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MANAGER'S CORNER**A FEW REMINDERS****Pool Closing**

As many of you are already aware, the pool will be closed for renovations over the next 8-10 weeks. We are looking forward to having a beautiful new pool by the first week of July (weather permitting). We understand that there is never a good time to close the pool in South Florida. The board made this decision with a few things in mind. The pool has a few current issues and it doesn't make financial sense to repair something that we are going to be fully renovating in the near future. If we were to close the pool down in October, as some people suggested, we would run into the holidays and "busy family visiting season." July and August were not an option for the pool company as it is just too hot. Therefore the Board, with direction from MAKO, decided that there is no better time than now and said, "Let's get started." All homeowners are asked to remain off of the pool patio completely. This is for your own safety.

Some Rules and Regulations of Majestic Isles

Dogs must be on a leash at all times and curbed at all times, and may not be on your neighbors' yards or near the lakes.

Pet waste must be picked up and disposed of **at home** and not in a public receptacle or your neighbors.

Overnight street parking is not permitted.

Do not park in front of mailboxes or directly opposite a driveway.

When parking in the street, please park facing in the direction of traffic. Please note that homeowners are responsible for vehicles belonging to their guests. (In this context, "guests" includes employees.)

Please observe the Majestic Isles 19 miles per hour speed limit and all stop signs.

Walkers are reminded to use the sidewalk for their own safety.

Tuesday and Friday are trash pickup days. Recycling bins go out only on Tuesday and bulky items, such as furniture and rug, go out only on Fridays.

All trash must be in a covered receptacle and may not to be placed outside prior to 5 p.m the day before pickup. Plastic bags are not permitted on the ground, but must be in closed containers. This prevents animals from tearing open the bags and strewing the contents around.

LoriAnn Perrone, LCAM

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Crime Prevention Tip of the Month for May 2016
Residential Burglary Prevention

- "LIGHTS, LOCKS, AND LANDSCAPING" are essential to preventing or deterring crime.
- Give a trusted neighbor a spare key - DON'T hide it outside.
- Leave several lights on and a radio or TV playing to give the appearance someone is home.
- Don't leave tools or ladders out for burglars to use against you.
- Trim shrubs back from doors and windows. Don't give burglars places to hide.
- Lock all garage and shed doors. Hide the garage door opener from view in your car.
- Properly display and illuminate house numbers. This will aid law enforcement and other emergency vehicles in finding your home.
- Use deadbolt door locks on exterior doors and double-cylinder deadbolt locks if glass is within 3 ft. of the lock. Ensure locks are an American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Level 2.
- Secure all sliding glass doors by installing a good locking device. You can purchase this at a local hardware store or insert a metal rod or wooden dowel in the sliding door track.
- Lock all windows and doors when you leave your home.
- Add an inexpensive window slide stop for added security.
- Pin all outside door hinges to prevent removal of doors by criminals.
- If vacationing, have a trusted neighbor pick up newspapers, deliveries, and mail from your home
- Don't let burglars know you have expensive items (TV, electronics.). Cut up boxes.
- Install motion sensor lights in the front, side, driveway, and backyard areas of your home.
- Install peepholes with 160 degree views on doors.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuables (serial & model number). Make a photographic or video record. Mark your valuable items with your driver's license number.
- If you arrive home and find the door open or window broken, do not enter. CALL POLICE and wait at a safe location, such as a neighbor's home.
- Park a neighbor's car in your driveway if you are away from home for an extended period of time.
- Keep valuables in a hidden safe. Bolt the safe to the floor or wall.
- Install a video security recording camera system and test the system regularly.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Report suspicious activity by calling 911.

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B.O.D. SPECIAL MEETING May 6, 2016

- Motion to award Mako Pool Company the pool repair contract not to exceed \$90,000 and to start the project on May 16, 2016 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to immediately terminate the contract with Swaysland Engineering passed by unanimous vote.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Special Meeting, May 6, 2016

The paragraphs below are an unofficial summary of the April 21 meeting prepared by members of the newsletter staff.

“Pool Repair” was the sole item on the agenda for the May 6 meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD). Harvey Galan, BOD president, opened the meeting with a short review of the steps leading up to the meeting. He stated that some months ago the BOD hired an engineer to write specifications for the anticipated pool repair and update. The initial fee was \$5000, with the expectation that the engineer would then oversee the work for additional fees.

When the BOD recently sought bids for the specified work, three companies responded. When our Board representatives contacted other communities, Mako was highly recommended. The Mako bid of \$90,000 was the lowest of the three bids received. Part of that difference is attributed to the fact that Mako recommended a “wait and see” approach to replacement of the cast iron pump, which is in good condition. While it is possible that the pump is the source of the rust that accumulates around the pool drains, it may be that the rebar beneath the concrete are solely responsible. If, upon inspection, it appears that the rebar are the source of the rust, coating them to prevent rusting may solve the problem without the need for immediate pump replacement. The money for the complete job will be taken out of the reserve fund. Residents who wish to look over the details of the work to be done may request that information

from the Board. The work on the pool, which started on May 16, as had been announced at the May 6

meeting, is expected to take six to ten weeks, weather permitting. If it is not completed by the end of 10 weeks, there will be a \$100 per day penalty.

Members of the audience queried the reason for doing the work at this time, when many residents will have family members visiting. The Board noted that no matter when the work is done, some residents will be inconvenienced. In view of the fact that there are serious problems with the pool, it seemed advisable to start on the work before those problems worsen

In the discussion at the meeting to open the bid, the BOD got the impression that the engineer was unable to answer several questions. In addition, when he was asked if he would be on site to oversee the project, he said he would not. The Board decided not to continue working with him.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Jean Abramowitz | Fran Katz |
| Jerry Cowan | Lee Katz |
| Bunny Eisenberg | Mimi Pestreich |
| Audrey Hausman | Roberta Rabinowitz |
| Sue Horowitz | |

SYMPATHY

- To the family of Helen Benowich.
- To the family of Barbara Segaloff.

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

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS
By Elaine Jay

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

Frank & Frances DiCintio
Alan & Beth Levin
Simon & Barbara Van Asselt

Seven Fast Facts ON FLOOD CONTROL

Increase your knowledge about flood control

The simple truth is flood control does not equal flood proof living. These seven facts will help you become an informed partner with the District in providing quality flood control.

Fast Fact 1: The community or neighborhood drainage system is always operating. Storm water continually discharges from community systems until the designed water elevation is achieved.

Fast Fact 2: The community may not open its discharge control structure without authorization from the District. Doing so may put the community in jeopardy as canal water may back-flow into lake systems causing water levels to rise further.

