personal digital assistants) calculators and computers. The number keeps growing and many are a lot of fun.

It’s getting harder to find a film camera any more, or film for the one you own. Digital cameras have taken over. You can print your digital photos – or display them in several ways. Digital picture frames are becoming very popular. You can store many photos, put the frame on a shelf, wall or cabinet and run a continuous slide show. The only downside is that you must have a plug-in electrical source for the frames.

You can, however, take small photos (about 2 inches) with you on small portable displays that use batteries and can be used as a keychain. They are inexpensive (about \$25.00) and make it easy for you to show off your cute grandkids anywhere at any time.

Thousands of songs can be stored on small MP3 players such as iPods. You can listen to your music on headphones or through speakers, Advanced versions can store and show digital photographs.

PDAs store contact information, calendars, schedules and other information you want to have handy (we store a list of radio stations in cities we visit). Advanced versions can also access the Internet and perform some basic computer functions.

Flash drives (also called thumb drives), about the size of a tube of lipstick, can hold up to 8 GB of data – great for taking large numbers of photos or even videos with you when visiting friends and family.

We have all been using cell phones for years. The current Holy Grail of gadgets, is the iPhone. Ours has replaced four separate electronic devices we used to carry with us – cell phone, iPod, PDA and calculator. It has fast Internet connection for handling email. The heart of the iPhone is its applications (or “apps”) function. More than 1,000 mini-programs can be downloaded. Many are free. Currency conversion, language translation, Associated Press and New York Times news are just a few.

WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE...?

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Have you noticed something about your daily newspapers lately? They're shrinking, with sections combined, more ads in between news articles, and fewer favorite columnists. All over the country, newspapers--the "print media" as they are now dubbed--are down in readership, advertising, and size. It's easy to understand. After all, with 24/7 cable news stations, the internet, and a myriad of telephone and communication devices, the consumer can stay in touch instantly with events all over the world. "In your face" advertising on television replaces advertisements that are easy to ignore in the papers. And what can compare with the impact of television coverage of breaking events, whether a vice presidential announcement, a hurricane landfall or the heartbreaking drama of falling skyscrapers. For our children, and especially our grandchildren, raised in a world of immediate satisfaction and access to information, the newspapers are relics of the past, like clay tablets of lost civilizations.

But for those of us who grew up when newspaper reporting still produced the bulk of our insights into the world, the printed word holds sway. A generation ago, every major city had a half dozen daily papers available. Reporters still yelled, "Stop the presses" for a scoop, investigative reporting was considered a worthy journalistic endeavor, and people scrambled to get the latest editions, hot off the press. Headlines grabbed your attention: "Wall Street Lays an Egg," screamed *Variety* in 1929. The famous *Chicago Tribune* goof, "Dewey beats Truman," in 1948. The tell-it-like-it-is *New York Daily News* report of President Ford's refusal to help bankrupt New York City summed up, "Ford to city: Drop dead." The inimitable *New York Post's* grabber on a murder, "Headless body in topless bar." (Incidentally, all of these were gleaned from an Internet site). And who can forget the release of the Watergate papers by the *Washington Post*? Woodward and Bernstein were celebrities. Mike Royko, Erma Bombeck, Ring Lardner, Ann Landers, and Walter Winchell were well known to readers all over the country, as Thomas Friedman and George Will are now.

So if you love the written word, savor the experience of a well-turned phrase, the in-depth analysis of an event accompanied by background and maps and reams of fact, newspapers still attract. If you are weary from the endless loop of recycled news on

cable stations, the glittering images and commentary delivered by a hundred Barbie and Ken look-alikes between commercials for ED and laxatives, the newspaper offers a refuge and the information of the world and local community. (Future vice-presidential candidates pay attention.) Where else can you find such a convenient vehicle for information on every aspect of life that impacts us? Pictures and stories of earth shaking events (albeit a day late for us TV and internet junkies) are frequently accompanied by background stories and analyses that you can ponder at a leisurely pace. It's one thing to have the president of Georgia's anguished appeal broadcasted all day over the cable news networks, another to read stories about Russian and Georgian history to make you understand the potential dangers to the whole world. And local news--everything from school lunch menus, movie and theater schedules, marriages and birth announcements to local business and social news--have long been the dailies' forte.

