

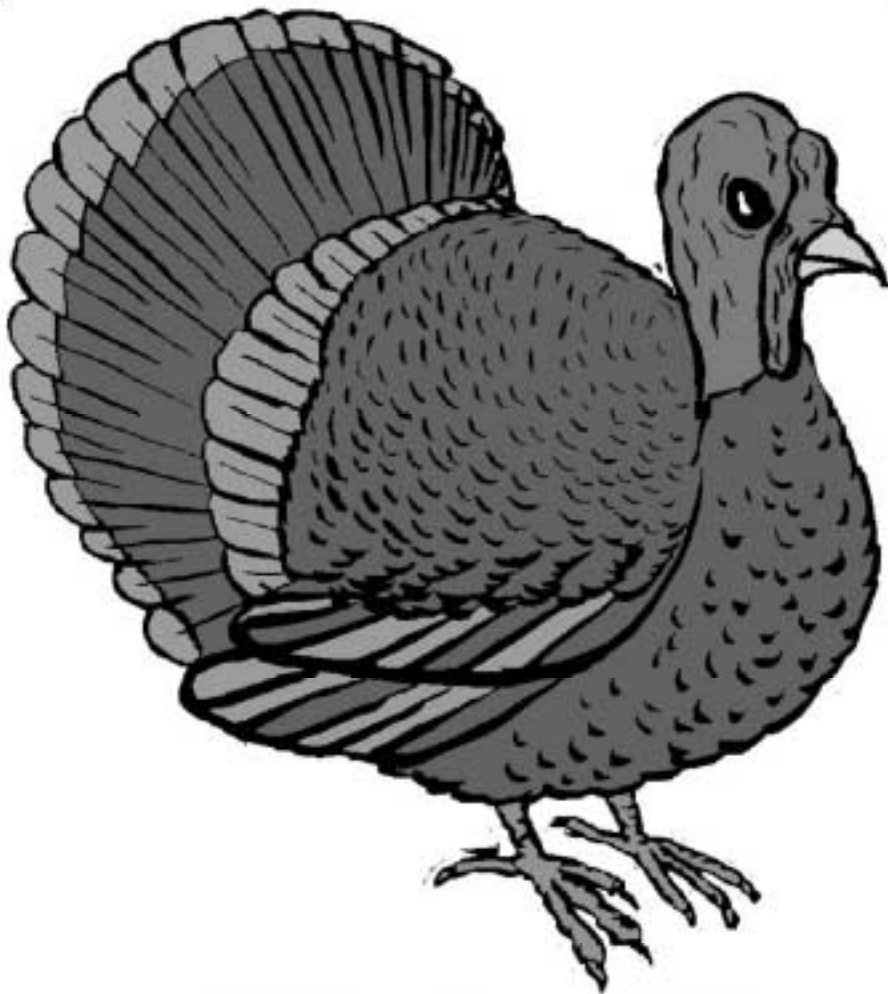
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Bonnie and I are slowly but steadily working through the Resident Information and Permanent Guest Lists that have been coming in to the office. Although it's a simple matter of data entry, it's a time consuming process, so it won't happen overnight. Once we're finished adding the information to the databases, you'll see quite a few changes in the computer system at the Guardhouse. The first change you'll notice is that when you call the guardhouse computer (375-8406) from a phone number that is tied to your address, you won't be asked for your PIN (Personal Identification Number). The computer will automatically leave the voicemail so the guard can replay it when a guest or vendor comes in to gatehouse. If you call the voicemail today and it asks for your PIN but doesn't accept it, chances are we haven't entered your information to update the system. If you can't get through to the voicemail today, try again the next time before you call the guard directly (736-8582) to permit a guest to enter. Both of these phone numbers are listed on Page 2 of your Majestic Isles Directory.

Another big change is that residents will have the option of admitting their guests for 1 day, 3 days, 7 days, or 30 days. Please use these options only as needed, because the security of the entire community hinges on who is permitted entry to Majestic Isles at any time. A question that was raised about the security issue of these extended passes has been solved. The guards will be checking driver licenses of *everyone* coming into Majestic Isles. If someone tries to come in with an extended pass, the name on the pass must be the same name that is on their license, or they won't be admitted. Please inform all of your guests that they will be required to produce their driver license, even if they're on a resident's Permanent Guest List. If a guest is not on your permanent list, has not been called in to the voicemail or the guardhouse, and you can't be reached by phone, they will not be admitted.

The guards have been instructed that there are a few exceptions to the rule about checking driver licenses. National Delivery Services – UPS, USPS, FedEx, etc – are not required to show ID if they're driving a company truck. Any vehicle from a federal, state, or county department is allowed to enter at any time without being called in - providing they're in an official vehicle and have a current government ID. Licensed process servers with a current Photo ID issued by the 15th Circuit Judicial District are allowed entrance at any time. Auto haulers with large multi-car trailers are not permitted on the property. They *must* park on Woolbright Road when picking up or delivering residents' vehicles. Single flatbed car carriers are allowed in as long as they've been called in to the guardhouse, voicemail, or if the resident can be reached by phone.

The security committee, COPs volunteers, and the Board are all doing their best to provide a safe and secure community for all residents to enjoy. Please do your part as well by following the rules.

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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## **Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, Oct. 7, 2010**

*Minutes of the October 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**

- Two units are in arrears. We'll proceed judiciously in our efforts to collect on these properties.

Current Cash Position as of 10/8/10

Operating accounts	\$378,026
Reserve accounts	137,834
Total cash position	<u>\$515,860</u>

Statement of Operations for 1/1/10 – 9/30/10

Total revenues	\$1,331,219
Operating and owners expenses	<u>-1,239,203</u>
Net income before reserves	92,016
Transfers to reserves*	-132,451
Net expenses over revenues	<u>(\$40,435)</u>

\*Reserves and painting fund

- 2011 budget to be discussed and possible changes considered during 10/21-budget meeting on Oct. 21.

### **Budget Committee, Sy Kugelmas**

- We had several meetings and have prepared three budgets. Board will discuss them at Oct. 21 meeting.

### **Security and Safety, Steve Bayer**

- Thanks to Ken Miller for coming in to the property all three days of Labor Day Weekend.
- The automated external defibrillator (AED) is to be removed from guardhouse and installed in clubhouse. This has been discussed with the attorneys and they and the Board agreed. Training class will be looked into for residents and staff. AED phone will be cancelled with next bill.

### **COBWRA Report, Steve Bayer**

- At the Sept. 28 meeting, Sheriff Bradshaw explained several items in his budget.
- There is a drug overdose in Palm Beach County every 27 hours, usually due to prescription drugs.
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue in our area gets 70 calls each day. Station 41 has increased their personnel and added additional vehicles. Beginning 1/1/2011, Fire Rescue will be transporting all patients to hospitals, eliminating the private ambulances.
- Carbon monoxide detectors were a big discussion topic. We have looked into having the Association

purchase these detectors and offering them to residents at cost of approximately \$20 each. Because reduced cost requires an order of 200 at a time, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the back hallway. A notice will be posted on Channel 63.

- There are new requirements for renewing Driver Licenses. Ann Gannon will discuss the requirements at the November 16 Town Hall Meeting.
- Ken Miller will work with TEM to add directions to the printed passes.

### **Architectural Review Committee, Harvey Galan**

- Motion to accept recommended changes to the ARC Guidelines passed by unanimous vote.

### **Grounds Committee, Mort Goldstein**

- A notice will be posted asking residents to call if sprinklers are on while it is raining.

### **Clubhouse/Painting Committees, Harvey Galan**

- Painting schedule for 2011 posted in back lobby.
- Decorating Committee met to discuss upstairs renovation.
- No changes in furniture will be made to library during the redecorating.
- Pool leak repaired; but want to be sure there will be no chipping before finishing concrete repairs.

