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This Article is a reprint from an Alert I received from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. It's good information to pass along and keep handy. Ken

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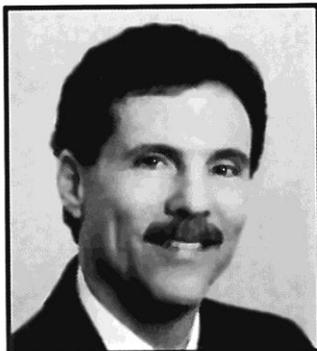
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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, April 3, 2014

Minutes of the April 3, 2014 meetings will not be available until the Board approves them at the next meeting. To inform residents in a timely manner, we present the unofficial and abbreviated notes below.

President's Report, Harvey Galan

- We have received a notice from the attorney that the sale of the foreclosed home is set for April 22.

Treasurer's Report, Saul Siegel

- *(Residents may request a report of the 2/6/14 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)*

Insurance, Ken Keller

- Plastridge has been contacted and the new rates just came out. There are many policy changes, especially with Citizens, and these will need to be discussed with our agent. A committee consisting of Saul Siegel, Howard Schultz, and Ken Keller has been formed to investigate all possibilities.

COBWRA, Steve Bayer

- The next regular meeting of COBWRA delegates will be at Avalon on Hagen Ranch Road on April 30.
- A flier, sent by the Lake Worth Drainage District, on saving water will be on the back bulletin board.

Safety & Security, Steve Bayer

- Twenty-seven residents brought a total of 78 boxes of material to the March 19 shredding event.
- A Town Hall meeting discussing falls and safety was held on March 19. We will repeat this.

ARC, Mark Jaffie

- ARC has given many approvals for plantings and one approval to enclose a back patio.
- Driveways were inspected and 89 letters were sent to clean and/or paint or stain.
- After a mailbox inspection, 61 letters were sent out notifying residents to replace their boxes.
- Privacy fences were also inspected. Many were painted something other than white and we will have to discuss this.

Grounds, Bill Broth

- We're looking into using a different color for mulch that won't stain the houses.
- Fall plantings are going to be removed and mulch added before the spring plantings come in.

Documents, Ken Keller

- The paperwork on the amendments has been signed. Our attorney will send it to Tallahassee for recording. After the addendum is recorded, another mailing will have to be sent out to the residents.

Unfinished Business

- Mark Jaffie recommended tabling the painting issue until the proposed motions are fully discussed and worked out.
- Ken Miller will get at least one more proposal for hiring someone to power wash the pool deck and all clubhouse sidewalks.
- Motion for Holiday Lighting to rewrap the three Medjool palm trees at a cost of \$1521 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept the proposal from Hartzell to repaint the ballroom at a cost of \$3745 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept the proposal by Residential and Commercial to install three ceiling fans that we will provide for the two card rooms for \$1600 passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Ken Miller is to get proposals for replacing the black backstage curtains.

Murphy's Lesser-Known Dictums

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.

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SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

Have you heard about Operation Pill Drop?



For those of you who are wondering what to do with outdated prescription medicines, there is a solution.

Protect our water supply: *Don't* flush medications down the drain, *don't* bury them in the back yard and *don't* place them in the regular garbage.

To dispose of pills properly, put them in a baggie and take them to the PBSO (Palm Beach Sheriff's Office). The office is located on Jog Road between Gateway Blvd. and Northtree Blvd., next to Park Vista High School. There is a blinking yellow light at the driveway. Park, bring the pills into the building, where you will see a tall Green and Gold container with a drop box opening. That's where the pills go!

Questions? Call me, Steve Bayer, at 737-0495.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Laura Buchwalter	Harriet Kutner
Tillie Citron	Harvey Schwartz
Sandy Dick	Stan Snyder
Flo Kalestein	Marcia Vetstein
Lee Katz	

SYMPATHY

To the family of Estelle Levy

MESSAGES

To you all: Calling, coming, cooking, cards, candy, cookies but most of all caring. How lucky am I! I'm on the mend. You are truly majestic. Many, many thanks.

Helen Benowich

To all my Majestic Isles friends: Words can never say "thank you" enough for all your cards, donations, calls, food and good wishes as I recover from a fractured knee.

Enid Gerard

Thank you, Majestic Isles friends, for all your cards and calls. They truly gave me a lift during my recent illness.

Harvey Schwartz

Thank you all so much for your caring support as I recovered from a broken pelvis. Your cards, calls, visits, food and transportation were so helpful. Majestic Isles is an amazing place!

Renee Stichel

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By Barbara Portnoff

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Monday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.: "Child's Play:" A new drama by Christopher Demos Brown. "Child's Play" tells the story of an immigrant mother who resorts to extreme measures when state protective services takes custody of her only child. Tickets are \$10 apiece.

Friday, May 2

Street Fair - 5:30 p.m.

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Pet Patch

I can't believe it's already May and so many people are heading back north to go home. Why would you want to go back to cold and snow?



My good friend Lucy has left Majestic Isles to be with a family with children and a big back yard to run around in. Lucy, we will miss you very much. And as you do also, Lucy, we miss your Mom, Estelle Levy.

"Season" is rapidly closing – we will miss all our neighbors going north to enjoy a cooler summer than we will have. Have a wonderful and safe summer – see you in the fall!

Love, Molly

COMPASSION

By Robert Luther

Having lived in an adult community for many years, I have seen many changes in people. Many dear friends have passed away and others that I know have varying ailments ranging from normal aches and pains to advanced stages of cancer. We try to comfort them and aid them in any way we can.