And to prove my point, along comes the history making 2008 election. The day after the election, jubilant citizens stood in long lines (again!), this time at newsstands, hoping to get an issue of a daily newspaper with the headlines extolling the victory of our president elect Barack Obama. Although his campaign gave new meaning to the power of the Internet, when all was said and done, nothing made the election more meaningful than the written word as captured by the press. (No one printed and saved the victory announcement from the computer, did they?) *The Chicago Tribune* was forced to run an extra edition of their Wednesday paper and still ran out immediately after the paper hit the stands.



I still look forward to that leisurely cup of morning coffee accompanied by a newly delivered newspaper. What can compare to those Sundays spent with the kids sprawled on the floor surrounded by the comics, squabbling over the sports pages or store ads while a foot high pile of *the New York Times* (or *Boston Globe* or *Washington Post*) promised a day of leisure study and enjoyment for the adults? So, for us dinosaurs, I'll keep hoping that the newspapers keep delivering, shrinking though they may be, and that my grandchildren may still be able to answer that riddle, what's black and white and "red" (read) all over? (A newspaper.)

GOURMET CLUB

By Joan Sorkin



The latest meeting of the gourmet group took place on November 1 at the home of Seena and Larry Calder. We all welcomed back snowbirds Flo and Terry Kalestein who had had to delay their return because of illness. We were all happy to see them looking and feeling well. Eggplant bruschetta and a glass of wine started off a wonderful evening

Dinner was: Rock Cornish Hens with a rice stuffing of dates and pecans prepared by Joan Sorkin, Asian-style pork cutlets with chantell mushrooms made by Joan Peckins, and baked fish fillets with clam, wine and grapes, and carrots with oranges and onions made by Seena. Dessert was a scrumptious plum crumble by Flo Kalestein, a fresh fruit platter artistically designed by Judy Zied and soft chocolate cakes by Joan Sorkin. A good cup of coffee and hot tea gave a delightful finish to an excellent dining experience.

Soft Chocolate Cakes

These are favorites of Johnny Depp when he is in Paris. Makes 6 individual cakes. They are served in a restaurant called "Man Ray."

1 stick (4oz) unsalted butter
 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
 3 large eggs
 ½ cup sugar
 1/3-cup flour
 Whipped cream, for serving

Preheat oven to 450. Butter and lightly flour six 6 oz, ramekins, tap out excess flour. Set on baking sheet. Melt butter in small saucepan. Put chocolate in small bowl and pour butter on top and stir until smooth. In another bowl using mixer, beat eggs with sugar until thick and pale. Beat in flour, add chocolate. Spoon into ramekins. Bake in center of oven for 12 minutes or until tops begin to crack. Let cakes cool for 1 minute and turn over on inverted dessert plate.

Let stand a few seconds and remove ramekins. Serve cakes immediately with a dollop of whipped cream.

SINGLES

By Myrna Levine

Holiday Party: Friday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. at Coral Lakes Café. Several women have been working hard to make this a fun evening for our membership. Thanks go to Roberta Rabinowitz, Roz Wolf, Norma Linden, and Naomi Kalter who have aptly themed this event. "NEW YEARS AROUND THE WORLD." \$30 pp Deadline, December 5. Barbara 369-2772

Next on our agenda.... New Year's eve with Randy DelLago at the Del Ray Beach Playhouse "Musical Memories." \$50 pp. Call Marge (742-7719)

Coalition Events...remember, unless otherwise stated contact Barbara Roland (369-2772) for further information.

JANUARY

11 – Cascades Singles – An Evening at Tatiana's Russian Nightclub. Dinner Show & Bus \$56.00.

