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Manager's Corner

As the transition from the summer's long, hot days to the cool months of fall and winter continues, much will take place in our lakes. Generally, there will be significant declines in water levels and temperatures as well as in the growth rate of aquatic weeds. Oftentimes, there will also be decreases in algae blooms, though algae blooms are also occasionally worsened by depleted water levels and higher concentrations of available nutrients that result from lower lake oxygen levels in the cooler months. These infrequent winter algae blooms are the exception, not the norm. Our recharge well helps keep our water levels up, as compared to many neighboring communities, so this issue is not as evident in our lakes.

The aforementioned slowed plant growth associated with cooler months is mainly attributed to decreased photosynthesis caused by shorter days and the increased distance of the sun from our latitudes. We are very aware that this is not the time to forget about sound lake management techniques. In fact, now is the time to prepare for next year's growing season. Therefore, we continue to keep fertilizers and plant debris away from our waterways so that they don't end up on our lake bottoms and become next summer's aquatic weed fertilizers.

Another possible winter water problem to be aware of is the increased possibility of a fish kill, especially during the nighttime hours. In South Florida, there are many species of fish that are very sensitive to sudden changes in temperature and may often die in mass quantities after a cold snap. Additionally, a lack of rain that would otherwise refresh water levels and help oxygenate water, combined with reductions in photosynthesis, may also create hostile living conditions for fish that require a lot of oxygen in the water column. While there is not much that can be done to prevent fish kills resulting from cold snaps, our 13 lake aerators constantly work to help keep fish from dying as a result of oxygen depletion.

Our lakes have 3 littoral zones that the Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) requires to help cleanse run-off from roofs and lawns before the water enters our lakes. These zones must be kept as a "natural Florida" area. Palm Beach Aquatics has crews out on our lakes and littoral zones 2 or 3 times each week cleaning trash, pulling invasive weeds, trimming, spraying, and generally keeping our lakes in top condition. Although some of the plantings – fire flags especially – do not look their best in winter, trimming them would risk having the plants die or fail to reproduce. This ongoing maintenance helps protect Florida's ecological and biological systems for you, for now, and for the future.

Ken Miller, Association Manager



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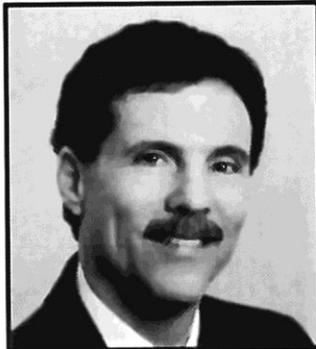
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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, October 10, 2013

Minutes of the October 2013 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.

Motion to accept the Election Committee's recommendation that we dispense with Candidates Night passed by a 4-3 vote.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- *(Residents may request a report of the 10/10/13 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)*
- The unit in foreclosure is the only unpaid maintenance item. The total is now \$13,522.
- The budget is within current year compliance requirements.
- A total of 17 units have sold this year for a grand total of \$3,391,000. Twelve patio homes have sold at an average price of \$174,000 and five single homes have sold at an average price of \$260,000.

Committee Reports

Safety & Security, Steve Bayer

- There were forty-five residential burglaries in our district in the last month. Between eight and 12 sheriff's deputies are on duty during each shift. COBWRA will be trying to get more coverage.
- Sixty-five homes do not have permits from PBSO on file with Devcon. PBSO will not respond if there is no permit on file. Letters/emails were sent to all 65 Residents involved.
- On November 19, we will have a Town Hall Meeting with Capt. Murray from PBSO and Janett from Devcon.
- Devcon has removed the Transponder Readers from both gates and painted all remaining posts.

COBWRA, Steve Bayer

- COBWRA is doing an FPL survey of power outages for all their communities to try to eliminate these issues.

Insurance, Saul Siegel

- Majestic Isles will host Treasurer's Group meeting on Nov. 7.
- Saul reported that he has completed the Certification Course for Board Members.

Architectural Review Committee, Mark Jaffie

- Working with FPL to add additional street lights, where needed, in order to illuminate poorly lit areas on the streets.

Documents, Harvey Galan

- Motion to mail the recommended Document changes to the community residents, and schedule a vote, passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Motion to allow MILT to place a poster in the lobby prior to a show, passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept M&P's proposal for fall plantings for \$3015.55 passed by unanimous vote.
- Up to three more planted pots will be added to the pool area, if room allows.

SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

Do you have a fire extinguisher in *your* house?

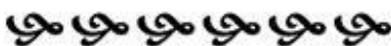
The most common fire extinguisher is a 1A/10BC Dry Chem Extinguisher. It should be able to extinguish 10 square feet of fire and discharge a distance of six feet.

Even if your extinguisher is in the operable position (the "green zone") it may not function properly at a fire if it is significantly aged. The reason is that the Dry Chemical is a blend of two powders that have a tendency to cake up in the cylinder. After 8-10 years this caking can become a real problem and has been known to clog the narrow rubber hose upon discharge. Some fire departments advise giving the extinguisher a "shake" before discharging to ensure that caking will not occur.

Oil fires from pots on the stove are best controlled by sliding a lid over the top of the pot, turning the electricity off, exiting your home and calling 911.

Where do we dispose of our portable extinguishers? The Solid Waste Authority has a new facility on 441, between Boynton Beach Blvd. and Atlantic Avenue. Residents can drop off such items as flammable liquids, aerosols, old fertilizer and pesticides, paint and thinners and old fire extinguishers.

After the first of the year we will have a fire extinguisher expert here to check your extinguisher, and have a training session from Station 41 of PBC Fire Rescue here in the parking lot of the clubhouse.



UNCLASSIFIED ADS

Unclassified ads are back. This column was very successful in the few months that it ran. It was established as a public service for residents of Majestic Isles who want to “unload stuff.” Now is the time to clean out that garage.

Wheelchair: Red. Has never been used. Comes with a kickstand; adjustable seat, arms and legs. Reasonable price or make an offer. (561-737-3821)

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Shark Kitchen Vacuum: Excellent condition, \$30. (561-742-9300).

Magnavox 15" flat screen TV: Silver trim - ideal for kitchen counter - mint condition - \$40. (561-742-9300)

Dirt Devil Accucharge \$25.00. 15.6 volt Cordless, Bagless, Stick Vacuum with motorized brush for carpet cleaning and brushroll shutoff for safe bare floor cleaning (561-374-8686)

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MAJESTIC ISLES ELECTION

By Ken Keller



It is that time of the year again.

We hope that by the time this article appears in the M.I. newsletter, we will have multiple candidates vying for the three (3) open two-year seats on our next Board of Directors.

This year, we are making the following changes in our election process:

In place of a Candidates Night, we will show a video of the candidates on channel 63, and on our website (www.majesticisles.com). This video will be played multiple times prior to the election which will be held on Thursday, Dec, 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Candidates will have the opportunity to tell you about themselves and state their goals for our community. Also available, in our back lobby, will be candidate information sheets written by the candidates about themselves

All residents will be mailed a formal notification of our annual meeting, which will immediately precede the Dec. 19, 2013 election. Included in the envelope will be: limited proxy forms, an absentee ballot, and an information sheet which will explain how to register an absentee ballot to ensure that it will be counted.

Please realize that, in order to go forward with this election, we *must* have a quorum present on election night. It is of the utmost importance that, if you do not plan to submit a limited proxy or absentee ballot, you attend the annual meeting so that we are guaranteed that quorum.