As we age, many of us lose some of our mental sharpness. We forget where we put our keys, constantly misplace our glasses, go into a room not knowing what we are looking for, and make lists of chores that we have to do on any given day. This is all part of the normal process of aging. I know because I have just described myself.

However, some of our friends and neighbors are beyond this normal stage and are in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and are still trying to be active and sociable. They are slower mentally and physically, and I have noticed that some of those around them demonstrate annoyance and irritation instead of compassion. Some even make fun of someone who is not sure of him/herself.

We are not short-tempered with people who have cancer, COPD, heart problems, and other debilitating diseases, nor do we poke fun at their frailty. Why do some believe it acceptable to make fun of someone who has slowed down mentally and may be confused or forgetful? It is *not* acceptable because it causes pain to those who are treated this way. It is even painful to watch.

Let's all show compassion to one another and be happy for our blessings.

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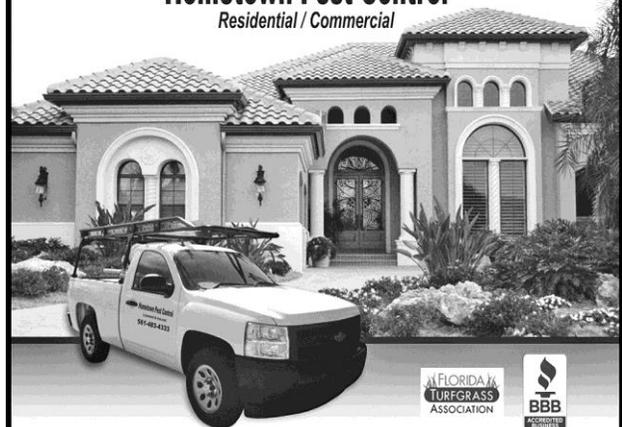
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OF BISCUITS AND TANGS

by Elaine Jay



No, “biscuits and tangs” are not part of the space station diet, but the equipment used to play shuffleboard. What? That old fashioned game we played in the ‘50’s? Would it surprise you to know

that one of the newest, hottest, “in” clubs in Brooklyn, the Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club opened its doors in February this year? A young, hip crowd flocks there to play shuffleboard and imbibe Florida-themed drinks. In a converted warehouse in the Gowanus neighborhood, patrons rent a court for \$40 per hour, drink and play the night away. The courts are painted Benjamin Moore Tropicana Cabana Blue. Vintage pennants from Florida towns and photos of “mature” shuffleboard champs adorn the walls. The bathrooms are covered in pink flamingo patterned wallpaper.

When was the last time that you played shuffleboard? Our own two “Royal Palm” shuffleboard courts, adjacent to the tennis courts, are usually utilized only when grandchildren come to visit. Perhaps it is time to try this easy-to-play social game once again. The requisite equipment, discs (often called biscuits) and poles (tangs), are stored at the courts. Bright permanent scoreboards are nearby.

If your recollection of the rules of the game is fuzzy, detailed rules and regulations can be found on the web. However, the game is quite simple. Individuals or teams compete against each other using biscuits of two different colors. The aim is to have your disc land completely inside one of the high score sections of the triangle at the far end of the court. The section at the very end of that triangle, referred to as “the kitchen,” will cost you 10 points. One goal is to avoid the kitchen. The other goal of the game is to attempt to knock your opponent’s disc out of its box, either to a lower number or into the kitchen to lose points. “Clearing the board” occurs when one’s shot sends the opponent’s discs ricocheting off the court. The “hammer” is the last shot in a game where a player can score without the risk of losing his disc to an opponent’s next shot. The first person or team to reach 75 points, or another predetermined number, is the winner.

The origin of the game is a bit murky. It is known that it was a popular entertainment in Europe 500 years ago. Henry VIII banned the sport among his archers because they spent too much time playing (and drinking). The game was played in homes and taverns on specially designed tables using coins or polished stones.

Shuffleboard became a shipboard pastime in the 1840’s when cruises became popular. Played on the deck with poles and discs, it was developed by an innovative recreation director of the P&O cruise line. In 1913, the owner of the Daytona Beach Lyndhurst Hotel, enthused with the game he had played on board a cruise, painted a court at his hotel. The game immediately caught on. Soon after, the better hotels and resorts in Florida were creating their own courts. U.S. shuffleboard truly had its origins in Florida becoming all the rage here in the 1920’s.

Interest in the game was particularly strong in St. Petersburg, having been brought there in 1923 by a Connecticut jeweler who had played it on Florida’s east coast. He urged the city to build courts and, in 1924, the first solely shuffleboard club in the world was organized. It was to become the largest club of its kind in the world, with 110 courts at one point. The Florida Shuffleboard Association, formed in St. Petersburg, led to the national association and standardization of the modern rules of the game.

During the 1930’s and 1940’s shuffleboard courts rapidly appeared across the U.S. in resorts, hotels and senior communities. The 1950’s were truly the heyday of shuffleboard with tens of thousands participating throughout the U.S. There were municipal courts in almost every resort town. Boynton Beach still has courts with a small club. There are municipal courts in Delray Beach, Boca Raton, West Palm and Wellington.