19 – Ponte Vecchio "Music from Spain" Featuring Singers and Flamenco Dancers @ Benvenuto. \$30 includes lunch, show & gratuities.

FEBRUARY

6 – "Forever Liza" 8 p.m. at Olympic Heights High School. Tickets \$16

12 – Valencia Isles - 2nd Annual Valentines Day Party. \$15 pp includes Beverages, Snacks & Dessert. See flyer back lobby. Deadline 12/ 15

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ODE TO ELECTION 2008

By Thelma Mechanic

'Twas the fourth day November,
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 Voters were active from morn until late.
 The polls were set up and handled with care
 In hopes that no mishaps would ever appear
 Nominees debated without going to bed
 While visions of "Presidency" danced in their heads
 And citizens everywhere caught up in the happening
 Watched T.V. 'til bleary-eyed
 and many missed napping
 When out on the news fronts arose
 much talk and chatter
 Across party lines, it did not seem to matter.
 Election Day over – polls closed in a flash
 To hear the results, to T.V we dashed
 The votes added up, as the news came in slow
 When will we know how the voting did go?
 Then all of a sudden on T.V. did appear;
 Obama the victor –did you stand up and cheer?

A short time later, the candidates came,
 not only Obama, but also McCain



Obama assured all, the well and the sickly
 Offering help to all, hopefully quickly
 Our problems, he added, are astronomic,
 But promised to begin with the economic
 As quickly as a flash, he sought out advisors
 Inclusion he wanted - not party dividers
 Then came Biden, Emanuel, Podesta and Volker
 Improving the country is no game of poker
 With a smile on his lips and a tilt of his head
 Soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread
 From out in Chicago, across the great mall
 Get ready for change, he inspired us all
 And I heard him exclaim on the T.V. so bright
 "God Bless America" and to all a good night!

*P.S. With apologies to Clemens C. Moore, author of
 "The Night Before Christmas."*

**Reminder: M.I. Board Elections
 Wed., Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.**

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER



General Meeting, Nov. 7, 2008

By Selma Friedman and Enid Bayer

Our rescheduled Musical Nostalgia Night finally took place on Friday, November 7. Assisted by Lee Katz and Buddy Koch, Josh Katz presented several songs/voices for the audience to identify in the following categories: 1) No Name (the titles were all tied to "lights" since the lights had gone out at the October meeting), 2) Association, 3) Composers, 4) Voices, 5) Sinatra and Friends, and 6) Broadway. Something for everyone.

Several prizes were given out and everyone came out a winner - a good evening out with good company, entertainment, "coffee and..." a winning evening.

In December Ed Strauber will present *Old Time Radio Days*, and January will feature the highly successful vocalist, Cecilia Roy. And in February we will try some of our own "actors" in *Movie Monologues* with Phil Chermak. We have a busy year, come join us.

Salute to Jerry Herman, Nov. 21 and 22

By Selma Friedman

It was all there – music, lyrics, dancing, video clips and home movies of Jerry Herman, and an old movie clip of the Keystone Kops – all for our enjoyment. Conceived, developed, produced and directed by **Arlene and Herb Levin**, this salute to Jerry Herman had it all.

Jerry Herman was a prolific composer, and the Levins selected songs from "Milk and Honey," "Hello Dolly," "Mame," "Mack and Mabel" and "Le Cage Aux Folles" to showcase his contributions to Broadway's favorites.

The enthusiastic audiences appreciated the efforts of the over fifty people who participated in this production. Space is not available to list all those involved, but we say a collective "well done" and "thank you" to them all.



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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Facilitator

It is difficult to write a timely financial article these days because information or commentary, disclosed at a meeting on Nov 10, 2008 and included in this article to meet a deadline of Nov. 15, 2008, has become passé (or old news) by the publication and distribution date of Dec. 1, 2008.