Fast Fact 3: Authorization to open a discharge control structure is only issued under emergency conditions and when District canals are able to accept the additional increase of storm water.

Fast Fact 4: Severe flooding most often occurs in older communities without modern storm water systems, neighborhoods with poor maintenance practices and when rainfall exceeds the drainage system design.

Fast Fact 5: Community and neighborhood drainage systems discharge into District canals, which discharge excess storm water into the South Florida Water Management District system. Each entity must capture and hold storm water as well as coordinate discharges at appropriate times and rates.

Fast Fact 6: Rainfall volumes within the boundaries of District:

- 5 to 6 inches of rainfall in a 24 hour period; expect standing water in yards, swales and ditches but the crowns of community road should remain dry and passable.
- 7 to 9 inches of rainfall in a 72-hour period; expect community swales, roads, lawns and driveways to flood as designed but finished floors of homes should remain dry.
- 15 to 23 inches or more of rainfall in a 72-hour period; expect that some houses and businesses may experience finished floor flooding.

Fast Fact 7: Residents can help prevent flooding by ensuring road swales or inlets are not blocked with debris, plastic pags, vegetation, etc. Avoid

throwing debris into lakes or canals, which can block the flow of water. Never place anything within the District's rights-of-way restricting emergency response and regular canal maintenance operations.

For more information, contact the Lake Worth Drainage District at info@lwdd.net.

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What is an ARC?

Submitted by Mark Jaffie, ARC Chairperson

Architectural Review Committee: Architectural review is a vital part of maintaining the aesthetics and property values in many homeowner associations (HOAs). Many HOAs have architectural restrictions that protect home values, maintain a pleasing and uniform aesthetic, or prevent owners from allowing their homes to deteriorate. From a practical perspective, this process is often administered by an architectural review committee or “ARC” which is appointed by the HOA Board of Directors.

Where do they get the Authority?

The authority of an HOA board or architectural review committee to review plans prior to construction or any change of - but not limited to - the appearance, elevation, color of your home can typically be found in your HOA’s CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) and bylaws.

What do I have to fill out an application for?

All improvements to the exterior of your home, including but not limited to landscaping, plantings, lighting, skylights, driveway painting, sandblasting, and screen rooms. You can find the application in the back lobby of the clubhouse or contact the management office to have one emailed to you. We will also soon have the ability to access forms online.

As the ARC Chairman, I am always willing to answer any questions you may have, or you may also contact the Management Office and speak to LoriAnn or Pedro.

The information above is adapted from an article on <https://vf-law.com/articles/architectural-review/>.

** The Declaration of CC&Rs is the legal document that lays out the guidelines for the planned community. The CC&Rs are recorded in the county records in the county where the property is located and are legally binding. This means that when you purchase a lot or a home in a planned community, for example, you automatically become a member of the HOA.*

Basically, the CC&Rs are the rules of your neighborhood. They govern what you can, cannot, or must do with respect to your home. For example, the CC&Rs may require you to keep your garage door closed or prohibit certain types of landscaping.

2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

Submitted by Claire Deveney



Two Major Elections:

Tues., Aug. 30, 2016 – Regular Primary

Registration deadline is Aug. 1, 2016.

Tues., Nov. 8, 2016 – General Election

Registration deadline is Oct. 11, 2016.

Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fourteen days of early voting will be allocated for both the primary and the general election.

For information on your registration, contact Susan Bucher, PBC supervisor of elections, 240 Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33425, tel. 561-656-6200, or online at pbcelections.org. The office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. To request an absentee ballot call 561-656-6200, press 2 for the absentee ballot department and provide your name, address and date of birth, or request your ballot online at the website absentee@pbcelections.org. There is also a PBC Election office at 345 South Congress Avenue, Room 103, Delray Beach, FL 33445 tel. 561-276-1226.

In the Primary Election on Aug. 30, you may vote only for candidates in the party in which you are registered. The Primary will select candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative and State Senate (district number to be determined), and State House of Representatives, in addition to State Attorney and Public Defender, 15th Judicial Court judges. This election will also determine Palm Beach County candidate positions for Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Constitutional Officers and County Commissioner for District 5, our district.

Absentee ballots will be mailed four to five weeks before each election. If you want your absentee ballot sent to an address other than your voter registration address, you need to complete a paper application, sign it and mail or deliver it to the Supervisor of Elections. The applications are available on the website pbcelections.org or click on the icon Vote By Mail or visit one of the PBC election offices.

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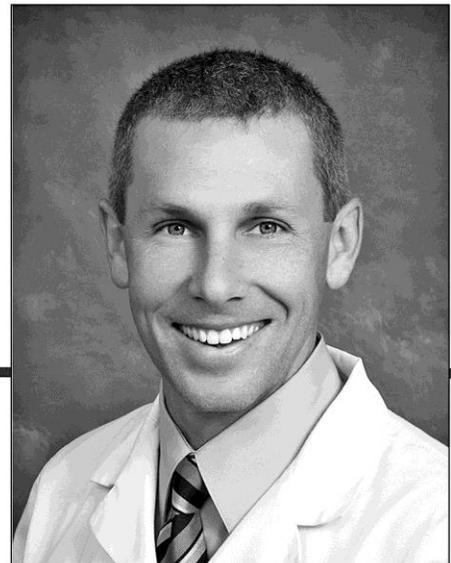


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REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Stephen Karten

According to the Fitch Group, a well-respected global financial information and ratings service, there should be steady growth in the real estate market for the balance of this year. Robert Curran, their managing director and lead homebuilding analyst, predicts that low oil prices and generally healthy employment growth, plus demand, should help support the housing upturn. The projection is that both new and existing home sales should increase about 11.5 percent, and 4 percent respectively.

Recent release of figures by local real estate boards showed that sales in both Palm Beach and Broward counties have increased for the first quarter of 2016. However, sales have slowed slightly in the second quarter of the year, primarily due to sellers starting to become over confident and pricing their homes at a bit more than what the market would dictate. However, the market should adjust and growth is expected to continue.

Now, closer to home, in Majestic Isles, there are currently 11 homes for sale, 9 of which are villas. These range from a low of \$229,000, to a high of \$279,000 for the villas, with a mean asking price of \$248,900. The two free-standing homes are on the market for \$310,000, and \$325,000.

Villas here that have already contracted for sale, range from \$220,000 to \$299,000, with a mean price of \$267,700.

Seven villas closed in the last six months, and ranged in price from \$215,000 to \$247,500, with a mean selling price of \$243,600.

