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Manager's Corner

Ownership of property in a Florida residential community, specifically a Homeowners Association, requires a commitment from both the owners and the Association. The Association has made a promise to keep the community operating and looking the best that it possibly can be, while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility to all Association members. The residents have an obligation to keep their own property up to community standards.

Every month, the Association takes care of the basic landscaping, lawn mowing, alarm service, cable television, and exterior pest control for every home in the community. In addition, the Association pays to maintain the lakes, littoral zones, pool, clubhouse, as well as the tennis courts, entry gates, and more.

The residents are responsible for the care of their private homes and surrounding property. Dead or dying landscape plants must be removed and replaced, all sidewalks and patios – including the back patio – need to be regularly power washed, rusting or broken mailboxes need to be replaced, and ripped, old, or missing screens must be replaced to keep the entire community looking its best.

That brings me to the subject of driveways and sidewalks leading from the driveway to your front door. In addition to regular power washing, all driveways and sidewalks must be maintained. At recent meetings, the Board rescinded previous votes requiring residents who sandblast their driveways to paint/stain/seal them afterwards. There is a committee currently developing a clear definition of driveway maintenance, which will be reviewed by the Board and a final decision made. Although the Documents simply state that unit owners must “clean, maintain, repair and replace the driveways and sidewalks located on their lots,” the Board is allowed to define items in the Documents to make them clear and concise. Expect a decision to be made at an upcoming Board meeting to firmly and finally define what is required in regard to “maintenance” of driveways.

Even without the vote of the Board, it's just not a good idea to sandblast a driveway and leave it as-is. Anything liquid that falls on an untreated concrete surface will penetrate the concrete and leave a stain that requires even more cleaning. Sealing the surface with a clear or stained treatment will keep oil, antifreeze, grease, air conditioning condensation, and even dirt away from the concrete and make it easier to wash off with a hose, so that it will not be necessary to go through the whole process of power washing over and over. There are plenty of concrete sealers on the market that provide non-skid surfaces that will prevent slipping, will also keep your driveway and sidewalk in top-notch condition and will help keep the entire community looking like a place everyone can be proud to call “Home.”

Ken Miller, Association Manager



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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, April 9, 2012

Minutes of the April 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.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- (Residents may request, at the office, the report of the 4/9/12 cash positions and statement of operation.)
- Maintenance Receivable: As of 4/9/12, there is a total of \$24,932.99 outstanding (19 units). We have one unit in foreclosure and are proceeding through our attorneys.
- Mr. Kugelmas recommends that in order to avoid late payments, homeowners sign up for Auto-Pay for quarterly maintenance.
- Motion to accept the 2011 Certified Audit, passed by unanimous vote.
- Residents interested in having a copy of the audit may obtain one from Bonnie.

Committee Reports

COBWRA, Steve Bayer

- Quail Ridge hosted the Election Meeting last month. Stuart Caine is the new COBWRA president.

Security, Steve Bayer

- After discussion, the Security Committee voted unanimously to not change to barcodes. The committee is considering eliminating gate cards and using only transponders.

Grounds, Mort Goldstein

- At its late April meeting, the Grounds Committee will discuss Ficus Whitefly and summer plantings.

Painting and Roof Cleaning, Harvey Galan

- Painting is completed and the cleaning should be finished during the third week of April.

Insurance, Janice Davidson

- Motion to accept the proposal as presented by Plastridge, retaining the 3% deductible and not purchasing the Tenant Users Policy, passed by unanimous vote.

Architectural Review Committee, Liz Hopwood

- At the next meeting, the ARC expects to have a presentation of information on benches.

New Business

- Motion to hire Lou Caplan as the new attorney, passed by unanimous vote.

- Motion to approve the Devcon proposal, as presented to the Board, passed by unanimous vote.
- The Board approved having R&H Lighting add two new 20 amp circuits to one of the exercise rooms.
- Motion to replace the blue awnings at the guardhouse with awnings in True Brown passed by unanimous vote.
- The Board agreed to purchase signs in the new colors for the clubhouse parking lot.
- Motion to accept the 15 colors recommended by the paint selection committee for the 2013 paint colors passed by unanimous vote.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

David Aldoroty	Ira Schneider
Bobbie Blitman	Rhoda Shenkman
Sue Horowitz	

SYMPATHY

To Arlene Brizel on the loss of her brother.
 To Florence Kalestein on the loss of her husband, Terry.
 To Harriet Kutner on the loss of her husband, Eddie.
 To the family of Norma Linden.

MESSAGES

To my Majestic Isles friends and neighbors: A heartfelt thank you for your calls and concern as I recuperated from surgery. *David Aldoroty*

Thank you for your cards, donations and many phone calls during Eddie's illness and after he passed away. It was all so greatly appreciated. *Harriet Kutner and family*

My sincere gratitude to all for your generosity upon the passing of my beloved brother. *Estelle Pincus and family*

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.



WHAT TO DO WITH NOT-SO-COMMON WASTE

The trusting relationship the fire service has built with our residents may explain why a citizen would bring 10 years worth of expired prescription medications carefully packaged into twin 10 lb. Hefty garbage bags to the fire station, and why someone would load up their trunk with all the fire extinguishers they've ever owned (yes including the ones they brought down from Long Island). People do know that these items don't belong in the recycle bins or the trash, but don't necessarily know where they do belong.

Fire Extinguishers and more: The Solid Waste Authority (SWA) has a brand new facility at 13400 SR-7/441 (3.5 miles south of Boynton Beach Blvd.). Residents can drop off things such as flammable liquid containers, aerosols, old fertilizers and pesticides, as well as paint, lacquers and thinners and, yes, even expired pressurized fire extinguishers! **This facility does *not* take prescription medication.**



Clean Out Your MEDICINE Cabinet!

Old Prescription Medications: SWA and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) have partnered to provide drop-off locations for the following items: prescription medications, over the counter medications, vitamins, samples, medications for pets, in addition to ointments, lotions, liquid medication in plastic or leak proof containers. They do *not* take needles (sharps), thermometers, bloody or infectious waste or medication from businesses or clinics, nor do they take hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, inhalers or medication in glass containers.