### **Insurance Committee, Janice Davidson**

- We have \$1176.77 rebate because computers are covered under another policy.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Motion to repair F & G irrigation pump boxes, as proposed by R&H, passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept proposal from CDI passed 6-0-1.
- Motion to accept power-washing proposal from LBS, passed by unanimous vote. Work to be done as soon as possible.
- Motion to rescind the previous vote not to install a gate arm at El Clair passed 5-2.
- Motion to install a gate arm at the El Clair exit gate, passed 4-3.
- Motion proposals from M&P to repair the eroded areas on Lake 2 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept proposal from Hoover Awning to replace awnings at pool, tennis court and second floor balcony passed by unanimous vote. Ken Miller to contact Hoover to determine difference in price and quality if venting is added to the top of the two pool awnings.
- Motion to accept Palm Beach Aquatics' proposal for littoral remediation passed by unanimous vote.

## SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

Another month and another reminder: **When entering the El Clair Ranch gate, please stop at the stop sign.** This is not only so that you can see that there is no cross traffic on Grand Harbour Circle, but most importantly it is to stop strangers from tailgating into the community behind you. Tailgating has been observed countless times and if we are to keep the community safe, we ask you to do your part and stop at the stop sign that is right after the gate.

Some construction in front of the outbound El Clair gate will begin soon. We are installing a gate arm on the inside of the swing gate to prevent strangers from entering from the outbound side. This project is not easy to explain but will cause no inconvenience when you drive out of the community.

Have you seen the notice on Channel 63 regarding the community's Automated External Defibrillator (AED)? It is being moved from the guardhouse and will be installed in a cabinet in the ballroom of the clubhouse near the fire extinguisher. A defibrillator is the small, user-friendly machine used when a person suffers a sudden heart attack. Many members of the community have been trained to operate an AED and we will be offering a refresher course for those who have been trained. There is a second AED located by the back door, next to the bulletin boards in the clubhouse. Remember, at the first sign of any emergency, including a heart attack, call 911 before attempting to help the victim.

Because there has been such an increase of carbon monoxide poisonings in Palm Beach County, Majestic Isles is making a group purchase of detectors at a reduced price. They will be offered to residents at a breakeven price of approximately \$20 each. These units are plugged into any electrical socket and have a battery backup. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board near the ladies workout room. If you need more information, please see Ken Miller, Bonnie or me.

The Safety and Security committee meets the second Monday of each month in the upstairs card room of the clubhouse at 2:00 p.m.. All residents are encouraged to attend and participate in keeping the community safe and secure.



## M.I. BOARD ELECTIONS:

*Orientation for new residents and a brush-up for the old timers.*

**Q: Why do we have elections for the Majestic Board of Directors every year?**

**A:** Board members are elected for two-year terms, but we only elect part of the Board each time, so we vote every year.

**Q: How many open seats are there?**

**A:** This year there are four open seats on the seven-seat board.

**Q: Do I have to vote for four candidates?**

**A:** No. The top four vote getters win. Be very careful not to vote for more than four candidates or your ballot will be disqualified.

**Q: Some households have two owners, while others have only one. Does each owner get a vote?**

**A:** Each household gets only one vote, regardless of the number of owners.

**Q: When, where and how do we vote?**

**A:** The election is on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. Immediately prior to the voting, which is by paper ballot, there is an Association meeting at which nominations can be made from the floor. We must have a quorum at that meeting.

**Q: What if I cannot come to the clubhouse on election night?**

**A:** Included with the mailed notice of the election is a proxy statement on which you may designate another resident to vote for you. Proxy statements should be received in the office by 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13. On election night, Wednesday, Dec. 15, the person you have named to vote in your place will be given a ballot to fill out on your behalf.

**Q: Are there rules about who can and cannot serve as a proxy?**

**A:** There are no rules, but common sense suggests that it is best not to give the proxy to a candidate or to anyone close to a candidate (spouse, other relative or close friend).

**Q: How do I ensure that the person I designate will vote the way I would vote if I were casting my own ballot?**

**A:** You cannot be 100% sure, but try to pick someone you trust to follow your directions and be sure to give that person specific voting directions.

## ABOUT THAT BRAKE PEDAL...

By Hal Duchin



Are we too weak to put pressure on the brake pedal to full stop our car and/or truck?

**One thousand, eight hundred twenty six dollars in less than 45 minutes** – that is the total in fines that the Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller would have collected had they caught the 11 vehicles that did not make a full stop at the county stop sign as they exited the El Clair Ranch gate one morning. Each violation calls for a \$166 fine, plus points on the driver's license.

While on patrol on a Monday morning, we park from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 9:15 a.m., at the El Clair Ranch gate. On the day I was counting, more than 70% of cars exiting during that period ignored the full-stop sign. **Slowing down is a violation.**

At that time in the morning, walking and bike riding students, as well as numerous school buses, increase traffic. If a sheriff placed an unmarked car to watch the El Clair Ranch stop sign, the officer would have a field day issuing citations.

Consider the extra pressure on the brake pedal needed to make a full stop as "foot therapy." Honor that stop sign! As C.O.P. Captain Ken Keller emphasized in the May newsletter, "Observe (and obey) the stop signs." And – while we're talking stop signs: Observe and obey the stop sign as you enter the El Clair gate.

## GEM: M.I. GOING GREEN

By Irene Weinstein



On Oct. 5, my co-ochair, Janet Levinton and I attended the calendar meeting in order to ask representatives of the various groups in the community how we can make it easier for them to participate in our recycling project. We listened to some ideas and will discuss these at our next meeting, to be announced.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

### GET WELL

Marcia Brandfon  
Helaine Fazio  
Leo Miller

Barbara Segaloff  
Phyllis Specland  
Bernice Sultan

### SYMPATHY

To Penny Spinner on the loss of her husband, Jack.

### MESSAGES

Thank you to all for your cards and phone calls after the passing of Ellie's brother. We truly appreciate your caring thoughts.

Stan and Ellie Fox

Our sincere thanks to our Majestic Isles neighbors for the numerous acts of kindness and comfort during Harold's illness.

Naomi and Harold Marcus

I want to thank all my friends and neighbors of Majestic Isles for all the cards and calls wishing me well after my recent surgery. Thank you so much.

Marvin Sorkin.

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## Reminders From ARC (Architectural Review Committee)

By Harvey Galan, Chairman



The list of homes that are on the 2011 schedule for painting and roof cleaning is posted in the back lobby.



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## Highlights of the October 20, 2010 COBWRA Meeting

*We have omitted the candidates for a Congressional District other than that in which Majestic Isles falls.*

### Candidates for US Senate

**Charlie Crist (I)** thanked COBWRA for being so passionate for Democracy. Crist is concerned that his right-wing conservative rival might be elected because he does not share the same values:

- Values that respect senior citizens.
- Values that respect a woman's rights.
- Values that respect teachers and their students.

He said he stands for doing what is right for the people, not what the party says. This is why he vetoed SB 6 that would impact our teachers and why he vetoed the bill to require women to have an ultrasound before an abortion. He stands for extending the tax cuts and for new cuts to business taxes and red tape so they can create more jobs. If elected Senator, he pledged to support Social Security as it is now, turn back the right-wing extremism and always vote for best interests of the people of Florida.

**Kendrick B. Meek (D)** is running to get Florida back to work. He has never been in favor of privatizing Social Security-something his opponents cannot say. He is the only pro-choice candidate in this race. He always voted to protect the environment. He supports comprehensive immigration reform. We have been talking about securing our borders for some 15 years. Law enforcement needs to really go after Medicare fraud. Meek believes that if seniors get no COLA, Congress should get no automatic raises. He said Congress already voted no raise this year and will pass a \$250 payment to help seniors. He is the only US Senate candidate who has never been on a stage with Sarah Palin!

**Marco Rubio (R)** was invited but did not attend.

### Candidates for Congress: District 19

**Joe Budd (R)** is a businessman and seeking his first elective office. He is concerned about the situation small businesses face today, with complex regulations and high corporate taxes. He believes that the cuts to Medicare will be double over what we are being told. Medicare Advantage plans will go away. He will work to repeal or de-fund the health care law. Budd is opposed to amnesty but favors documenting illegal immigrants and a worker visa program so we know

who and where they are, while they work and pay taxes.

