

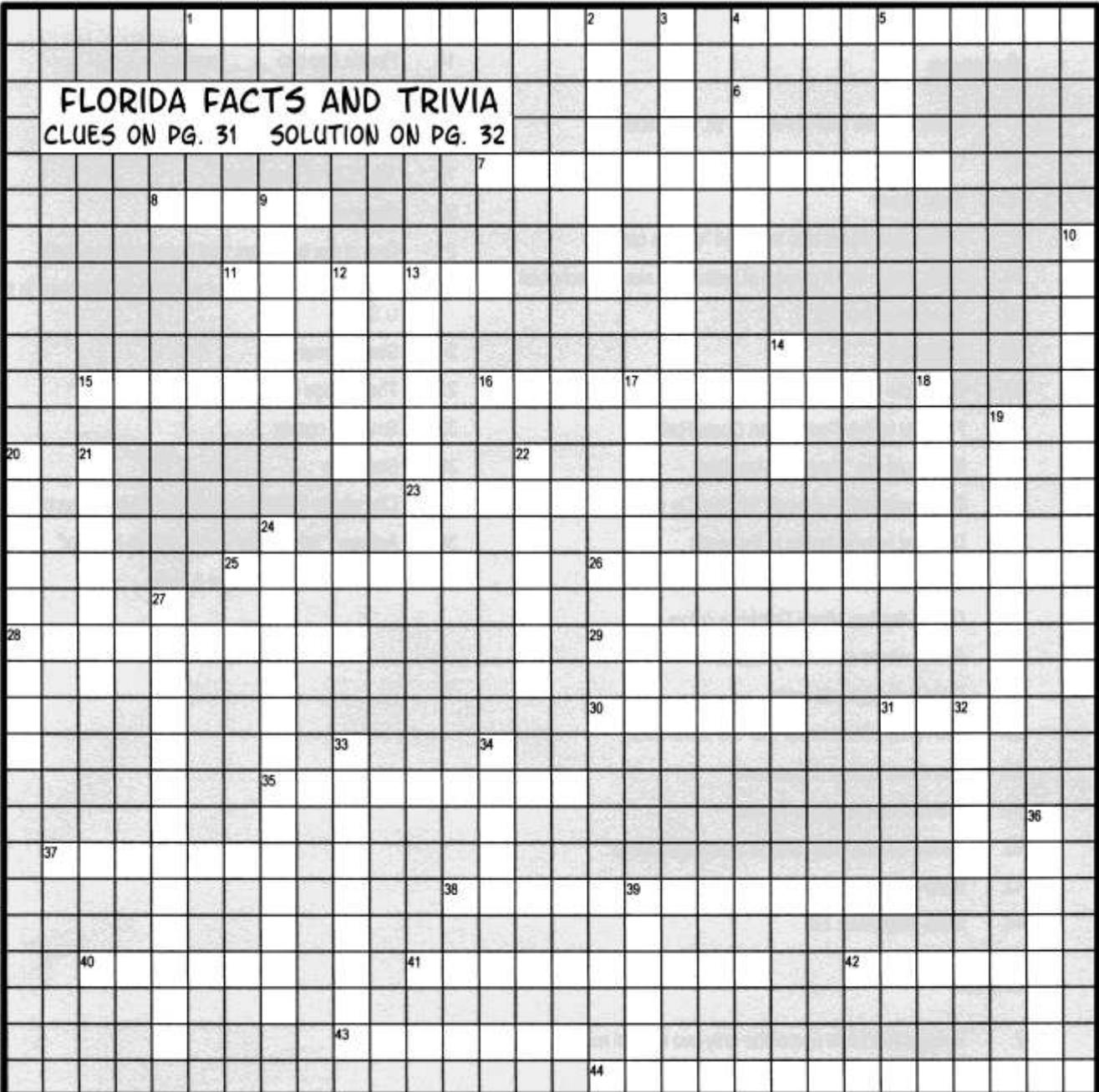
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Manager's Corner

Some financial scams never seem to die, no matter how many warnings government agencies issue to consumers.

One example is payday loan collection schemes in which fraudsters call people who don't actually owe such debts and demand immediate payment.

The latest reminder to watch out for this scam comes from the Internet Crime Complaint Center, or IC3, a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National White Collar Crime Center, a nonprofit criminal investigation

support organization in Glen Allen, Virginia.

How the scam works: The caller poses as a representative of the FBI, Federal Legislative Department, a law firm or another legitimate-sounding agency. The caller claims to be collecting a debt for United Cash Advance, U.S. Cash Advance, U.S. Cash Net or another Internet check-cashing service. He or she demands payment via a debit card, credit card or prepaid card. Calls to the victim's home, cell phone and job site are relentless. The caller refuses to provide information or documentation. When questioned, the caller becomes abusive and threatens arrest or other legal consequences.

Oftentimes, the caller has accurate information about the victim, including his or her Social Security number, date of birth, address, employer information, bank account number, and names and telephone numbers of friends and relatives. According to an IC3 statement, this information may have been obtained when the victim previously completed an online application for a loan or credit card at a fraudulent website.

Differentiating bogus calls from legitimate ones can be difficult because calls from credit card issuers about overdue bills also typically involve requests for immediate payment over the telephone. If you're in doubt about a collections call, contact the loan company or issuer directly to verify whether you have an outstanding obligation. Get the details of the debt before you make a payment.

If someone tries to collect a debt you don't owe, follow these steps:

- * Call the police if you believe you're in immediate danger.
- * Report the incident to your bank and credit card issuers.
- * Ask the major credit reporting agencies to put a fraud alert on your credit file.
- * File a complaint at the IC3 website, <http://www.IC3.gov>

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Submitted by Ken Miller, Association Manager



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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, May 10, 2012

Minutes of the May 2012 meeting will not be available until the Board approves them at the next meeting. To inform residents in a timely manner, we present the unofficial and abbreviated notes below.

President's Report, Harvey Galan

- Hartzell painted the Majestic Isles signs and the clubhouse entrance sign, but the job was not acceptable and they had to come back and repaint all of the signs.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- *(Residents may request report of 4/9/12 cash positions and statement of operation at the office.)*
- Budget compliance: Expenses and income for 2012 budget are running within the parameters of our budget requirements.
- Re-sales: During this year, to date, 13 homes were sold. Ten patio homes sold for an average price of \$166,100 and three single-family homes sold for an average price of \$202,000. These prices reflect a 10% decrease in sales prices from 2011.

Committee Reports

COBWRA, Steve Bayer

- The COBWRA report is available in the back hallway.

Security, Steve Bayer

- At a COBWRA Safety and Security Meeting, Capt. Bechtel reported that there were 224 accidents, 44 home burglaries, 66 vehicle burglaries, and 98% of the 100,000 alarms last year were false alarms
- If you have questions about your security system, contact Devcon.
- The Devcon contract is being reviewed and will be signed. It will take time to install the updated equipment in all 450 homes, but residents will be kept informed.
- Problems continue with residents not calling their guests in to the guardhouse voicemail system. Residents who have three or more guests not called in will be getting a letter followed by a phone call and then further action will be taken.

Grounds Committee, Mort Goldstein

- We are seeking help from COBWRA, and also political help to assist with the problem of armoured catfish in our lakes.

- Merit, the treatment used by many communities to combat ficus whitefly, may be banned.
- The proposal to install summer plantings has to be revised to include removing the begonias.