* www.majesticisles.com

REMINDER

According to the Rules and Regulations (#35), men are not permitted to wear shorts to show nights or other special events. Women may wear dressy shorts outfits.

Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Palm Isles, October 16, 2013

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Myrna Rosoff announced that the meeting between COBWRA leaders and FPL Engineers was very productive and FPL has committed to embark upon an extensive analysis of the West Boynton service reliability issues.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Battalion Chief, Matthew Gaffney of PBC Fire and Rescue expressed appreciation to COBWRA communities that recently donated 18 computer tablets to his units. Doug McGlynn discussed kitchen fires and warned delegates never to attempt to extinguish an oil fire with water.

Captain Mark Murray of the Palm Beach County District #6 Sheriff's Office reported that burglaries are down, but unsuccessful burglary attempts are up. He attributes this to community involvement and public awareness.

State Representative Lori Berman reported that an amendment to the Stand Your Ground Law is in the preliminary phase of being proposed in the Senate. She also has filed three bills addressing the following issues: 1) Equal Rights Amendment; 2) Pregnancy Discrimination; 3) Mental Health First Aid.

County Commissioner Shelley Vana expressed concern about the traffic issues arising from the proliferation of charter schools in her district. She also addressed the deficiencies in the current service being provided by the Palm Tran Connection vendor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Growth Management, Gerry Morrison, Chair

•**Temple Torah-Ben Gamla School** on the Northeast corner of Jog Road & Gateway Blvd. seeks Development Order Amendment approval to add 150 students for a total of 450 to the existing charter school. No physical changes to the site or the outside of the building as a result of this request. Motion to recommend approval of the project as presented passed.

•**Hypoluxo Assemblage** on the North side of Hypoluxo Farms Road west of Military Trail seeks Development Order Amendment approval and rezoning from Agricultural Residential to Residential Transitional for the purpose of adding 21 acres to a previously approved development to allow Lennar Homes to build a single family community of 105 homes. A motion was made to recommend approval subject to the following conditions: 1) Water and sewer lines to be constructed in accordance with City of Boynton Beach code, and 2) Eliminate the 5 foot buffer on the north side of the property and add it into the fee simple title of the lots adjoining the north side of the property line. Motion to

recommend approval with above conditions was approved by the delegates.

Education - Sam Manuele, Chair: The Education Committee's mission is to support pre-K-12 public schools and increase community education/lifelong learning opportunities in West Boynton Beach by establishing cooperative relationships and to evaluate and make informed recommendations to COBWRA's Executive Board about policies and legislation that affect public education. The committee is also developing links on the COBWRA website (www.COBWRA.org), including: Arts and Theater, Intellectual/Cultural Enrichment & Local Events, Libraries, Community Centers & Parks, Wetlands, Education, Gardens & Zoos.

Health and Wellness - Joan Brunswick, Chair: The mission of the Health & Wellness Committee (formerly the Flu Shot Committee) is to bring information to COBWRA communities on health-related issues and to provide immunizations when necessary. The Committee is hosting a Senior Living Options and Long Term Care symposium on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Coral Lakes. Doors open and light refreshments served at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Safety & Security - Steve Slade, Chair The Safety & Security Committee meets monthly to address safety/security issues and to determine the most effective way to communicate these important issues to the residents.

Presidents' Forum - Frank Marcellino, Chair The Presidents' Forum provides a venue where COBWRA HOA presidents and property managers can share ideas and discuss issues of common interest, such as security, landscaping, reserve funds and budgets are among the topics addressed in a round table format.

Government Affairs - Glen Harvie, Chair The Government Affairs Committee monitors and reports on legislative issues that impact COBWRA member communities. Among the issues now on the Committee's priority list are 1) Capital dollars for public schools to equal dollars allocated for charter schools; 2) Working to stop the State from assessing HOA's \$4/ unit as they do for Condo Associations.

Parks and Recreation - Lew Doctor, Chair The Parks & Recreation Committee is assessing four proposed layouts for a district park proposed for a 52- acre site adjacent to the Canyon Town Center. The Committee is in the process of determining which option will best serve the needs of the community.

By Sharon Ruben

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2013 Villaggio Clubhouse - 9:30 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Bill Broth



I would like to welcome all the new residents to our community.

Several months have passed since my last article. So far, we have been fortunate in that we have had a relatively quiet year without any major incidents.

We are now into the fourth quarter of the year, when we do our budget and elect Board members. This year, we have to elect three members to the Board of Directors. Any Majestic Isles homeowner can run for a position on the Board. Details about the election procedures appear in Ken Keller’s article on page 5 of this newsletter and will also be mailed to you.

Your participation in this election is important. Current members of the Board and any owners wishing to run for a position must read and become familiar with the Florida Statutes, as well as the Majestic Isles Documents in order to understand the responsibilities of a Board member.

Majestic Isles Annual Meeting and Elections will take place on Dec. 19, 2013. To conduct this meeting we must have a quorum of owners and Board members in attendance. A quorum of owners is 1/3, or 150 attending, along with four Board Members. In the event we don’t have a quorum, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please come out on election night and cast your vote.

You have the opportunity to help the community by running for a position on the Board.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

By Elaine Jay

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

Jerry & Isabel Elefson
Elio & Anna Tubito

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Elinor Katz
Marvin Sorkin

SYMPATHY

To Florence Cohen on the loss of her son-in-law.

MESSAGES

To all our Majestic Isles friends and neighbors: Thank you so much for all your cards, calls and donations in memory of my beloved husband, Mel.

Carole Burstein

Thank you to all for your cards, notes, calls and concern. You’ve raised my spirits and made me smile. I am improving daily and hope to see you soon after I’ve returned to Majestic Isles.

Bev Jaffe

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

IN APPRECIATION

by Sylvia Fefferman

While Bonnie was recuperating from her broken arm, many of the ladies in her aerobics class were in a dilemma. We wanted to exercise, but without Bonnie what could we do.

Kathie Lee, Jane Fonda and Richard Simmons came to our rescue via videos loaned by Isabel Lubchansky and Myrna Bader. Ken Miller, our property manager, helped us by setting up the screen and videos three times a week for more than a month, during Bonnie’s absence.

The women who attended the classes appreciate and thank Ken for his time and assistance.

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Florida law allows for discounts for early payments. Most property owners pay in November to take advantage of the 4% discount. To receive this discount, your payment must be received in our office by 5:00 p.m. on December 2nd. This is an extended deadline because the last day in November falls on a weekend. Other discount information:

- December payments receive a 3% discount
- January payments receive a 2% discount
- February payments receive a 1% discount
- There is no discount in March

November is our busiest month. Last November over 71,400 people came into our service centers and we received 51,787 calls. Volumes like these can result in longer lines and wait times.

Some tips to avoid crowded offices and hold time on the phone:

Go online.

- Our online payment center at www.pbctax.com is open 24/7. No waits, no hassle. Pay by e-check or credit card. E-checks are free. Credit card companies charge a convenience fee.
- Take advantage of your bank's online bill pay service. You designate the amount and date for payment, and your bank writes and sends the check. Bank processing times vary. Factor that into delivery so you don't miss the discount period.

Mail your payment.

- Address it to Post Office Box 3353, West Palm Beach, FL 33401-3353. Include your Property Control Number on the payment.
- Do not staple, clip, fold, write on or mark the payment stub.

Pay in person.

- Avoid lines and drop your payment in our drop box located in the lobby at each location.
- Avoid the first and last day of the month. The mid-week days tend to be less crowded.