Last year, shuffleboard celebrated its 100th birthday with tournaments throughout the state. The St. Pete club now hosts a Friday Night Shuffle drawing up to 150 people. Families arrive early in the evening. Later it’s the 20 and 30 year-olds’ turn. “It’s a rare sport that allows a 10-year-old boy to compete with his 35-year-old dad and his 65-year-old granddad with no advantage for age” says the third generation president of Allen R. Shuffleboard, the only shuffleboard equipment manufacturer left. Besides, “What other sport can you play with a drink in one hand and a cue in the other?” See you on the courts!

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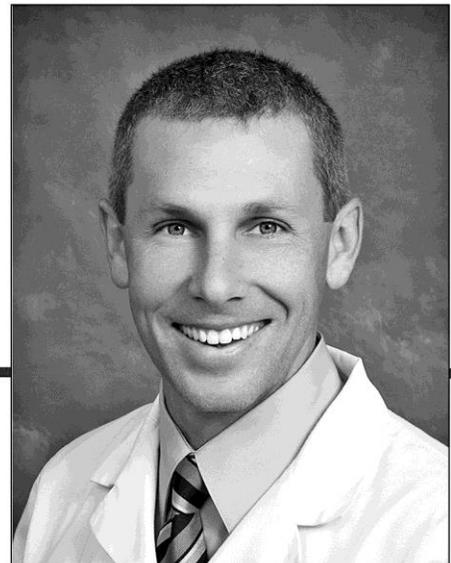


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ANOTHER BOOK TO CHECK OUT

By Stan Kaish

If you liked “American Hustle” and “The Sting,” you will love the book “Provenance,” by Laney Salisbury and Aly Sujo. This is the true story of one John Drewe, con man extraordinaire, who sold more than 200 fraudulent works of art for more than two million dollars to art dealers, museums, auction houses and collectors over a ten-year period. Note that this isn’t a hustler selling the Brooklyn Bridge to a rube. This is a hustler selling mediocre fakes to sophisticated, knowledgeable, skeptical art professionals. How did he do it? “Provenance” tells you in detail.

To begin with, Drewe was a gifted and extravagantly brazen liar. He would present himself in an upper-class accent, tailored and elegant, as Professor John Drewe, Ph.D., lecturer in nuclear physics and a consultant to the Ministry of Defense, a descendant of the Earl of York, a historian of the Nazi era, an army lieutenant, weapons expert and accomplished hang glider. None of it was true. Yet blessed with a prodigious memory, and unending *chutzpah*, Drewe was able to pose convincingly. In actuality, his formal academic life ended at age 17, but he read enough, listened enough and remembered enough to pass himself off as just about anything at all.

Also in the picture is John Myatt, an impoverished, artist long on technical ability, but lacking in original creativity. The perfect combination. Drewe commissions him to make fake works by Matisse, de Stael, Braque, Bissiere, Giacometti, and dozens of other artists. Some of the fakes are better than others. A few are done with house paint instead of oils in the interest of economy. Myatt knocks many out in a few days.

Drewe quickly learns that you cannot sell a work of art to a professional buyer without a provenance attesting to the history of the piece: who owned it before, where it was exhibited, where it was sold and for how much. He also learns that the provenances of art on display in museums are housed in their archives, loosely watched research facilities where students and art historians browse. Through a combination of charm, promised support and a sizeable contribution to the Tate gallery, Drewe gained unsupervised access to its archive. There, he inserted photos of his fake work of art, along with extensive, scissor and paste created documents supporting fake provenances for them—bills of sale, exhibition programs, forged letters of authenticity

and whatever else his fertile, but larcenous imagination could conger. It seems archive guardians were concerned with people taking things out of the gallery, not putting them in. His Tate access served as endorsement, winning him entre to others of the sacrosanct museum archives. Thus, when a provenance was needed for one of Myatt’s forgeries, Drewe had only to place it in a museum archive and direct the prospect to it.

There were, of course, skeptics, but Drewe managed to manipulate them or overwhelm them through the power of his growing reputation as a donor and supporter of the arts. One expert, however, who knew something was wrong with a Giacometti painting despite its impeccable provenance, refused to authenticate it. Another adversary was his live-in girl friend, whom Drewe had defrauded out of her money, her house, their children and, some suspected, her sanity. Both eventually lead the thinly staffed London Police Art Squad to open an investigation and begin collecting evidence. The book tracks the investigation, the discovery of his three old typewriters, his cut up letterheads, his workshop for fabricating documents, his eventual arrest, the pyrotechnics of his trial as he chooses to represent himself, and his conviction and six year sentence to prison. There, as an aside, he presents himself to his fellow inmates as a legal expert and manages to prepare an appeal for one for a fee of £10,000.

The authors take a chapter to document the extent of art forgery. Scotland Yard estimates it had become a five billion dollar business by the end of the twentieth century, just behind drug smuggling and weapons dealing as a profitable criminal enterprise. Thomas Hoving, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, estimated that 40 percent of the paintings presented to him were fakes. Perhaps Newsweek magazine summed it up well with the pithy, “Of the 2500 paintings Corot did in his lifetime, 7,800 are to be found in America.”

So John Drewe wasn’t alone in his chosen profession. But his story makes a wonderful window into this world where art is judged, not by its quality, but by the quality of its richest previous owner as spelled out in its provenance.

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Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*

We all know that hurricane shutters, boarded windows, impact resistant glass windows, swales (drainage ditches), storm proof garage and entry doors, all add up to protect our homes, but how can landscape plantings help your home become hurricane safe? Although Hurricane Andrew was disastrous, it taught us many lessons about how to design a landscape that can protect our homes from hurricane wind damage. Let's consider what trees and shrubs enhance our landscapes and also help protect our homes from hurricane winds.