Well here goes anyway. **First the old news.** --- I heard it---I saw it ---and I read it---Mr. G. has finally acknowledged that he “has made a mistake.” He said, “Those of us who have looked to the self-interest of (lenders) to protect shareholders’ equity---are in a state of shocked disbelief.” According to Barron’s, “Mr. G. misjudged the housing boom’s bubble potential and wrongly assumed the banks would do what was necessary to protect shareholders.” In other words, he made a serious mistake. He was wrong about other matters too, but enough said.

The lessons are that while free markets are important, so is appropriate government regulation. Government regulation failed to keep pace with the modern, intricate and complicated financial system of the past decade. Let’s just hope we learn from the past.

Let’s talk about the election. --- The divisive commentary from both sides is now past and we are now concentrating on the “Change” that both parties talked about, and on saving an economy that is in dire straits in a recession now and threatening a possible depression down the road.

What are the possible cures? Shall we lower interest rates and/or raise or lower taxes. Save the auto industry, but reduce all wages, salaries, and pensions and offer stock options so **all** can benefit should the companies recover? And, of course, eliminate all bonuses until then. Force the banks to do more lending? Stop the escalation of home mortgage rates and reset all adjustable-rate mortgage rates to current 30-year rates or, re-set all mortgages to current home values? Enable the president to use the line item veto? Create more jobs by investing in the infrastructure of the United States such as roads, bridges, water, etc? Subject the hedge funds to the same regulations, visibility and margin requirements as all other securities?

What is causing severe volatility in the market? Lack of confidence in the economy worldwide. Housing continuing to cave in. Banks overly cautious about lending even after the government’s infusion of substantial cash to prop their balance sheets and

encourage lending. Businesses going bankrupt for lack of operating capital. Unemployment rising significantly as businesses cut back. Buyers cutting back because of the fear of, or actual, reduction of income. Hedge funds, pension funds, mutual funds, institutional investors, et.al. continue to de-leverage from their high-flying positions of the past. Stocks rise quickly when courageous investors buy solid companies having low PE’s (8 to 15), and with the activity of day traders, only to be driven down by those still de-leveraging, the day traders and others. Program traders buy and sell huge volumes of many different stocks and indices at the flick of a single computer key. These moves contribute to the casino-like atmosphere of the market.

Does market timing make sense? In the short term, market timing is a very dangerous game. The brokers love it and the day-traders thrive in it, but history shows it is generally a loser’s game. Longer term is another matter, providing you have a long time frame of two to ten years, since no one knows when the market will turn up. The bargains are there and are becoming more of a bargain as they go lower, providing that the companies stay in business. Many brokers say that when the market finally turns up, it will move very fast. Therefore, they say you should be invested to take advantage of the move.” That may be true but what a gamble that is at this time. The best that can be said, if you have the itch, is to dollar-cost-average, but go very slowly and **DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH - AND DO IT VERY CAREFULLY.** For retirees, investing for income may be more suitable - but which investments?


Where can you find reliable income? That is a tough question. The price of many good investments has fallen significantly, partly because of a falloff in their cash flow and partly because of the severe deterioration in the market generally. Some continue to pay a steady dividend because of their declared policy. Some dividends may be a return of capital where they were formerly obtained from a positive cash flow or earnings. While the dividends may be steady, the yields on new invested money has risen from an average of 8% to 10% to a current 11% to 15%, which means that prices have fallen to very attractive levels. Be aware, however, that some dividends are being cut or eliminated. More at our next meeting. See y’all.



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The report was written by Morris D. Loskove, MBA, CLU, a member of Indian Spring Country Club. Mr. Loskove is a former Adjunct Professor of Insurance at three universities, and an Estate Planning Specialist for Merrill Lynch.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Sandy Gardner and Bernice Kozlin

On November 10, the Women's Club had their Welcome Back Luncheon with Dr. Robert Watson, who spoke about presidential politics. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. We also announced our slate of officers. Good luck to all the new officers.

November 19 was very special for the Women's Club as we collected for the Abused Women's Shelter. Your donations of clothing, children and baby items etc. were greatly appreciated. Our thanks to everyone who participated

We are looking forward to our trip on December 3 to the Morikami Museum for a delicious lunch and a tour of the museum. We will install our officers on January 12.. There will also be a light luncheon and a performance describing different scams directed against seniors. This promises to be an informative event for all of us.