Helpful tips:

- Do you like to track important mail? Consider sending payments certified with a return request.
- Check out wait times for high volume services, including property taxes, at www.pbctax.com.

- paying online, by mail or in person to make sure all information is correct.
- Plan ahead. Allow plenty of time to get the payment in before the deadline. Our office hours are open 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding government holidays. We only accept cash, checks and money orders at service locations.

Anyone who filed a petition to challenge your property's assessed value is still required to make a full or 75 % partial payment by March 31 to avoid penalties.

Also In November

November is also the month we honor the brave men and women who have served our country. We like to think every day is Veteran's Day at our offices. Florida's special Veteran's designation on driver licenses and state ID cards gives us a chance to thank those who have served our country. So far nearly 6,000 veterans in Palm Beach County have taken advantage of the special designation.

The Veteran's designation is a handy way to prove your status and take advantage of special discounts offered by many businesses. Find out more about the Veteran's designation at www.pbctax.com.

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Visiting: ELAINE JAY

By Claire Deveney



Cheerful, sunny and accomplished Elaine Jay is a delight to talk with. A dedicated teacher, Elaine exemplifies a passion for learning and teaching. Voilà!

Elaine was born in the East New York section of Brooklyn. Her family moved to Oceanside, Long Island where she attended school. She is a graduate of Oceanside High School. At Queens College, a part of City University of New York (CUNY), Elaine majored in French and minored in education, graduating cum laude with a B.A. degree. She also earned her master's degree in education with a minor in French at Queens College.

"I fell in love with French in the 7th grade," exclaims Elaine. "France was so different. The language is beautiful, as is its culture and wonderful art. It was entrancing to me and I had wonderful teachers."

After college Elaine became a French teacher to junior high and senior high school students in Plainview, Long Island. She was certified to teach Spanish as well as French and taught for 33 years.

Elaine has traveled throughout France and took trips every other year. She studied at the University of Dijon and at the Alliance Française in Paris. "I love France. It's beautiful!" Elaine adds. For several years she escorted students on 10-day exchange trips to La Rochelle, France.

The daughter of an attorney, along the way Elaine also earned a J.D. degree from St. John's University School of Law attending the evening division, while continuing as a French teacher. She took a leave from teaching for four years to practice law at two law firms in New York and at a corporation in San Diego. "I decided teaching was more personally rewarding so I returned to education," says Elaine. While continuing to teach, she enrolled in a post-master's program in educational administration at Brooklyn College and became certified in School Administration and Supervision.

A former student who was a Merrill Presidential Scholar at Cornell, an honor given to a select few graduating seniors each year, honored Elaine. He's currently a resident in neurosurgery at Harvard/Mass

General. Elaine explains, "The Cornell program is very special. Students who are selected as honorees are asked to name one professor and one high school teacher who had influenced them the most. Cornell invites the teachers for a ceremony and reception, pays for travel expenses and hosts the teachers at the university's hotel on campus. There were teachers from all over the world since some of the students were from Europe and Asia!"

Elaine was listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2000. "A student has to nominate you for inclusion in the listing," Elaine explains.

After retiring, Elaine decided to move from Port Washington, L.I. to M.I. ten years ago. "It's warm and sunny here and I love this home with its lake view and kitchen window looking out to the community," as we admired huge, pink hibiscus flowers in full bloom this day.

Elaine communicates with her family of two brothers, one in Washington State and one in San Diego, and two sisters, one in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., and another in Atlanta, Georgia often, as she does with a wide circle of friends and former students all over the U.S. "I am very fortunate to have former students in my life, even if it's long distance at this point," she adds. This summer Elaine and one of her brothers and a sister cruised for a fabulous week roundtrip from Seattle to Alaska in a three-bedroom penthouse suite aboard the Norwegian Pearl!

In the past year Elaine traveled to San Francisco, Atlanta, New Mexico, Sanibel Island and Key West, among other places. She speaks highly of the Road Scholar travel programs that offer organized educational trips. After this Thanksgiving she's taking a Road Scholar trip to New York City that includes a special tour of Radio City Music Hall, an art deco palace, and a New York City Rockettes Holiday Show. This spring she's off to baseball spring training with the New York Yankees in Tampa, Florida, another Road Scholar trip.

Elaine enjoys taking courses at FAU's Lifelong Learning Center, knitting, sewing, travel, theatre and antiques. Elaine collects art deco chrome pieces and has a colorful collection of cocktail shakers beautifully displayed in her home. She plays bridge at the clubhouse, and is a columnist for the M.I. News. She privately conducts French conversation groups for adults who have studied and know French. She is a member of M.I. Hadassah and Pap Corps.

THOUGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not a coincidence.

Erma Bombeck.

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

Oprah Winfrey

My cooking is so bad my kids though Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor.

Phyllis Diller

My restaurants are never opened on Thanksgiving. I want my staff to spend time with their family if they can. My feeling is, if I can't figure out how to make money the rest of the year so that my workers can enjoy the holidays, then I don't deserve to be an owner.

Michael Symon

A lot of Thanksgiving days have been ruined by not carving the turkey in the kitchen.

Kin Hubbard

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Gardening in the Isles

*By
Stan Davidson*

If you are a water-minded conservationist, a drip irrigation system may be for you. A drip irrigation system, or micro-irrigation system, uses a network of plastic distribution pipes and a variety of adjustable emitters to meter a controllable flow of water under low pressure to your plants. Water is applied much more slowly than with a sprinkler and can be easily controlled and directed to the plant resulting in less water waste. As a result, the drip system is 90 per cent more efficient than a sprinkler system, and thus is more desirable for use during periods of drought. This system is recognized by many water management utilities that will allow drip irrigation use during water restriction periods.

A low flow of water to a plant maintains a desirable balance of air and water into the soil. If the soil is maintained at an even moisture level, plants will grow better. A sprinkler system results in a greater wet-to-dry fluctuation in the soil, is only 50 percent efficient and may not promote good plant growth.

Many gardening centers carry drip irrigation kits that are designed for home garden use. In addition to complete kits, most gardening centers carry individual components. An instruction set-up guide, design and layout tips, operating system and maintenance tips are usually included in the kit.

For many years the drip system has been used by commercial growers of vegetables, fruit growers, and

for plants in greenhouses and nurseries. The drip irrigation system is ideal for berms (sloped planting beds). The berm slope is inefficient for sprinkler irrigation because gravity directs the water downhill, causing waste of runoff water. A slow rate of water applied by the drip system is more likely to prevent water runoff.

Drip irrigation should be located so that the water reaches the roots of the plant. The system should be designed around the water requirements of a specific plant. The larger plants and root systems may require additional emitters for adequate coverage. The emitters can range in size from 0.5 gph (gallons per hour) to 4 gph depending on whether they will be used in a flowerbed, on a 5-foot shrub, on a small tree, or a large tree.

In summary, if you are interested in water-wise gardening, a drip system should be considered; to water oddly shaped sections of your landscape, to decrease water loss in windy locations and evaporation on hot days, to irrigate a sloping landscape to minimize runoff, and specifically for our Majestic Isles residents to water potted plants, hanging baskets and trellises with vines. If you are away from your home for a period of time, or in the midst of a busy week, use an automatic timer to ensure that your landscape plants receive the water they need. Remember to water wisely to save the environment and to save energy.