Insurance, Janice Davidson

- *Please see the full set of minutes posted in the back hall lobby for a letter in which our insurance agent responds to the Board's question about requiring entertainers to carry insurance.*

Architectural Review Committee, Liz Hopwood

- The bench issue has been divided into two areas – the clubhouse and the rest of the community.
- Benches similar to the one used at the shuffleboard court are available at Home Depot for \$149 each for the south side of the lobby overhang.

Unfinished Business

- According to the Association's attorney, the Board can define the "maintenance" standard for driveways. *(The letter from the attorney includes information about how to handle notification of the maintenance rules, once they are agreed upon. For that information, please see the minutes posted in the back lobby.)*
- The ARC Committee will develop and recommend a maintenance definition to the Board.
- Motion that it be presented to the community that new owners can not rent out their unit for two years, passed by 6-1 vote.
- Motion to have all the clubhouse carpets cleaned, protected, and deodorized, while the clubhouse is closed for two weeks in August, passed by 7-0 vote.
- Motion to paint the El Clair gates and fence bronze color for \$715 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to do all of the summer plantings at one time for under \$2000 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to purchase three benches for the lobby overhang at a price not to exceed \$500, failed by 2-5.
- Motion to purchase and install four benches at designated locations (per committee recommendation) with stepping stone pads, to cost no more than \$4500, passed by 4-3 vote.

HURRICANE SHUTTER DATES



Hurricane shutters may left closed only during hurricane season, which means that they may not be closed before June 1 and must be opened by December 1.

SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

I have a reminder for everyone about our alarm system. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's office requires you to have a permit number that has to be renewed yearly. You must have this on file with Devcon or the PBSO will not respond. The cost of the permit is \$25 and the renewal is \$25 per year. False alarms within a permit year shall be subject to the following fines:

- The first and second false alarm will not be assessed a fine.
- The third and fourth false alarm will each be \$50.
- A fifth false alarm will cost you \$75.
- The sixth through ninth will each be \$100.
- The tenth and all subsequent false alarms will each be \$500.

Understand how Devcon notifies the police:

- When your alarm is activated, it will seize your telephone line and dial Devcon.
- Devcon will then call your premise to verify if the alarm is false or legitimate.
- **It is imperative that you stay off the phone until Devcon calls you.**
- If Devcon can't verify the validity of the alarm, they will notify the Sheriff's office.
- If Devcon then finds out it is a false alarm, only Devcon can cancel the call. You cannot cancel it.

Be sure that you know your password. If you can't tell Devcon your password, they **must** call the Sheriff's office to respond and you will soon have an officer ringing your doorbell.

If someone is trying to break into your home at a time your alarm is off, or if you need help, **call 911**.

If you have questions, call PBSO Alarm Unit @ 561-688-3695 or Devcon @ 800-878-7806.

For those residents who use the El Clair Ranch pedestrian gate, please make sure that the gate door is closed behind you. Leaving the door ajar invites non-residents to enter the community and places you and your neighbors at risk.



GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Mel Burstein
Isabelle Lubchansky
Bert Weinberg

SYMPATHY

To Bobby Blitman on the loss of her brother Gary
To Eileen Danziger on the loss of her husband Allen
To the family of our former neighbor Larry Stander
To Jack Stein on the loss of his wife Paula.

MESSAGES

My sincere thanks to all my friends and neighbors for all your generosity upon the passing of my brother Gary.

Bobby Blitman

To all my friends at Majestic Isles: I would like you to know how much I appreciated your special thoughtfulness during my recent illness.

Isabelle Lubchansky

My sincere gratitude to all for your numerous donations and cards in memory of my beloved husband, Jack.

Fanny Lust

To all of Norma Linden's friends: She would have been so honored to know how much you all cared. Thank you.

Natalie Rubin and Hazel Horowitz

Please note: We reserve the right to edit for length (30 word maximum) and clarity. Submit items to Elaine Jay by email at ElaineJay@aol.com with Good and Welfare as the subject. Acknowledgement of each email will be sent as verification of receipt.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

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

Stephen Karten and Alene Kristal

(We apologize to Alene for omitting her name in the May newsletter.)

Highlights of the May 16, 2012 COBWRA Meeting at Banyan Springs

STATE LEGISLATORS REPORT: Senator Maria Lorts Sachs, District 30, spoke about a new law that affects homeowners associations. Starting July 1, 2012, this law (HB1013), removes implied warranties for structural defects for any community property outside of the unit owners' homes. Sen. Sachs is disappointed the bill she and Rep Berman sponsored to ban guns in day care centers and all government buildings was not supported. She could not support the budget with education cuts. She noted that most of her bill ideas come from constituents' questions so she urged people to discuss requests for changes and new laws with her or her aides. **Representative Lori Berman, District 86**, said she could not support the budget because of the cuts to higher education. FAU must close campuses, eliminate majors, cut classes and make some students take more than 4 years to complete their degree. The bills to expand gambling did not pass, but she is certain it will come back next session.

Representative Dr. Steve Perman, District 78, also did not support the budget because of cuts to higher education, especially cuts to the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. He did not support the proposed changes to lower the risks of Citizens Property Insurance by moving people into "surplus lines" insurance companies who are not regulated in Florida. He stated the bill that passed at the last minute to improve PIP auto insurance is flawed. Language that required companies to reduce premiums if the new PIP rules reduce their costs was stripped before it passed at the last minute.

Representative Bill Hager, District 87, stated that Florida has the fifth lowest taxes in the nation. There is no personal income tax, no estate tax, no capital gains tax and no inheritance tax. We are taking the business taxes down to zero and are about half way there. We are doing that to create opportunity. Florida Medicaid is unsustainable. In year 2000, Medicaid was about \$7B, about 15% of the state budget. In 2010, Medicaid was \$21B, a third of the budget. Under the expanded health care plan, in 2020, we expect Medicaid to cost Florida \$35B. To control costs, all Florida Medicaid patients will go under managed healthcare plans.

Questions asked by the Delegates: • Why did you approve \$300M for a new university and cut funds to all state colleges and universities? • Are you going to revise the "Stand Your Ground" law?

OFFICIALS' REPORTS Commissioner Burt Aaronson reported that the Florida Supreme Court ruled that term limits for charter counties, like Palm Beach, are legal,

so he must step down in November. He thanked his aide, Mary Lou Berger, for her hard work in his office over 20 years.

Captain Marty Bechtel, District 6, PBSO, reported that in April PBSO investigated: • 14 stolen vehicles and 224 accidents • 6 business burglaries and 66 vehicle burglaries • 44 residential burglaries and 5 robberies • 16 DUI arrests and 130 domestic cases • PBSO responded to 410 false alarms. The Sheriff's Office is offering a Youth Citizens Academy July 9-13. For details, call PBSO at 357-7000. Chief Todd Blake, Fire Rescue Battalion 4, reported 8,108 calls for service the first quarter of 2012.

COBWRA REPORTS: Growth Management. Allegro CLF (Communal Living Facility) on the east side of Hagen Ranch Road a half mile south of Woolbright Road, across from Valencia Lakes, which will offer luxury assisted living with a memory care wing, was approved for 135 beds in 2010. A new owner is requesting an increase to 140 beds and presented an improved site plan. The Delegates voted without opposition to recommend approval as presented with the condition that the colors on the monument sign be consistent with nearby community signs. Toscana Isles, an MUPD (Mixed Use Planned Development), on Hypoluxo Road a half mile west of Military Trail, was approved in 2010 for 414 units. The developer is requesting a Development Order Amendment to add 45 units, increasing the density from 5.9 units/acre to 6.5. The developer also presented an improved site plan with the buildings next to Hypoluxo Rd set back further and turned 90 degrees so the ends face the road. The motion from the Executive Board is to recommend approval of the new site plan with these conditions: Keep the density at 5.9, raise the berm along Hypoluxo Road from 3 to 6 feet and add architectural features to the north faces of the buildings on Hypoluxo Rd. The motion was defeated and therefore COBWRA will recommend denial of the petition at the BCC Zoning on May 24. If the county denies the petition, the plan reviewed in 2010 will remain approved.