The nearest drop-off location for M.I. residents is 7894 South Jog Road, Lake Worth, FL (561-357-7000) This program, **Operation Pill Drop**, is for residents, not for businesses. Protect yourself and your family by getting unwanted medications out of your home and by keeping them out of our water supply. **(Don't ever flush meds down the toilet).**

Needle/ Sharps & Syringes Disposal: PBC Health Department has a Hazardous Biomedical Sharps Disposal Program available to our residents. Needles, sharps, syringes and glass container-type medication

bottles, in addition to diabetic supplies such as insulin, and lancets are all welcome just as long as they are secured within a locked and sealed red Bio Medical Sharps Disposal Container. SWA/PBSO do not provide the container and there may be a \$3 fee. The closest locations are in Delray Beach on 225 S. Congress Ave (just 2 blocks south of Atlantic Ave. on the east side of the road) and in Lantana at 1250 Southwinds Drive just east of I-95. Brochures for each site can be found online at www.pbchd.com/.

On behalf of The Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of Palm Beach County, we hope you use this information to keep each other safe out there.

Editor's note: This article is adapted from information provide by Fire Captain Doug McGlynn of the Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County. You can reach him via e-mail or phone: dmcglynn@iaff2928.com; Office: (561) 969-0729; Cell: (561) 315-4358

PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Harvey Galan



Once a month Sy Kugelmas and I meet with representatives from 14 local Homeowner Associations to discuss and share ideas about priorities and problems. As our communities age, we are all faced with the problem of how to maintain high standards for our property without increasing maintenance, assessing our residents and/or dipping into our reserve fund. Another serious problem in some communities is foreclosures.

Recently, I met with a real estate agent who asked me if Majestic Isles has a reserve fund. She informed me that in order to pay their expenses, many communities have already used up their reserve fund.

I was happy to inform the agent that we are doing well. Our maintenance payments are less than most neighboring communities and we have not had an assessment since 2007. We are still making quarterly payments into our reserve fund and, at this time, have only one house in foreclosure. This is a tribute to the hard work of all our Board members, Ken, Bonnie, all the members of our maintenance staff

COBWRA

(Editor' note: The February and March issues of COBWRA Highlights did not appear in the Majestic Isles News. Below are excerpts from the February, March and April Highlights.)

Highlights of the February 15, 2012 COBWRA Meeting at Avalon Estates

Patrick A. Martin, a Professional Engineer and Director of Engineering for the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) provided information about LLWD and the proposed C-51 reservoir. LWDD was created in 1915 to provide flood control for residential and agricultural properties and covers from the Hillsboro Canal north to Okeechobee Blvd. LWDD plays a major role in managing the water supply and flood control with water control structures, pump stations and 500 miles of canals. The proposed C-51 Reservoir is north of Southern Blvd. and west of the existing L-8 Reservoir. Every year, about 80 billion gallons of storm water is discharged to tide via the Lake Worth Lagoon. The C-51 will harvest 24.4 billion gallons of storm water to use to recharge the aquifer used for drinking water in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. The site has unique geology. While most of South Florida has sandy soil, the C-51 site has a non-permeable rock layer that holds water. The C-51 reservoir will send water south to the tri-county area. Most of the canals needed to distribute the water to the tri-county area already exist. Mr. Martin stated the C-51 Reservoir is the lowest cost alternative to desalination and reclaimed water. Not only is the C-51 the lowest cost to construct but also the lowest cost to operate at an estimated \$.02 per 1,000 gallons of water.

Chief Todd Blake, Fire Rescue, Battalion 4 reported Fire Rescue is working on their budget and looking at a \$35M shortfall. They have not hired since May 2008 and have 100 vacant positions. To avoid layoffs, the vacant positions will be cut. They do not want to raise the millage rate. They plan to continue the same response times and levels of service. Fire Rescue has a new program to install smoke and fire detectors for people with a hearing loss. Contact Chief Blake at 561- 498-3334 X102 for more information.

Highlights of the March 21, 2012 COBWRA Meeting at Quail Ridge

The Ag Reserve: A Precious Gem Audrey R. Norman, Director of the University of Florida's Extension Service for Palm Beach County and of the Institute of Food and Agriculture stated that the Ag Reserve is 22,000 acres west of the Turnpike to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and north of Clint Moore to between Hypoluxo and Lantana Roads. Years ago, it was called "The Range Line."

- The Ag Reserve **controls** sustainable development and **preserves** agriculture, open space and environmentally sensitive lands. For every 100 acres, a builder can build on only 40 acres and must preserve 60 acres.
- The Ag Reserve is the **best winter vegetable** growing land in the USA There has been no frost over the last 60 years. It is always 3 to 5 degrees warmer there.
- The Ag Reserve is the **major supplier** of fresh produce for the eastern USA in winter. **Three and four crops** can be grown on the same land each year: bell peppers, eggplant, herbs, celery, leaf lettuce and Chinese vegetables are popular crops.
- The Ag Reserve contributes **\$2.6 Billion to the economy** of the county, second only to tourism. Wages of agricultural workers total \$340 Million.
- The Reserve has 7,700 acres in row crops, 2,300 acres in nursery stock and 900 acres of pastureland.
- Palm Beach County's Ag Reserve and the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) make PBC the **largest agricultural county** east of the Mississippi. We are number one growing sugar cane, rice and sweet corn.
- **Sheriff Ric Bradshaw** reported that PBSO is paying attention to our **homeland security** to block what happened in France. PBSO is now investigating food stamp fraud, housing fraud, homestead fraud, Medicaid fraud and IRS fraud without stopping efforts to control gangs and close down the pill mills.
- **Rep Lori Berman** reported the Legislature passed a **budget** but she voted against it because too much was cut from education and healthcare. The Special Session is trying again to draw a **map for Senate Districts**.

(Continued on p. 29. See "COBWRA.")

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THAT FIRST IMPRESSION

By Hal Duchin

Editor's note: It's graduation season and if you have a son or daughter or grandchild getting ready to step out into the world to look for that dreaded first job or even take a college interview, pass this advice on. It will be easier than your telling them to ditch the bling and the Mohawk and the nose rings.

You have about eight seconds to make a favorable impression with a person you meet for the first time. What impression did you make? Did you make an impact on the individual? Was it positive?

One of the many definitions of impact includes "the power to move feelings, influence thinking." Impact is essential to making a positive impression. It helps in defining you. First time impressions are judged by: appearance, hygiene (cleanliness), posture, eye contact, handshake, verbal confidence, ability to listen, and ability to maintain a dialogue.