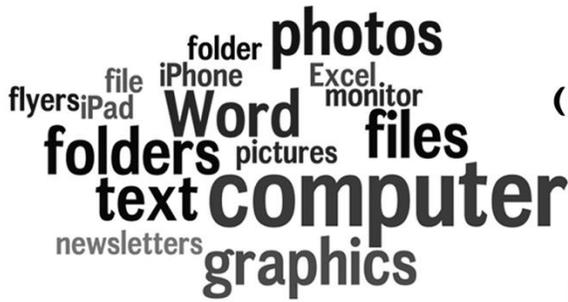
There are three components that can cause major damage to our homes. These are: (1) air-borne debris from wind, such as concrete roof tiles and shingles, (2) uprooted trees from torrential rain and (3) flooding. With the proper selection of landscape plantings, one can reduce wind and torrential rain damage. Flooding can be controlled with adequate drainage and swales. Site design and properly maintained swales and roof gutters can direct water away from the property. Remember to keep gutters and storm drains clean, and remove any debris that is blocking swales.

Native trees species such as the sabal palm and live oak that have wide spreading branches, small leaves, and low centers of gravity hold up well in hurricane force winds. The slow growing live oak tree and the gumbo limbo have stronger wood characteristics and

are more hurricane resistant than the weaker mahogany and tabebuia trees. Other good tree choices include: southern magnolia, crape myrtle, buttonwood, bald cypress and the roebellini (most roebellinis survived Andrew). Some good wind resistant shrubs include: the cocoplum, buttonwood, firebush, coontie, and arboricola.

Some homeowners have shown that durable palms such as the sabal, if planted at strategic locations around the property, can direct the hurricane wind forces over the roof in a manner that decreases the suction that causes the lifting of shingles and roof tiles. Also, if the wind velocity is kept low enough, even the less durable palms will provide protection to your roof. Thus, it may be prudent not to trim your palm trees too severely prior to hurricane season.

Deciding on whether a tornado or hurricane is more severe is always a topic open for debate. Remember they are both powerful, but hurricanes may spread a wider path of destruction and, therefore, can potentially do more damage. However, tornado winds that occurred in the mid section of our country caused horrific losses of human life and property damage. I ask then which is more severe? In either scenario, we should consider some of the above planting recommendations to protect our landscapes from hurricane force winds.



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WHERE'S WALDO AND OTHER EXOTIC LOST THINGS

By Phyllis M. Cohen

It only takes a minute. You turn around and your four-year-old slips her hand out of yours and disappears into the crowd. Your stay at home pooch, Stanley, goes out into the back yard and is gone. Even your supposedly inanimate car moves from the space you have parked it in front of Macy's and is nowhere to be seen. Panic, alarms, heart beating rapidly. Nothing is more frightening than the sudden and unexplained disappearance of some beloved family member. True, most of the above cases have a happy ending. The child is found looking at toys in Walmart, your randy dog returns with a beatific smile after visiting the neighbor's hot-looking poodle, Lady, and even your car is located on the other side of the mall after you've done a lot of cursing, teeth gnashing and walking.

There is something about losing things that sets off alarm buttons that can't be turned off until we know the outcome. The universe is tilted and our emotions run amok until we have an answer. By now we are used to errant cell phones and car keys hiding in plain sight and the ubiquitous socks disappearing and reappearing at will in the dryer. Misplacing common items can become a moment for panic. We all like to believe that we are in control of our life and our surroundings. But when something suddenly disappears, we find ourselves hopelessly searching for answers.

We are reminded again by the disappearance of Flight 370 that despite the expenditure of huge amounts of money, manpower and technology, there is no guarantee that an object as large as that plane can be found. I won't dwell on the recent airline tragedy. CNN has probably anesthetized you to any further feelings. However, just look at some similar searches in the past.

Everyone remembers the story of world famous aviator Amelia Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan who were lost over the Pacific on July 2, 1937. Investigations into the disappearance have never ceased, even 77 years after the event. Last year, sonar "pings" very much like the reports we have heard recently about the Malaysian airplane search, were reported at a remote site and the discovery of a jar of freckle vanishing cream was also announced. There are web sites and groups still devoted to the

recovery efforts and a host of ideas, fantasies and hypotheses about what happened. Poor Fred doesn't get much play, though he was a famous navigator in his own right.

Another mystery that gripped the public's imagination is the disappearance of famous or infamous Teamster Union boss, Jimmy Hoffa. Hoffa, finally convicted of jury tampering was sent to prison for 13 years, but was later pardoned by President Nixon amidst rumors that the Teamsters had made a major donation to the Nixon campaign. Long believed to be the victim of a "Mob hit" because he threatened the Mob's hold on the Teamsters' huge pension fund, Hoffa disappeared on July 30, 1975 outside a Detroit restaurant. As late as last year, police and FBI agents were searching for signs of the body and the rumors were rampant including stories of him being buried in a nearby shallow grave or being stuffed into a car that was subsequently compacted and sold for scrap metal in Japan. (We need NCIS's Abby to investigate.)

And if you haven't had enough mysteries, there's one combining an entirely unknown character, airplanes, and thousands of dollars in cash. In November 1971, a man with the purported name of D.B. Cooper hijacked a Boeing 727 plane, demanded a ransom of \$200,000 and four parachutes, and while the plane was in flight, jumped out of the plane into the wilderness between Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon. Hijacker and money disappeared, though in 1980 several packets of the bills were found. No one has ever been identified as the hijacker and a host of would be Coopers has emerged over the years, claiming to be the perpetrator. Theories abound as to whether or not D.B. even survived the jump from the plane. FBI investigators and other sleuths were using updated methods as late as 2011 in an effort to get more information.