Future Meetings (Open to the public) June 4, 7:00 pm: Evening Meeting "Foreclosure Crisis Update" Hagen Ranch Road Library. Speakers: Sharon Bock, PBC Clerk & Comptroller, and Roy D. Oppenheim, Attorney on foreclosures. **June 5, 6:30 pm:** Growth Management, PBSO District 6 **June 20, 9:30 am:** Delegates at The Grove (Boynton Beach Blvd west of Hagen Ranch Road.) Speaker: Gary Nikolits, Palm Beach County Property Appraiser.

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By Sy Kugelmas



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AutoPay is completely handled by our bank. The Association does not get involved in the collection of the AutoPay payments. **We do not get to see your bank account at any time.** Please see Bonnie for the forms needed to arrange to use AutoPay.

PET PATCH

By Molly



We have a new doggie friend, Daisy. We just got to play with her a short time, then she and her parents left for the summer. But they'll be back in the fall. Welcome Daisy!

Today (as I write this) is Mother's Day – and with a little help, I sent Mom an e-mail that said "Sweet Mother's Day Wishes" and there was an open box of candy pictured in the wishes. She was SO happy!

Mom went to the Parent's Day Brunch last week and she said it was great: good food, wonderful entertainment. They celebrated both Mother's Day and Father's Day – what a wonderful way to do it.

Happy Summer!



Congratulations to Al Wattenberg for making a 'hole in one' at Villa Del Ray golf course on May 4, 2012.

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MEDICARE REVIEWS

Yes, you can go back within thirty days

By Paul Mendelsohn



At a recent presentation at the clubhouse, it was stated that a change in the law would prevent Medicare

patients from being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days. **This is not true.** If a patient does have to be rehospitalized within 30 days, the law requires a review to determine whether there was inadequate care during the first admission. This review requirement has been in place for many years, and is now being enhanced. There is **never** a denial of admission or a payment denial for a Medicare beneficiary who requires hospital level care.

If a review finds inadequate care in the first admission, the institution, doctors and other providers of service are subject to educational remedies, financial penalties and possible sanctions. Independent contractors using peer review determine whether corrective measures and/or penalties are necessary. The individual patient is not a party to this review, nor to the results.

The extensive quality assurance program is one way in which Medicare differs from private health insurance. This program is designed to make certain that the care provided to Medicare beneficiaries is medically necessary, appropriate and of high quality. The program not only evaluates individual care, both while the patient is receiving care, but after the care is completed. In addition, patients or their representatives can ask for review while the patient is still in the hospital. The most common request is for a determination as to whether the patient is being prematurely discharged.

Medicare quality assurance is unique among insurers in that collected data is analyzed to identify patterns of practice and outcomes. This data identifies both questionable care that requires more in depth review, and exceptional care that can be used in medical education to advance quality and efficient care. The Medicare Program itself, and other government health agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, the Department

of Veterans Affairs and the Food and Drug Administration use this data.

The Medicare databases are also made available to educational institutions, private researchers, private insurers, and think tanks that use this data to promote quality of care and best practices, and also to evaluate the Medicare Program itself. The data provided to the public are formatted to protect the privacy and individual confidentiality of all individuals.



VOTER INFORMATION

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Primary Tuesday, Aug. 14

General Election Tuesday, Nov. 6

According to the PBC Supervisor of Elections office **our voting district numbers below are expected to stay the same**, although due to reapportionment, some districts have been redrawn and expanded. **Our precinct number may change.**

As a resident of Majestic Isles and a registered voter, you are in

Precinct 5027 (this may change)

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State House – District 86

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

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

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

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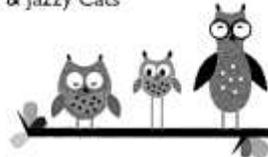
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Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*

The Royal Poinciana is one of the most spectacular flowering trees in South Florida. It flowers in June and continues to bloom all summer. The tree is noted for its flamboyant orange-red flower and is also known as the flame tree.

The Poinciana was found in the wild in Madagascar. In addition to its ornamental value, under tropical conditions it is useful as a shade tree. It can grow to 50-60 feet in height and can have a mature width of some 100 feet, so it is not readily adaptable to residential landscapes. We usually see this tree planted in park areas and other commercial locations that can accommodate its large growth habit. On a smaller scale, there is a dwarf Poinciana specie, Paradise that grows five to seven feet. This specie is more suitable for our residential landscapes.

The Poinciana flowers are large, with four spreading petals about four inches long. The fern-like leaf can be fifteen inches long and has attached leaflets. The mature dark brown seedpods are enormous; they can be up to two feet long and two to three inches wide. A landscape covered with the pods is not an attractive sight, so it is a high maintenance tree.

The Poinciana requires our tropical climate and can tolerate drought and salty conditions. In the

United States this tree only grows in South Florida, the Southwest Rio Grand Valley of South Texas, Southern California, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The fine loose leaves provide broken shade below the canopy; plants that enjoy shifting light shade and protection from the hot summer sun do well under the Royal Poinciana. Lawn grasses grow well under the shade of this tree.

Some light pruning can help make a better-shaped tree. Branches that grow below the main crown tend to add excess shade and are not needed.

The Poinciana is not particular about the type of soil it is grown in and has no pests. Light fertilization is recommended in March, June, and October.

Our residents can observe this tree in bloom at the end of Imperial Seas Boulevard at the forefront of the park area. Adjacent to an orange/red flowering specie there is a yellow flowering specie.

This tree has been noted as one of the top five most beautiful trees in the world!

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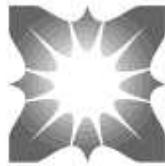
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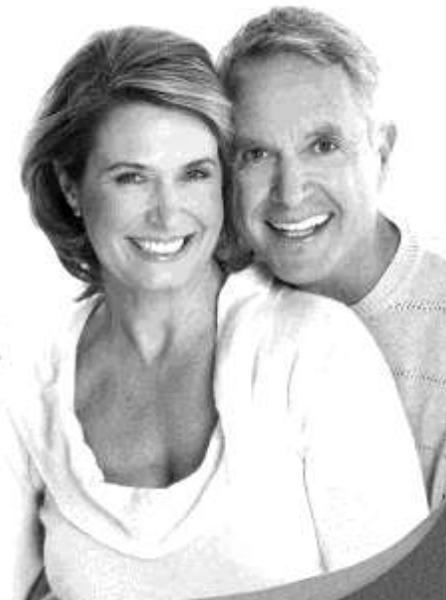
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ROLE REVERSAL

By Doris Davidoff

Remember when you tried to tell your teenage children what to do and were told very emphatically that they were old enough to make their own decisions and should be trusted to do so? Over the years, I've seen many cases where the roles have been reversed to the detriment of the "elderly" parents, especially when the parent is widowed.