Five free-standing houses sold during the same period, with a price range of \$279,000 to \$335,000, with an average price of \$310,700.



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Dates and times of Board workshops and general meetings are posted at the gates and on Channel 63. BE THERE!

“STREAMING”

By Stan Davidson

Many of our residents are unfamiliar with the word “streaming” or don’t understand what it means in our digital age. In the past, when we sat around the old box radio, it was just an analog broadcast of radio waves. In the age of the Internet, we hear or read that “Star Wars” was downloaded, or ”streamed” on Netflix to a smart TV. Just what does this mean?

Today, “streaming” is defined as a continuous flow of text, audio or video data from the Internet. The term ”streaming” refers to the delivery method rather than the data itself. When text, audio and video are “streamed” to your computer, the data is continuously sent to your computer, or to an internet operating system (ios) device such as an iPhone. Thus, you may watch a movie that has been “streamed” to your television, iPad, iPhone, etc. as if it were something you recorded on your DVR; you can pause it, rewind or restart it from the beginning as well. Another delivery method takes downloaded data from a computer program and stores it on your computer, whereas “streamed” material is not stored on your computer.

I would like to briefly touch on the devices that can access text, audio, and video “streams.” A computer is not the only device through which to obtain “streamed” data. Many of us have smart TV’s, DVR’s with built-in internet operating systems, smart phones, other digital devices. Apple TV and ROKU are also devices that accept text, audio and video “streaming.”

I hope the above clarifies the “streaming” that we have available in the Isles. So welcome to the digital age, even those among you who are technophobes!

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COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 18, 2016 – Bellaggio

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION

PRESIDENT GLEN HARVIE introduced **BELLAGGIO DELEGATE GERRY MORRISON** who acknowledged **BELLAGGIO COBWRA VOLUNTEERS; HOWARD BARICH, MEL EISENBERG, LEN SIMONS, BARBARA ROTH** and **GLEN HARVIE**. **BELLAGGIO HOA PRESIDENT NEUMAN POLLACK** welcomed the delegates and spoke of the long term commitment and cooperation that has existed between **BELLAGGIO** and **COBWRA**.

GALA SUPPORTER SHOWCASE

SHARON REUBEN introduced **35th ANNIVERSARY GALA DIAMOND-LEVEL SUPPORTER JFK MEDICAL CENTER’s CHIEF NURSING OFFICER, JANE FORSYTHE** who spoke of the many recent medical advances at JFK, including the West Boynton Emergency Department and the expansion and enhancement of their Cardiac, Neurological and Women’s Health services.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

PRESIDENT GLEN HARVIE:

- Reminded the delegates that they should be preparing for the hurricane season.
- Recognized the three COBWRA Member Communities that were the recipients of the **2016 FLORIDA COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**, including **VALENCIA POINTE, TUSCANY BAY** and **VALENCIA RESERVE**.
- Explained that **COBWRA** is beginning the process of strategic planning and the committee will be chaired by **STAN SHERMAN** of Valencia Reserve.
- Introduced the **2016/2017 DIRECTORS: JOAN BRUNSWICK, STEVE OSEROFF, SHARON REUBEN, GERRI SEINBERG, STAN SHERMAN, BARBARA ROTH** and Honorary Director **CHRISTINE SONIA**. The Delegates then voted to approve the appointment of the Directors.

FIRST RESPONDERS REPORTS

- **CHIEF RICH ELLIS** announced that he has been promoted to the position of **CHIEF, EMS SERVICES for PALM BEACH COUNTY**. He thanked **COBWRA** for their years of cooperation with **FIRE RESCUE** and introduced newly promoted **4th BATTALION CHIEF DOUG McGLYNN**. The oath of office for **CHIEF McGLYNN** was administered by **MAYOR MARY LOU BERGER**.
- **PBSO CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER KEANE** reported that residential and vehicle burglaries are down as are the number of stolen vehicles. **CAPTAIN KEANE** spoke glowingly of the cooperation between the **SHERRIF’S OFFICE** and the community and mentioned that a new free app is available for people interested in monitoring PBSO activities.

THANK YOU TO OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY GALA SUPPORTERS

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- TOPAZ LEVEL:** • Allegro Senior Living
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ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

- **MAYOR MARY LOU BERGER** mentioned that the county personnel have begun the process of planning for the new library that will be located in the **CANYONS TOWN CENTER** and that plans for the new park are moving ahead.
- **COMMISSIONER SHELLEY VANA** reported that the new park is in the works and the proposed 1% increase in the sales tax will be beneficial in having these projects funded.
- **SENATOR JEFF CLEMENS** mentioned that his new district will be **DISTRICT 31**, much of which is in the COBWRA Service Area.
- **STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG** announced that with no challenge to his re-election, he is automatically re-elected. He thanked the **COBWRA** members for their support.
- **REPRESENTATIVE IRVING SLOSBERG** reported that he is encouraging the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the case involving the two North County teens who were lost at sea. He also thanked COBWRA for the valuable suggestions provided to legislators.

PROGRAM

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLENN JERGENSEN discussed how the County benefits from TDC programs. He explained that many of our out of town visitors come from New York, Boston, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Orlando, Miami and Canada. The TDC also attracts sports events and film and television opportunities. The Convention Center has created considerable business for surrounding hotels and restaurants.

by Bruce Brodsky



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Office Location	People Served	REAL ID Visits	Average Wait for REAL ID	Average Wait for Registration Renewals
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Central Palm Beach (new office)	19,402	5,695	1 hour 20 minutes	1 hour 7 minutes
North County Courthouse	15,017	1,719	56 minutes	43 minutes
Royal Palm Beach	13,764	3,891	1 hour 24 minutes	1 hour
West Palm Beach	10,366	3,318	56 minutes	39 minutes
Palm Beach Gardens	8,030	4,496	39 minutes	N/A (driver licenses only)
Belle Glade	4,366	1,663	48 minutes	31 minutes

Wait times vary. Lines are longest from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Offices are also busier Mondays, Fridays and at the beginning and end of the month. Keep in mind, Palm Beach County schools begin summer break this month. Many teens will visit our offices for their first driver license. This increased volume will impact wait times.

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Gardening in the Isles

***By
Stan Davidson***

The extreme heat and high humidity during the upcoming hot summer months in south Florida present survival and growth problems for many of our plants. In order for a plant to survive it must be heat tolerant. Once established, heat tolerant plants require little water other than the sprinkler irrigation and occasional rainfall. Also, these plants require minimum maintenance for our part time residents and vacationers and so are ideal for many of our residents. Let's examine several of the drought tolerant plants that I have grown in the Isles and that have survived the summer heat in the community.