Alas, for some lost things, there are no easy answers. With all of our modern technology we still have not been able to locate any of these famous missing people. As for those mundane lost objects (keys, phones, etc.) that we continue to search for, somewhere there must be a vast storehouse filled with them. But there is good news about those single socks that appear in the dryer. You haven't lost one. My MIT son assures me that research at that famous school proves that the ones we find are newborn socks come to life in the dryer.



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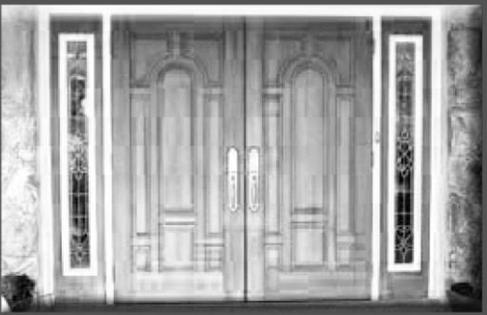
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Visiting:**STANTON & LEAH POLIN**

By Claire Deveney



Welcome to Stanton and Leah Polin, who rented in M.I. last winter and are now finishing their first season as M.I. homeowners. They were both born and raised in Chicago and graduated from John Marshall High School four years apart. While pursuing his secular

education, Stanton also studied at the Hebrew Theological College, the Chicago Yeshiva.

Stanton earned his B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Illinois in Chicago. As a medical student Stanton was initially interested in internal medicine, but after a rotation in surgery he said, "I'm cut out to be a surgeon." He did part of his residency in Chicago and did his cardiovascular surgery residency at Baylor University in Houston, Texas, where his mentor was the world famous cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Michael E. DeBakey.

Stanton returned to Chicago where he set up a clinical private practice and also served as clinical associate professor at Chicago Medical School. His 40-year practice evolved to mostly vascular and thoracic surgery.

After his initial two years of private practice, Stanton was drafted in 1967 and served in the U.S. Navy as chief of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at Portsmouth, Virginia and aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Independence* and the battleship the U.S.S. *New Jersey*. Stanton stayed in the U.S. Navy on active reserve for a total of 23 years and retired with the rank of commander.

Among his many accomplishments, Stanton has two patents for medical devices to his credit. He also earned his master's degree in health administration from the University of Colorado. "It's similar to an M.B.A. degree," he adds. He said, "I learned a lot about efficiency and set up a center for vascular studies, using electronic monitoring services for cardio-vascular testing in 11 states, in areas where the hospitals were too small to handle this work and at 263 nursing homes in the Chicago area. We did a lot of good for many people," he explains.

Stanton has given over 270 medical lectures internationally and nationally. "I worked hard," he adds with a smile.

Following high school graduation, Leah entered Roosevelt University in Chicago and earned a B.S. degree in elementary education. She simultaneously earned a teacher's certificate from the College of Jewish Studies, now called the Spertus Institute.

Stanton and Leah met at a young college graduates Jewish singles group, the Forum of Jewish Ideas. A professor of pathology, a Holocaust survivor, had started the group. Leah volunteered to write feature articles on group members and for her "resident of the month" column she asked Stanton if he would agree to be interviewed. He said he had no time, but would drive her home and she could ask her questions while riding and writing in the car. She completed the article. Then he asked her to be his date at his 10th high school reunion. Six months later he called for another date. They became engaged in February 1962 and married July 1, 1962.

Leah taught middle school for five years, then stopped to start a family. She earned a master's degree in special education from Northwestern University. "As a young wife and mother I served as a volunteer at the children's schools and at Hadassah and when Jonathan [her youngest child] was 10, I went back to work," explains Leah. She served for 25 years as executive director of the Dawn Schuman Institute for Jewish Learning, an adult education center. She became involved with Jewish Heritage trips in 1992 with a trip to Spain and has travelled to four continents. The Polins have both visited Israel over 30 times.

The Polin's daughter Abby, a mortgage broker, and her two children live just seven houses away from the Polins in Skokie, Illinois. Her sister, Bonnie Pomper is a civil engineer with the Massachusetts Dept. of Motor Vehicle Safety. She, her husband, Richard, and their three children live in Newton, MA.

Both of the Polin's sons live in Israel, where Brian is a professor of business at Jerusalem College of Technology. He and his wife, Gal, have six children. Jonathan, a cofounder of Abesmarket.com, and his wife, Rachel Goldberg, a teacher, have three children.

The Polins are both very active and Stanton enjoys reading, travel and photography. Leah enjoys lecturing, reading and tennis and has been active in Hadassah for 50 years.

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BEST FRIENDS

By Betty Wachtel

Driving through my childhood stomping grounds, the old houses on Elinor Place were much as I remembered them – all but the only one that mattered, #21, where Lois and her parents had lived in a cramped second floor apartment. I stared in disbelief at the boxy green two-story house with its street level door. Where was the three story yellow Victorian with its pointed roof, tall, narrow front windows, odd angles and inverted “Y” of stairs to the front porch? Reality sunk in slowly; the old house was gone. I turned away in tears.