**Ted Deutch (D)** said Congress does not set COLA but Congress can change the formula used to calculate COLA. His bill changes the way COLA is calculated so it reflects the expenses seniors actually face. He is opposed to privatization of Social Security. He worked on legislation to prevent companies from doing business with Iran. Deutch favors tax credits for small business that create jobs and helping small businesses get loans. We need to eliminate tax benefits for overseas jobs.

### Candidates for State Senator, Dist. 27

**Kevin Rader (D)** is concerned that if the present Senate balance of 26 Republicans and 14 Democrats is changed [to further] favor ... the Republicans, they will be able to override any legislation vetoed by a Democratic Governor.

**Lizbeth Benacquisto (R)** was invited but did not attend.

### COBWRA Recommendations on Amendments

COBWRA Delegates voted to recommend voting **NO on Amendment 4** that would require a public referendum of all changes to land uses. COBWRA Delegates voted to recommend voting **YES on Amendment 5** to require fair standards for State legislative districts. Delegates voted to recommend voting **YES on Amendment 6** to require fair standards for Congressional districts. The Delegates voted to recommend voting **YES on the referendum to extend the 0.25 millage** ad valorem tax to pay for arts, music, physical education and career education in schools.

### Future Meetings (Open to the public)

**Nov 2, 6:30 pm:** Growth Management at PBSO Dist. 6  
**Nov 17, 9:30 am:** Delegates meeting at Tuscan Bay (Military Trail south of Woolbright.) Program: New HOA & Condo Laws; Identity Theft.

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## *Gardening in the Isles*

By  
*Stan Davidson*



How does one keep container plantings happy? I would like to share my maintenance routine with you to keep everyone in Majestic Isles happy!

To start with, a clean container will deter disease. Thoroughly scrub all previously used pots with a 10% solution of bleach and dish soap. I prefer to use pots larger than 6 inches in diameter to create a more lush dramatic display. A larger pot will also have more room for root development and will require less watering to retain moisture.

Whatever size container, good drainage helps keep the roots from rotting. Remember my old adage, "Eighty percent of our plant failures are caused by over watering and poor drainage." To eliminate poor drainage, drill several half-inch holes in the bottom of the container and elevate the pot above ground/patio level with wood feet to ensure air circulation to the roots. Indoor containers require a saucer under the pot to collect drain water.

I prefer to use a soilless mix to fill the pot, but first place a two-inch layer of stones, gravel, shards of broken pottery, or even those Styrofoam packing peanuts, in the bottom of the pot. This bottom layer of material will ensure good drainage and air circulation required for healthy roots. I have also found that adding a layer of mulch or pebbles in the top one-inch of the pot helps to keep the soil and the roots cool.

During periods of dry weather, I check the moisture level in the soil daily by inserting my index finger to a depth of several inches, or I just lift the pot and check the weight. Water until you see drainage out the bottom of the pot. Water early in the day so that

the sun and wind can dry the foliage to avoid fungal diseases that can occur if the plant is watered in the evening hours.

I find it more convenient to fertilize container plantings with a water-soluble fertilizer such as Miracle Grow. During hot weather I do this once a day with a watering can and just a pinch of fertilizer; I call this "fertilizing on demand," which eliminates the need to remember the last time I fertilized. Also, we know what Epsom salt can do for a sore muscle. Well, a cupful in a gallon of tepid water invigorates the plants to bloom and intensifies its fragrance.

I am a firm believer that deadheading (removal of dead blossoms) and pruning are both required for plant growth, health and beauty. I am very attentive and keep plants healthy by shaping and trimming excessive growth. I prune dead and weak growth. Nearly every day I remove faded blooms to stimulate the plant to bloom more and prevent it from going to seed. I deadhead by cutting or pinching below the flower pod.

There is a secret homemade gardening remedy that kept Dracula away and it does deter many insects and disease. Place a few unpeeled garlic cloves an inch deep in the soil near the rim of your pot. Also, occasionally wash your foliage with a strong jet of water or spray on mixture of dish soap and water.

Remember, let's try to use more organic, non-toxic materials to control plant pests and plant diseases in our community, rather than toxic residual chemical controls. "Green" is in vogue!

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## MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz



### BLUE BARRON

**Blue Barron** was born **Herschel Friedland** in Cleveland, Ohio in 1911.

After graduating from Ohio State University, where he played violin in a campus band, Blue Barron became a booking agent in the Cleve-

land, Ohio, area. Barron's specialty was sweet orchestras, such as those of **Guy Lombardo**, **Kay Kyser**, and **Sammy Kaye**, the latter of whom he also managed. In 1936 Barron decided to form his own orchestra along those same lines. Though rough at first, his outfit soon took on a slick sheen and by 1938 posed a challenge for the title "King of the Mickey Mouse Bands."

Barron never took himself or his music seriously, often making fun of it in private. In its early years the orchestra recorded for RCA and then, during the 1940s and 1950s, for MGM. Its tagline was "Music of Yesterday and Today, Styled the Blue Barron Way." **Russ Carlyle** was vocalist for several years, followed by **Clyde Burke** and **Jimmy Brown**, a former Kaye vocalist.

The band opened in the Green Room of the Edison Hotel on January 5, 1938 and played there for over nine months. They were on the air almost every night, coast-to-coast and, once on the air, everything else was automatic - you made movies and you had a record contract.

Sure enough, in just under a month, things fell into place. They began using the tagline, "The Music of Yesterday and Today," and were signed on by Bluebird Records and continued to be heard from the Edison Hotel.

Besides making recordings in New York City and Chicago, the band typically played hotel engagements, such as the Astor or Biltmore in New York, for about 26 weeks total. During the other 26 weeks in the year, they played theaters, such as the Oriental in Chicago, and one-night stands across the nation.

While other bands worked their way to the top, Barron's first theatre appearance was, impressively, at the Paramount Theatre in New York City.

Blue Barron gave up the orchestra and retired from the music business in 1956. He died in 2005 in Baltimore, Maryland and is interred there in the Baltimore Hebrew Cemetery.

### REAL NAMES

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Lucky Strike Orchestra	Lucky Strike Cigarettes
Camel Pleasure Hour	Camel Cigarettes
Collier's Hour	Collier's Magazine

### ROSEMARY CLOONEY

There has been a ton of discussion (two people) about my date with Rosemary Clooney. So here goes - all the details. If you do not dare - do not read any further.

I picked her up at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel in Paterson, N.J. She was singing, along with her sister **Betty**, with the **Tony Pastor** orchestra playing at Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook at that time.

I called from the lobby and she came down and met me six minutes and 24 seconds later. We walked down the street to Mr. Toy's Chinese restaurant where we enjoyed blintzes and matzoh balls. After our sumptuous meal, we went to the Garden Theater where we saw a double feature. That included two pictures, newsreel, short subject, March of Time, cartoon and a serial. About two hours later we left the theater and walked back to the hotel. I escorted her to the elevator and said goodnight and didn't see her again for about six or seven years, at which time she didn't have the slightest idea of who I was.

But I got even. When I next saw her, she had gained about a zillion pounds, and I said, "Gee - I didn't recognize you."



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## INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman Facilitator



Let's try to evaluate the current status of the market, and possibly project the effect that the coming election may have through the end of the year.

Dorothy had tremendous foresight when she sang with her friends---"Follow the yellow brick road" in the movie. Of course, she meant the yellow gold brick road---didn't she?

Gold is a thermometer of the economy. It measures the sum of the effects of the illnesses the economy struggles with. It considered a safe haven for those who want to and can afford to escape the ravages of low interest rates and the overhanging threat of high interest rates down the road and, with it, inflation. In fact, at one of our meetings several years ago, one of our own Majestic Isles knowledgeable investors, Marty Baron, indicated that he was enthusiastic about the rising price of **GOLD**. If you had acted on this information, you would be up at least 30% to 40% today. While it is true that many other investments have also risen by that percentage or more, it is an indication of the worrisome times we are in now and the potential for inflation "down the road."