The desert rose is a true beauty in the cactus world. These roses are pleasant to watch year-round with their distinct red and white colored blossoms. Because it stores water in its wide trunk, the desert rose is highly self-sufficient and can survive heat waves and drought with very little attention. Most desert rose flowers have a radiant hue that fades into white in the center. The lush leathery leaves have a unique pyramidal shape. The plant can mature to a height of four feet.

The desert rose requires a full sun location and well-drained soil. If purchased in a pot, transplant it into the ground when it becomes root-bound. Fertilize it with a half dilution of a balanced liquid plant food once per week when the plant is actively growing. The plants' leaves tend to yellow and the loss of leaves is common, but the plant remains healthy. Do not overwater!

Second on my drought-tolerant plant list is the crown-of-thorns. A 10-year-old grouping of this plant can be seen growing on the west edge of the exit of the El Clair road median. This plant is known to

survive for 25 years. The plant flowers all year-round with red, pink, and yellow flowers. It has gray prickly spines with oval leaves that drop periodically as the soil dries out. The crown-of-thorns is easy to grow and adapts very well to container growing. All it wants is sun and well-drained soil. Feed the plants with a liquid all-purpose fertilizer every four weeks through the summer months. This plant is practically immune to pests and disease. A cultivar of the plant hybrid, Thai giant, is a taller variety and has a spectacular display of much larger blossoms than the mature smaller version of the plant. The plant contains a caustic milky white chemical that may irritate your skin.

All varieties of succulents and cacti are on my drought-resistant plant list because they are low maintenance and survive on minimum water. Succulents are one of the largest plant groups found growing throughout the world. You can grow succulents in containers prior to transplanting in the ground. Their geometric shapes and their unusual colors are cool to look at and collect. Keep the container soil on the dry-side. Do not over water, as this will cause root rot. Succulents are not heavy feeders and can be fertilized once a month during the plants active cycle with a balanced liquid fertilizer. Some succulents can use an occasional trim, particularly those with damaged leaves and branches. If necessary, prune as required keeping the plant a desired size or shape.

Remember, during the hot summer months with our AC we can take the summer heat. Can the plants in your landscape? "It isn't the heat, its the humility." (Yogi Berra)

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SISTERS

By Alene Kristal

Love ‘em, hate ‘em? I’ve had a love-hate relationship with my younger sister for her entire life. For most of those years, it has been mostly hate-love. By her own admission, she was a spoiled brat and, as the older sister, I was the “responsible one.” Amazing how these roles get solidified in families, isn’t it?

I won’t bore you with the details of the innumerable fights we’ve had, the periods of not speaking, etc. It bores even me to think about them. I’m trying to focus on the positive, so I’ll skip ahead and get to the “love” part.

Last October, on a rainy Friday morning, the phone rang and the caller ID announced my nephew’s name. My heart stopped – he *never* called. When I picked up the phone, he started by saying “Mom and Dad are OK.” My heart still hadn’t started up again. Then he told me that their house burned down in a fire and they’ve lost everything; they barely escaped with their lives. I started to breathe again, cautiously. He went on to report that while they are “all right,” they’re badly traumatized, as is he. I asked a few questions, we talked for a few minutes, and then he told me he had to get back to work. We agreed to speak later that evening. My hands shook. I was in shock. I could hardly tell my husband what I’d heard. I’m not often speechless, but

After taking a deep breath and filled with trepidation, I called my sister. In the past, when she’s been traumatized by an event, she’s shut me out and not wanted to talk. I fervently hoped this time was different. Whew! It was.

My sister and brother-in-law were devastated, of course. They had no clothing other than what they were wearing, and she had her purse. That’s it. Everything in the house was smoke damaged at best, or completely burned up. All their electronic equipment was fried. One car, which had been left in the garage, was okay but they couldn’t locate the key. The second car was fine and they had those keys. They’d arranged to stay at a relative’s house for a few days while they figured out what was next. I quickly ran through the possibilities of flying up to New York to be with them, but rejected the idea without saying anything because there was no place to stay.

My sister and I arranged to speak later that day after she and her husband finished dealing with the fire marshalls and police. She insisted they were physically okay; Poppy, the cat, died from smoke inhalation. As a cat owner, I found this devastating but didn’t tell her; I didn’t want to add my feelings to her burdens.

Since the fire, we’ve spoken frequently and it began to feel as if this is the way it’s supposed to be. She ends each phone call with, “Love you.” I’m blown away; she’s never spoken those words before. Not ever. We’ve spent hours talking about their art collection, for which they had no documentation, and for which I, as a former art appraiser, can help collect information they can use for their claims. Since plans got underway with their architect and construction crew, we’ve talked endlessly about design choices, materials, etc. I want to fly up to go over all this with them, but I don’t want to intrude. I can tell that my sister, who is normally emotionally fragile, is often beyond the end of her rope, and she now leans on me for support. I refrain from reminding her that this support has always been available. I’m grateful I can help. She’s grateful for my being there, and she tells me so regularly. Sometimes I shake my head in astonishment that our relationship has taken such a completely 180 degree turn. Am I lucky, or what? I cross my fingers, hoping this trend continues.

Caveat to all of us homeowners:

Check your insurance policy. Insurance companies tell you that you get replacement cost value for your possessions, but that can be open to interpretation. You also might be seriously underinsured for your personal property. You, like me, are probably negligent in documenting your property with pictures and receipts kept outside the home where they could be retrieved in the case of a disaster. You also need to see that your temporary housing allowance is sufficient in the case your home is a total loss. And there can be limits on the amount of time you will be reimbursed for rental housing while you wait for your home to be rebuilt. It takes an inordinate amount of time for a new house to be constructed, and your rental period could elapse, as my sister’s will, before her house is completed. Her house burned down in October, and they’ve just started framing; the home won’t be habitable for at least another 10 months. I’m not an insurance expert, so please don’t take anything written here as gospel. It’s just one person’s experience, but worth thinking about.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR DAD

By Phyllis M. Cohen



The comedian Rodney Dangerfield said it best, "I don't get no respect." Alas for poor dad, that seems to describe the situation for many. In this new climate of changing mores and lifestyles, it's become so common to describe many family situations as single mothers or single parents that you begin to wonder if reproduction was accomplished by parthenogenesis. You may remember that term from high school biology,

the creation of a new being without the benefit of fertilization. In other words, like Topsy in *Uncle Tom's Cabin* who replied when asked where she came from, "I just grewed." But for most of us, there are familiar fathers in our history, and they still play an important role in their child's life.