The first time I was aware of witnessing this role reversal was when my husband and I were taking a trip to Europe with another couple with whom we had traveled in previous years. There had been some terrorist activities overseas, although not near our destination. My friend called to tell me that they needed to cancel the trip because their children were afraid and didn't want them to go. I asked her what she wanted to do and was told that she and her husband really wanted to go, but that their children were afraid for them, so they had to cancel.

Since we were very close and their cancelling affected us, I felt fairly comfortable in questioning their decision. I reminded her that her children had not always taken her advice, so why should she let them make the decision if she really wanted to go. I suggested that she and her husband should make their own decision. She ultimately decided to thank her children for their concern, but told them that she and their father were going to take the trip. It turned out to be one of our best trips, and she never regretted her decision to go.

Since then, I have seen many seniors move when they didn't really want to, but their children told them they should. Others have cancelled trips or never made reservations for trips they wanted to take because their children didn't think they should go.

Of course, there are many adult children who are ecstatic that their parent(s) are still able to do what they want to do, whether it is traveling, deciding where to live or anything else. My own belief is that we seniors have reached an age where we can do whatever we want as long as we believe we can do it and want to do it. We should not let others, including our loving children, make decisions for us. They can advise, but we can choose to ignore their advice, unless we do not feel we are capable of making our own decisions. These can truly be our "Golden Years" if we decide to make them so.

REPORT ON THE ECONOMY

By Joan Sorkin



Everyone is repeating the old expression, "The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer." Nowhere is it more evident than in the shoe department of Saks Fifth Avenue.

After having lunch in the area, my friend and I wandered into Saks in the Town Center Mall. What an experience! Lenore was looking for a simple black slip-on shoe (what we would call a moccasin-style way-back-when.) I picked up a Chanel version and did a double-take. At first I thought I saw the decimal in the wrong place....no I double checked and so did she....the price really was \$690. Of course that was for two of them!

Encouraged by the outrageous price, we kept going to see what else they featured. There were the Jimmy Choo's and Manolos that you read about in the fashion columns, priced even higher. Some were \$800...boots were \$1700 and up. Who could afford these? We glanced around at the customers and they looked like average women...not too overdressed, some with children, some with significant others. What did they do for a living? Were they kept women whose companions were millionaires? What did the husbands do? We were dying to ask.

The best buy in the store was a little strappy number in hot pink with what looked like Swarovski crystals on each strap (for the price they could have been diamonds). The heel was so high it would bring a little four footer up to my height. Now hold on to your seats – these were priced at \$3995. We bought our first car for less. Lenore and I decided to buy the pair and split the cost. I now have mine in a display case for all to see. Over the years, I am hoping it will increase in value as a good painting does. We can leave the profits to the grandchildren. At this rate, they are going to need every penny we can give them.



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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

Who doesn't like a mystery? We usually identify with the detectives – in this case a succession of earth scientists like myself – who as more and more evidence is discovered, eventually solve the mystery. One of Earth's mysteries, that despite a multitude of clues, has defied all explanations until recently, is what caused Earth's Ice Age from between 700,000 to 10,000 years ago? Let's take a look at the clues and see what we come up with.

During this Pleistocene Ice Age, continental ice sheets ground south over North America five times and over Europe seven times. Scoured and grooved continental bedrock records their passing, and deposited lobate moraines of unsorted sediment (glacial till) show us where and when the ice sheets stopped to melt back. They left huge rounded boulders, many of which had been dragged 100's of miles, often coming to rest on bedrock of different rock composition. In their path, the ice sheets crushed fossil bone beds that contained remains of woolly mammoth, rhinoceros and other ice-age mammals. They mowed down subpolar and temperate forests and caused creatures large and small to flee south to warmer regions.

These periods of ice advance corresponded to intervals of cold climate (glacials) and were separated by times of ice retreat (interglacials) when the climate was warmer. During glacials, when ocean water is converted to glacial ice, sea level falls. Twenty-three thousand years ago, during the last glacial, sea level was 350 feet lower than sea level today. Florida then was, therefore, much larger than now. Saber-tooth tigers and packs of dire wolves preyed on vast Serengeti-style herds of horses, bison, llama-like camels, mammoths and mastodons.

During interglacials, the periods when glaciers melt, sea level rises. During the last interglacial, 127,000 years ago, sea level was 20 feet higher than it is today. In south Florida, barrier reef corals that are now fossilized as the Florida Keys, flourished in Bahamas-like tropical seas.

The oscillation between the Pleistocene Ice Ages' cold and warm climate intervals can also be seen in 60-foot long tubes of sediment retrieved from the sea floor by research ship-borne piston corers. In the Pacific Ocean, during warm climate intervals opaline silica shells of one-celled organisms (radiolarians)

slowly settle at rates of millimeters/year onto the sea floor to form layers of siliceous ooze. In the retrieved cored sediment tubes, this ooze alternates with layers of brown mud that were deposited during cold climate intervals.

In a parallel process in the Atlantic, calcite shells of one-celled organisms (forams) slowly settle to the sea floor to form layers of calcareous ooze. Many of these forams have temperature dependent latitudinal distributions. Other forams coil their shells to the left when surface waters are cold and to the right when they are warm.

Cores taken from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans both document an alternation between warm and cold climate intervals downwards in the core. These layers have been radiometrically dated by methods that are similar to radiocarbon dating but go much farther back in time.

Unfortunately, it's almost impossible to match the deep-sea sediment record from one ocean to the other, or to match ocean floor and land-based Pleistocene chronologies. Deep-sea sediments tend to indicate both 22,000 and 41,000-year warm-cold cycles, whereas land-based-chronology suggests predominantly 100,000-year cycles. Observed multiple lines of evidence do not converge and the discrepancies have frustrated earth scientists for decades.

Help me help you to solve the mystery. Many clues abound, yet the detective is stumped! New clues are needed; other lines of evidence must be found and integrated. Amazingly, to solve the riddle, earth scientists had to visit the uplifted fossil coral reefs on the Caribbean island of Barbados, and revisit the mathematical calculations of a Serbian engineer.

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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Facilitator

In the past three years, we have looked for income investments in the range of 6% to over 16% and have very successfully found a spread of diversified securities. To date, these investments have been consistent payers, with some of them occasionally increasing their dividends and only a few reducing their payout a small amount.

Like most securities, these should not be considered as “Forever Securities” since changes in the economy, interest rates, changes in the fortunes of the individual security, etc. may affect their future performance. There is a group of securities, however, that may be candidates for the designation “Forever Securities” or arguably, more accurately, “Almost Forever Securities.” These are in essential industries or high demand industries, have long term track records, are well-financed – and pay dividends. On average, these dividends are lower than those referred to above, but they have been consistently paid and have been increasing over time. Several examples are:

- A drink company: Coca-Cola (KO) – Soft drinks, – founded in 1886 – flat from 1962 to 1985 – PX (price) 77.38 – Y(yield) 2.7% – PE (price/earnings ratio) 20 – EPS (earnings/share) 3.76 – Div (dividends/share) 2.04 – Pays Q (quarterly). Since 1995, Div. increased from 0.15 to 0.51 per Quarter, a 3½ times growth in income – five stock splits in 1977 to 1997 period – major growth began in 1985 to a high in 1998 of 87, a low of 40 in 2008 to 78 now.
- An electric utility: Southern company (SO) – Electric Utility – uses coal, nuclear, oil, gas and hydro resources. Founded in 1948. Paid dividends since 1996. Dividends increases 50% since 1996 for approximate growth of 3%/yr. PX 45.44 Y 4.3% PE 18 EPS 2.47 Div 1.96 Pay Q.
- A pipeline company: Enterprise Products Partners (EPD) – Provides mid-stream energy services to producers and consumers of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined products and petrochemicals, storage, etc. Founded 1968. Price 52.50, Y 4.9%, PE 22, EPS 2.38, D2.51 – Dividends increased threefold since October 1998 from 0.225 to 0.628 per quarter – one split in 2002 – growth over 5:1.