Happy Holidays to all.

BUNKA/CRAFT CLUB

By Rita Marderstein



Medical professionals tell us that learning something new is good for us mentally. After coming to Majestic Isles and learning the unique Japanese embroidery –

bunka - I have to agree with them. Bunka is similar to painting, but with thread instead of a paintbrush. People come to our Bunka/Craft Club saying that they have never done any needlecraft and they are now finishing one picture and ordering another.

We started out as just a Bunka Club, but at the request of Majestic Isles residents, we now include knitting, needlepoint, crochet, and embroidery projects in our activities. That is why we changed our name. We supply knitting instruction, help if you are stuck on a project, or need advice.

We meet in the art room Wednesdays, from 1:00 to 3:00. As we work on our projects, we talk; I'm not always sure whether it is more work or more talk, but I do know for sure we all have a really good time.

Newcomers are always welcome.

MAJESTIC ISLES YIDDISH CLUB The Joys of Yiddish

By Jerry Raske



At the Nov. 2 meeting of the Yiddish Club, Fannie Lust and Reggie Zimmerman shared their recollections of *Krystallnacht*, the Nov. 9, 1938 attack by the Nazis against the Jews of Germany.

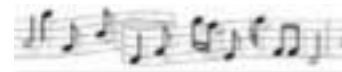
The evening's musical entertainment was a pure delight, with Bob Weiner at the keyboard, Josh Katz on the drums and Reggie Zee. Great music and great selections!

The sponsor of our entertainment offered two prizes, which were won by Fran Ost and Estelle Finer.

Come celebrate Chanukah with us on Dec. 7. We'll have a party with wine, cheese a Viennese table and great entertainment. That evening, we will also commemorate Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Please sign up early and drop your checks in the YCC box: \$4.00 per person for members and \$5.00 per person for non-members.

Our doors are always open to all. We encourage you to attend our next meeting, described above. Remember, **you don't have to speak or understand Yiddish** to enjoy our Yiddish Club gatherings.

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SOCIAL CLUB

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

At our general meeting on November 18, Martin Goodman presented the Social Club board slate for 2009, and it was passed. The new board will be:

Co-Presidents: Florence Cohen, Rita Dick and Sylvia Fefferman

Vice-Presidents: Helen Benowich and Nancy Weiss

Treasurer: Bernice Sultan

Corresponding Secretary: Helen Aldoroty

Recording Secretary: Sandy Levine

Entertainment Planners: Arlene Koch and Joan Sorkin

Programming And Publicity: Norman Katz

Hospitality: Fran Ost

Membership And Telephone Squad: Marcia Brandfon and Doris Silverman

Movie Programmer: Marvin Sorkin

We thank chairperson Lee Katz, and the members of the nominating committee, Phyllis Fishkin and Martin Goodman, for their efforts.

After our business meeting ended, The Bonaires, a choral group made up of singers from local communities, entertained us. Our own Mel Burstein was among the vocalists. On last minute notice, Reggie Z filled in as the piano accompanist. She deserves kudos for her skillful performance.

Grandkids' activities for December 26 and 27 are as follows:

Friday, December 26

10:00 a.m.: Morning Arts and Crafts with our own Miss Estelle and her assistants in the Main Ballroom

2:00 p.m.: Professional entertainer Suzy Hammer as "Salty Sue the Pirate" will delight us with music, magic and stories from Florida history. She will have a special surprise for the children. Tickets are \$2.00 per child. Leave checks made out to MISC in the mailbox by December 20. A "Make Your Own Sundae" party will follow.

Saturday December. 27th

10:30 a.m.: Fishing at one of the M.I. lakes

12:30 p.m.: Lunch Pizza party in the ballroom. Slices are \$1.00 each. The Social Club will provide soda and juice.

After Lunch: Choice of a movie or shuffleboard games. Look for flyers in the back lobby for exact times.