Well, how can you tell what will happen "down the road?" One important key factor is the action that the Federal Reserve System (FED) will take to further stimulate the economy. Its action will affect short-term interest rates and it is expected it will continue the pressure to maintain or lower these rates.

The market's ultimate reaction to a decline or growth in housing, jobs and business development will affect longer-term rates. If the FED's moves serve as a stimulus, then income investments may be favored since interest rates will remain low. When the FED senses growth in the economy, it may raise interest rates. In this event, you will want to consider steps to cope with inflation.

Another indicator to watch is a weakening dollar, which causes commodities to rise (prices at Wal-Mart for example), and foreign goods to rise, all of which is inflationary. American goods however will be cheaper for foreign buyers, which should stimulate the American economy—which is inflationary. By the way, the prevailing opinion is that a little inflation is desirable and goes along with growth. A lot of

inflation, however, could be disastrous. And don't forget the huge national debt that is like an overhanging time bomb as to its effect on inflation.

How will the impending election results affect the market in the short and long term? Opinions vary. Don't they always? I will hazard a guess that, should the Republicans be victorious, the market may react in short term euphoria of rising prices. In the event that the Democrats retain control of both houses of Congress, the market may initially sell off and then resume its climb towards the end of the year. Longer term, the key words are jobs, housing, debt, trade balance, politics, etc. etc. ---you name it.

Now that we fully understand what the market will do (???), what is the next step for the income and/or growth investor? Refer to the articles in the Majestic Isles issues of July/August/September (page 13) and October (page 23). You can be conservative or aggressive but make sure your investments pay you well for the use of your money. Also, do your due diligence before making any moves.

Whether you agree or disagree with any of the above, your opinions will be welcome at our next meeting on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Phyllis M. Cohen

So the holidays are approaching and it's time to start thinking about getting that turkey ready. Now that's a big problem. A turkey, after all, in spite of all the sitcom jokes about making one and the frantic calls to the Butterball hotline, is one of the easiest things in the world to cook. You throw the sucker into a big roaster in the oven and take it out when that plastic heat gizmo pops up. Alas, that was in the old days. Now I have to wonder if I should brine the turkey (soak it first in salted water), deep-fry it, barbeque it or make a turducken. That's a big turkey stuffed first with a whole duck into which you put a chicken. Henry VIII probably had the same dish, but started with a swan.

Why go through these steps? Because everyone nowadays is a foodie. A foodie, if you don't know, is a gourmet on steroids. Not only do foodies insist on beautifully prepared and served meals, but everything has to be "kicked up a notch" like Emeril. Food needs exotic ingredients, incredible combinations of flavors and spices and artistic presentations. Who knew that a generation that was raised following the poverty of depression and the shortages of World War II could morph into extraordinary food connoisseurs?

Of course, food was an important part of our life growing up, whether in a brownstone or tenement, triple-decker or row house. Our mothers and grandmothers spent a huge amount of time shopping, preparing and serving food. And complex big meals were served all without the benefit of the tools and appliances and ingredients we see today. It was the time before calories and cholesterol were invented, chickens did not have fingers and blueberries and strawberries were available in the summer only. There were no bread machines or food processors, Sub Zero fridges or microwaves. Yet on holidays and special occasions, women would turn out mountains of fresh pasta or strudel, gefilte fish or lasagnas, chopping, molding, mixing and blending everything by hand or with the simplest of household tools. Everyone knew what to expect when they sat down to eat. Depending upon your background, Friday meant fish or roast chicken. Vegetables were seasonal or canned, potatoes, onions and carrots year-round, and spring veggies in, naturally, the spring and summer. Everyday desserts would be heavy on canned fruit and that favorite fruit cocktail (did you fight for the cherries?) and Jell-O or pudding. And every

housewife prided herself on being frugal, by necessity of course. Nothing was wasted on a chicken, from its fatty neck skin that could be stuffed to its feet that could be added to a soup pot. Food that you might consider offal now was routinely served. Not just liver and tongue, but tripe, hearts, kidneys, lungs and sweetbreads of an animal, ox tails and cow feet cooked in a ton of garlic. I can still smell that.

But in 2010, thanks to corporate agriculture and new food technology, advertising and television, travel and celebrity chefs, we eat and cook differently. When I shop now, I am likely to have bagels and pita breads along with brioche and Italian bread in my basket. I long ago gave up ketchup for salsa and routinely buy arugula and jicama in the produce section. I didn't even know those words a few years ago. My grandson at age five dipped his strawberries in balsamic vinegar. Pizza and tacos are right up there now with hamburgers as quintessential American foods. Next stop, kimchee and pad thai.

Like everything else, food fads can go too far. Do I really want to eat garlic flavored ice cream, pepper coated cupcakes or dove tongues sautéed in a reduction of reindeer fat? (I made that last one up.) Some menus now require an interpreter. My daughter "dined" at an upscale Boston restaurant and was served a salad of sorrel and loveage, pursulane and fennel on olive "soil" (chopped olives). And perfectly fine desserts, she claimed, were overpowered by toppings like salty caramel and rosemary Chantilly cream. Whipped cream with sticks, she announced.

Hurray for old fashioned comfort food: turkey and potatoes, stuffing and pie, no calorie counting please. Watch out turkey. I'm ready.

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## TAX CORNER

By Mel Burstein

This is the second installment of "Is Your Spouse Prepared For The Inevitable?"

A Feb. 2010 survey of 1250 women found that 38 percent did not understand stocks, 43 percent did not understand mutual funds and 53 percent did not understand annuities. What about life insurance and IRA's?

Your spouse should have the following information about life insurance:

- Name of the insurance company
- Policy number and face value of the policy
- Owner of the policy
- Name of the insured
- Cash surrender value, if any
- Name(s) of the beneficiaries
- Location of the policies

Also indicate if there are any loans against the policy and, if so, what interest rate is being charged. Discuss with your spouse what should be done with the proceeds (purchase stocks, bonds, annuities, C/Ds; pay off the mortgage; give to children).

For annuities, your spouse will need this information:

- Name, address and phone number of the annuity company
- Number of the annuity
- Type of annuity it is (e.g.; joint annuity)
- Owner of the annuity
- Name of the annuitant
- Terms of the annuity
- Options available
- Location of the annuity policies

Discuss with your spouse or executor which option under the annuity should be exercised.

Your spouse should have as much information about IRA's as possible. List all the IRA's you have along with the following data:

- Name and phone number of the custodian
- Location of the IRA (bank, broker, home)
- Name(s) of beneficiaries for each IRA & contingent beneficiaries, if any
- Location of copies of original papers that will substantiate who the beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries, if any, are

In most cases you should not name your estate as a beneficiary. Discuss with your spouse who should be named as the new beneficiary, whether the IRA should

be rolled over into a new IRA (traditional or Roth), and should the new IRA be split into different IRAs with different beneficiaries for each IRA. The surviving spouse should be made aware that in year of death if the decedent had not taken his or her required distribution for the year, the executor is required to take the distribution by December 31.

List all your other insurance policies (health, long term care, auto, home owners, disability) along with the following:

- Name address, phone number of company,
- Policy number
- Type of insurance
- Beneficiaries,
- Amount of coverage
- Amount of premiums being paid.

Discuss the terms of your long term care policy, making sure that your spouse understands the daily amount that will be paid, the total amount of coverage (maximum that will be paid), the elimination period and the conditions under which insurance can be collected (there are six, of which you must meet at least two).

List the stocks and bonds you own and in whose name the securities are registered. Include also:

- Name, address and phone number of your broker,
- Person who handles your account.
- If held by broker, list the account numbers, margin owed if any, and interest rate. If the securities are not in street name (held by broker) your spouse should know where they are kept.