Essential to making a positive impact is the word "you" or "your." Your interests are important to you. They may not be to the people you meet. Favorable comments on appearance, intelligence, perception will have a positive impact as will asking about family, job, and so forth. Communicate with a smile and selective use of humor. Focus on the other person's interests. It's a quick way to break the ice in building a relationship.

When in a doctor's office look at his walls, the pictures on his desk, any indication of a hobby. Comment on any special awards, the appearance of family, share interests. Create a dialogue that will help in discussing the diagnosis and planned treatment. The goal is to make your contact impactful, to be favorably remembered.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

By Elaine Jay

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

Paul and Debbie Deutsch
 Fred Folkman
 Charles and Cynthia Husarsky
 Morris and Leona Husarsky
 Stephen Karten

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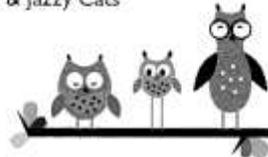
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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris



How different Earth was 23,000 years ago! Global temperatures were 9 degrees Fahrenheit colder than today. Probing fingers of glacial ice, drawing power from frigid strongholds near Canada's Hudson Bay, flowed south to bury all of eastern Canada, New England and much of the Midwest. From centers in the Canadian Rockies and our western mountains, ice sheets engulfed parts of Alaska, all of western Canada, and parts of Washington, Idaho and Montana. Landscapes were violated as forests, fields and mountains disappeared under more than one mile of ice.

In Europe, ice flowed out from centers in Scandinavia and Scotland to cover most of Great Britain, Denmark, and large parts of northern Germany, Poland and Russia. Small ice caps centered on the Alps buried all of Switzerland and nearby portions of Austria, Italy, France and Germany. In the southern hemisphere, small ice caps covered parts of Australia, New Zealand and Argentina. At its maximum extent, glacial ice covered 11 million square miles of land that today is free of ice.

In North America, a narrow belt of treeless tundra separated the ice sheets to the north from continuous spruce forests in the east. In the Midwest, stands of spruce followed rivers with dusty grasslands in between. The tundra belt was wider in Eurasia, stretching from horizon to horizon across two continents from the Atlantic coast of France through central Europe to eastern Siberia.

Water withdrawn from the ocean to make the ice sheets caused sea level to drop 350 feet relative to sea level today, exposing large areas of continental shelf. The shoreline off New York City was 80 nautical miles farther out to sea than it is today. The Gulf Stream flowed through a steep cliff-faced strait that separated a much larger Florida from a Bahamian landmass that was almost connected to Cuba. Off Florida's west coast the shoreline was 40 nautical miles out into the Gulf of Mexico.

The abundance of mammals at this time was extraordinary. Much of Florida resembled East Africa's Serengeti Game Plains during the late 1800's. Pine-oak and short-trunk palm savannah forests interspersed with open grasslands covered the Florida peninsula. Black walnut trees, which now

come no further south than Georgia, were present in the northern part of Florida.

Most, perhaps all, of the recent mammals or their immediate ancestors were already present, but there were lots of stranger animals besides. Herds of now extinct Columbian, Florida and Imperial mammoths, close relatives of the elephant, browsed the savannah-dotted grass plains.

Many animal species, similar to those of present-day South America, populated the peninsula in great numbers. Among these were tapirs, peccaries, and extinct llama-like camels, aquatic rhinos that resembled modern hippos, giant ground sloths and giant armadillo-like glyptodonts. Rodents included the extinct giant beaver and the capybara. Capybaras, so-called water hogs, are relatively large rodents of a group that now lives only in South America. These South American animals had journeyed north to Florida across the then geologically newly formed Middle America land bridge.

Vast herds of horses, bison, the South American "camels," mammoths and elephant-like mastodons either browsed or grazed on the lush vegetation. Plant-eaters congregating around water holes were preyed upon by the many flesh-eaters present at this time. These included the extinct Florida saber-tooth tiger, packs of South American dire wolves (much larger than the modern wolf), the short-faced bear (allied to South America's spectacled bear), and modern-day coyotes and black bears.

The horse, although abundant at this time, disappeared from North America by the end of the Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago. Cortez and other Spanish conquistadores reintroduced the horse into North America in modern times.

Bone fragments of Cro-Magnon Man, the same species as us, have been found in association with bones of tapirs and the extinct dire wolf in the spoil banks of Florida's Vero canal and in excavations for the Melbourne golf course. In a central Florida cave, Cro-Magnon bones have been found in association with bones of the extinct giant cave bear. Man, having crossed the Bering Sea land bridge from Siberia to Alaska, had arrived in Florida.

Correction to April article (with editor's apology): Spittlebugs etc., rather than moving toward cooler temperatures because their habitats have become too warm, have opportunistically moved into previously cooler regions that have become warmer.

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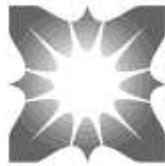
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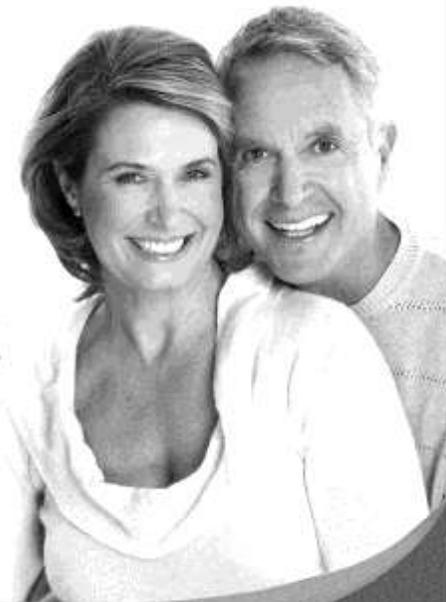
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Visiting

MICHAEL AND JANET LEVINTON

By Claire Deveney



Michael and Janet Levinton moved to M.I. 10 years ago. Prior to that, while on visits to Michael's parents in Delray Beach, he would look for a job in the area. He followed a friend's suggestion

that he drop off his resume at the Sherwin Williams store near the 3G's restaurant on Atlantic Avenue. Michael recalls that the manager asked, "When can you come to work?" Michael answered, "In six weeks!" The manager replied, "I'll wait for you."