There was an uphill climb to establish a national Father's Day observance and it was not until Richard Nixon's presidency that it was deemed an official national holiday. Its detractors thought it would become too commercialized! Ha, Ha. Just another day to sell merchandise and cards. In spite of long opposition, it was finally recognized.

Mother's Day is a day gushing with sentimentality. Mother's Day generates enormous sales of cards and gifts. Every TV station and program announces the event and teary eyes broadcasters bring their mothers to visit and fuss over. Singers can still reduce audiences to tears with a few choruses of "My Yiddishe Mama" à la Sophie Tucker or "Mama", Pavorotti's Italian lament. When was the last time anyone sang Eddie Fisher's plaintive melody, "Oh My Pa-Pa" or Barbra Streisand's schmaltzy "Papa Can You Hear Me?"

For generations, dad's place was secure. In my father's time, he was the recognized head of the family, the family provider. Though we never doubted his love for his children, he was removed from the day to day involvement in our lives and activities. Mama went to school functions, worried about our activities and friends and was responsible for our care and well-being as well as the household needs. And this at a time when my mother ran her own full time business! My father was clueless about anything that needed to be done in our house and I doubt he was able to make himself a sandwich, if he

were starving. Yet maybe by being distant from our day to day care, he saw us differently than our mother did. While she wanted to protect us, he thought his daughters could do anything, regardless of our age.

He was not averse to sending a ten-year-old alone to make a bank deposit or to leave me, as an eight-year old, to watch the drug store while he stopped for a soda a block down the street.

Yet the post war world was different. Women were more assertive, many more were working, and they were no more willing to take orders from husbands than they were their bosses. Equal rights extended to the home. My husband's generation was already changing. He could diaper a baby as well as pitch baseballs to the older son, attend school functions and take all three kids for the day. But he too treated his pre-teens like adults and while I thought they were safely watching Walt Disney moves at the local cinema, they were engrossed in "Dirty Harry" films or James Bond thrillers. However, as my daughter reminded me, he was no mom. He took care of our daughter for a day or two when she was sick with the mumps while I went to work. The first day she claimed he was wonderful and caring. By the second day she called me tearfully to come home. Dad had already used up his caring skills and was refusing the many pleas of a whiny sick child for attention.

Now men seem less self-conscious about their role not only as provider but as caregiver and nurturer. They carry baby strapped across the chest in a sling, cook, clean and generally seem to have a bigger role in household chores and child rearing. Fortunately, I am happy to see from my son's generation that the dads still provide a strong role model for self-reliance and independence in their offspring and don't agonize as much as I used to do over the child's tears or spats with friends or some unhappy event. Sympathy tempered with a more get on with it attitude. You may remember one of the best lines in movie history: Tom Hanks' advice to Geena Davis as a frustrated female baseball player in "A League of their Own." "There's no crying in baseball."

So hurray for all the dads who just go with the flow, don't sweat the small stuff, and are a step away from some of the emotion of moms and grandmas. They gave us a welcomed different perspective on dealing with life.

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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Bill Harris, facilitator

I'm sorry. Two people are not a discussion group. Don't get me wrong. One-on-one learning is perhaps one of the best ways to learn. That's the way they've done it in the yeshiva world for almost two thousand years. That's the way I learned post-graduate marine geochemistry at the University of Miami's Virginia Key oceanography campus with a former head of the Swedish Geological Survey. That's why I really didn't mind the first of the two times out of eight this year when only one investment discussion group (IDG) member showed up for our monthly meeting.

But, the one-on one May 9 meeting really needed a different structure. It required a group of at least the seven members not counting the one snowbird that attended the April 11 meeting. And, it needed them to have done their 3-6-9 income-mix stock screen results homework. They needed to see for themselves the futility of trying to reach a "Best of the Best" consensus portfolio when each member has their own dividend income requirements and personal company/industry/sector bias.

I'm really sorry. We can't continue like this, at least not with me as the group's facilitator! I do a lot of stock research on the computer for myself every quarter. By extension, it takes an even greater effort on my part to prepare for our monthly meetings. It is not an easy task for me with my failing vision. I wouldn't mind the extra work if we had a viable investment discussion group, but we don't!

So, what do I think constitutes a viable discussion group? For me to do the additional research and extra work, I'm going to need a minimum of five members including me. If you want this discussion group to continue with or without me as your facilitator, you need to demonstrate your interest by attending our meetings.

I need a pre-meeting monthly registration that will inform me in advance if our discussion group meeting will be viable. To this end, henceforth, all monthly meetings, as long as I continue as facilitator, will require four or more members to send an E-mail to me by the first of the month that confirms their intention to attend our forthcoming 2nd Monday of the month meeting. If you are preregistered to attend and for whatever reason cannot honor your commitment please inform me as quickly as possible

in advance of the monthly meeting. If we do not have a viable working discussion group the meeting will be cancelled. Be sure to check Channel 63.

The June 6 meeting is cancelled and our group will not meet during the summer months.

I ask that all Majestic Isles residents interested in attending a Sept. 12 IDG meeting let me know by the first of September that they plan to attend. That meeting, and subsequent meetings, will be suspended if I do not hear from enough of you in advance.

Continuance of the IDG is in your hands. Let me hear from you: E-mail: gedoc11@me.com; Tel: 742-7230.

Disclaimer. — No disclaimer is necessary as no equities are mentioned by name or by stock symbol.

PET PATCH

By Molly



Feeling depressed after so many of my friends and their Snowbird parents left for the North? I sure have been – it seemed like those who were still here didn't come out of hiding, because I didn't see anyone! But finally some came out of their homes to say hello.

Now it's getting so hot we'll be hibernating – so you'll see us in the morning, then not 'til evening.

The next issue of the newsletter – the summer issue – will be out in late July and I know some of you will be going on vacation before then – so I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

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Visiting: ELAINE NOWAK

By Claire Deveney



Elaine (Kulakoff) Nowak, a warm and caring person in our community, is a New Yorker who still loves the city, is independent and an avid movie fan.

Elaine was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., near Sheepshead Bay. She and her sister, Harriet, who is seven

years younger and a Delray resident, are close and talk every week.

Elaine attended P.S. 234 and graduated from James Madison High School. An alumna of New York University (NYU) in Manhattan, Elaine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. She majored in sociology and minored in psychology.