Are there other candidates for this label of “Forever Stocks”? Of course there are. They characteristically

have large capitalization, slow and steady growth, low yields and excellent staying power over the long term. Some additional companies include: Pepsi-Cola (PEP) Y3.2% – with a 40th annual dividend increase and 22 product brands that each generate more than \$1 billion in annual retail sales – Proctor & Gamble (PG) Y3.5% – paying increasing dividends since 1996, six stock split since 1976 and providing world class products – A railroad with 21000 miles of track east of the Mississippi CSX (CSX) Y22% – paying dividends since 1922.

Does this mean you should consider buying “Forever Stocks?” That depends on your “time frame” and/or your preference for long-term capital gains with modest income rather than higher current income. They are presented for comparison purposes with less tenured but higher income securities. You remember them. The 6% to 16% we have discussed in the past – and remember too – none of the above should be considered recommendations. Whatever you do, discuss your ideas with your financial advisor as to suitability, etc.

There was an interesting “eye-opening” cover story in Barron’s May 14, 2012 issue – (Tempur-Pedic is one of the companies mentioned) – stating “Sales of memory-foam mattresses have skyrocketed to almost 20% of the mattress market. They induce a blissful snooze but make sex a challenge.” To quote: “The complaint is lack of ‘traction’ if you get the drift; it’s like trying to do it in quicksand.” It is a thought-provoking issue.

Enjoy the summer. We will resume the meetings in September.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Ugly tie? Old Spice aftershave? Popsicle stick picture frame embellished with macaroni shells? It must be Father's Day! Enjoy a few laughs and tears at these reminiscences.

A TALE OF DESSERT

By Ellin Goldstein

In 1972, my family moved to Miami. At that time, my father lived on Ocean Drive on Miami Beach in a horrible studio apartment. Without my knowledge, my then-husband Jerry invited him to come live with us in our new home in Kendale Lakes. My dad said, "No" (he didn't want to impose). Jerry convinced him that he'd be helping me if I wanted to go out and Jerry didn't get home on time. Dad moved in!

He took a job near the airport and came home by 6 whenever I needed him to babysit. I was able to go to ORT meetings, make some friends, and play Mah Jongg. Every time he came home, he brought dessert with him for the girls. He passed away two years later, after a massive stroke. My kids were three and five.

Recently, after her own father passed away, Ronni, the older one, said she hoped her five-year would remember her grandfather. I asked her what she remembered about my Dad. She said it was so weird that whenever she thought of him, she thought of ice cream. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. The dessert my father brought every time was an ice cream parfait from Carvel. At least she remembers something positive about my wonderful father.

I REMEMBER 'DOC'

By Marvin Sorkin

My father owned a neighborhood full service pharmacy in an era when every other corner had a pharmacy. He was called Doc by everyone in the community and children playing in the streets knew they could come to Doc for a fast band-aid and Mercurochrome fix, splinters removed from their finger or even a butter-fly bandage in place of stitches. He never had charge accounts per se, but did have a small notebook where credit was written down. Most patrons were too ashamed to ask for credit, but would talk to Doc in the back room about how they just needed the medicine and would pay on payday – usually at the end of the week. My father would never deny people their medications. The

average charge in those days was two to three dollars, but that was enough to throw a wage earner's budget off. Not much left for food for the family!

No one ever reneged on their debt. It was years later when I had my own store in an affluent area that I saw customers "stiff" me for bills much larger than three dollars.

He had a counter where you could get a tuna sandwich for lunch, cherry coke or a full frappe or ice-cream soda. I worked for my father for a few summers as the local "soda jerk." Unfortunately I ate all the profits because when I made an ice cream dish for the customer I also made one for me.

Local independent pharmacies are trying to get back the neighborhood pharmacy atmosphere with personal service. If you are on an insurance plan, give them a try. The warm atmosphere will remind you of days long ago.

MEMORIES OF MY FATHER

By Joan Sorkin

My parents were younger than most of my friends' parents and were first generation American born. My father was an avid reader – from headline stories to the entertainment pages. He always seemed to know the latest singer, song, and movie that the teenagers were talking about. He would amaze my friends by asking about Eddie Fisher – the Justin Bieber of my day – his girlfriend Debbie Reynolds, Bill Haley and the Comets, etc. They adored him and thought he was the "hippest" old man they knew. He was all of forty years old at the time.

He would wear anything I would buy him. When Bermuda shorts were introduced, my father was one of the first in the neighborhood to wear shorts, complete with high knee socks. When button down shirts were in, so was my father. I loved to dress him and he went along with any fad. He had a great sense of humor and was known for his joke-telling. How did he remember them all? Marvin still repeats some of his jokes and they are still funny. I know he is doing stand-up some place for a new audience.

MY DAD

By Gloria Steingart

As a child, growing up, my father was my rock. Since he worked six days a week, Sunday was the only free time for him to spend with my sisters and

me. As many of you know, I am a walker. My father instilled the love for walking in me. When we went out, I would ask, "Daddy, where are we going?" and he would say, "Wherever our feet will take us." Hopefully, I instilled that love in my grandson Scott. We named our walks, "Bubbe Walks."

On Tuesday night, my father would take us to Coney Island to see the fireworks. While we watched the spectacular show, he would go night-swimming as he would call it. He was a practical joker. He would ask an unsuspecting person if they would teach him how to swim. After a few minutes, when a wave would come in, he would dive into it, really shocking the person giving him a lesson.

I lost my dad in 1999; he was 97.

MY DAD

By Sally Galan

My dad was brought up in an orphanage with the future "Professor" Irwin Corey. Dad graduated from Cooper Union College in 1934, where he majored in engineering and math. He was nicknamed "Morris Euclid" by Irwin Corey, who used him as the subject of many of his erudite jokes. Dad became a licensed engineer and also taught college math. While he missed having a family life, he always said that had he not been brought up in an orphanage he would never have been able to go to college. Writing poetry was his hobby and in his later years he volunteered in the math department at Queens College. He was married to my mother for 74 years. All who knew him miss him.

TRIPS TO THE LIBRARY

By Jim Wachtel

Memories of my father and memories of libraries are closely intertwined. Most of my childhood library visits were to the Parkchester branch in the Bronx, but my grandmother's house was only a few blocks from the large, beautiful New Rochelle library. On one of our visits, my father took me to the library and taught me how to use the card search system. I still remember the cards, stiff and cream colored with metal identification plates. I resisted using computer searches for many years after this "improvement" was available.

In 1949, my father had a serious heart attack and was confined to our apartment in the Bronx for many months. At that time, little was known about treating heart attacks beyond avoiding cholesterol and physi-

cal exertion. Fortunately Dad loved to read and he searched the newspapers and the Saturday Review of Literature for the outstanding books of the year. Dad's job was to select and read the books and my job was to promptly reserve the books and then bring them home. In those days librarians would glue a circulation record sheet into the flyleaf of each book and then stamp the sheets with the due date. You could tell if you were the first reader of a particular book. With Dad's speed in selecting books and my speed in picking them up, he was usually the first or second reader of the brand new books. I was proud that he was keeping up with the latest and best books.