After Michael landed the job with Sherwin Williams, the Levintons sold their home in 30 days, packed and moved to a rented condo at Kings Point. Michael started the job, as promised, in six weeks! The Levintons have life-long friends in nearby Valencia Isles and other developments.

Michael grew up in Mount Kisco, N.Y., and graduated from Fox Lane High School in Bedford, N.Y. He earned his B.S. degree in accounting at the University of Rhode Island. After working in accounting for five years, he joined his dad in running the Kisco Paint and Hardware Store, with the intention of buying the business when his parents retired to Delray Beach. Michael describes the store that his dad had opened in the '40's as "a friendly neighborhood Mom and Pop paint and hardware store that also carried hundreds of other items. We moved it twice and every section expanded each time." He comments that the store, which served two generations, was located in an affluent area where customers included John Heinz of Heinz ketchup, actor E. G. Marshall and other celebrities. A book on the area described the store as "the nicest hardware store in Westchester County," recalls Michael.

Janet was born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y. Her father, a physician who was born in Poland, was close to age 40 in 1939 when he entered an arranged marriage and immigrated to the U.S. His entire family was killed in the Holocaust. After passing board examinations in the U. S., he took a job at the V.A. in Plainfield, N.J. For two years, he practiced

internal medicine in the U.S. Army. Janet proudly states that her father delivered her in 1944.

Janet graduated from Plainfield High School in N.J. She earned a bachelor's degree in education at Temple University and did graduate work at Yeshiva University and Manhattanville College, where she earned 30 advanced education credits and became certified in education.

Michael and Janet met on a blind date. Michael recalls that they went to the Playboy Club in Manhattan. They both had hectic schedules and over a year they had a handful of dates spanning five months, during which time Michael served in the National Guard at Ft. Dix, N.J. and at Ft. Gordon, Ga. He saved all of her letters -- as she did his! It was a whirlwind romance and they became engaged in April and married in July 1967. This summer they will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.

Janet taught a class of 37 third graders in North Bergen, N.J. for one year, and was a 6th grade English and Social Studies teacher at Ossining, N.Y. before becoming a full time wife and mother of two sons. She returned to work in 1986 and taught pre-schoolers for 14 years before coming to Florida.

Today Michael continues full time employment with Sherwin Williams, now at its store located off Gateway Blvd. Janet has worked as a substitute teacher in Greenacres in grades K to 5 and for one six-week period she was the physical education substitute teacher for 900 elementary school children!

The Levinton's son Mark, 41, is a behavior specialist who works with autistic children. His wife, Lainee, is a Ph.D. in audiology in private practice. They and their children, Dorey, 5, and Braden, 2, live in Lafayette Hill, Penn. Janet and Michael's son Jay, 39, an attorney, and his wife, Robin, also an attorney, live in Dix Hills, Long Island, N.Y., with their children Brett, 9, and Sydney, 7.

Michael describes himself as a New York sports fan of the Knicks, Rangers, Giants and the Yankees. He enjoys walking and puttering around the house. Janet is active on Hadassah's regional board, serving on its Green Committee and some of its outreach programs. She enjoys walking and reading, is a history and news buff and likes having a flexible schedule.

The Levintons enjoy traveling and this fall they are looking forward to a trip to Italy including the northern section, along with touring in Florence, Venice, Rome and Pompeii.



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BUTTONS AND BOWS

By Phyllis M. Cohen



My favorite proofreader, my daughter, Nancy, challenged me to write an article on buttons after I told her how I happened to write a previous column on pennies when the topic was suggested to me. So here we go, Nancy. This one is for you.

I'm getting dressed to go out, hair done, impeccable makeup, when the unexpected occurs. A strategic button, in the most conspicuous place on my blouse, pops off and hides itself in a spot that requires Sherlock Holmes to find it. Now this should not be a problem, but as every woman knows, even if she has saved every loose or spare button conscientiously for 20 years, and even though the needed button is a plain white flat button, no button in her possession will fit. (The corollary to this case, in the event that all you guys are laughing at me, is that when a screw needs to be replaced quickly in some appliance or machine, my husband cannot find one that will fit in his vast collection of hoarded old screws and fittings. So there!)

But back to my mini-tragedy. Without button or replacement, I am left with the dilemma of quickly changing the whole outfit, holding my hand like Napoleon over the gaping spot for the entire evening, or donning a jacket or coat to hide my sudden wardrobe malfunction.

But safety pin to the rescue, the event leads me to ponder how many problems the simple act of dressing oneself can cause. To begin with, buttons in general have become a nuisance. It seems that buttons are becoming smaller and harder to manipulate than ever, especially the top button on slacks that refuses to close for no reason, and those pesky shirt buttons on my husband's shirt collars that both of us have trouble dealing with. I think it's all part of that vast conspiracy that includes those childproof bottle caps, the tiny print on packages and the 12-foot high shelves in the supermarket.

Even though scientists can put a man on the moon, there are still challenges in simple everyday tasks, such as dressing oneself. Thinking back to my childhood, I remember that all my little school dresses buttoned down the back. That meant that every morning, I needed to have someone button the dress and tie the little belt in a bow behind my back.

And I did a lot of button replacing on an old hand-me-down horse blanket type winter coat I wore as child. (Those were the days when you couldn't throw a tantrum about the clothes your mother made you wear.) The coat had thick wooden buttons that either popped off when sewed on too tightly or could not be pushed through the buttonholes.

It was interesting to see that whole problem with dressing repeated when I watched the bridesmaids at a recent wedding button all thirty of the teeny, tiny, covered buttons down the back of the bride's dress. And we women still run into that common dressing room dilemma in the ladies department where the woman in the next dressing room is looking for someone to button up the back of the garment she is trying on. That is the reason women shop in packs. And if you haven't thought of it for a while, the whole thing with buttons gets even more interesting when you consider that on women's clothing, buttons go on the right and on the left in men's clothing. Pity the poor sailor, still garbed in the traditional navy pants with 13 buttons to do up the flap (worn by junior enlisted men today).