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By Bill Harris



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I've introduced you to the Burmese python (MI News May 2013), some of our invasive plants (Summer 2013), and invasive fish (October 2013). Now, here come our smallest invaders, who arrive by either hitching a ride in migratory birds or in

Florida-residents who are international travelers.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEEV) and St. Louis Encephalitis (SLV) viruses have been monitored by county mosquito control agencies and the Florida Department of Health, using sentinel chickens, since 1978. West Nile virus (WNV) was added to the surveillance program when it was first transmitted in Florida in 2001. Dead birds may be a sign that WNV is circulating between birds and the mosquitoes in an area. The sentinel chicken flock is our first-line of defense against WNV in humans.

WNV is most commonly transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. About one in five infected people will develop a fever with other symptoms. The medulla of the brainstem in the central nervous system is WNV's primary target. Severe human meningoencephalitis is a common complication of West Nile fever and results in a considerable number of deaths.

As of Sept. 24, 2013, a total of 1135 cases of WNV in people, including 44 deaths, had been reported to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Of these cases, 529 (47%), reported from 38 states including Florida, were classified as neuroinvasive disease (NID) (e.g. meningitis, encephalitis, or acute flaccid paralysis). The worst hit states are Wyoming and the Dakotas with more than one incidence of WNV NID per 100,000 population. As of Sept. 14, only one case of WNV was transmitted in Florida (Duval County).

In 2012, 2,873 WNV NID cases resulted in 270 (9%) deaths. Of 73 total 2012 cases in Florida, 52 (71%) were NID and 21(29%) were non-NID. There were three deaths in Florida and 283 deaths in the rest of the U.S. last year. The maximum number of 2012 cases occurred in Texas, which reported 1,868 cases, of which 844 (45%) were NID resulting in 89 deaths.

Dengue fever emerged as a worldwide problem in the 1950's. Although Dengue rarely occurs in the continental United States, it is endemic to Puerto Rico, and in many popular tourist destinations in the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Asia. Dengue, the leading cause of illness and death in the tropics and subtropics, infects as many as 50 to 100 million people worldwide yearly. Although Dengue fever is rarely fatal, Dengue hemorrhagic fever, a rare but more severe form of Dengue infection, can be fatal if not recognized and properly treated. A person already infected with one of the four Dengue virus-types (e.g. DENV-1), who becomes infected with another, (e.g. DENV-2, -3 or -4) is at increased risk of hemorrhagic fever.

While previously commonplace in Florida, Dengue virus was eliminated from the United States in 1934. Our Florida lifestyle — air conditioning, window screens, and more time indoors may have protected us from having large outbreaks. Now, DENV in Florida is back! A Dengue outbreak in Key West in 2009 sickened at least 28 people. About 5% of 240 people then tested in the Key West area showed signs of having been infected by the virus. No new cases were reported in Key West after 2010.

Several transient Dengue introductions have been identified elsewhere in Florida since the Key West outbreak. Eighteen new locally acquired cases were identified in the Jensen Beach and Rio areas near Stuart, FL and one in Miami-Dade this summer. Florida residents who had traveled to a Dengue endemic country in 2013 imported an additional 64 cases of Dengue statewide, as of Sept. 14.

There are no treatments and as yet no vaccines to prevent infection for WNV or DENV. Quick recognition and management of symptoms and complications is effective at preventing deaths. The most effective way to guard against WNV and DENV is to prevent mosquito bites. You should use insect repellent containing DEET, wear protective clothing and consider avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito biting hours from dusk to dawn. Sentinel chickens tested positive for SLEV in Palm Beach County and for EEEV in Indian River County in September 2013. Currently (as of Sept. 13, 2013), both St. Lucie and Miami-Dade Counties are under a mosquito-borne illness advisory; Martin County is under a mosquito-borne illness alert.

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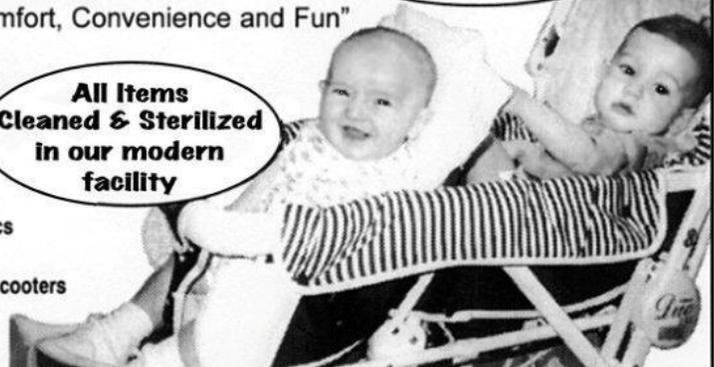
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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman Facilitator

The market has experienced many periods of disconcerting volatility, creating uncertainty and doubt in the mind of investors about their ability to make satisfactory decisions about their investment selections. There are many rules and guidelines that may assist in the selection process, but hardly any that provide the guarantees we seek. The best we can do is to consider suitability and investing objectives among others, and to remember that you are not just buying a stock but are buying into someone’s business. Do your research and due diligence and consult with your investment advisor.

Some help may be obtained using a method of stock selection based in part upon the method called “**3---6---9+ Suitability and Time Frame Criteria.**” These selections can fall into several categories such as: growth, long term growth with some income, income with some growth, high income, and speculation. The numbers head a list and indicate the average yield for each category. The “**3**” represents securities with a long history of slow but steady growth of dividends and market value (from more than 10 to over 50 years). The “**6**” covers a range of MLP’s (Master Limited Partners) and Preferred stocks among others. The “**9+**” includes High Income securities of many varieties.

The above-mentioned document was handed out to all who attended our Oct. 14 meeting. After a careful review by all, a lively discussion ensued.

While speculation may add some excitement and the hope that you may hit a home run, it is not recommended for income-oriented retirees. Short term trading may be considered to be in the same category. However, the young at heart may find it somewhat stimulating.

The list of securities presented is not all-inclusive but is representative of securities in the various categories. While they may or may not provide protection from market volatility, they may be used as a guide in trying to meet your investment objectives. They do, for the most part, provide the advantage of a relatively long-term history of dividend payments.

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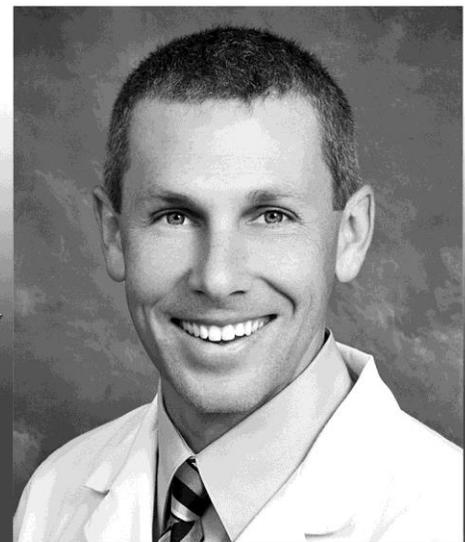
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THE WILD BLUE YONDER

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Margaret Phelan Taylor, a 19-year-old Iowa farm girl, borrowed \$300 from her father to learn how to fly and discovered at a physical exam for entry into a pilots' program that she was half an inch shorter than the 5' 2" requirement. When asked, "What did you do?" she replied, "I stood on my tiptoes and passed." So began the little known story of one of the amazing women who flew planes for the United States during World War II.

In 1942, famed pilot Jacqueline Cochran, who later became the first woman pilot to break the sound barrier, petitioned the Army Air Force to start a program to use women pilots for flying in the United States as a way of freeing up male pilots for combat duty. She was turned down. Undeterred, she flew to England and started a program with the British Air Transport Authority.