Discuss with your spouse what action should be taken relating to the stocks and bonds (held, sold or exchanged). Indicate the stocks and bonds that pay dividends and interest.

If you have a trust make sure your spouse knows the provisions of the trust. Your spouse should also know:

- Name of trustee or trustees
- Name of succeeding trustee if named trustee decides not to serve
- Terms of the trust
- The beneficiaries
- What to expect in distributions
- Whether or not the beneficiary has the right to invade principal, and if so, to what extent
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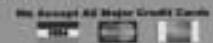


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## Visiting Francine Gitto

By Claire Deveney



Francine Gitto is soft-spoken, thoughtful and enthusiastic. Her full name is Francine JoAnne Elizabeth (Magnone) Gitto. In her childhood there were four Francines -- her grandmother, her mother, her aunt and her.. She is proud of

her Italian heritage and cooking. She is close with her brother older brother, Joe, who is three years older and a bachelor who lives here with Francine from late October through May.

Francine was born in western Massachusetts two days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Hinsdale, her hometown of 1500 in the "Heart of the Berkshires," doubled its population each summer. When Francine was two months old, Her father had to leave when she was two months old and served in the U.S. Navy in the Philippines.

Francine graduated from St. Mary's Grammar School and St. Joseph's High School in Pittsfield. She attended Springfield Hospital School of Nursing for two years and returned home to work at the General Electric plant. "I worked in the Chemical Division as an assistant to a chemist doing various experiments. I never had a job I didn't like and I met my former husband there," she said.

"My father kept bringing all these prospects home," she commented. Francine was married at age 26. Eight years later she gave birth to their daughter, Suzanne, in 1974. They moved to Florida two years earlier, first in Margate and later in Coral Springs.

After their divorce Francine stayed in her home in Coral Springs and returned to work. Initially she worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office and then she bought a florist shop in Fort Lauderdale. "It was amazing," said Francine. "I learned so much. I had wonderful people and it was very successful because of the service we provided.

"You can buy flowers anywhere and the reason we were so successful was we knew them as fathers and mothers and we knew their children as babies and then as teenagers attending dances and they needed corsages and other flowers for all occasions. My parents, who lived in Port Richey, Fl., helped

throughout the busy seasons from Thanksgiving to Easter and Passover. During the holidays we had 11 or 12 people working. Her daughter, Suzanne, attended Westminster Academy, walked to school and came to the shop after school. "She loved it," added Francine.

After 20 years, a couple from New Jersey bought her thriving business. "Suzanne had just graduated from Florida Atlantic University in 1996 and my mother needed my time," recalls Francine. Suzanne wanted to be a police officer and took the necessary programs. Suzanne, now 36, is a sergeant in charge of internal affairs at the Boynton Beach Police Department; she also writes grants to fund programs.

Today Francine works full time at the Boca Raton Resort and Club as an event planner at its internal company, Boca by Design. "Initially, they asked me to work on a Super Bowl weekend and then asked me to help out at a wedding. Eleven years later I'm there and I love it," she exclaims. Initially she did all the flowers for events and now Francine is an executive assistant working on forecasting, appointments, proposals and helping with special events.

Francine has lived in M.I. for 11 years this past June. "The day I moved in I met Linda Kessler and Nancy Levitan and we are the three musketeers – we are good friends."

"At. Majestic Isles, I like that everybody watches for everyone else. Everyone accepts you for who you are – married, widowed, divorced or single. I feel at home here. You can get as involved as you want," she said.

Francine is a board member of the new Travel Club and a member of M.I.L.T. She produced and directed "The Journey through Four Seasons" along with Selma Friedman. She has acted, sung and danced in numerous shows including "The Cheaters" and "Send Me No Flowers." She will sing again in M.I.L.T.'s "The Big Apple," on Nov. 13 and 14.

Francine's hobbies are travel, crafts and the holidays. "I love the holidays. I love flowers and plants and I enjoy working outside in the garden. My life is full. There's not enough time in the day," Francine says. Her favorite TV show is "Dancing with the Stars." This December she's looking forward to a trip to Norwalk, N.H., over Christmas and New Year's with her brother, daughter and others.

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## FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

by Donna Shaneson

### The Boca Raton Museum of Art

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[www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org)

The Boca Raton Museum of Art, which recently reopened after its renovation is a wonderful spot to spend an afternoon. Current exhibits at the museum include paintings by Valerio Adami, an internationally recognized European artist. Adami's work is steeped in political, social and moral mythologies. This exhibition presents a retrospective of more than four decades of work with 23 important paintings from the 1960's to recent paintings.

Another current exhibit, "Twenty Ways To See A Star," is a collection of silkscreens on canvas by photorealist painter Robert Cottingham. Throughout the 1970s and 80s, Cottingham, would return to the image of the star – in billboard marquees and electrified commercial signs. Using letter forms, words and parts of words in his paintings, his images underline the artist's fascination with everyday commonplace objects which evoke an essence of the American spirit. This exhibition debuts a series of 20 iconic Star silkscreens, based on color variations of one of his most recognizable images.

On your way out of the museum, check out the many hand crafted items at the gift shop. You can combine your museum visit with a nice walk around Mizner Park and cup of coffee or tea at Starbucks.

### Green Cay Wetlands

12800 Hagan Ranch Road, Boynton Beach

(561) 966-7000.



Now that the weather is cooling off we are lucky to have several fabulous places to walk. At Green Cay, a 1.5-mile elevated boardwalk includes two loops that wind throughout the wetlands. Along the way, visitors can stop and enjoy the vista, learn more about South Florida wetland species through attractive porcelain interpretive signage and experience their visit from a large chickee hut, which is constructed in traditional Seminole fashion from

cypress logs and cabbage palm branches. Nature lovers already familiar with the nearby Wakodahatchee Wetlands will be delighted with the 100 acres of wetlands. Green Cay emulates the Everglades ecosystem with a wide expanse of marsh habitat and intermittent tree islands and cypress hammocks. The wetland boardwalk is open to the general public from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. There is no charge. The nature center hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Daggerwing Nature Center

11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton

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The Daggerwing Nature Center is another great way to experience the swamp habitat. The boardwalk has two trails, bench-style seating, as well as an observation tower available for you to view the abundant plant and animal life including: osprey, woodpeckers, butterflies, endangered wood storks, alligators, and a wide variety of bromeliads. Be sure not to miss the center's namesake, the Ruddy Daggerwing butterfly, as it flutters through the trees!

*Editor's addition:*

### Norton Museum of Art

1451 S. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach

(561) 832-5196

[www.norton.org](http://www.norton.org)

Run - don't walk - to see "Meet Me At The Center Of The Earth," an exhibition of eye-popping, breathtaking "Soundsuits," wearable sculptures by artist Nick Cave. While the exhibit explores ceremony, ritual, myth and identity through highly skilled techniques and varied traditions, it is also just plain good fun and will appeal to all ages. The suits are made from materials ranging from sequins and feathers to discarded toys and crocheted afghans. You'll gasp, you'll laugh and you'll marvel at the creativity of this artist. The museum is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. – 5, and on the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays and on major holidays. Admission for adults is \$12, \$5 for visitors ages 13 -21 and free for members and children under 13. Whatever you pay, it will be worth every penny. The exhibit runs through January 9, making it a fine destination for visiting family.

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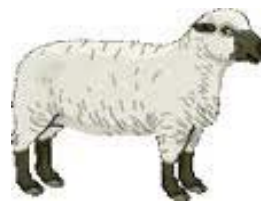
## AN ODE OF ENGLISH PLURAL

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
 But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
 One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
 Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
 You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
 Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

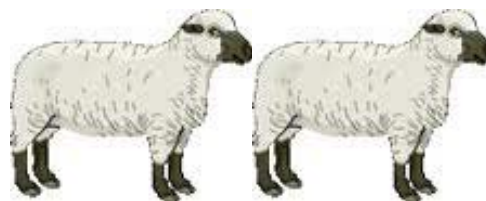
If the plural of man is always called men,  
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
 If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
 And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
 If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and there would be those,  
 Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
 And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
 We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
 But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
 Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
 But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!?