Obviously most of our costuming problems stem from all the leftover designs and practices of a time when the well to do had people to help them get dressed, (and they needed the help) and the blessings of elastic, Velcro and zippers had yet to appear. If you look at clothing in earlier times, there were a lot of lacings and ties to hold shirts and pants and dresses together since buttons were expensive and hard to find for many poorer folk. (Of course, getting out of clothing was also a problem, but that had some potentially interesting ways of being accomplished and does even now). As for the different sides for buttons on male and female garments, no one is quite sure why they differ, but for men at least, it may have something to do with allowing men (mostly right handed) to draw their swords or dirks more easily.

Thankfully, there have been some technological improvements that make dressing easier. Goodbye to high button shoes and button hooks and fly front pants with buttons, never properly fastened or opened in time. Hurray for Velcro on everything from diapers to sneakers to clothing. But buttons are not going away yet. So you can still "Button up your overcoat, when the wind is free," like that old song, or hum, "I'm all yours in Buttons and Bows." I'll skip any comments on belly buttons for now.

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“THE CARDS ARE IN THE MAIL”



By Thelma Mechanic

Such is the excitement voiced by eager mah-jongg players upon the arrival of the annual mah-jongg card that prints the “new hands and rules for the new year.” They must be doing something right since this is the mah-jongg League’s 75th year. The \$7 (\$8 for large print) fee for the card goes to support many worthwhile charities in the United States and Canada.

I recall that in my younger days, my mom had a mah-jongg night, and a bridge night. Today, I follow in her steps (although I play once a week). It’s a pleasant “night out.”

Mah-jongg was originated by the Chinese and dates back to the time of Confucius and the ruling class of China. The Mandarins, at the time, denied permission to other inhabitants to enjoy this pastime – insisting it be only for the aristocrats. It was in 1911 when China became a Republic, that the game (then called “Ma Cheuck”) met with great popularity throughout the Orient – and is still the most popular game in China. The game was introduced to the West in 1920, and enthusiastically received in Europe, the U.S. and Canada.

Mah-jongg sets contain 5 racks (for 4 players and a bettor). Tiles are stacked in piles of 2 against the rack to make a “wall.” East (usually the hostess for the night) then rolls the dice to determine where to break the wall. East then takes the first two stacks (4 tiles) to the left of the break. Each player does the same for a total of 13 tiles with East having 14. (They do this until the players each have 13 tiles and East has 14.) This leads into the Charleston, a series of passes, the first of which is a “must”: (The first set of passes is a “must”) 3 tiles to the right, across and left. The second Charleston is optional: 3 tiles left, across and right. You then have the option of a blind pass of up to three tiles with opposite players. When Charleston is completed, East starts the game by discarding the 14th tile, and players to the right of East pick and discard in rotation.

Learning to play the game is not particularly difficult once you understand the jargon. In order to establish

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The Reel Story FOOTNOTE

by Judy Radin

“Footnote” is an absorbing Israeli production that won the Best Screenplay Award at the Cannes Film Festival for its dramatic plot centered on Israel’s Academia.

Eliezer Shkolnik, a philologist who researches the varied idioms of the Jerusalem Talmud, and his son, Uriel, are both professors at the Talmudic Research Department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Eliezer, is a traditionalist who sticks rigidly to his antiquated research methods that make him unaccepted and unrecognized. He is disturbed by the success of his competitor, Prof. Yehuda Grossman, who received credit for lifetime research achievement by completing and publishing similar research results to his own before him.

Eliezer’s greatest aspiration is to win the coveted Israel Prize. However, his rigid methods and dour attitude lead to yearly disappointment. A mulish personality and lack of recognition have created a bitter, inconsiderate individual.

Uriel, the antithesis of his father, is a captivating scholar, who is admired for his lectures by students and general public alike. His colleagues, recognizing his academic skills, elected him as a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

On his way home from the University, Eliezer receives a call from the Minister of Education, congratulating him for having been selected as the year’s laureate of the Israel Prize.

The next day the young Prof. Shkolnik is called to a critical meeting where he is told of an error that was made, and that it was he, and not his father who was elected laureate of the Israel Prize. The committee wants to discuss ways of righting the wrong, but Uriel objects, saying the news would destroy his father. He gets into an argument with the head of the committee, loses his composure and punches him. Sorry for his eruption, he yields, and requests to be allowed to break the news to his father in person. The committee grants his request.

Uriel subsequently finds his father in a cheerful mood, toasting his success with colleagues. Incapable of telling the truth to his blissful father, Uriel tells

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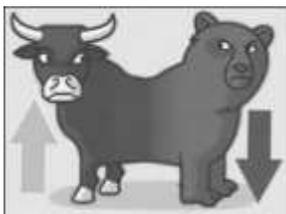
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INVESTOR DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Facilitator



Are you a Bull, a Bear, or just confused about investing in the stock market or the political scene as it may affect your cash flow? As I have said many times in the past, if you are satisfied with your effective cash flow after considering the effect of the negative impact of inflation (not the official number, which may be approximately 2-3%, but the more realistic number of 5-15% that we experience in our daily lives), then consider our meetings as informational with an occasional injection of humor.

However, let us examine the following possible scenario. No one will be immune from the potentially impending impact of the threat of inflation when interest rates start to rise. It may not be for another year or two years, as Mr. Bernanke has indicated. In fact, there is ongoing conjecture whether Quantitative Easing 3 (QE3) will be required to give the economy an additional impetus.

As the economy, hopefully, continues to improve, (and believe it or not, it is reported that it is improving, although at a slow rate) less stimulus should be required and the Fed may soon start to increase short-term rates. With corporate earnings growing and the jobs market continuing its torturously slow improvement, investors may continue to sell bonds and buy growth stocks. This will put pressure on long term interest rates to rise. Some analysts estimate that bond market values, both treasuries and corporates, could fall approximately 7% for each 1% rise in long term rates. It is anyone's guess how high interest rates will go.

While one measure of a growing economy is increasing interest rates and less unemployment, it also waves the danger flag of rising inflation. Some questions arise. Is it already happening? How will this affect your portfolio? Which securities will be affected? What effect will the results of the coming national election have?

Is it already happening? Of course it is. While the short term rates have not significantly risen, the long rates are starting to move up due to market forces. As mentioned before, inflation has increased to 5%; to 15% on daily needs products and services. How will this affect your portfolio? That depends on many factors. The speed of the change is expected to be slow over the next two years.

Sectors experiencing rising costs and selling prices could include energy, coal, oil, natural gas, as well as non-ferrous metals, precious metals, raw materials and food. Liquor industry, tobacco, health-care, transportation and companies that have major monopolies in their industries, real estate, may also have increases.