REMEMBERING SANTA CLAUS

By Marge Chappell

My father played Santa Claus in our community of Pocantico Hills for several years. He would dress up in the Santa outfit (he didn't need any extra padding in the suit) and the fire truck came to the house to pick him up. All kids that lined up for a special gift first had to sit on his lap and tell him if they had been good and what they wanted. Then the fire truck took him home. Each year he would say "No more," but each year he went back – he had a lot of fun doing it.

GRANDPA WAS A TAILOR

By Betty Wachtel

With one distinctive exception, my dad never had what would today be called casual clothes. Like many men at the time, when he wasn't working, he wore business trousers no longer good enough to be worn to work.

Grandpa was a tailor and he often made clothes to order. Once, when he ordered a fine brown pinstripe for a customer, the fabric that arrived was pinstripe all right – but it was not brown. The fabric was not returnable and the customer most certainly didn't want his new suit in the color that had come in. It wasn't a time for wasting anything, so Grandpa made my dad a pair of "casual" trousers, clothing that was clearly not for work. They were a bit unusual – a fine deep turquoise pinstripe!



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TELL ME A STORY

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Don't you just love a good book? (And no, I'm not talking about "Fifty Shades of Grey," the "Lady Chatterley's Lover" of 2012, I guess). I do love a good book, as I was saying, and so I was saddened to hear about the recent death of one of my favorite authors. No, it wasn't one of the blockbuster writers, but Maurice Sendak, author and illustrator of dozens of prize-winning children's books. Yes, children's books. If you are a reader, you will know that good children's literature transcends age, and Maurice Sendak's books, and other enduring children's books can be read as well by adults as by children. If you don't know Maurice Sendak, his most famous books, "Where the Wild Things Are" and "In the Night Kitchen" shook up children's literature that was too often so sugarcoated and Disneyesque that it became unreadable. Sendak's books with their outlandish and scary art and nightmarish qualities understood that children, like adults, had terrors, anger issues and fears. His illustration of a nude little boy, anatomically correct (!) in the book, "In the Night Kitchen," raised so much outrage that it was often banned in schools and libraries. I remember my own children being entranced by the story and pictures and observing the naked little boy with only mild interest. It's the grown-ups with all of the hang-ups.

Recently, my adult children happened to be buying books for little children and I was amazed by how vividly they recalled their favorite childhood books. One son could still recite the verses of "Chicken Soup With Rice," a story he demanded so frequently as a three-year old that he knew it by heart — and I did, too! When he packed up for college, he still had a Dr. Seuss book on his shelf. My daughter recalled her favorite story about Riki Tiki Tembo, an Indian boy with a long, long name that she could still sing, as we used to do when we told the story. And my oldest son, while reading to his own children, would always tear up when reading "Love You Forever," a story that shows the power of love across generations with the sentiment:

"I'll love you forever.
I'll like you for always
As long as I'm living
My baby you'll be"

"Love You Forever," Munsch, McGraw

The story followed a loving mother through her child's life, cherishing him through good and bad as he grew older until in the last scene, the grown up child sneaks into his elderly mother's hospital room to cuddle her and sing that song to her.

When I read this book to nursery school classes, the children would sit entranced until I got to those lines, repeated in every section, and recited them in unison with me. What a reassuring message about love.

Lots of children's literature, though, from the tales of Alice in Wonderland to the newly famous Harry Potter are filled with frightening situations and unhappiness. "Bambi" and "Black Beauty," "The Yearling" and even Laura Ingalls Wilders' Little House series show the ups and downs of life. If anything, the classic fairy tales and stories of childhood are many times darker than some of the things that adults now dismiss as unsuitable for kids.

Look at "Hansel and Gretel." Here's a tale filled with child abuse by dysfunctional parents, a psychotic woman (serial killer?) who lurks in the woods and eats children, and two children who commit murder (in self-defense). And how much sexual innuendo and terror lurks behind the story of Red Riding Hood stalked by a wolf. You could write a mock trial about Goldilocks' adventures that included breaking and entering, destruction of private property and petty theft. And Hans Christian Anderson could write charming fairy tales and social commentary ("The Emperor's New Clothes") as well as a dark story like the "Little Match Girl," freezing outside in the cold.

That is why the great children's stories endure. You cannot really fool children with the fluff and lightness of much of what is sold for youngsters nowadays, or even the "G" rated children's films. Even the youngest child recognizes that life is more complex than bunny stories and singing animals may imply. So read the old classics and the new classics to your grandchildren and see how much they still resonate. Or just re-read them silently and enjoy them yourself.



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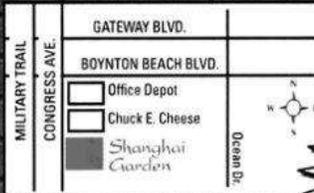
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TRENDY QUINOA

By Thelma Mechanic

If you are a “foodie,” you most likely are aware of quinoa (pronounced “keenwa”), the latest in nutritional health fads. If not, let me share my findings with you.

Quinoa is a gluten-free staple, 90% organic and is considered one of the healthiest foods on the planet! Quinoa has all eight amino acids, is a source of dietary fiber, B vitamins, and iron. No other food has all these qualities.

It’s amazing that quinoa has been cultivated in the Andes, particularly Bolivia, since 3000 B.C! It is the only place in the world that it is grown at 1300 feet above sea level. It wasn’t until the 1990’s that quinoa took off. That’s because at that time NASA research recommended it for nutrition as part of a space colony diet. Health addicts latched on to the information and quinoa became popular. One half of the global supply is produced by Bolivia, followed by Peru and Ecuador. The super-food is their fastest growing export.

Before the values of quinoa were uncovered, it was considered “comida para indios” or food for Indians. Today one of the largest growers calls it “food for the world’s richest.” There are many cookbooks abounding with recipes for salads, soups and entrees from famous chefs.

Quinoa is now readily available in Publix, at The Boys, B.J’s, and other large grocers, as well as on line. More expensive than rice, it usually sells for over \$3.00 to \$4.00 in 12 ounce boxes (about the same price as boxes of kasha), although it may be less in larger quantities.

So here’s to good nutrition – and mangia, mangia!



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Playing Tennis With The Net Down*

By Stanley Kaish

Call me old fashioned, but back in my time,
 It wasn't a poem unless it had rhyme.
 It didn't matter what story was told,
 The glory of youth or the pain of the old,
 It could be about Lincoln or General Ike,
 No matter. Just so the words sound alike.

Nowadays it seems that anything goes.
 Can't tell the difference 'tween poems and prose.
 Art for art's sake in one run-on sentence,
 No punctuation, Oh did I mention
 That if it's hard to understand, really dense,
 The praise that it garners is likely immense.
 The more vague the manner, the thicker the haze,
 The higher the banner the critics will raise.

For the record, I'm being perfectly frank,
 In my lack of respect for verse that is blank.
 Poets ought to search for just the right word,
 That gives precise meaning and yet can be heard
 To delight the mind as it anticipates
 The rhyming couplet the poet creates.
 Alas when there is none, I just scratch my head,
 And read drearily on, caring not where I'm led.

Please give us a break, you celebrated poets.
 You're wise and profound. No need to show it.
 Something simple and catchy is what we crave,
 Like “land of the free and home of the brave.”
 Such a line it seems has stood the test of time.
 We know what it means, and it’s easy to rhyme.