Elaine happily tells the story of how she loved being in the city and often stayed in the city with her student friends and had dinner in Greenwich Village or hung out in SoHo in the early 50's, before its regeneration and gentrification. Then she would take the Brighton Express subway for 45 minutes to get home. "You could study or read on the subway," Elaine explains. "After graduation, I decided I didn't want to do social work and applied and got a job at ABC-TV as a secretary." With a happy smile, she tells the story of how at work she watched some of the rehearsals of the Dick Clark's American Bandstand show. She worked there for two years before marrying the "love of her life" as she describes her late husband, Murray. A young male friend who knew them both suggested a match-up. The friend arranged their meeting and gave Murray Elaine's telephone number. Murray called, and Elaine remembers they went to a movie and dinner. "He was a gentleman and nice and pleasant."

"We met in January and married in November," said Elaine. He was 31 and she was 24. Murray lived in Brighton Beach, 20 minutes from Elaine's house. He was a junior high school science teacher in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn where he taught for 20 years. At age 17 he was drafted into U.S. Army and

served in the states. After his discharge he went to Brooklyn College.

The couple first lived in Brooklyn and moved to Woodmere, L.I., where Elaine was a full time wife and mother. They had two children, and after the children completed high school, Elaine worked locally as a gal Friday and secretary. After his retirement from teaching at age 50, Murray and his brother took over their father's successful costume jewelry business. Elaine and Murray then moved from Woodmere to a condominium in Hartsdale, N.Y., near their daughter and her family.

In 1997 they decided to move to Florida because of the cold. In 1997 they moved into Majestic Isles and were snowbirds for the first two years. Then Murray became sick. Murray died in 1999, 17 years ago. "We were married for 42 years. And I still talk to him," said Elaine.

There are two children and four grandchildren in the family. Robin Ann, 56, is in public relations and lives in Westchester, N.Y. with her husband, Steve, who is an oral surgeon. Two years ago they bought a second home in West Palm Beach. Their daughter, Allison, 25, graduated from Boston University, and has started a career in public relations. Their son, Michael, 23, graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., and is in the finance field.

The Nowaks's son, Brian David, 54, an anesthesiologist practicing at Good Samaritan Hospital, and his wife, Eve, live in Elwood, L.I. Their daughter Jessica, age 23, is going into her second year at the University of Miami Law School, and Amanda, 21, will enter her senior year at the University of Miami this fall. The family gets together for many of the Jewish holidays and at Thanksgiving. Elaine, says, "It's their turn to cook."

Elaine is very active in our community and attends many group functions. She is a member of the Social Club, Hadassah, Pap Corps, M.I.L.T., Women's Club and the Travel Club. Elaine recently enjoyed the Travel Club's two-day Murder Mystery Train Ride trip to Fort Myers. An avid reader, she also likes visiting local flea markets. In her kitchen is a beautiful birdhouse that she bought at a flea market. She enjoys movies, and the weekend of this interview she saw "Money Monster" starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts at the Alco Capital Theatre with this writer.

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Another Book to Check Out THE DEVIL IN JERUSALEM by Naomi Ragen

By Stan Kaish

Some bad things evidently go on in Israel's Haredi community. Naomi Ragen's books tell us about them. Some of what she tells us seems bizarre when viewed against conventional middle class American standards: arranged marriages, the stifling of female education opportunities, the withholding of divorce papers (*gets*), etc. Last year I reviewed "The Sisters Weiss" which dwelt on a family in which one sister strayed from the fold to pursue a successful career in photography, and was banished as a result, while the other sister remained obedient to the accepted framework. That was an interesting sociological study. We tsk-tsk, but the story represented personal choices, and nothing too calamitous went on.

Today's book concerns something a good deal more extreme. It opens with a comatose three-year-old child admitted to Hadassah Hospital. Examination reveals horrendous child abuse. At the same time a Haredi mother sits praying over another hospital bed where her child lies, suffering from severe burns on the back of his legs. It is determined that the praying woman, Daniella Goodman, is the mother of both of these children. The police are called.

"The Devil in Jerusalem" is a fictionalized telling of what is known in Israel as the Elior Chen Case, a cult of religious Jews following a charismatic leader in the search for greater access to God through practical Kabbalah. Cult members lost all perspective and free will, offering themselves and their children for exploitation and abuse at the hands of their leader. Think Jim Jones in a black hat.

Daniella Whartman, at story's beginning is a pretty, 17-year-old, Modern Orthodox girl attending religious Jewish day school in Pittsburgh. She meets and eventually marries Shlomie Goodman, religious, a dreamer, not terribly bright, but questing for the life of a perpetual Talmudic scholar. Almost immediately she becomes pregnant with the first of what will eventually be seven children. They move to Israel where Shlomie, trained in nothing, gravitates toward the kollel, leaving Daniella pretty much on her own to deal with her young and growing family. Fortunately, her wealthy grandmother is willing and able to help financially.

The author offers up the story in alternating chapters, one depicting the Goodman's domestic life, and the next, the police investigation of what could have led to the pitiful condition of the two children in the hospital. The investigating officer, Bina Tzedek, is totally out of sympathy with Daniella and mystified at her refusal to tell what happened to her hospitalized children. Only gradually do the police learn that there are five more at home, suffering from varying states of abuse as well. All are terrorized and repeat, as does their mother, "Don't tell, don't tell."

Shlomie's dreams of finding a way to God send him to a series of rebbes and finally he comes upon what turns out to be the psychopathic villain of the piece, Rebbe Menachem Shem Tov, also known among his followers as The Messiah. Shlomie comes under his spell and will do anything the Rebbe recommends, including divorcing Daniella. It isn't long before she also, in her depressed, overworked state, filled with feelings of inadequacy and failure, becomes ensnared. The Rebbe takes her for his own wife and when he and three of his Hassidic followers torture the children to assure dominance, she stands passively by. And so we come to the hospital scene that opened the book.

The story is well told. Daniella has innumerable chances to turn away but doesn't. Visits home lead to her questioning the course her life has taken, but she feels compelled to succeed in gaining spiritual fulfillment. Her grandmother's generosity allows what would have been a failed situation to sustain itself. The police see it the way we do: unforgivable events supported by an incomprehensible robotic defense on the mother's part. What are we to make of this tragic tale?

Ragen assures us that it is not that rare for a religious group, bent on achieving the glow of spiritual enlightenment, to embrace mystical sources and be led to abnormal extremism. In her acknowledgement section, she states, "Since the Chen case, numerous other such cults have come to light both in Israel and abroad. I thank Rachel Lichtenstein, CEO of the Israel Center for Cult Victims, for providing valuable material on the hundreds of dangerous religious and secular cults that exist in Israel and their many victims." A substantial bibliography on the subject is provided.