Companies in financials, banking, real estate, industrial materials, consumer staples, etc. could show increasing profits - if they don't produce losses. While there is some redundancy and confusion in this list, the fact is there are many factors that influence the behavior of the individual companies. Certainly it is not all-inclusive. It should give you pause to be alert to the trends as they develop.

The result of the election may provide one more area of uncertainty. One opinion is that the market will initially react with considerable volatility followed by a short-term rally followed by _____ as the reality of the situation sets in. Another opinion is _____. You can fill in the blanks).

If all of the above is confusing, it is meant to be and is a reflection of the current status of the market. It is also meant to stimulate a discussion on a very debatable subject. As has been indicated before, it may be more judicious for the retiree to selectively hold high income investments with some growth potential and which it would pay you to hold while the market gyrates, than to hold broad market securities such as mutual funds or high beta growth stocks with low or no dividends. At our meetings, we have discussed many income producing candidates most of which are doing very well.

The meeting in May will be the sign-off meeting for this season. Please remember to consult with your investment advisor as to suitability of anything you are considering.

MAH-JONGG *(Continued from page 15)*

a “run,” you need the indicated consecutive numbers from the hand on the card. A “pair” is obviously two of the same tiles. “Pungs” are three like tiles together. “Kongs” are four, “Quints” are five consecutive numbers and “Sextets” are six in any one suit. If two colors are shown on the card, you must play the hand in any two suits, and three colors indicate playing three suits. The suits are “Craks” (red), “Bams” (Green), and “Dots” (Blue).

The “new” mah-jongg sets came with beautiful tiles: pink, ivory, pale green and silver. Traditional sets come with tiles in a natural ivory, which tend to yellow over the years. Someone once asked Victor Borge – the prominent pianist and comic - why his ivory piano keys had discolored so much over the years. He replied, “The elephant smoked too much.”

The game sounds a little complicated, but try it. I’m sure you’ll like it enough to establish a game with others!

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Prof. Grossman, the chairman of the committee, to give the award to his father. Grossman agrees provided Uriel honors two stipulations. (1) He must write the committee’s award consideration text, for Grossman to sign. (2) Uriel would never be a candidate for the Israel Prize. Appalled by the second stipulation, the young professor agrees.

As young Shkolnik labors over the wording of the consideration text on his computer, the elder Shkolnik’s interview by the media places doubt on the scientific value of his son’s research.

The emotional scene heightens as each family member begins to recognize the truth about who really won the Israel Prize. At the end we are left with a large question mark! Will emotions triumph or will the cover-up prevail!

Director Joseph Cedar shared that he focused on the Hebrew University’s Talmud department because, though it is the smallest department in the college, it is also world-famous for its inflexible techniques and intolerant attitude toward the notion of error. Yet this same department is also known for its unconventional scholars and the rivalries between them.

Based upon the Director’s statement, what do you think is an appropriate ending for his film?

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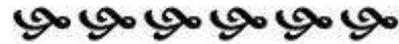
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PET PATCH

By Molly

Happy Spring! Did we have winter? – sure didn’t feel like it. What gorgeous weather we are having – I love it.

The Cancer group had their annual walk in April. Mom was going to take me with her, but it’s a good thing she didn’t. They had so many people there and it was so hot that day – I was glad I didn’t go. But I missed out on bagels and cream cheese like I got last year! They did a good job on their collection of money for the cause – congratulations!

I’m sorry to say that our friend China will be moving. And our friend Herbie has gone to doggie heaven. We will miss them.

Best wishes to all for a safe and wonderful summer.



Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*

Do you know that we have a touch of the Mediterranean in Majestic Isles? In a recent cruise to the French Riviera, Spain and the Canary Islands, I noted the Medjool date palm extensively planted in these warm temperate regions of the world. In our Majestic Isles landscape we have several of these palms planted in our front entry. This date palm was said to originate in Morocco. Since its introduction to the United States, it has become one of the most desired of all ornamental palms.

The Medjool date palm is very easy to identify as it has a very distinctive appearance. A huge canopy of silvery to dark green fronds (foliage) grows out of the crown of the tree. It can be grown where temperatures never fall below freezing for an extended period of time. It is a slow growing tree and matures to a height of 70 feet. It has trunk that can be costume-cut to a diamond shape for added beauty.

All true edible date palms are desert plants. They do not grow naturally in areas that receive lots of rain during the hot summer months. They do well in the deserts of California where it rains a lot less than it does in eastern south Florida. As you drive past the palms in our front entry, you can see, in season, the unripe yellow-orange fruit (date) hanging from the top of the palm. It is rare to find edible Florida-grown Medjool dates because the growing conditions here do not permit the fruit to fully ripen on the tree.

The Medjool palm culture is most tolerant to humidity and rain. However, it is recommended not to plant anything around this palm especially turf and flowers that require frequent irrigation. If you lose a diseased date palm it would be best not to plant another one in that location until you remove as much soil as you can and replace the diseased soil with fresh soil. By the way, the replacement cost for a mature specimen of this palm can be in the thousands of dollars.

Therefore, for preventative maintenance it is recommended that one keep a close eye on them. Several years ago we lost one date palm due to a fungal disease. At the first sign of trouble such as discoloration of the fronds, get a diagnosis and treat the problem. The discoloration may be the sign of a nutritional deficiency. This type of deficiency can be easily treated with special applications of manganese and potassium. Good old Epsom salt (magnesium sulfate) is inexpensive and may help. All our palm trees should be fertilized in March, June and October with a palm fertilizer containing trace elements of micronutrients.

I highly recommend that in your future travel plans to regions in the Mediterranean that you admire this palm, particularly in the arid Negev regions of Israel where hundreds of Medjool date palms are growing in clusters in the middle of the desert. The beauty of the dark green and silvery foliage is a site to see and remember!

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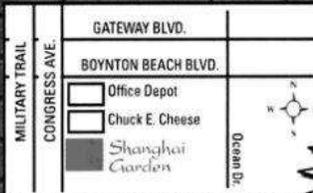
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By Selma Friedman



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“Arsenic and Old Lace” by Joseph Kesselring is a demanding venture by its length; therefore, it requires the memorization of a *lot* of dialogue, but the cast came through admirably, not only with the lines, but also the characterizations. Bravo to all!!