*Source unknown*



One sheep



~~Two sheeps~~

~~Two sheep~~

One sheep and his friend

## LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY 2010 LIST OF BANISHED WORDS

Word "czars" at Lake Superior State University "unfriended" 15 words and phrases and declared them "shovel-ready" for inclusion on the university's 35th annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Over-use and General Uselessness.

Former LSSU Public Relations Director Bill Rabe and friends created "word banishment" in 1975 at a New Year's Eve party and released the first list on New Year's Day. Since then, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list, ... from marketing, media, education, technology and more more.

Here are some words that were "banished" in early 2010, along with comments by those who suggested them. Apparently banishment doesn't make them go away.

**SHOVEL READY:** "Apparently, the generally accepted definition of this phrase is to imply that a project has been completely designed and all that is left to do is to implement it...however, when something dies, it, too, is shovel-ready for burial and so I get confused about the meaning. I would suggest that we just say the project is ready to implement." – Jerry Redington, Keosauqua, Iowa.

**TRANSPARENT/TRANSPARENCY** "In the lexicon of the political arena, this word is supposed to mean obvious or easily understood. In reality, political transparency is more invisible than obvious!" -- Deb Larson, Bellaire, Mich.

**TEACHABLE MOMENT**" This phrase is used to describe everything from potty-training to politics. It's time to vote it out!" – Jodi, Youngstown, Ohio.




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**STOP THE WORLD**

by Thelma Mechanic

The world is moving at such a fast pace that I often feel overwhelmed by the age we live in. Hence, “Stop the world” – I need to catch up!

In today’s society, we are addicted to cell phones, computers and other entrancing devices that consume our day. The T.V. and Internet have been pervasive vehicles for hours of drama and news. Newer items on the horizons lure us in pursuit of the latest and newest electronic “toys.”

The current movie “The Social Network” recounts how the innovative Mark Zuckerberg launched “Facebook” at the tender age of 19. My theory is that children born of later generations are born “wired.” How else can I explain how my grandchildren – and yours, too, I’m sure – know instinctively how to use a DVD, camcorder, computer and any new digital device that comes on the market. It appears that middle-agers and seniors have outdated skills and calcified habits (at least my friends agree with me). But the Kaufmann Foundation – a research group – claims that the highest level of entrepreneurship and innovation is among the 55 to 64 age group. This is because those in this age group have accumulated success in their fields and are willing to take risks.

Yet, Mark Zuckerberg founded “Facebook” in a Harvard dorm when he was 19. Some question whether he stole the idea from the Olympic rowers, the Winklevoss twins. Zuckerberg’s reply to them was “If you guys were the inventors of Facebook, you would have invented Facebook.” “Zuck” (as he is called) has since become a ten-figure success story.

Why do people sign up for Facebook anyway? Some suggest that a modern kind of loneliness and feelings of isolation make people sign up. The movie attempts to expose the hollowness haunting so many. These experiences are apparently not foreign to anyone.

Now there is talk that the daily newspaper may soon be obsolete, replaced by instant news on the Internet. As I said, this is overwhelming to persons like me, so, again, “Stop the world – I need to catch up.”



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## THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

We welcome back our seasonal residents.



Our next BINGO games will be held on Sunday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 26.

There will be another trip to the Hard Rock Casino on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010. The cost will still be \$18, and you will receive a \$20 play card and \$5 towards lunch. We will look into another trip to Calder Casino/Racetrack trip in Feb. or March.

The Men's Club is planning an installation buffet breakfast at Ellie's Diner on Sunday, Jan. 9. They will have a nice selection of food for us. The cost will be \$2 or \$3, and we will subsidize the balance.

Please note you must be a **paid up member** prior to Jan. 5, 2011. Dues will remain at \$10. Those paying between now and Jan. 4 will be eligible to attend the breakfast. No dues will be accepted at the breakfast.

## ROYALS BOWLING LEAGUE

By Fred Oestreicher



The first week of bowling for the new League, the "Royals," took off without a hitch. Every bowler was registered at the AMF National Bowling Site and received an AMF Reward key card that entitles him or her to discounts at the Snack Bar, Pro Shop and reduced bowling coupons over the internet, etc.

Our residents made new friends with Steve Sussman, Zully Smith, Arnie Starrett, Sid (Sunny) Schottenfeld and Tom Shaughnessy. Some of these "athletes" let on that they haven't bowled for some time, but they came up with some impressive scores. Everyone is looking forward to a happy and enjoyable season. You will learn about our new friends and "Majestic Islers" in future issues of the newsletter.

## SNOWBIRDS

By Bobbe



Greene  
(Pinch hitting for Marilyn Levy)

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had an enjoyable summer.

We are beginning the new season with a Welcome Back Brunch on Friday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. Last year's brunch was so successful we decided to have a repeat performance. The price is \$10 per person. Get your checks in our mailbox as soon as possible so the committee will have a good idea how much to order. Please mark "brunch" on the envelope.

But...before you do that, remember that all dues are payable now. So, as soon as you return, please put your check for \$5 per person in our mailbox.

The Broward Stage Door Theatre is presenting the unforgettable musical "Mame." We have reserved terrific front orchestra seats for the Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011 matinee. Ticket prices are \$34 for members and \$36 for non-members. We hope to again make arrangements to meet for dinner following the show. Mark your envelopes to the attention of Bobbe and Jack Greene.

Sid Kaufman has been looking into an overnight bus trip to Naples in the spring, including a trip to the casino. He hopes to give us more details at the meeting in December.

We hope that Marilyn and Paul Levy will soon be able to return to us.

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## GOURMET CLUB



By Joan Sorkin

Sitting around in the living room, the Gourmet Club feasted on spanakopita (spinach and cheese pies) made by Paul Mendelsohn, a goat cheese and herb dip made by Seena Calder and baba ganoush and pita bread made by Joan Peckins. This was the start of our Middle Eastern feast hosted by Flo and Terry Kalestein. It was good to have Terry join us after recuperating in a rehab center.

Once in the dining room, we enjoyed stuffed tomatoes with tuna made by Judy Zied, chicken with bay leaves and chickpeas by Flo, tilapia with onions, raisins and capers made by Seena, and Israeli couscous with apples, cranberries and almonds made by Joan Sorkin.

Dessert was a wonderful apple, cinnamon, date cake made by Janice Berger, a cardamom pistachio cake made by Joan Sorkin and a fresh fruit dish with dates, figs and a yogurt sauce made by Paul. It is nice to see how in our later years, we are still enjoying cooking.

### Israeli Couscous with Apples, Cranberries and Herbs

Recipe courtesy Giada De Laurentiis

Prep Time: 15 min Cook Time: 20 min Level: Easy  
Serves: 4 to 6 servings

#### INGREDIENTS

##### Couscous:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups Israeli couscous (or barley or orzo)
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 medium green apple, diced
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted, see Cook's Note

##### Vinaigrette:

- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil

#### DIRECTIONS

**For the couscous:** In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil on medium-high heat. Add the couscous and cook, stirring occasionally until slightly browned and aromatic, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 to 12 minutes or until the liquid has evaporated. Transfer the cooked couscous to a large bowl and set aside to cool. Add the parsley, rosemary, thyme, apple, dried cranberries, and almonds.

**For the vinaigrette:** In a small bowl, combine the vinegar, maple syrup, salt, and pepper. Whisk in the olive oil until smooth. Pour the vinaigrette over the couscous and toss to coat evenly.

**Cook's Note:** To toast the almonds, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Arrange the almonds in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely before using.

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## MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB



By Doris Davidoff

Those members of the Majestic Isles Travel Club who went on the October trip to Key West declared the club's first trip a great success. There were forecasts of bad weather, but as if we were in Camelot, the hard rains came only while we were sleeping. Everyone enjoyed the trip there and back as well as the sightseeing while in Key West. Highlights were the Truman Little White House, where we had a fabulous guide, Kelly's Restaurant for dinner our first night, and the Theater of the Sea on our way home. Most of the group also found the performers at a club entertaining. Pictures of our trip are on the Majestic Isles web site.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m. in the clubhouse. We will have a report on our upcoming trips, talk about some other trips and engage in travel related fun and games.