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DEAR TARGET

By Joan Sorkin

Dear Target,

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I'm just wondering how coupons are selected to be issued at the cash registers? Do you have secret cameras hidden in the machine where someone in the back room monitors and selects coupons for each customer? I have gotten coupons for makeup, other beauty products, etc. but the latest experience really was a jolt - a coupon for Always Secret Discreet Incontinence product? Come on!!! How did you decide that was what I needed? Do you track my AX card to see what products I purchase? Did I look like I needed the product? Did everyone at my register get one? Surely the younger girl in the torn jeans in back of me with the body piercing and tattoos was not considered eligible for one?

Please rethink how the coupons are selected. I will volunteer to be on that committee.

After my fury subsided, my friend and I actually had a good laugh out of the experience. That was the one redeeming feature. Anyone need a coupon? Contact me!!!!!!

This is a true experience. Of course the letter was never sent.

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COOKING CORNER

By Joan Sorkin



Many years ago visiting my parents in Florida, I saw my mother making soup. I could not imagine eating soup here, as I was always so warm while visiting.

Now as we live here, I find myself making soup as it is a fast nutritious lunch and I actually do get cold once in a while:

Greens, Tomato and White Bean Soup (Courtesy of the Sun Sentinel)

- 1 T. olive oil
- small yellow onion chopped
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 14 ½ oz. can chicken or vegetable broth,
- 14 ½ oz. can diced tomatoes with juice
- ½ cup orzo or any small pasta shape,
- ¼ tsp. crushed dried red pepper flakes (I don't use pepper flakes but use it if you like a little spice.)
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- ½ cup water
- 15 oz. can beans (kidney or other beans you prefer.)
- 4 cups chopped escarole (1 bunch) or chopped fresh spinach.

In large pot, heat oil, add onions and garlic and saute 4 minutes, add broth tomatoes, orzo, red pepper flakes, pepper and water. Bring the soup to a simmer and cook 6 minutes until pasta is soft. Add beans and greens and cook 5 minutes stirring often until greens are tender.

Serve sprinkled with Parmesan cheese. Makes 4 large servings

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MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



Our trip in May to Fort Myers was a rousing success. Everyone on-board enjoyed it. We left Majestic Isles at noon to head to Fort Myers. When we arrived, we checked

into our hotel and had some time to relax before setting out to board a train for our Murder Mystery Train ride.

The food was excellent, and during the meal we were entertained by a small cast that presented a murder mystery for us to solve. It was a lot of fun and a lot of laughs.

The Hampton Inn where we stayed was wonderful; our rooms were large, and many remarked on how comfortable the pillows and beds were. The hotel's breakfast exceeded our expectations. After breakfast we boarded our bus for the short ride to the Southwest Florida Museum of History, where we enjoyed a guided tour. Our guide was a retired history professor with a passion for history and an ability to make history come alive. We learned much about Southwest Florida that we never knew.

After the Museum we were treated to a superb lunch at the Oasis Restaurant. During our entire trip the people who served us were all wonderful.

We are planning a fall trip to Branson for September 26-30, We had a wonderfully successful trip there a few years ago, and many have requested that we go back there again. Watch for further information on this trip.

We are investigating several other possibilities for future major trips, including Hawaii in April or May 2017. This would include a couple of nights in Honolulu and a one-week cruise of the islands.

Stay tuned for more information on these and other trips as they are developed. Come to our quarterly meetings. Watch Channel 63 and look for our flyers in the back lobby of the Clubhouse. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 26 at 11 am. The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives. Email dorisdav@aol.com to be added to our email list. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club.

HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



The next Hadassah Board meeting will be Monday June 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Plan to join us at the following summer events:

Rosh Chodesh will be observed Tuesday June 7 at Morikami Picnic area at 10 a.m.

There will be a study group on June 14 at 2 p.m. in the ballroom. It will be very interesting. Plan on coming.

The Dine-a-Round will be June 26 at the Village Tavern for lunch or dinner. There will be flyers in the back lobby; don't forget to take one with you so we get credit for your meal. Camp Judea, because of Elaine Grossman's efforts, sent us a lovely note thanking everyone at Majestic Isles for contributing.

Summer Sizzler will be held July 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the ballroom. We will be serving box lunches. Price information will follow.

National Convention takes place July 25-28, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. Call Joan Baron for questions on the convention.

Our ongoing projects include the following:

Bricks are still being sold for \$18 each. Call Lee Katz for more information.

We hope you have turned in your personal listings and ads for the upcoming Hadassah Calendar. Call Beverly Jaffe for further information or to obtain the forms if you still wish to participate. Remember all forms should have been handed in by the end of May.

Continue working on your donor for next year. You will need \$180 in donor credit to be invited to the donor event. An additional \$180 will entitle you to bring a guest. Also, don't forget to make Book of Remembrance updates.

Hope all of you have a great summer. See you at the upcoming summer events!



PICKLEBALL @ M.I.

By Jerry Ehrlich



In case you haven't looked lately on channel 63, we have changed the pickleball start time to 8 a.m. because of the warmer weather. We play on Monday and Wednesday. The past couple of weeks we have been playing indoors at Pompey Park in Delray Beach. It gave a different feel to the game. The ball bounces higher and the game is quicker. There are four courts and we play on a gymnasium floor. The new players really enjoyed it. We have been averaging eight players coming out to play. We're trying to get women who go to aerobics on those days to come out early and play a great game.

During the second and third week of June, Jerry Elefson and I will be going north to be with our grandchildren. We should be back by the end of the month. Ed Strauber will be available on Wednesday mornings. We hope that this will not stop you from playing. The paddles and balls are located in the shuffleboard cabinet. Call some of the players below and set up your foursome to play. We'll also put a blurb on channel 63. The current players are: Ken Remnarine, Francine Gitto, David Amrani, Ed Strauber, Burt Hoffman, Stan Davidson, Allan Stevens, Allen & Nancy Topolosky, Helene Riffle, & Gloria Luther.

We'll see you on the courts.

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THE PAP CORPS

By R. Stichel, M. Chermak and E.Rogg



Okay. You want to know about the Pap Corps. We attended the recognition brunch at Boca West, where a check from the Pap Corp to Sylvester Cancer Center in the amount of 4 million dollars was presented. Majestic Isles was very proud of their contribution of 28 thousand dollars. Thank you to all our dedicated supporters who made this possible.

Our May closing meeting was a tremendous success. This board is "super-duper" great. The desserts were above and beyond excellent. The entertainer was fabulous thanks to Selma Friedman. Selma, you outdid yourself as always!!

August 6 at approximately 6 p.m., we will hold one of our great summer fundraisers. It is in the works as we write this and we want to surprise you with our final details. It will be a dynamite event that includes dinner just before the closing of the clubhouse.