We need help for these activities, so please volunteer for one or more by signing up on a sheet in the back lobby.

There is still time to join in on the festivities for New Year's Eve. Contact Karen Cohen (737-3550) or Helen Mai (752-3720).

The Social Club has endeavored, and continues to bring quality acts to our community for your enjoyment. We select a variety that will delight our audiences while trying to keep the prices within reason. We hope that you will support our efforts by attending the shows

MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Bobbe Greene



Get ready, we're cruising! We will depart from Port of Miami on November 29 and return December 6, 2009 on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas. The great all-inclusive rates range from \$790.84 for an inside to \$1,029.84 for an Ocean view balcony cabin. Ports of call are Costa Maya, Belize City and Cozumel. Make your reservation by calling: Roberta at 736-6387

The Florida Atlantic Region's Book and Author Luncheon is being held on February 13, 2009. Tickets for this event sell out very quickly, so don't get locked out; put your check in our mailbox NOW!!! Rabbi Schmuley Boteach, an international best selling author will speak and Roberta Fernandez a protégé of Al Gore's will discuss his book "An Inconvenient Truth". Special dietary requests must accompany your check of \$45.00 for members or \$50.00 for non-members. Please address your envelope to Bobbe Greene, chairperson. If you have any questions call 738-9983.

Our next meeting will be held in the social hall on Monday, December 22 at 11:30 a.m. After a light lunch sponsored by our associates, sit back and enjoy the music of Larry Brendler. Not only is he a one-man band, he is a singer, pianist, DJ and songwriter all wrapped up in one package.

Mark your calendars and get your games organized. On January 8, 2009 we are returning to the Broken Sound Country Club for our annual luncheon/card/Mah Jongg party. Put all checks for your game into one envelope and place them in our mailbox. Price is \$45.00 per person. Chair: Roberta 736-6387 and Doris 732-6213.

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M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Bobbe Greene

We have so many people to thank for the success of our Sale-A-Bration in November. First, a big thank you to Sally Galan for again contributing a shipment of beautiful clothing. Second, thank you to Arlene Levin for opening her home to all of the participants. And third, but not least, a huge thank you to each and every one of you who attended. It is all of you who make our events successful.

Remember to put your checks into our mailbox for our annual Cancer Unit Brunch. It will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m. The cost is a low \$12.00 per member and \$14.00 for a guest or non-member. Florine, an accomplished pianist, will entertain us with an array of music from Broadway shows to semi-classical selections we will all recognize and enjoy.

We are having a theatre party on Saturday, January 10 at 2 p.m. at the Broward Stage Door Theatre. Tickets for *La Cage Aux Folles* are only \$32.00 per person, and you can get yours by calling Barbara Lader at 733-5675

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22 at 12 noon. A light lunch will be served and our special guest will be Audrey Ginsberg who will take on the persona of Beverly Sills. If you have never seen Audrey perform, you are in for a treat. And if you have seen her, you know that you don't want to miss hearing her narrative and enjoying listening to her singing.

SAVE THE DATE: February 13 is *Coins For The Cure* at Benevenuto's. Donation is \$40.00.

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CALLING ALL ARTISANS

Our annual arts and crafts show, under the sponsorship of the Social Club, will take place on Sunday, January 18, 2009 from 2 to 5 p.m. in our elegant clubhouse ballroom. Refreshments will be served.

If you have not shown your creations in past shows, consider doing so now. Join us for a wonderful day.

Artists will show works in oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, sculpture, bunka, photography, jewelry making, needlepoint, quilting, knitting, ceramics, wood crafting, pillows, dolls, miniatures and more. All are welcome.

Early sign up sheets for the show are posted on the bulletin board in the back lobby. If you have questions, please contact any member of the Art Show committee:

Marilyn Friedberg.....742-5766
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Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL: Almost twenty years after he last appeared in the role of the adventurous archaeologist Indiana Jones, Harrison Ford returns to the role. Joining him are Cate Blanchett, Ray Winstone, Jim Broadbent, Karen Allen, John Hurt and, as Jones's headstrong young sidekick, Shia laBoeuf.