In my earliest photo of Lois and me, we’re walking hand-in-hand to the first day of kindergarten. With our new flowered dresses, we wore the high top leather shoes our mothers thought necessary for the healthy development of our feet and ankles. We went to elementary school separately unless we happened to meet on the way, but we walked home together.

After checking in with my mother after school, I’d often head back to Elinor Place. The street there was paved in smooth blacktop, perfect for roller-skating, and there was so little traffic we rarely had to get off the road for a car. Lois and I wore metal strap-on skates, with skate keys on strings around our necks. At supertime, I skated along Elinor Place to its intersection with my own street, Caryl Avenue, then sat down on a stoop to take off my skates. My feet tingled until I reached the top of the hill and home.

Lois and I once barreled down Caryl Avenue on skates and blindly turned the corner onto South Broadway. One of us (I don’t remember who) plowed into a woman, almost knocking her down. Lois turned red – she always blushed easily – and we both apologized. After the woman left, we stood giggling in relief that she didn’t know who we were and could not report us to our mothers.

Lois and I continued to walk together both ways when we moved on to junior high, even though doing so involved a detour for one or the other of us. On the way home, we passed Lois’ church, where, rather than walk alone the rest of the way, I sometimes waited and did homework while she practiced with the choir. With my inability to carry a tune, the choir wouldn’t have wanted me even if I were a Baptist.

One morning, when no one answered her knock on our door, Lois tossed pebbles at our bedroom windows. Today’s schoolgirl would whip out her smart phone to rouse her friend’s family, but couldn’t do that. Not only wasn’t there time, her family didn’t have a phone. The ping-ping against the glass woke my mother, who shook me to semi-consciousness, hurriedly packed my lunch and drafted Lois to beat an egg into a glass of milk for my breakfast. As we ran to school, I accused Lois of trying to kill me with a slithery glob of unbeaten egg white.

My mother planned an after-school surprise party for my twelfth birthday and asked Lois to make sure I didn’t get home before all the guests were there. We started out promptly from school, but after a block Lois suddenly remembered she’d “forgotten” something and we went back to her locker. She persuaded me to go home by the longest route, and then devised a game in which shuffling through the fall leaves delayed us further. By the time we got to my house, Lois had done such a good job of slowing me down that my mother had begun to fear we’d miss the party.

Lois reached puberty before I did and developed an interest in boys, particularly a ninth grader named Dan. I’d always had secret crushes, shared with no one, not even Lois. I suppose she’d had them, too, but she never said anything until the hormones kicked in. On the way home, Lois would moan, “Oh, he’s so cute!” over and over, when she wasn’t singing “Danny Boy.” I thought she’d gone nuts.

I moved away at the end of ninth grade. During our high school years I went back to visit occasionally, and Lois came once or twice to visit me, but we lost touch entirely when we started college. I often wonder if she is still living, if so, where she is, and how life treated her. Most of all, I wonder what memories of our shared childhood she carried with her.

Walking by a lake early one day, I watched two ducks swimming side by side in the morning sparkle, their two wakes joined as one. They parted and formed new, separate trails, while behind them ripples of their shared wake grew shallower and soon could be seen no longer. I thought about Lois.



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By Selma Friedman

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The title of Doris’ presentation was “English Is Fun, But Very Confusing.” And there are things that contribute to miscommunication: Do people know what you say? Do they understand what they hear? “My words came out fine. They were processed incorrectly by your brain.”

There is a difference between written and other forms of communication. The results you get may not be as you intended. English is one of the hardest, if not *the* hardest, language for a foreigner to learn. To be a good listener, listen. Isn’t it amazing that if you change the order of the 6 letters, they spell “Silent!”

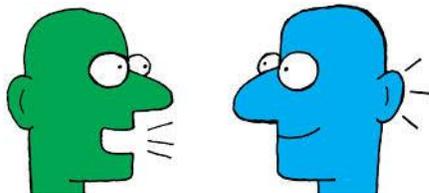
Doris discussed sarcasm, idioms, oxymorons, and the confusion of homonyms and punctuation. All of this was made simpler because she delivered all the key points on the screen as a PowerPoint presentation. That gave us focus as she spoke.

By the way, did you know the one English word that is the same throughout the world? Okay. (That’s the answer.) This versatile word can be used as an adjective, adverb or conjunction.

If I missed anything, it’s because my writing speed couldn’t keep up with it all.

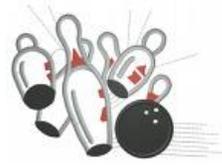
Thank you, Doris, for an informative, humorous meeting. We all came away smiling. Many thanks, also, to our hardworking Hospitality Committee.

Please watch for an announcement of our May meeting and an update for the next “Sing for Fun” on Channel 63.



MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

By Dave Feinberg, President



Our awards dinner was a great success with dancing and dining, followed by a really great show. The food was upper class as was the service.

This was all followed with trophies and cash awards to the bowlers. We surprised those present with a raffle drawing for ten \$25 gift cards to Longhorn’s Steakhouse.

Seasonal residents who are still here, as well as other residents who plan to bowl with us for the first time in the fall, are welcome to join us now, so you will have an established average when we start up league play again. You can also join us for summer fun bowling any Tuesday at 12 noon at Greenacres Bowl on Lake Worth Road, just east of Jog Rd.

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By Ellin Goldstein



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On Wednesday, June 4, there will be "Schmooze & Booz," held at Lee Katz's house at a charge of \$9 per person. Call any committee member if you have questions: Arlene Koch, Sherry Everitt or Fran Ost.