Returning to the U.S. later that year, she learned that Nancy Love, another famed test pilot, had, with the support of the Army Transport Command, organized a similar group of women, the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), to ferry planes from factory to air base. Cochran convinced the Air Force that they would not be able to train enough pilots and established the Women's Flying Training Department (WFT) with a first class of 25 women. They did a multitude of flying tasks, everything from transporting planes, towing targets and drones and instructing male cadets. Still, the services refused to accept them as part of the military and Cochran fought being blended into the Women's Army Corps (WACS) with the loss of identity and independence.

In August 1943, the two women's groups did merge into the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPS), a civilian volunteer pilot group. Most of the women expected that they would eventually be treated as regular military service personnel. Over 25,000 women tried to join the program, some 1,800 were accepted and over 1,000 successfully completed the rigorous training program, a better ratio than the 50% attrition rate in the male training programs. Despite thousands of hours of flying, and 38 deaths during training procedures, repeated requests to have them made a women's military service group with the Air Force were turned down. They were treated as women volunteers and were denied life insurance or the right to a flag draped casket. A deceased pilot's

family also had to pay to have the pilot's remains flown home. In some cases, when the family could not afford that expense, the women themselves took up a collection.

As the war started to wind down, there was a surplus of air force training programs and male pilots. Without warning, the WASPS' program was disbanded in December 1944. Commanding General of the Army Air Force Henry "Hap" Arnold recognized the value of the women pilots, but also said that continuation of the program meant that women would be **replacing** male pilots rather than freeing them for combat duty. The women were disbanded. It was another 30 years before the Air Force began a women's pilot program with a proud claim that they were admitting the first women into the service. Irate survivors of the WASPS, chagrined by the Air Forces failure to acknowledge their earlier service finally succeeded in having their military service recognized in 1977. It was 30 years before President Obama awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to the 300 survivors of the group in 2009.

It has been over 70 years since the start of World War II and like the famed icon, Rosie the Riveter, millions of women answered the call of their country, leaving the safety of family, farm or school to drive buses and tractors, build airplane and ships, nurse the wounded, and yes, fly planes. While male pilots were trained by the Air Force, the women spent their own money learning to fly before the WASP programs would accept them, then did not receive the services or recognition they deserved. When questioned by researchers, they recalled their reasons for joining: love of flying, patriotism, adventure, a welcome escape from the depression.

It is fitting that as we celebrate Veterans' Day this year, we remember also the women veterans who served their country without fanfare or applause. They proved once again that women could do anything that men could – like the line about Ginger Rogers, that she could do anything Fred Astaire did, but backwards in high heels.

If you want to read further, the Internet has numerous sites, including an NPR script about these women (www.npr.org), an official military site, (www.army.mil/women/pilots) as well as Wikipedia. There are lots of pictures, too.) If you have a service story to share write your memories up and leave them in the newspaper box or call me.



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A VETERAN'S MEMORIES

By Jack Greene



In 1946 I was 17 years old. I had graduated from Stuyvesant High School and spent one semester at CCNY (City College of New York). World War II was over but I decided that I wanted to join the Army. This was not an easy task; I was underage and needed my parents' permission. To say they were opposed is putting it mildly. After begging, cajoling, nudging and threatening to join anyway when I turned 18, they finally gave in.

I was sent to Ft. McClellan in Alabama for heavy weapons infantry basic training. Right after that, I was sent to Japan for Occupation duties. When we arrived at Yokohama's repple (replacement) depot, I was a Private. We were interviewed to see what area of expertise we were best suited for. When my interviewer saw that I was a "college boy" with a minor in Personnel Management he immediately promoted me to sergeant. This fellow obviously did not know that all first year students at that time took all liberal arts subjects, so at 17 I was made personnel sergeant of the Military Government Detachment in Tokyo. Our unit, was attached to General MacArthur's General Headquarters (GHQ), was the liaison between MacArthur's GHQ and the Japanese Government. Since the Emperor had surrendered, the Japanese were very submissive and followed instructions to the letter with very few problems.

It is no surprise to say that our way of life in America and theirs were very different; specially their sewage system (or lack thereof). All human waste was collected in wagons, which we called "honey buckets," and was used for fertilizer. The odor was present wherever you went. One time a U.S. Jeep slammed into a honey bucket wagon and the s - - - literally flew.

Not only did I get to see Yokohama, the second largest city in Japan, but I travelled to Hiroshima and Nagasaki within the year after the bombs were dropped. The devastation was unbelievable. I also visited the beautiful city of Kyoto, the only city that was never bombed and Sendai, where the winter Olympics were held several years ago. I travelled in a Pullman train designed for the Japanese who were on an average 5 feet 5 inches tall. I was over 6 feet and in the sleeper my feet were wedged against the foot of the bed and my head crammed against the top.

In 1988 my wife, Bobbe, and I went on a tour of Japan so I could see the changes. Travel was extremely slow because of all the automobiles. As we stopped for yet another traffic jam, our tour guide told us that Japan had the Americans and the Occupation to thank for their technology and help in rebuilding his country. I had to agree with him and told him that they had surpassed us when it came to traffic tie-ups.

But my time in Japan was an incredible experience. Obviously I had a different and more pleasant experience from those who had served during the war and without a doubt I matured into the man I am today. It was a time of my life the 17 year old boy I was then would not trade for "all the rice in Japan"!!!

The Reel Story "CAPTAIN PHILLIPS"

by Judy Radin



Paul Greengrass has produced a gripping film about the real life 2009 hijacking of the Maersk Alabama, an American container vessel. The ship, piloted by Merchant Marine Captain Richard Phillips (Tom Hanks), embarked on a 10-day mission around the Horn of Africa into perilous outlaw country. Muse, a Somali fisherman whose province was intimidated by Somali warlords, was armed with semi-automatic assault rifles and ordered to hijack the Maersk Alabama.

Greengrass heightens the film's tension as the radar shows two green blips closing in on Phillip's unwieldy, ship. The disparity between the small maneuverable and unencumbered skiffs and the bumbling hulk of a defenseless commerce ship becomes apparent.

Piracy in the 21st century differs considerably from that of past centuries when criminals sought gain as sea-trading routes opened up. The 2009 Somalis headed by Muse, captured Captain Phillips as their big reward. Though America fought this war in a peacetime setting, the fight was now against a new adversary, namely globalization and poverty. Civilian ships were hopeless targets and there was little anyone could do except wait for the next attack.

Tom Hanks is a convincing Captain Phillips whose *(Movie review continued on page 29)*

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THE EATING SEASON

By Phyllis M. Cohen



It's here. Time to get out your stretch elastic-waist pants or to punch another hole in your belt. From the time you opened that first package of candy corn to the day that last Valentine chocolate gets scarfed down, one event after another is an orgy of food and drinks. No Hunger Games here. It's the Eating Season. If you're still buying bags of Halloween candy and your youngest trick or treater is 70, you know you are already in trouble. No use pretending that all of those goodies are going into the freezer to await the grandkids, unexpected guests or a winter storm. We all know that from the depths of the fridge, hidden behind the chicken parts and Weight Watchers meals, the Milky Ways are calling, "Eat me, eat me, eat me." (And you know they are great frozen too.)

You've hardly had a chance to start your newest diet when Thanksgiving is here. Almost lost between the partying of Halloween and the gift giving frenzy of Christmas, Thanksgiving should be the holiday with the least pressure. All you do is eat, watch football, and eat. There are no presents to buy, cards to mail, or lists to make. If you want to have a lively holiday, you will seat guests according to political preferences around the table, Tea Party on one side, Democrats on another, independents in the middle. Better yet, you'll probably ban all politics from the conversation, and if not, provide nerf balls or water guns to the participants so they can take out their aggressions harmlessly.