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

SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg



Things are beginning to shape up in the league, but still tough going as there are so many cruises, and therefore a lot of missing bowlers.

MEN

WEEK 8 – HIGH GAME

Howard Scherer	223	Gladys Cohen	181
Stan Fox	177	Sandy Gardner	155
Dave Feinberg	172		

WEEK 8 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	585	Gladys Cohen	426
Stan Fox	476	Sandy Gardner	388
Dave Feinberg	447		

WEEK 9 - HIGH GAME

Howard Scherer	246	Ellie Fox	156
Bernie Kass	214	Sandy Gardner	148
Fred Ostreicher	194	Luise Levine	148

WEEK 9 – HIGH SERIES

Howard Scherer	638	Sandy Rosenhouch	397
		Luise Levine	394
		Sandy Gardner	389

WEEK 10 - HIGH GAME

Bob Rosenhouch	199	Ruth Rossi	146
Howard Scherer	195	Eleanor Krongold	139
Al Lynn	188		

WEEK 10 – HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	555	Ruth Rossi	391
Howard Scherer	552	Eleanor Krongold	364
Al Lynn	516	Toni Kohn	360

The next newsletter will report the scores from the position day that will take place next week. This will give all the bowlers a better idea of their teams' standings.

TENNIS NEWS

By Bobby Blitman



Welcome to all our snowbirds; hope you all had a wonderful winter. We look forward to seeing you at tennis.

The courts have been resurfaced and new lines have been put down. The screening was reinstalled and everything looks good. We will enjoy playing on new Har-Tru courts.

We won't be having a senior men's league this year.

Our pizza party was a big success, and everyone had a good time. The next Tennis meeting will be December 18, at 4:00.

NOTE: Please no aftershave or perfume on the courts.

BOOK TALKS AND MORE

By Judy Markowitz



On Wed. Dec. 17 Phyllis Cohen will be discussing "The Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak. The book, which has won many awards tells of a young German girl named Liesl and her experiences during World War II.

BRAIN AEROBICS

By Betty Kula



Majestic Isles has an active chess club that meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the clubhouse library.

If you would like to play, learn how to play, or just kibbitz, we'd be happy to have you join us. Keep your brain active and enjoy getting together with people who share your interests.

SPECIAL EVENTS
December 1, 2008 – January 31, 2009



DECEMBER

Dec 1- 15, Cancer Unit, **Cruise** (p, a)
 Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., Yiddish Club, **Chanukah Party** (p, h)
 Dec. 13, Sat. 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
 Dec. 14, Sun, 12 noon – 4 p.m., Hadassah, **10th Anniversary Party** (p, a)
 Dec.17, Wed., 2 p.m. **Book Talks**
 7 p.m., **Election for M.I. Board of Directors** (h)
 Dec. 19, Fri., 6:30 p.m., Singles, **Christmas Party** (p, a)
 Dec. 21, Sun., 10:30 a.m., Cancer, **Brunch** (p, h)
 Dec. 26 and 27, Fri. and Sat., **Grandkids Party** (p, h)
 Dec. 28, Sun. 7 pm., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p, h)
 Dec. 31, Wed. 8:30 p.m., Social Club, **New Year's Eve Party** (p, h)

JANUARY

Jan. 8, Thurs., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., **Hadassah Card Party**, (p, a)
 Jan. 11, Sun. 2 p.m., Singles, **Tatiana's Tea House**, (p, a)
 Jan. 18, Sun. 2 – 5 p.m. **Art Show** (f, h)
 7 p.m. Men's Club **Bingo** (p, h)
 Jan 21, Wed., 2 p.m. **Book Talks and More** (f, h)
 Jan 26, Sat. 8 p.m., Social Club **SHOWTIME** (p, h)
 Jan. 31, Sat. 8 p.m. Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)

Watch channel 63 for additions, cancellations, or changes in date or time.

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