On Monday, July 14 Hadassah will have its annual summer card party, The Summer Sizzler. Details will be forthcoming.

During May, the committee is taking time off to search for more activities.

To buy a brick on our 6th Brick Lane, call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garelick (364-0533).

Remember, there will be a \$2 charge for a light lunch at our meetings. We are also looking for bakers so we can serve coffee and ... To volunteer you baking, call Marcia Steiner.

Elaine Grossman writes that Camp Judea is beginning to process enrollment for the summer of 2014. M.I. Hadassah is working hard to aid the camp in providing scholarships. Please look around your house to see if you can donate kappot, tallism, talis bags and t'filot. Call Elaine at 736-3636 and just leave these items in her foyer.

Evelyn and I are continuing the 2014-2015 calendar. You can earn 100% donor on any personal listings and 50% for any ads you bring in. Forms are always available at meetings and I usually bring them to the clubhouse when I am there. Please continue to support our efforts. There is not much time left before we send it to the printer.



SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

The Singles' Club was saddened by the sudden death of our good friend Estelle Levy. Many of our other members have been ill and are now recuperating. Our new goal is for everyone to stay healthy!!

On May 24 we will return to Harid's to see the graduation performance. We have seen most of these ballet students for a few years, and the resulting entertainment should be quite enjoyable. We are planning to go to Key Grill for dinner.

Our first card party was so much fun that we have decided to have another one on June 14. The Board will meet is at 4:30 and the regular meeting will start at 5:30 P.M. Catering will be by 3G's for catering. Order forms will be given out at May meeting.

There will be more plays and musicals next season, but virtually nothing for the summer. Please let us know if you have any ideas. Hope that you have all had a Happy Passover and Easter.

"It doesn't take many years of parenthood to think you finally understand your own parents, and I've long since arrived at that point with mine. And like most everyone else, I've grown more grateful for the things they gave me and more respectful of what must have been admirable courage as they watched me go - in my case, to a life utterly different from their own. And as I've watched our own children move away now, too - first to sleepovers, then to summer camps, then to college and boyfriends, then to jobs and husbands - and as I've watched them one by one walk their own ways, I can only hope that they too arrive at this same juncture, that they too come to see us for what we've always tried to do for them, even if it's not always what we've succeeded at. Maybe this is nothing but vanity, but I wonder how we've fared with them. I wonder which of our idle words have wounded them and which, years later and a thousand miles away, have buoyed them; which of our hopes have lifted them over the daunting obstacles in their lives and which have pressed back against their own ideas of themselves. I think I know from my children, know all three of them, yet I'm certain from my own childhood that of course I don't."

Source Unknown

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff

We are looking forward to our visit in mid-May to the Palm Beach Zoo. Included will be a visit to the zoo's hospital, a guided tour of the zoo, some animal shows and free time to wander on our own. Flyers and registration forms are available in the back lobby and on our website at www.majesticisles.com.

We have two excursions planned for the summer. In June, we will be visiting an ice cream factory, and in August, we will visit the Flagler Museum. Watch for information on these trips. Check Channel 63 and look for flyers in the back lobby for all of our trips.

Next fall, we are planning a two-night trip to St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs to visit the Dali Museum, the Aquarium and other features.

There is still room on our riverboat cruise from Prague to Budapest, departing in early November. There are flyers and reservation forms in the back lobby and on our website at www.majesticisles.com. We will sail on the Blue Danube, visiting places like Prague, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest.

In December, we will take a one-night trip to enjoy the wonderful holiday lights in Mt. Dora plus other activities.

We are already making plans for 2015. In January, we will visit the Miami Seaquarium. A trip to Charleston is planned for February. We hope to see many of our snowbirds on this trip.

We are also considering an Alaskan cruise, which would also be good for our snowbirds since we will have to fly from home to either Seattle or Vancouver to join the cruise.

Send an email to dorisdav@aol.com if you want to be added to our email list to receive information as soon as possible. Your address will only be used for Travel Club information.

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

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

I hope you all have had a Happy Easter and a Zissen Pesach (Sweet Passover).

Time to get your canasta partner and put your envelope in the Women's Club mailbox for the canasta tournament on May 5. The cost is \$10 per person. The tournament is open to all, with prizes for first, second, third and fourth place. Refreshments? Of course!

Last call for Parents' Day Brunch at Broken Sound Country Club in Boca on May 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be great food and entertainment. Set up your tables of 10, or if you need to be seated we will do this for you. This is a joint venture with the Men's Club so it is subsidized by both clubs. The cost is \$38 per person for club member and \$43 for a non-member. Make checks payable to M.I. Men's Club. Please drop checks in Men's Club mailbox.

June 10: Take a trip on the Delray Yacht out of Delray for \$22. Departure is at 1:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own. Open to friends and family.

We won't have programs in July or August, but we will be back in September with planned events.

Dues of \$15 are still being accepted. Please drop your check in our mailbox.

Watch Channel 63 for all upcoming programs, and check the fliers in back lobby.