But getting back to the festive meal. Following tradition, it shouldn't be any problem in assembling the usual holiday foods, turkey, yams, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Yet, there's tradition and tradition. Growing up in post-World War II Brooklyn, my mother tried to embrace the holiday of Thanksgiving with all of its American ideas. There was the turkey, in those days always a huge 20-pound tom. Cranberry sauce was something new, as was pumpkin pie, something to be found only in Horn & Hardart Automats, so we went with what we knew

best. Thus, chicken soup with matzo balls, noodle puddings, and some half sour pickles also graced the table. And in case anyone was still hungry, there was a brisket as well.

By the time I hosted my own dinners, we all knew the drill and since we lived in the land of the Pilgrims, we went the whole nine yards, from Pilgrim decorations to Indian corn centerpieces. Every food item was part of the Thanksgiving tradition: yams and cranberry relish, corn bread and pumpkin pies.

One would think that I could easily host such a dinner now, so why would I have nightmares about trying to do it? It's my guest list, just close family. There are my kosher California kids, son and wife, two kids 16 and 11. And remember, no salt in anything they eat. My daughter and her husband – a gourmet cook wannabe – both with sophisticated taste buds. When I asked my son in law for a soup recipe, he started with, "First you catch the chicken." He's not that bad, really, but he listed all homemade ingredients or fresh items from his garden. No short cuts here. Then there's my gluten-free, dairy-free son and his wife (like me). They don't eat red meat or poultry, but they do eat fish and shellfish (no good with our kosher kids). Last comes my vegan sister, also gluten free. (I've decided she is best put outside to graze on the lawn). My own sweet husband will eat anything that does not eat him first, though he is deathly allergic to nuts. Obviously, I would need to set up a buffet menu to accommodate a variety of taste preferences and call the Mayo Clinic for a consult before I could arrange such an event.

Fortunately, this nightmare is not really going to happen this year. In fact, if everyone were to descend on me unexpectedly, I could easily make the whole Thanksgiving situation disappear. Hanukkah happens to fall on Thanksgiving so enough with the turkey. Potato pancakes and applesauce for all. (Don't tell anyone, but potato pancakes come frozen, too, or you can buy them ready made). Best of all, there are no turkey leftovers to haunt you for a week, let alone a hundred pots, pans and dishes to wash. I never saw a leftover potato pancake at any dinner. And for dessert, don't forget that leftover Halloween candy. If you didn't eat enough for this holiday, there's still Christmas, New Year's and Valentine's Day. Eat up. Remember those starving children in Europe.

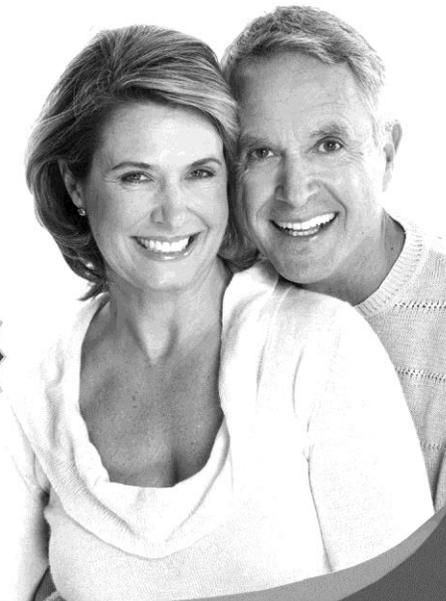
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PET PATCH

By Molly



Welcome back to our Snowbirds and Snowflakes. It's so nice to see everybody again. Of course there's a big difference in the traffic! But that doesn't bother me.

And they'll all be here for Halloween – that looks like so much fun, getting dressed up in a funny costume and going out trick-or-treating. I've seen some of the costumes on TV, but Mom - the party pooper - said I can't get dressed up and go out. I thought it would be neat to get lots of cookies. Oh well...

We're all wishing for a great winter here in sunny Florida – enjoy!

FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

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Have Fun!

INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

(continued from page 17)

Two attendees, Bill Harris and Ken Ramnarine each made very interesting and thought-stimulating presentations about energy and income investments and were well-received. Join us at the next meeting on Monday, Nov. 18 (the third Monday) in November at 4:00 p.m. and bring your questions, answers, ideas and opinions.

P.S. – we are running a training program for the position of “Co-Facilitator”. Your inquiries are solicited and appreciated. If two are selected, we will have a CO-CO.

MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

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



As we went to press, we were anticipating our opening meeting with the Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Extravaganza on Oct. 24. We expect it to be very successful

with all hors d'oeuvres made or donated by the M.I. Pap Corps Board of Directors members. Entertainment was provided by the talented King's Academy High School Choral Group. Special thanks to set-up volunteers and to bartenders Ed Girard, Paul Mendelsohn, Irwin Silling and Ed Strauber. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Watch Channel 63 for weekly winners of Football Mania over the 17-week season. Many thanks to Ed Gerard, Paul Mendelsohn and Ed Strauber for their outstanding work in selling and promoting tickets.

Save the date Thursday, November 21 for lunch meeting with guest speaker Caren Neal who will discuss “Storytelling.” Cost is \$2 per person.

Coins for the Cure Brunch is set for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. The fabulous brunch will be catered by Flakowitz of Boynton. Back by popular demand singer and entertainer is Mark Desrosiers. Tickets are \$25. Place checks in envelopes, indicating tables, in our mail box in the back lobby. If you prefer, we'll arrange tables.

To help support our meetings everyone is encouraged to donate to Host a Meeting. Contact Rita Goldman, at least one week before each meeting with your contribution, as little as \$10 and with information on whom you are honoring.

The Pap Corps is offering on-line shopping. To participate, shoppers may go on the Pap Corps website (www.papcorps.org) and then click on “shopping.” A percentage of the sales will be donated to the Pap Corps and will not increase the prices.

Future pick-up dates of clothing, shoes, etc. donations in large plastic bags will be announced shortly. In the meantime, clean your closets!

Save these dates for Pap Corps:

Nov. 21 Lunch, 12 noon, Guest speaker Caren Neal will discuss “Storytelling.” Cost \$2 per person.

Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. Coins for the Cure Brunch, entertainment, \$25 pp

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SNOWBIRDS

By Bobbe Greene



Slowly but surely the Snowbirds are migrating back to sunny Florida. Welcome Back!!

The season's first meeting, to discuss plans for February and March activities, will be held on Friday, December 13 at 11 a.m. in the ballroom. We are hoping for a large turnout so that we can get everyone's input on program selection.

The annual Welcome Back Brunch is scheduled for January 10, 2014. Mark your calendar; this is always a very successful get together. The price of the brunch remains at \$10 per person. More information will be forthcoming.

Annual dues are still \$5 per person. Please put your separate checks for both the brunch and dues in the Snowbirds' mailbox in the back lobby.

There have been so many homes purchased in the past year, many of them by Snowbirds and Snowflakes. We would love to meet you; so come down, join us, and let us know what you enjoy and what you would expect from a Snowbirds club.

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

Welcome back to our seasonal residents. We have several upcoming events that we invite you to join.

We are planning a trip to Gulfstream Race-track/Casino on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$18 and you will get back \$10 for casino play and \$7 for lunch. I also understand that new members to the Gulfstream Player Club will get 30 points, which is equal to a \$30 value. Please leave your checks in the Men's Club mailbox.