No more meetings until October, when we will have our opening hors d'oeuvres and wine get-together. Please join us for entertainment and new info on cancer research. I am sure you will come away feeling full and happy!!

We will leave you for now, however, before we go, we would like to wish all the men a healthy and happy Father's Day. We will also wish you all a great summer and stay cool.

Please support us to help wipe out this dreaded disease.



Majestic Isles Little Theater

By Selma Friedman

There's no business like show business. And we certainly learned that show business is a business. Sue Ellen Beryl, Managing Director, and Bill Hayes, producing Artistic Director (Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hayes in private life) of the Palm Beach Dramaworks, spoke about how their business backgrounds helped them start their own theater endeavor fifteen years ago.

They have built a supportive audience for their small theater in West Palm and have developed a supportive staff, a supportive famous critic in New York and a professional group of actors who are interested in their cast calls.

They have also developed a fine connection with local education classes to bring theater into the lives of high school students by bringing students to the theater, setting up guides for teachers and working with the schools.

Although they focus on drama during the season, they often plan for musicals during the summer months when the subscribers are away.

They certainly have a passion for their art form. Give them a try!

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Joyce Milbauer, President

There have been many conversations concerning the termination of the Women's Club at the end of 2016. If the Women's Club ends, so will the functions we have all enjoyed over the years, such as the brunches, lunches, card games, the interesting events we have held jointly with the Men's Club and more. The only way the club can continue is if new and/or old members take an active interest.

Note: We have a few more events before the end of the years. (See below.)

Save the dates:

On **Sept. 19**, we will be going to Costume World in Boca Raton on Federal Highway. Cost is \$38 and includes a delicious lunch. (Note the change of date for this event.)

Nov. 14: Regular Card party at Westchester, \$26 per person. More details to follow.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. We look forward to all our Snowbirds coming back in the fall.

The Singles Group

By Renee Stichel and Marilyn Chermak

Here we are again with another month passed. Everyone enjoyed a pizza and salad party to celebrate Mother's Day after our May meeting.

We are sure everyone is very anxious to know what the "swinging" singles have in store for them. Here is the low down: June we are swinging on our own. On July 8, we are having a dinner party and an entertainer who will sing our favorite songs! On August 20 we are going to the Broward Stage Door Theater to see "Blame It on the Movies" which is a show of many of the favorite music that was in the movies.

Please think about what you would be interested in for September. Perhaps an overnight trip would be nice. Give Doris or Linda a call and they will look into it for us!

For New Year's we are planning a two-night cruise as we did last year. Don't get worried if you do not cruise. We are looking into options for those who want to stay here. We will keep you informed.

To all the gentlemen in Majestic we wish you a healthy and happy Daddies' Day. Everyone enjoy your summer with health and happiness.

SOCIAL CLUB

By Arlene Koch

We are now looking forward to a very successful Memorial Day Party on Monday, May 30th with music by Larry Brendler and singer. We offered non-kosher and kosher food and are pleased to have had over 100 residents attending the celebration.



Dough

Watch for details about our annual Dinner-Movie night on Sunday, July 3rd. We will show the movie "Dough" and you can order sub-sandwiches or salads from Publix. Kosher food will be arranged. Flyers with an order form will be distributed soon. Price is \$15 p.p. including the movie.

Our next "Showtime" will be featuring Luisa Lubell and Andrea Garofalo singing some pop, Broadway and country. They also sing in many different languages. You won't want to miss this incredible duo.

Deposits of \$50 p.p. are now being accepted for our Gala New Year's Eve Party. Put checks in Social Club box and indicate sugar free, if needed. Get ready for a fun-filled evening

A happy and healthy summer to all and look forward to our part-time residents return in the fall.

THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen, President

We will have a breakfast and a speaker on Sunday June 5. This will be our last breakfast until September.

The dates for a possible Marlins baseball game were incorrect in the May issue. The correct dates are as follows on Thursday nights:

June 23, (Cubs); July 28, (Cardinals); August 25, (Royals); and Sept. 22, (Braves). All are night games that start at 7:10 p.m., so we probably couldn't be back until 11:00 or so.

As of now I only have a few people say they would go. We need about 40 people to keep the cost at around \$20. The tickets are free but the bus is expensive.

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SUNDAY, JULY 23, TRUMBO

Bryan Cranston stars as famed 1940s screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, whose refusal to testify before the congressional House Un-American Activities Committee resulted in a prison sentence and being blacklisted as a communist.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

CHICAGO HUMOR

SOURCE UNKNOWN

A Chicago man dies and goes to Hell.

When he gets there, the devil comes over to welcome him. The devil then says "sometimes it gets pretty uncomfortable down here."



The man says, "No problem. I'm from Chicago."

So the devil goes over to the thermostat, turns the temperature up to 100, and the humidity up to 80. He then goes back to the Chicago man to see how he's doing. To the devil's surprise, the man is doing just fine.

"No problem...just like Chicago in June," the man says.

So the devil goes back over to the thermostat, and turns the temperature up to 150, and the humidity up to 90. He then goes back over to see how the Chicago man is doing.

The man is sweating a little, but overall looks comfortable.

"No problem. Just like Chicago in July," the man says.

So now the devil goes over to the thermostat, turns the temperature up to 200, and the humidity up to 100. When he goes back to see how the man is doing, the man is sweating profusely, and has taken his shirt off. Otherwise, he seems OK.

He says, "No problem. Just like Chicago in August."

Now the devil is really perplexed. So he goes back to the thermostat, and turns the temperature down to MINUS 150 DEGREES. Immediately, all the humidity in the air freezes up, and the whole place (meaning Hell) becomes a frigid, barren, frozen, deathly cold wasteland.

When he goes back now to see how the Chicago man is doing, he is shocked to discover the man is jumping up and down, and cheering in obvious delight. The devil immediately asks the man what's going on.]To which the Chicago man replies.....



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9	Thurs	12 noon	Art Class		(f, h)
11	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p,h)
14	Tues	2:00 p.m.	Hadassah	Study Group	(f,h)
15	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Neighbor2Neighbor	Library	(f,h)
25	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time	(p,h)
26	Sun	11:00 a.m. Lunch or Dinner	Travel Club Hadassah	Meeting Dine Around	(f,h) (p,a)
29	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Neighbor2 neighbor	Library	(f,h)
<i>Weekly Activities</i>					
Mon		12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Ceramics News & Views	Discussion	(f,h) (f,h)
Wed		1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Bunka Chess Club	Crafts	(f,h) (f,h)
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