* *Writing free verse is like playing tennis with the net down.* Robert Frost

YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Reggie Zee and Lee Katz

The next fun filled meeting of the Yiddish Cultural Club (YCC) will be on Sunday evening, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the back lobby for this event so we can plan for refreshments.

Come enjoy our comedian, jokes, and lots of cake, ice cream, coffee and camaraderie. All are welcome! You do not have to speak Yiddish to attend and enjoy! The cost is \$2.00 for non-members and no charge for members.

For further information about the YCC, please call Reggie (738-0116) or Lee (733-6702).

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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



Installation was held Monday May 21. A large turnout of Hadassah members enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by Ben's Deli and an innovative installation ceremony conducted by

Judy Price.

The following are the new officers for next year:

Presidium: Phyllis Cohen, Fran Ost, Judy Radin.
 Treasurer: Janice Davidson
 Membership V.P.: Helen Aldoroty
 Records Administrator: Evelyn Harris
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Hadassah activities will continue throughout the summer. Our highlight will be the upcoming **Summer Sizzler Card and Game Party** scheduled for Monday, July 16. Make sure you get your checks in before June 29 because that is when the event will be opened to non-Hadassah members. Last year's event was sold out and some people were disappointed that they could not attend. Get your game tables set up and watch channel 63 for the announcement to submit your checks and table arrangements. Many thanks to Sherry Everitt, Carole Burstein and Arlene Koch for organizing everything.

Lee Katz will continue to sell Bricks for the Tower in Israel. They cost \$18 and give 100% donor. These can be bought for any reason or celebration. We're up to five full pages!!

We now have 343 life members and welcome more!

Hadassah and Cancer are planning a joint fashion show November 15 here in the clubhouse; it should be great! The last one was very successful!

The cookbook is going to press very soon. Please volunteer to help with proofreading. Sheila Goldstein and Sheila Traum expect to have the books ready before the holidays.

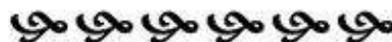
Lee is hoping everyone will be participating in the Book of Remembrance. It's only \$5 a name. She needs money and names as soon as possible to give to the publisher.

Evelyn Harris is in charge of Holiday Greetings. A check for \$10.00 will list your greetings for Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover in the Hadassah newsletter.

Speaking of Holiday Greetings, something new is on the agenda. You have the opportunity to wish friends and family a sweet new year by sending them a gift of honey for the holidays. There is a flyer in the back lobby explaining how to order the honey. For \$13.00 your gift of honey will be packed and shipped in time for the holidays.

Remember to buy your scrip for the holidays. Call Rita Marderstein or Betty Wachtel for Glick or Boys Scrip. Call Sandy Froelich for scrip for the Kosher Marketplace.

Save the Date: January 13-20 for the Hadassah/Cancer joint cruise on the *Allure of the Seas*. There are informational flyers are in the back lobby and you may make reservations now.



VOTING (Continued from page 9)

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

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

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SOCIAL CLUB

By Marge Chappell

On April 17 John and Tina DiMare (former neighbors) entertained us in our clubhouse. They had a terrific selection of songs that were popular in our time. We had a great attendance at this meeting – and John and Tina were thrilled that so many people came out to see them.

April 28 featured Actors With A Clue, presenting “Mangia Mangia Murder.” The actors dropped a few tidbits of “dirt” about some of the audience, i.e. who had a collection of paper napkins, who walked around the community at the crack of dawn, who was showing porn movies in the clubhouse. Then the audience helped solve the mystery of who killed the Don. It was a fun time, and the Viennese table was a big hit.

On May 5 we showed our first movie in Blue-ray (The Ides of March). There was definitely a noticeable improvement in the quality and color of the picture and everyone seemed pleased.

If you haven't had a chance to drop off items in the back lobby for our soldiers, there may still be time, but do it right away. Memorial Day is a good reminder of what our armed forces have done and still do for our freedom.

Our next general meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Watch Channel 63 for details later this summer.

Save the Date: New Year's Eve party, December 31 at \$50 per person. Entertainment will be Lawrence of Florida, who was here last year, and everybody thought they were great. Watch for more information to come.

Have a **WONDERFUL** and **SAFE** summer!



It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do. Walter Winchell

What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance. - Jane Austen.

MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

8 p.m. at the clubhouse

With Blue-ray capability, our movie, are clearer than ever and fill the screen.

SAT., JUNE 2: THE FIGHTER After a string of defeats, Mickey Ward rediscovers his fighting will with help from trainer and half-brother Dicky (Oscar winner Christian Bale), a once-talented pugilist and small-town hero now battling drug addiction.

SAT., JUNE 16: THE DEBT Rachel Singer (Helen Mirren) is a former Mossad intelligence agent forced to relive her 1965 pursuit of a notorious Nazi war criminal when the bold and dangerous fugitive is thought to have reemerged 30 years later in the Ukraine. Director John Madden's redo of Assaf Bernstein's 2007 Israeli suspense piece also features Jessica Chastain as the young Rachel Singer, along with Sam Worthington, Tom Wilkinson and Ciarán Hinds.

SAT., JULY 14: THE DESCENDANTS When a tragic boating accident leaves his wife on life support, an affluent land baron attempts to mend his relationship with his estranged daughters. But he's also trying to decide whether to let go of some valuable family real estate.

SAT., JULY 28: WIN WIN When down-on-his-luck part-time high school wrestling coach Mike agrees to become legal guardian to an elderly man, his ward's troubled grandson turns out to be a star grappler, sparking dreams of a big win -- until the boy's mother retrieves him. (We'll be serving a special dessert after this film.)

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.



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M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Marilyn Chermak and Claire Deveney



This May the Pap Corps reported that over the past 12 months it raised and donated more than \$3.2 million for research to the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami. Of that total the M.I. Pap Corps raised over \$28,000. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and continuing support. Now in its 60th year, the Pap Corps has donated a total of \$43 million for research to the Sylvester Cancer Center.

The M.I. Pap Corps celebrated Pap Corps' 60th birthday at its Delectable Desserts meeting on May 24 at the clubhouse.

New members are welcome anytime. Annual membership is \$35 for the year which runs from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Renew your annual membership by placing your checks in the Pap Corps mail box in the back lobby. For this coming year only, every man who upgrades to Life Membership or joins as a Life Member will pay only \$160, saving \$140 – a true bargain, and a good cause.

“Football mania” has started for the fall season. Tickets are \$20. There will be a winner every week and each will receive \$25. Contact Ed Gerard, Ed Strauber or Paul Mendelsohn for tickets.

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

Future Dates of M.I. Cancer Research Activities:
August 4, Saturday at 6 p.m. - Summer Fun with a light supper and a well-known folk singer, Ellen Bukstel. Ticket price TBA. Watch for flyer in back lobby and notice on Channel 63.
Oct. 25, 3 to 5 p.m. - Reception with hors d'oeuvres.



A QUIZ FOR BRIGHT PEOPLE

There are only nine questions. These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers. Don't look now, but the answers are on page 33.



1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous American landmark is constantly moving backwards?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year.
What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way.
How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words.
Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar.
Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'



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Doris Davidoff



We noted in the February newsletter how great the weather was for our January trip to the Everglades. The weather for our most recent trip to St. Augustine, if anything,

even surpassed that. We could not have ordered better weather. There was no rain and the temperature was perfect for sightseeing.

Our three-night trip to St. Augustine became an experiment that worked well. We originally planned it as a motor coach trip, but didn't have enough people to cover the cost of a bus. Since those who had booked the trip didn't want us to cancel it, we decided to get there by private cars. We were fortunate to have four people willing to drive, so with three to four people in each car, 14 of us set off.