The Valentine's Day party will be on Feb. 9, 2014 at Delray Beach Golf Club at 6:00 p.m. More information to follow later in the year.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting October 13, 2013

By Selma Friedman



You know that old show business adage "Always leave them wanting more?" Well, that's how it was on Sunday, Oct. 13. Ira Schneider presented "Come Fly With Me," his film biography of Frank Sinatra's life from the early years with Harry James to Tony Dorsey, through films with Gene Kelly and on to dramatic vehicles like "From Here to Eternity" and "The Man with the Golden Arm." These are only a few of the recordings and works that Ira highlighted.

Most of us were commenting we did not realize what a large body of work Frank had accumulated – all of the music achievements, films and humanitarian works. It was quite a life he had. In total, he was a singer, actor, producer and finally, a director. And in his personal life, he was a husband, several times over, father and friend.

Ira had the whole biography narrated and you could hear a pin drop throughout. The ending, with Frank singing "My Way, was right on, but we could have watched more. Thank you Ira. It was great seeing and hearing "Ol' Blue Eyes" again. Well done!

Oops, sorry! There was an incorrect date in the last M.I.L.T. article. Performances of "The Odd Couple, the Female Version," our big production of the year, will be on March 8 and 9, 2014. It's a winner!! In February we'll have a fun evening – a hootenanny led by Wynne and John Shilling.

BOOK CLUB

By Judy Markowitz



Join the Book Club at its Nov. 20 meeting when Donna Shaneson leads a discussion of "Margot," by Jillian Cantor, a fictionalized account of the life of Anne Frank's sister life if she had lived.

Get a head start on December's exciting book, Dara Horn's, "A Guide for the Perplexed." Amazon calls it "a spellbinding novel of how technology changes memory and how memory shapes the soul."

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HADASSAH

by Ellin Goldstein



Our October meeting featured Holocaust memories from our own residents Edye Frankel and Wynne and John Shilling. We appreciate their sharing of these heartfelt, moving experiences.

Our November 25 meeting will include the election of new officers as well as a wonderful Book and Author event. The featured speaker will be author Ellen Brazer discussing her newest book, "And So it Was Written." Books will be available for purchase.

Invitations are in the mail for our fabulous Donor Luncheon on Monday November 18 at Benevento's. Phyllis Moss has information on your donor status.

Watch for notices of our December general meeting that will feature installation of new officers and a special luncheon.

Get your table set for our annual card party on January 29 and our gala March 2 honoring "Woman of the Year." More details on these in the next issue.

Doris Robin is still selling "City Books". The Winn Dixie Coupons expire December 2014, so it's a really good deal. The book costs \$7.00 each, with \$20.00 worth of coupons, which can also be used at Publix. If you've not yet received your copy of the calendar, for which you paid, please call me (740-9050).

Elaine Grossman has been very busy working with neighborhood restaurants. Remember if you go to Benny's, get a flyer from the back room because Benny's will give a donation to Hadassah whenever you eat there, if you have the flyer. She has also made an arrangement for lunch or dinner at Jacob's Restaurant on Woolbright on November 17, from 12-9. Again don't forget the flyer!

To buy a brick on our sixth Brick Lane, call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garelick (364-0533). If you've not picked up your Book of Remembrance, please give Lee a call.



MOVIES – MOVIES - MOVIES

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SAT., NOV. 2: UNFINISHED SONG With his wife Marion terminally ill, 72-year-old Arthur sees a future that's nothing but grim. But when he takes Marion's place in their church's very unconventional choir, he begins to find joy in life again.

SAT., NOV. 16: THE HEAT In this action-comedy, Sandra Bullock heads the cast as by-the-book FBI agent Katerina James, who forms an unlikely alliance with unconventional street cop Joyce Nelson to take down a Russian gangster.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.

SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

Once again we will be collecting unwrapped **Toys For Tots**, with the holiday presents going to the Boynton Soup Kitchen in Boynton Beach. They were thrilled with our generous donations last year and we hope to collect even more this year. Myrna Bader and Val Petroff will chair this event. A box will be in the back lobby starting Nov. 11th through Dec. 18. Do give all you can to these needy children.

We still have room for a few more reservations for our **New Year's Gala**. Just \$50 per person includes food, soft drinks, music, and dancing with the company of friends and neighbors. Call Rita Dick for table assignments.

Our children and grandchildren are making plans to visit over the holiday break. We want to plan many activities for two days during their stay. On Thursday Dec. 26 at 11 a.m., we have hired magician Gary Midnight to entertain. A Pizza Party lunch in the clubhouse will follow his performance. In order to schedule other events, we need to know the ages of the children visiting. Please use the sign-up sheet in the back lobby. Let me know if you can help and make suggestions for some new activities.

Please support our winter series...we are running at a deficit and will not be able to have another outstanding series in 2015 without more support...think of all the great shows we have had in the past... We have worked too hard to let this die.

Movie Review

(continued from page 21)

polished acting runs the gamut between a skilled and confident leader to fear and horror. His performance will probably earn him an Oscar.

The four Somalis, though inexperienced actors, attended a casting call in Minneapolis – where there is a large Somali population! They auditioned and to their astonishment, they won the pirate roles. Barkhard Abdi, who played the role of Muse, shone as Captain Phillips' opponent in each in which he appeared with Hanks. We are sure to see this gifted novice again.

Captain Phillips is a well-made film with a dynamic and tension-filled ending. The last 20 minutes will hold viewers to the edge of their seats and will demonstrate Tom Hanks' amazing acting talents.

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MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER "New Dimensions"

By Gerry Herman



M.I.L.T. has been very successful in bringing new people into our theater group. We are now rehearsing a workshop presentation, "Show Biz: A Family Musical Journey," with many parts for actors and singers. The cast enjoys acting with script in hand instead of memorizing. This technique has become very popular in theater groups like ours and provides a way to enhance the performance of the actors involved. A workshop can be something people work on for a while. It becomes a training experience for everyone. The purpose of the show is to entertain the audience and for the actors to be well prepared. This production is set for December 2013.

M.I.L.T.'s paid show, "The Odd Couple, the Female Version," will be gracing our stage in March 2014. Our seasoned actors are now rehearsing and sharing their expertise with other actors who have decided to try their hand at acting for the first time. It is very exciting for all of them to be working together to perform a comedy that will thrill and entertain you. For this show, the actors are working with a memorized script.

The process of putting on a major show, involvement in a workshop presentation or viewing an interactive program with audience participation is a lot of fun. We are learning about the theater with the support of friends and neighbors. During the season we put on a program every month with a variety of genres and very creative ideas to catch the imagination of those who attend. For your convenience, the M.I.L.T. 2013-2014 schedule, with the program and events for the year, was printed on the cover of the M.I. News last month.

Milt has come a long way in developing technical ingenuity. This year we have more surprises for you! Ira Schneider has combined research with video and computer to create wonderful presentations. Our technology team, headed by Doris Davidoff, is using computers to help us enhance a scene in a show in ways we could never do before a show. This year we are using Power Point and video.

We are a community theater group. We need people who would enjoy any aspect of theater: script writing, singing, dancing, acting, as well as designing scenery, helping with make-up, being a stage hand, helping with advertising, prompters, playing an instrument.

And - we also need a good audience that claps loudly and with enthusiasm.