For those of you who've never seen the play or the old movie, the story revolves around the “sweet, little old ladies,” sisters, who kindly accept elderly, homeless old men who have no family into their home where they ply them with “elderberry wine.” Once their visitors are dead, their eccentric brother, who believes himself to be President Theodore Roosevelt, thinking that he is digging the Panama Canal, digs their graves in the basement. And that's just the beginning!

Thank you, Director Edd Bloom; Assistant Director Barbara Portnoff; the cast: Marilyn Chermak, Duncan Hopwood, Paul Mendelsohn, Ed Gerard, Linda Kessler, Donna Shaneson, Isabel Lubchansky, Ed Strauber, Lynn Fischer, Lenny Schwartz, Phil Chermak, Ron Seitler, Jean Peckins and Bernie Fishkin. Amazing!

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WE ARE SO EMBARRASSED!



We apologize for having omitted the following from the “Arsenic and Old Lace: Behind the Scenes” pages that appeared in the March 2012 issue of the newsletter.

IRA SCHNEIDER

Videographer, Administrative President of M.I.L.T.

During his acting days, Ira demonstrated his versatility as the nebbish pickle salesman in “Crossing Delancy,” the know-it-all ghost of Humphrey Bogart in “Play It Again Sam,” and the wise cracking judge in “The Harry Bernstein Murder Trial” and its sequel. His technical ability has been called upon numerous times, ranging from editing film to overseeing various aspects of the sound system. In recent years Ira is usually found behind a tripod and camera as he captures unforgettable performances. Through his efforts it has been possible for all connected with a production to have a lasting memento.

Kudos to other Support Staff for their valuable contributions to the production

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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



I hope everyone had a Happy and Sweet Passover. For those of you who went to visit relatives and those who had guests here, it's always good to see your loved ones, but it is also good to get back to the routine of being here in Majestic Isles.

Our next big event is the installation of officers on May 21. The following is the Nomination Slate for next year:

Presidium: Phyllis Cohen, Fran Ost and Judy Radin.

Treasurer: Janice Davidson

Membership V.P.: Helen Aldoroty

Records Administrator: Evelyn Harris

Education VP: Donna Shaneson

Fundraising VP: Lee Katz and Helene Riffle

Program VP: Roberta Rabinowitz

Recording Secretary: Marcia Steiner*

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Markowitz

* New Member: Welcome

There are no summer doldrums for Hadassah. On Monday July 16, 2012 we will hold our popular Summer Sizzler Card Party that includes a wonderful lunch. Get your tables set up and watch for the announcements on price and reservations.

In the fall, Hadassah and Cancer Research are planning a joint fashion show on November 15. It should be great!

Our ongoing projects include the Tower in Israel. Lee Katz is still selling Bricks for the Tower in Israel. They cost \$18 and give 100% donor. These can be bought for any reason or celebration.

We now have 343 life members and welcome more! New annual members are also always welcome.



My mother's love has always been a sustaining force for our family, and one of my greatest joys is seeing her integrity, her compassion, her intelligence reflected in my daughters. Michelle Obama

M.I. CANCER RESEARCH

By Marilyn Chermak and Claire Deveney



We thank all the M.I. Pap Corps members who continue to support our fundraising programs.

Annual membership is \$35 for the year, which runs from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Renew your membership by placing your check in the Pap Corps mailbox 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.

Football mania is starting again for the fall season. Tickets are \$20. There will be a \$25 winner every week. For tickets contact Ed Gerard, Ed Strauber or Paul Mendelsohn.

M.I. Pap Corps and Hadassah announce 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 and contact is J.B. Travel at 880-2790.

Save the date:

May 24 at 1 p.m.: Delectable Desserts at the M.I. clubhouse in celebration of Pap Corps 60th Birthday. Randy DeLago, director of Delray Playhouse, will speak on "Community Theatre."



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SOCIAL CLUB

By Marge Chappell

The results are in – the polls show that the Social Club Series for 2012 was **outstanding, entertaining, enjoyable, fantastic** - and even had some dancing in the aisles. We are thrilled that the series was so well received.

Special kudos to our Entertainment Chairperson, Arlene Koch, and her Committee, and to our Social Club Board who helped them with the work that went into getting the series put together.

We're sure you will feel the same way about the upcoming 2013 series. This one will be as good as or even better than the last one. There is a tri-fold flyer in the back lobby describing the shows. Tickets are available - \$70 per person (no increase from last year) – just put your checks in our mailbox. You won't be sorry.

Memorial Day is just around the corner – we will be having a party with good food and entertainment – watch for details on Channel 63 and flyers in the back lobby. We have done this special day for many years now, and it has always been one we remember.

The movies will continue through most of the summer. However, because of vacations, etc., there will be none in August.

Our Snowbirds are leaving us – we wish them a healthy and wonderful summer, and look forward to their return in the fall.

For our friends and neighbors who stay, we wish you a happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



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MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

8 p.m. at the clubhouse

FLASH! We now have Blue-ray capability for our movies, so our movies will be clearer than ever and will fill the screen.

SAT., MAY 5.: IDES OF MARCH Dirty tricks stand to soil an ambitious young press spokesman's (Ryan Gosling) idealism in a cutthroat presidential campaign where "victory" is relative. The film, directed by George Clooney, is inspired by the real-life experiences of an aide who worked on Howard Dean's failed 2004 run.

SAT., MAY 19: BRIDESMAIDS Named her best friend's maid of honor, down-on-her-luck Annie's competition with a fellow bridesmaid, the wealthy and beautiful Helen, threatens to destroy the wedding. Meanwhile, a local cop takes a liking to Annie.

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

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

One of the very few reasons I had any respect for my mother when I was thirteen was because she would reach into the sink with her bare hands – bare hands – and pick up that lethal gunk and drop it into the garbage. To top that, I saw her reach into the wet garbage bag and fish around in there looking for a lost teaspoon. Bare hands – a kind of mad courage.
Robert Fulghum

My mother said to me, "If you are a soldier, you will become a general. If you are a monk, you will become the Pope." Instead, I was a painter, and became Picasso. Pablo Picasso

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MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

We are in the process of accepting reservations for the Men's and Women's Clubs' Parents' Day Brunch on May 6 at the Stonebridge Country Club in Boca Raton. Please call Ruth Oppler at 752-4492 for information. Also, see the flyers in the back of the clubhouse for complete details.