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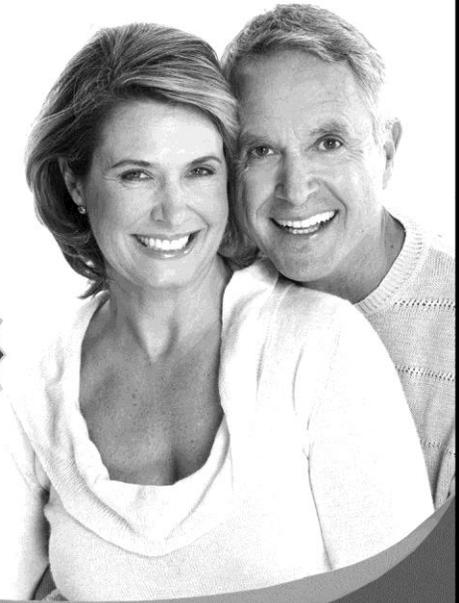


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SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

Our recent Social Club meeting featured The Drama Group of Santaluces High School who entertained us with songs from their many productions as well as from many of the current Broadway hits. What a talented group of youngsters!

We look forward to another great Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 26 right in our clubhouse. Edie DiCaro will provide the music for dancing and will entertain us with a show. Boston Market chicken and meatloaf as well as potato salad., coleslaw, cranberry sauce, corn muffins plus a delicious ice cream dessert will be served....all this for \$19.00 per person. Get your tables of 10 together and join the fun. Don't have a table? Put your checks in the Social Club box and we will arrange your seating. Kosher food is available. If you need a sugar-free dessert, please note that on your check.

We again will be collecting for the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. This local organization collects and packages items to be shipped to our armed forces overseas. Please pick up a list of needed items in the back lobby and give what you can. The collection box will be there from May 1 to May 31. If you do not want to shop, give a donation and we will do the shopping. It is a very worthwhile organization and it's a wonderful way to honor the many young people serving our nation.

Ticket sales for our 2015 series are going well. It is a great line-up and we expect to have a full house for many shows. Get your checks in early for best seating. The series charge of \$75 per person gives you three excellent shows. We will accept half payment now and the balance in October.

Save the date of Saturday July 5 for another entertaining evening with Suzie Cruz. We all loved her when she last appeared and look forward to having her appear again. Details will follow.

To our snowbird neighbors -- have a good summer....stay well....and we will see you soon.



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SAT., MAY 3: ENOUGH SAID Julia Louis-Dreyfus and James Gandolfini star in this charming comedy about a divorced woman venturing into a relationship with a sweet man. But things get tricky when she discovers the man she's dating is the hated ex-husband of her new best friend.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7: BLUE JASMINE The high life leads to high anxiety for a fashionable New York City homemaker in crisis who finds herself forced to live a more modest lifestyle in San Francisco. Woody Allen directs an ensemble cast that includes Cate Blanchett and Alec Baldwin.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.



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MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

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



Those attending the April 24 lunch meeting heard guest speaker Alan Mason's talk on "National Public Radio and TV." Special thanks go to Selma Friedman, program-

ming vice president, for planning this event. Thanks, also, to hospitality chairman Lois Richman and her committee of Myrna Bader, Carol Burstein, Francine Gitto, Dottie Caroff, Fran Silling, Suzanne Skinner and others who helped set up and serve lunch.

One hundred members and guests attended the M.I. Pap Corps annual Card (and dominoes) Party held on Thursday, March 27. It was a lot of fun for everyone. There were 33 donated raffle prizes awarded along with door prizes. The desserts were all made by M.I. Pap board members. Yummy! Applause and many thanks to all who attended and to fundraising vice-presidents Marcia Steiner and Suzanne Skinner for planning this outstanding afternoon.

The Kings Academy High School Choral Group will entertain us at the annual Desserts Meeting on Thursday, May 29 at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse. Again, all the delicious desserts will be made by M.I. Pap Corp board members.

Latest fashions in costume jewelry, from our Jewelry Boutique from New York City are available at our meetings or call Marilyn Chermak, 735-0695.

Watch Channel 63 and this column for the dates of the next collections of clothing, accessories and small household items. The Pap Corps is working with a thrift shop in Lake Worth.

The Pap Corps has discontinued the shopping web site that was announced previously.

To read or watch any of the most recent five lectures given at the Pap Corps Presidents' monthly meetings by the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center faculty go to the web site: www.papcorps.org.



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May - June 2014

1	Thurs	2:00 p.m	Board of Directors	Meeting
3	Sat	8:00p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
4	Sun	10:30 a.m.	Parent's Day	Brunch
		7:30 P.M.	M. I. L. T.	Workshop (f, h)
5	Mon	12:30 p.m.	Women's Club	Canasta Tournament (p, h)
6	Tues	9-4		Mature Driver's Course (p, h)
9	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles Club	Meeting (f, h)
12	Mon	4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion
16-18	Sat.,Sun.	TBA	Travel Club	Trip (p, a)
19	Mon	11:30 a.m	Hadassah	Meeting (p, h)
24	Sat	1:00 p.m.	Singles	Harid's (p, a)
25	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
26	Mon	5:30 p.m.	Social Club	Memorial Day Party (p, h)
28	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club	Casino Trip (p, a)
29	Thurs	1:00 p.m.	Pap Corps	Dessert Party (p, h)

MAY

JUNE

1	Sun	9-11a.m.	Hadassah	Chico's special discounts
		9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (f, h)
3	Tues	11:00 a.m.	Calendar	Meeting (f, h)
4	Wed	1:00 p.m.	Schmooz and Booze	Lee Katz's home (p, h)
5	Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting
7	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
9	Mon	4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
10	Tues	11:30 a.m.	Women's Club	Boat Ride (p, a)
14	Sat	5:30 p.m.	Singles'	Card Party (p, h)
21	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
22	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
26	Thurs	TBA	Travel Club	Trip (p, a)

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

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