PUMPKIN SPICE CAKE

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice*
3 large eggs, at room temperature
1 cup sour cream, at room temperature
1 cup canned pumpkin
3/4 cup canola oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Butter Bundt pan really well.
2. In a medium bowl, sift or whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and spices; set aside.
3. In a large bowl combine eggs, sour cream, pumpkin, and oil. Beat well with a hand mixer or a stand mixer, scraping down sides with a spatula, until everything is well blended. Add flour mixture a little at a time, beating well after each addition, until everything is well combined. Scrape down sides, then blend in the vanilla extract.
4. Pour batter into prepared Bundt pan and bake in the center of a 350° degree oven for 35-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the cake comes out clean. Let cool on wire rack for ten minutes, then invert cake onto wire rack and let cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar immediately before serving if you wish.

Yield: 10-12 servings

*Pumpkin pie spice can be substituted with 2 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. ground ginger, 1/2 tsp. ground allspice, and 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg.

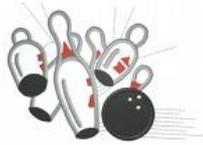
Lost my recipe, but I think I found it here:

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MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

Spares and Strikes

By Dave Feinberg, President



WEEK 3 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Allan Rubinstein	185	Allan Rubinstein	407
Ken Ramnarine	138	Ken Ramnarine	369
Joe Magone	137		

WEEK 3 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	153	Estelle Snyder	405
Toni Kohn	135	Toni Kohn	374
Eleanor Krongold	133		

WEEK 4 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	195
Fred Katz	161
Ken Ramnarine	159

WEEK 4 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Toni Kohn	144	Toni Kohn	397
Shirley Scheffel	137	Shirley Scheffel	381
Eleanor Krongold	133	Eleanor Krongold	374

WEEK 5 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Ken Ramnarine	166	Ken Ramnarine	471
Dave Feinberg	147	Dave Feinberg	418
Bill Harris	145		

WEEK 5 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	161	Estelle Snyder	403
Shirley Scheffel	137		
Eleanor Krongold	133	Eleanor Krongold	374

WEEK 6 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Dave Feinberg	157	Dave Feinberg	431
Al Lynn	153	Al Lynn	396
Ken Ramnarine	146	Ken Ramnarine	375

WEEK 6 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Sandy Gardner	152	Sandy Gardner	391
Estelle Snyder	152	Estelle Snyder	398
Toni Kohn	138	Toni Kohn	354

WEEK 7 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Al Lynn	195	Al Lynn	453
Ken Ramnarine	189	Ken Ramnarine	442
Dave Feinberg	166	Dave Feinberg	409

WEEK 7 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	157	Estelle Snyder	413
Sandy Gardner	137	Sandy Gardner	401

Boy, I tell you, this is really getting to be a tough league to score in. Sometimes I think the women are out-scoring the men. Keep it up ladies!

See you next month with some more good scores.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

Well, fall is here and we have many upcoming activities. Welcome back to all who have been away. We hope you will join us for all of our events.

Nov. 4: (note date change): **Collection (clothing, etc.) to benefit Autistic Children** from 10 a.m to noon. Flyers in back lobby have detailed information. Contact chairman Marcia Vetstein (742-9300) if you have questions.

Nov. 11: Card Party at Delray Country Club; \$25 per person. The menu is on our flyer in the back lobby. Get your game together and drop checks in the Women's Club mailbox in the back lobby. **The card party is open to all residents, friends and family members.**

Dec. 9: Welcome Back Luncheon in our clubhouse; The luncheon is subsidized by the Women's Club and is open to members only. The entertainer will be piano player Sheila.

Dues remain the same as last year (\$15). Dues paid by Nov. 1 will count for the rest of this year and all of 2014.

Reminder: Check Channel 63 and/or the back lobby of clubhouse for detailed flyers on **“What's happening in the Women's Club.”**

SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

As usual, the Singles' activity calendar is really busy. Our Oct. 25 event will be a ballet class rehearsal at Harid's and a luncheon. We anticipate that this will be very interesting.



On Nov. 9 we are going the Rinker Theater to see "The 'D' Word," a different type of musical. Afterwards, we'll go to Calero's Restaurant. It will be \$24 including tax and tip. Please tell us if you wish to join us there or if you need a car pool.

By Nov. 22, we will need the balance on your reservations for our New Year's Eve trip. A regular double room will be \$218. For those with a single supplement, it will be \$268. We are sold out with a waiting list, but we really want anyone who signed up to come!!

\$15 dues are due by the December meeting. If you have not paid your dues, you will not be able to attend our kickoff for the New Year on Jan. 19. Because we are subsidizing it, it is for members only! We should have a great time!

On Dec. 14, we are going to Harid's to see their Holiday Presentation. The cost will be \$24.

As I said, we have a busy, exciting year ahead of us. Please call Marge (742-7719) or Ellin (740-9050) if you need directions or any information



MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



Three years ago, our Majestic Isles Travel Club enjoyed our first trip, which was to Key West. Due to the many requests we

have received from both participants in that trip and from others who did not join us back then, we will be revisiting Key West from November 2-4. We will spend two nights and three days on this fun trip. Be sure to join us. Flyers with reservation request forms are in the back lobby.

We are also working very hard on some spectacular one-day excursions. These have become very popular, and we have even sold out several recent trips. Book early to be sure to get a spot.

Some of our ideas for future one-day trips include visiting an ice-cream factory; touring the Bonnet House with a French restaurant dinner; Coral Castle & Fruit and Spice Land in Homestead; Palm Beach Flagler Mansion and lunch or dinner; and others. We are considering overnight trips such as a Daytona Racetrack tour and theater; Washington, DC; Charleston, SC; and Mt. Dora Holiday Lights.

Our Planning Committee will be choosing among these and other suggestions. Watch for news as we develop future trips. If you want to be added to our email list, send an email to dorisdav@aol.com. Your address will be used only for Travel Club information.

Of course, we are very excited about our "big" trip in early November 2014, a riverboat cruise from Prague to Budapest. There are flyers and reservation forms in the back lobby and information on our website at www.majesticisles.com. This will be a very special experience as most of us have never taken a European riverboat cruise, which is quite different from a typical Caribbean or other ocean-going cruise.

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.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR
November - December 2013

2	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
3	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (f, h)
4	Mon	10:00 a.m.-noon	Women's Club	Clothing etc. collection
7	Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting
8	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f, h)
9	Sat	2:00 p.m.	Singles'	Show (p, a)
10	Sun	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop (f, h)
11	Mon	12 noon	Women's Club	Card Party (p, a)
16	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
17	Sun	12 noon-9:00 p.m	Hadassah	Jacob's Restaurant (p, a)
18	Mon	12:00 p.m.	Hadassah	Donor Luncheon (p, a)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
19	Tue	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Town Hall Meeting
20	Wed.	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion (f, h)
21	Thurs	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
		12 noon	Pap Corps	Meeting (f, h)
25	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting (f, h)

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

1	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (f, h)
5	Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Director's	Meeting
7	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p,h)
8	Sun	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop (f, h)
9	Mon	12:00 p.m.	Women's Club	Luncheon (f, h)
11	Wed	10:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Gulfstream (p, a)
13	Fri	11:00 a.m.	Snowbirds	Meeting (f, h)
14	Sat	2:00 p.m.	Singles Trip	Harid's (p, a)
15	Sun	10:30 a.m.	Pap Corps	Brunch (p, h)
16	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting (f, h)
18	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion (f, h)
19	Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Election
21	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
22	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
26-27	Thurs.-Fri.		Social Club	Grandkids Party

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