There is more complexity to using cars for a group, especially in terms of parking and dropping people off right at the attractions, but we made it work. Everyone on the trip had a wonderful time.

Our next planned trip is our exciting 15-night Italian Mediterranean cruise from August 24-September 8, 2012. We'll spend one night flying to London and 14 nights on Royal Caribbean's *Independence of the Seas*, departing from Southampton on August 25 and visiting eight exciting European ports before returning home. Although it's now time for the final payment, we might still be able to add people to our group, so, if you are interested and not already booked, you have to let us know as soon as possible.

The price includes transportation to the airport, flights to and from London, the cruise, two cocktail parties, \$100 shipboard credit, taxes, and gratuities. People can join us in London, so snowbirds are welcome, as are friends or relatives from other cities.

The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives, even if they don't live here. There is no membership fee. Visit our website at www.majesticisles.com/travelclub.htm to see what trips are available along with pictures from past trips.

PUZZLE CLUES

Across

1. Sport that has Hall of Fame in St. Petersburg
4. U.S. city that has the most lightning strikes per capita
7. State flower
8. Miami pharmacist who invented "suntan cream"
11. River that is major source of water for Lake Okeechobee
15. The senior senator
16. State bird
23. Seminole Indian leader
25. Founder of the Florida East Coast Railway
26. Known as the Venice of America
28. City whose name means "fat point" in Spanish
29. Deepest natural spring in the world
30. The Golf Capital of the World
31. One of the two Miami Dolphins' colors
35. Global winter strawberry capital
37. State saltwater mammal
38. The name of two rivers with the same name
40. The Shark Capital of the World
41. Number of counties in Florida
42. Florida senator depicted on a postage stamp
43. State marine mammal
44. State freshwater fish

Down

2. Springs that have one of the only two natural round lakes in the world
3. Landed in 1513
5. The junior senator
6. Florida's first senator
9. Inventor who had a winter home in Fort Myers
10. Florida was the ___ state
12. Florida is the ___ most southern state
13. State gem
14. Florida has two ___ zones
17. The Sports Fishing Capital of the World
18. The Dive Capital of the World
19. The City of Five Flags
20. State wildflower
21. One of the few rivers that flows south to north
22. City that has the highest average temperature in the U.S.
24. State animal
27. The Sponge Capital of the World
32. Smallest county
33. State tree
34. City whose borders include two national parks
36. Anthem: "Where the _____ Meets the Sky"
39. Island that served under 8 flags

SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

A large group of us went to the Parent's Day Brunch presented by the Men's and Women's Clubs. The food was delicious, the service was great and the entertainment was fantastic. We all enjoyed it.

As this is being written, we're anticipating our return to Harid's on May 26 for their final ballet performance of the year. As always, everyone is looking forward to the wonderful Harid students, the ballet and, of course, the dinner to follow.

On August 5 we will be going to see "Divorce Party, the Musical." It's not too late to order a ticket from Marge (742-7719). It should be great fun.

A cruise for New Year's Eve is in the planning stages. More details will follow. Speak to Doris Robin or Roberta Rabinowitz if you are interested.

MAJESTIC BOWLING LEAGUE

By Dave Feinberg



I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Bowling still goes on at the Green Acres Bowling Alley. The Majestics bowl there every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. and everyone is welcome.

Sign up sheets for the 2012 – 2013 season are now posted on the back lobby bulletin board. Please put only one name per line.

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

So, we had our Men's and Women's Club Parent's Day Brunch and quite a brunch it was. It was a wonderful time for the 132 members and guests who, by the way, left the brunch a little heavier than when they arrived.

The summer will be quiet for us as there is nothing planned except for casino trips. We will keep you informed about those on channel 63.

Majestic Isles Little Theater, May 20, 2012

By Selma Friedman

Thank you, Seena Calder, for a truly delightful evening that featured adaptations of Edgar Allan Poe's short stories, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" and "The Angel of the Odd" and the poem "Annabel Lee." This last was a real treat because Ed Strauber played music from "Perfect Ocean Waves," which was a perfect background for the poignant poem. It was obvious that the 10 cast members had been well rehearsed, as they read with expression and, in some cases, with foreign accents.

Our readers were Enid Bayer, Edd Bloom, Marilyn Chermak, Doris Davidoff, Lynn Fischer, Joan Peckins, Doris Silverman, Al Silverman, Estelle Snyder and Renee Stichel. Thank you! And thank you to Doris Davidoff for the visuals. The director, Seena, was assisted by Ed Strauber and Barbara Portnoff. Ed Strauber was the sound engineer and Marty Baron served as the stage crew.

Our delicious desserts featured something new that several people commented on - Pizzeles. Well done Marty. Also well done to Nancy Levitan and her Hospitality Committee. See you on October 14th!

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WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, president

Wow!! Our top of the line "Parent's Day" celebration at Stonebridge Country Club on May 6 was sponsored and subsidized by the Men's and Women's clubs and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Our canasta tournament was lots of fun and included delicious goodies and prizes:

1st place: Gladys Feldman & Rita Keller

2nd place: Doris Levin & Lynn Sherman

3rd place: Rita Dick & Blanch Ingber

4th place: Myrna Bader & Marley Fruitman

Our next meeting is June 11 at the clubhouse with a speaker from the Sheriff's Department making us aware of new and old scams that are happening every day. Many are aimed at seniors. We would love to see you there. We will have coffee and...

Canasta lessons have begun with our teachers, Selma Wattenberg and Elaine Grossman. Barbara Roland and Marilyn Sumberg will give Mah Jongg lessons. If you signed up, you will be notified of time and date. Thanks to our teachers, volunteers all.

A reminder that June 15 is the deadline to sign up (sheet in back lobby) for the Sept. 26 "Friendship Supper." We need to know how many residents, family and friends plan to attend.

We are in the process of forming a nominating committee for the 2013-2014 slate of officers. The committee will consist of two board members and three members from the general membership. The board members on the committee are Gladys Cohen, chairperson, and Sandy Kastner. If you would like to serve on the board contact Gladys Cohen at 742-9695. We are always on the lookout for new faces and new ideas.

We will not meet in July and August. Our next meeting will be September 10. We are considering an in-house program, day trip or something else of interest. If you've got any ideas, let me know.

We wish you all a good summer. We hope to see you on June 11 at the clubhouse. We're still accepting dues of \$10 for 2012.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ: FOR BRIGHT PEOPLE (Page 29)

- 1... The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.
2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls .
(The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)
3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: Strawberry.
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Three English words beginning with dw: Dwarf, dwell and dwindle...
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: Lettuce.
9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June 1 – July 28, 2012

June

2	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p,h)
3	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p,h)
		7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Cultural Club	Party (f,h)
4	Mon	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop (f,h)
7	Thurs	10:00 a.m.	Citizens Observer Patrol	Meeting (f,h)
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f,h)
8	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f,h)
10	Sun	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop (f,h)
11	Mon	1:00 p.m.	Women's Club	Meeting (f,h)
16	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p,h)
24	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f,h)

July

1	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p,h)
		7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club	Party (f,h)
5	Thurs	10:00 a.m.	Citizens Observer Patrol	Meeting (f,h)
7	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime (f,h)
13	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f,h)
14	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p,h)
16	Mon	11:00 a.m.	Hadassah	Summer Sizzler (p,h)
22	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f,h)
25	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino (p,a)
28	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Night (p,h)

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

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