Check our web site page for upcoming meeting information ([www.majesticisles.com/travelclub](http://www.majesticisles.com/travelclub)). Information on our trips is also available there. If you send, or have already sent, your email address to [dorisdav@aol.com](mailto:dorisdav@aol.com), you will receive information about Travel Club plans before the information is on Channel 63 or in the newsletter.

We are currently working on a couple of day trips, one to the famous Coconut Grove Art Show on Feb. 20, and the other to Cape Canaveral, while it is still a major part of our soon-to-be-suspended space program. We are also working on a couple of longer trips – one to New Orleans for three or four days this winter and another to Branson for four days next spring or fall. We will use airline transportation for both of these trips, so we don't have to worry about any minimum number of participants.

Join us at our meetings. You are welcome if you like to think about travel, even if you don't plan to take a trip. The old cliché that "planning a trip is half the fun" is true. We learn about the world and share experiences. We also make sure we have some fun.

## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting, October 10, 2010

By Selma Friedman

"Team Trivia" felt like being on "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?" Each table of people became a team, trying to answer (under time pressure) approximately 15 questions each in the following categories: General Trivia, Arts and Entertainment, Sports, History and Geography. Although a few questions were easy, most had to be thought out, and others you either remembered or you didn't. Two teams tied for first place and were awarded prizes. Congratulations! This was not an easy endeavor, so be proud.

This whole project was created and produced by Bernie Fishkin. He was assisted by two ushers - Phyllis Fishkin and Phyllis Pinsel. Point scores were counted by Marilyn Broth, Francine Gitto and Linda Kessler, and Nancy Levitan was the official point recorder. Many thanks to Bernie and his committee. Also, many thanks to the Hospitality Committee for doing their usual outstanding job.

Our big show, "The Big Apple," is slated for Nov. 13 and 14. This will be a full scale musical production and tickets are now on sale on a first ordered-first reserved basis. M.I. residents will have priority seating for Saturday. Ticket price is only \$5. Please place your request for tickets in the drum in the back lobby and make it easier for the committee by marking the outside of the envelope with your preferred date. If you wish to sit with non-residents who will be your guests, please mark "resident and guest" on the envelope. Special needs should be noted on the outside of the envelope as well. Thank you for your co-operation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12, hosted by Ed Strauber. Professor Harvey Vetstein will conduct the January meeting and February will bring a performance by the Park Vista High School Choir.

If you are interested in being involved in "Lend me a Tenor," which will be performed on March 5 and 6, contact Bill Broth. This includes performers and technical crew.

We have something for everyone, come join us!

## SOCIAL CLUB

By Arlene Koch

At last Social Club meeting of 2010, held on Tuesday, Oct. 19, the new slate of officers for 2011 was announced. The slate is as follows:

- Co-Presidents: Rita Dick and Arlene Koch
- Vice-President—Florence Cohen
- Treasurer--Bernice Sultan
- Membership—Susan Brandt & Doris Silverman
- Programming-- Helen Benowich & Nancy Weiss
- Recording Secretary--Sylvia Fefferman
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- Hospitality--Fran Ost
- Movie Co-Coordinator—Marge Chappell
- Series and Showtime-- Florence Cohen, Rita Dick, Arlene Koch & Joan Sorkin
- Members-At-Large-- Stella Grottalio, Sheila Miller.

My thanks to the Nominating Committee consisting of Phyllis Fishkin, Enid Gerard and Sheila Traum. We are looking forward to a very successful year of Social Club activities in 2011.

On Oct. 19, a large crowd enjoyed the Fred Astaire Dancers. Some of the residents got a free dance lesson at the meeting. Thank you to Helen Benowich, Sandy Levine and Nancy Weiss for arranging the program

The next meeting of the Social Club will be in February 2011. Dues will begin in January.

The Grandkids Party is scheduled for Dec. 26 and 27 and plans are underway for two fun filled days. Volunteers will be needed for all activities and especially for fishing, as this is a favorite for all. Please list your grandchildren and their ages so we can keep them busy while at Majestic Isles. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the back lobby.

There are a few seats left for our Gala New Year's Eve Party. Contact Rita Dick for reservations.

There is still time to purchase tickets for the 2011 show series. These are shows not to be missed. As a reminder, the February show with Hal Linden is scheduled for *Sunday*, February 27.



## MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

8 p.m. at the clubhouse

**SATURDAY, NOV. 6 AMELIA** Hilary Swank stars as famed aviator Amelia Earhart in this dramatic biopic that follows the daring pilot's rise from obscurity in Kansas to her troubled marriage to businessman George Putnam (**Richard Gere**), who recruited her for her first transatlantic flight. **Mira Nair** (*The Namesake*, *Vanity Fair*) directs; **Ewan McGregor**, **Joe Anderson**, **Christopher Eccleston** and **Mia Wasikowska** co-star.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 20 LETTERS TO JULIET** By responding to a letter addressed to Shakespeare's tragic heroine Juliet Capulet, a young American woman (Amanda Seyfried) vacationing in Verona, Italy, sets in motion a series of events that leads her -- and the missive's lovelorn author (Vanessa Redgrave) -- in search of romance. Directed by Gary Winick, this deeply tender and uplifting drama also features Gael García Bernal and Franco Nero.

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## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

We would like to thank Donna Shaneson for her informative, and interesting review of the book "Hotel On The Corner Of Bitter And Sweet" at our Oct.11 meeting. We ask our membership to please put suggestions for future programs in our mailbox at the clubhouse.

On Monday, Nov. 8 we will hold our card party at Delray Country Club. The cost is \$20 per person. All are welcome. Fliers are in the back lobby with lunch selections. We are also collecting women's clothing and baby items for the Abused Women Shelter. Items will be collected on Nov. 15 at the clubhouse. Please watch Channel 63 for additional information.

Please save the date December 13 for our Welcome Back Luncheon. More details next time.

## MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH



By Fran Ost

On Monday, Nov. 15, our Hadassah Study Group will feature a panel discussion including Donna Shaneson, Judy Radin and Phyllis Cohen entitled, "Jewish Women Write on Jewish Women." Come join us and share your views of your favorite Jewish women writers and their books.

Join us at our general meeting on Nov. 22, at 11:30 a.m., for great entertainment and a light lunch.

Don't miss the Rosh Hodesh gathering at 10:00 a.m. It is held in Morikami Park to celebrate the New Moon. The month of Kislev will begin on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010. We study, sing, dance, mediate, and nourish our soul at this gathering of Jewish women.

Cruise with Hadassah and Cancer Group on Holland American's Westerdam from Jan. 21 to 28, 2011. Rooms are still available. Please consider joining us, and while you are enjoying a wonderful vacation, you will be helping to raise funds for Hadassah and the Cancer Group.

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## BOOK TALKS AND MORE

By Judy Markowitz



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**Thurs., December 16, 2010 at 6 p.m.**  
Valencia Isles Clubhouse

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Proceeds of this function go to the  
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### CANCER UNIT

By Renee Stichel



We are happy to announce the winners of our Football Mania fundraiser for the past 4 weeks. Congratulations to Ralph Grottoleo, Gabi Held, a guest of Carole Burstein and Helen Benowich's son Michael. Twelve more weeks remain, so good luck to all who have tickets. We will be doing this fundraiser again next year; get your money ready.

At our Oct. 28 meeting, our guest speaker will be an executive from the upcoming West Bethesda Hospital. He will enlighten us with news of the new community hospital. The time is 12 noon, with a light lunch being served.

"Go For The Gold," will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Renee Stichel. Want to make some extra money? Come sell your gold, silver and coins.

Don't miss our Nov. 18 meeting at 12 noon, when we will have a representative from FPL to advise us how to save our money and energy. Join us for fun and a light lunch.