Since we are having the brunch in May our next Men's Club breakfast will be Sunday, June 3.

Another casino trip is planned for Wed. May 23 to the Hard Rock Casino.

We wish our seasonal residents a wonderful summer and look forward to their return.

ROYALS BOWLING

By Shelly Mehlman



Wow! What a finish! Tensions were running high as three teams battled it out for first and second place. The outcome was decided on April 5. First place trophies: Ralph Oppler, Tom Shaughnessy, and Fred Oestreicher. Second place trophies: Bert Stillman, Sylvia Fefferman, and Eileen Mehlman. On April 19 all we had a great time at our luncheon at Benevenuto's.

The Royals are looking forward to September when, again, we will have a fun season of bowling. All bowlers are welcome. No experience is needed.

We wish you all a healthy, happy summer!

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WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

Another month has passed and we hope that everyone had a nice holiday. We are working on setting up classes for canasta and mah-jongg. We have some volunteers to do the teaching, so watch channel 63 for starting times and updates.

There is still time to sign up for the Parents' Day Brunch on May 6 at Stonebridge Country Club in Boca Raton.

June 11 will be our regular meeting with our speaker from the sheriff's department. Topic will be scams, etc. which should be important for everyone. Each day there is a new scam, usually directed at seniors.

We would like to resume having the "Friendship Supper." It will be on September 26, 2012. This is open to all residents of Majestic Isles, relatives and friends. A sign-up sheet is in the back lobby. We need your support to make this a reality, so sign up early to give us an idea of interest and likely attendance.

There's still time to put your dues of \$10 in women's club box in back lobby. Please join us.

There will not be any meetings in July and August but the board and I are busy planning the fall events.

WORD TO THE WISE ON MOTHERS

By Ruth Harriet Jacobs

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If we are available, we encourage dependency.
If we are busy ourselves, we are detached.
If we offer advice, we are controlling.
If we refrain, we are disinterested.
If we visit often, we are pests.
If we don't, we are thought uncaring.
If we hide our needs, we are martyrs.
If we reveal our needs, we are demanding.
If we provide for our old age, we are selfish.
If we don't provide, we are burdens.
If we don't pitch in, they question our competency.
If we do pitch in, we question their competency.
If all of this is true, we might as well do as we wish,
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submitted by Bobbe Greene



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THE SINGLES' GROUP

By Ellin Goldstein

The Singles have some interesting and different activities planned for the next few months.

May 26 will see the Singles return to Harid's for their final ballet performance of the year. Everyone always is delighted by the Harid students, the ballet, and, of course, the dinner that follows.

August 5 is the date for our theater party for "Divorce Party The Musical." It's not too late to order a ticket from Marge Chappell. The show 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.

Our Executive Board lost a very active and lovely person when Norma Linden passed away. The entire membership will miss her and we send our sincere condolences to her family.

Only good things in our future!

COBWRA *(Continued from p. 29)*

Highlights of the April 18, 2012 COBWRA Meeting at Valencia Shores

New COBWRA President Stuart Caine reminded the audience that everyone who lives in a member association is eligible to serve on COBWRA committees and volunteer their services.

Growth Management Committee Chair Gerry

Morrison reported on the proposed land use swaps, a new Valencia community and the site plan for the new charter middle and high school. Kevin Ratterree, VP of GL Homes, explained the proposals. The land use swaps result in an additional 54 acres of preserve land in the Ag Reserve. The site for the charter schools is 14 acres on the north side of Boynton Beach Blvd east of the church next to Bethesda West Hospital. No Preserve land is involved. The Delegates voted overwhelmingly with three nays to recommend approval of all the proposals as presented.

Next Delegates meeting: **May 16, 9:30 am:** Delegates at Banyan Springs (Boynton Beach Blvd west of Military Trail.) State Legislators report on the 2012 Tallahassee session.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

General Meeting, April 15, 2012

"You're a Good man Charlie Brown"

By Selma Friedman



The smiles around the room at the end of this show were so heartwarming that I was filled with pride in the accomplishments of our performers. Many people offered very positive and touching comments.

Our wonderful cast, who put forth much effort with very little time, were: Claire Deveney, Lynn Fischer, Francine Gitto, Marian Held, Gerry Herman, Liz Hopwood, Roberta Jaffie, Linda Kessler, Arlene Koch, Nancy Levitan, John Shilling, Fran Silling, Erwin Silling, Al Silverman and Gloria Steingart.

Of course these programs cannot be presented without the support of the technical crew. We are proud to acknowledge the help of Buddy Koch, Jack Morse, Mark Jaffie, Marty Baron, Doris Davidoff, Ira Schneider, Francine Gitto, Marian Held, Liz Hopwood, Marilyn Freidberg and Estelle Snyder.

The director of the entire project was Arlene Levin. It was my pleasure as Music Director to work with all those involved.

Now what's on schedule for next month? Why the question? Is this a rhetorical question?



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

May 2, 2012 – June 30, 2012

2	Mon.	10:00 a.m.	Board of Directors	Shredding (p, h) Test Fire extinguishers (h)
3	Thurs	10:00 a.m.	Citizen's Observer Patrol	Meeting (f, h)
5	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p,h)
6	Sun	10:30 a.m.	Men's & Women's Clubs	Parent's Day Brunch (p,a)
7	Mon	9-12 a.m.	Mature Driver Course (p, h)	
		2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Workshop (f, h)
8	Tues	9-12a.m	Mature Driver Course (p, h)	
10	Thurs	7:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
14	Mon	4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
16	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks and More	Discussion (f, h)
19	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
20	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
		7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop (f,h)
21	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Installation (p, h)
23	Wed	10:00a.m.	Men's Club	Casino trip (p, h)
24	Thurs	1:00 p.m.	Cancer Research Unit	Meeting (f, h)
26	Sat	1:00 p.m.	Singles	Harid's Ballet (p, a)
28	Mon	TBA	Social Club	Memorial Day Party (p, h)

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2	Sat	8:00 p.m	Social Club	MovieTime (p, h)
3	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (p, h)
		7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Cultural Club	Meeting (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	12:30 p.m.	Women's Club	Meeting (f, h)
16	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
24	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
30	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)

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

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