Now for the exciting news: Come celebrate the **10th Year Anniversary Of Majestic Isles Unit Of The Pap Corp**, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. An elegant brunch buffet will be catered and served by In Good Taste Catering by Stacey, back by popular demand, and we'll have professional entertainment. This event is a Majestic Isles milestone. Bring your friends and family to help us celebrate.

Oops! Our apologies to Paul Mendelsohn, whom we inadvertently omitted from last month's article. Our Summer Break Party would not have been such a success without him. Thanks so much.

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

by Elaine Jay

The Majestic Isles Newsletter would like to welcome the following new residents to our community. If you should meet these folks at the clubhouse, please remember how difficult it is to learn so many new names. Introduce yourself each time you run into them!

September: Marvin and Linda Diamond

### THE SINGLES SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

On Oct. 8, the Singles enjoyed delicious deli sandwiches from TooJays, plus drinks and Good Humor ice cream. This was followed by games of choice: Canasta, Mah Johng, Dominoes and Bridge..

Coming up:

- Nov. 5 – 3:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Membership meeting  
Remember to bring PJs infant to 18 yrs.
- Nov. 13 – Diva Duck  
\$20 to Roberta Rabinowitz - 736-6387
- Dec. 11 – Harid Ballet  
Closed (unless paid up)
- Dec. 31 – Jan. 1 — New Year's Weekend
- Double - \$205/person / Single - \$245/ person  
Waiting List
- Jan. 16 – Holiday Party  
Details to be announced
- Feb. 10 – Valentine's Party at Valencia  
Closed
- Mar. 6 – Florida Follies
- Olympia Hgts. H.S. - \$25/ person



Gerry Herman and the late Betty Katz started the M.I. newsletter 14 years ago to inform and entertain the residents. From the very first issue, it has been entirely self-supporting, paid for by advertising and written and edited by a volunteer staff.

In the newsletter's early years, the articles were typed, cut out and pasted on galley sheets to be sent to the printer for photo offset printing. Now the newsletter is set up on the computer and transmitted directly to the printer who prints it directly from the computerized transmission.

You can now access the paper all year long on our Majestic Isles website ([www.majesticisles.com](http://www.majesticisles.com)). Once on the website, click on the blue newsletter button and select the issue you want to read. Since with April 2008, all issues have been posted.

## MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE SPARES AND STRIKES

By Dave Feinberg

Boy, have we been bowling up a real storm lately. Some really high games have kept the standings pretty close, with the men and women going at it like the pros.

### WEEK 3 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	206	524
Marty Ratiner	159	447
Bernie Kass	147	

### WEEK 3 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	160	476
Ruth Rossi	156	
Gladys Feldman	147	

### WEEK 4 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Marty Ratiner	177	426
Al Lynn	176	
Dave Feinberg	175	446

### WEEK 4 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Ruth Rossi	150	402
Gladys Feldman	137	
Estelle Snyder	133	

### WEEK 5 MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Marty Ratiner	172	462
Ted Shapiro	158	466

### WEEK 5 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Eleanor Krongold	150	428
Estelle Snyder	146	
Ruth Rossi	144	

### WEEK 6 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Dave Feinberg	212	565
Bob Rosenhouch	181	457
Bernie Kass	180	

### WEEK 6 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	156	
Ellie Fox	154	376
Toni Kohn	141	

Wow! We have had a ball these past few weeks. Let's keep it going. There have been a couple of bumps in the road, but let's not let them stop us from having a great time bowling.

## YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Jerry Raske

At the Oct. 3 meeting, Norm Katz accompanied the members singing God Bless America and Dr. Raul Freidkes led the singing of Hatikvah.

Bernie and Irene Friedman hosted the evening in honor of Irene's birthday.

Rhode Bloom and Miriam Schwartz were the lucky buck winners, while Rita Marderstein and Doris Davidoff won prizes in the drawing offered by our sponsor of the evening, Lionel Bregitti.

Entertainer Adonis sang and played the piano for our enjoyment, with Reggie joining him in a few songs.

Our next meeting is on Nov. 7. We look forward to seeing everyone. All are invited to attend – and remember – **you don't have to speak Yiddish to enjoy our meetings.**

## ADDITIONAL MEETING DATES

DATE	DAY	TIME	GROUP
Nov. 4	Thurs.	10 a.m.	C.O.P.
Nov. 5	Fri.	11 a.m.	Newsletter staff
		4 p.m.	Singles
Nov. 7	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club
Nov. 18	Thurs.	12 noon	Cancer Unit
		4 p.m.	Tennis Club
Nov. 21	Sun.	11 a.m.	Travel Club
Nov. 22	Mon.	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah
Dec. 2	Thurs.	10 a.m.	C.O.P.
Dec. 3	Fri.	11 a.m.	Newsletter meeting
		4 p.m.	Singles
Dec. 5	Sun.	7:30 p.m.	Yiddish Club
Dec. 12	Sun.	11 a.m.	Travel Club
Dec. 13	Mon.	12 noon	Women's Club
Dec. 16	Thurs.	4 p.m.	Tennis Club



**ACTIVITY CALENDAR**  
November 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010



**November**

**Nov. 1**, Mon. 2 p.m. **Board of Director's workshop**  
**Nov. 4**, Thurs. 7:30 p.m. **Board of Director's meeting**  
**Nov. 6**, Sat. 8 p.m. Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)  
**Nov. 7**, Sun. 9:30 a.m., Men's Club **Breakfast** (p, h)  
**Nov. 8**, Mon. 12 noon, Women's Club **Card Party/Luncheon**  
 4 p.m. **Investment discussion group**  
**Nov. 13 & 14**, Sat. and Sun. 7:30 p.m., M.I.L.T. **"The Big Apple"** (p, h)  
**Nov. 15**, Mon. 11 a.m. Women's Club **Collection for abused women**  
 3 p.m. Hadassah **Study Group** (f, h)  
**Nov. 16**, Tues. 7:30 p.m. **Board of Directors Town Hall**  
**Nov. 17**, Wed. 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More** (f, h)  
 7:30 p.m., Board **Candidates Night**  
**Nov. 20**, Sat. 8 p.m., Social Club **Movie Night** (p, h)  
**Nov. 21**, Sun. 7 p.m., Men's Club **Bingo** (p, h)

**December**

**Dec. 1**, Wed., Men's Club **Casino Trip** (p, a)  
**Dec. 5**, Sun. 9:30 a.m., Men's Club **Breakfast**  
**Dec. 6**, Mon. 2 p.m., **Board of Directors workshop**  
**Dec. 8**, Wed. 2 p.m., Hadassah **Life Member party** (p, h)  
**Dec. 9**, Thurs. 7:30 p.m., **Board of Directors meeting**  
**Dec. 10**, Fri. 8 p.m., Social Club **Movie** (p, h)  
**Dec. 12** Sun. 7:30 p.m., M.I.L.T. (members f, non-members \$2, h)  
**Dec. 13** Mon 4 p.m., **Investment discussion group**  
**Dec. 15** Wed. 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More** (f, h)  
 7 p.m., **Association meeting and Board elections**  
**Dec. 16**, Thurs. 6 p.m. Hadassah **Poker Tournament** (p, a)  
**Dec. 19**, Sun. 10: 30 a.m., Cancer Unit **Anniversary Brunch** (p, h)  
 7 p.m., Men's Club **Bingo** (p, h)  
**Dec. 20** 3 p.m., Hadassah **Study Group** (f, h)  
**Dec. 26 and 27**, Sun. and Mon., Social Club **Grandkids party**  
**Dec. 26** Sun. 7 p.m., Men's Club **Bingo** (p, h)  
**Dec. 31** Fri. TBA, Social Club **New Year's Eve Party**

*See opposite page for general meeting dates.*

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

For additional information, please contact an officer of the appropriate club,  
**not** the Majestic Isles Office.

f = free, p = paid, a = away, h = home

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