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Manager's Corner

According to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, there has been a rash of burglaries in neighboring communities, mostly along Hagen Ranch Road. Although I usually try to leave Safety and Security issues to Steve Bayer, there are a few items that I feel need to be covered in addition to Steve's newsletter articles.

KNOW YOUR VENDORS – We have many vendors doing all types of work for our residents both inside and outside of their homes. Do you know who you are hiring? Are you making sure they are licensed and insured? Florida Law

requires anyone doing contractor work – basically anything that requires a permit to be pulled, such as roofing work, electrical work, gutter installation to name a few – to have a valid Contractors' License. Not only is it a felony in Florida to perform unlicensed contractor work, without a license you have no idea if the vendor is qualified or even competent to do the work. Their prices may look attractive, but if they're not insured and fall off of their ladder, guess who they're going to sue? If not the vendor, then the vendor's medical insurance company will certainly look to the property owner for payment of the medical claims.

LOCK YOUR DOORS – A few weeks ago I saw a piece on the news about how easy it is to break in to a home through the garage door. Using a block of wood and a coat hanger, it only took 15 seconds for the "burglar" to release the overhead garage door from the automatic opener. Once he was inside the garage and had the door shut again, he could take his time getting into the rest of the house. Even if you're at home, make sure you have the deadbolt locks secured on your front door *and* the door from the garage to the house.

USE YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM – Part of your quarterly maintenance fee covers the burglar alarm monitoring by Devcon for your house. Every house in the community had a security system installed and activated when the house was built, but if you don't use it, what good is it? If you have no clue how to operate the system, I have copies of the manuals in the office. If you've forgotten your PIN code or never knew it you can call Devcon directly at 800-878-7806. Residents do not pay for batteries for their systems unless there's an "Act of God" such as an extended power outage from a Hurricane.

KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PERSONAL – I can't tell you how many news reports I have seen about someone inadvertently giving out their personal information – credit card numbers, social security number, even something as simple as their date of birth – to an unknown but legitimate sounding caller, and have ended up a victim of identity theft. Be suspicious of any caller, even if they already have some of your information. If you don't know them, you haven't called them yourself, or are confused by what they are telling you...HANG UP!!!

Questions about this or anything else in the community? **Call me!!**

Ken Miller, Association Manager



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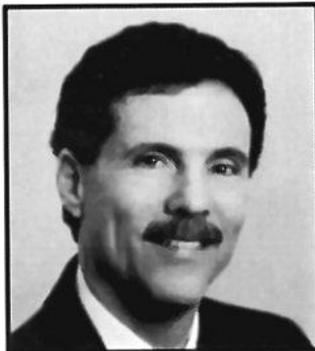
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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, September 19, 2013

Minutes of the September 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.

Election Committee, Ken Keller

- A committee has been formed and has the election materials box.
- The October and November issues of the newsletter will include notices seeking candidates.
- The committee received permission from the Board to put up a sign in the lobby.
- Recommendation that the Board close the clubhouse for all activities on the night of the election to help obtain a quorum.

Documents changes

- A revised draft of proposed changes will be sent back to the attorney to incorporate the revisions. Once the changes have been incorporated, the final document will be mailed to all residents and a required vote of the community will be scheduled before any of the changes go into effect

President's Report, Harvey Galan

- The painter will start the end of January.
- Zimmerman Tree Service will be here the beginning of January, and will be followed by Advanced Mulch.
- All residents are allowed two colors of house paint. A third color can be painted at the expense of the resident.
- Exceptionally dark color changes may require an additional expense for the residents.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- *(Residents may request a report of the 9/19/13 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)*
- Maintenance Receivable: The total amount that is due and payable is \$13,497.00. Most (\$13,447.00) is attributable to one unit that has been in arrears since July 2010. The balance is for late charges.
- Current Year Budget: The budget is within current year compliance requirements.
- Resales for the current year: A total of 17 units have sold this year for a grand total of \$3,391,000. Twelve patio homes 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 and COBWRA, Steve Bayer

- The Oct. 16 COBWRA delegates meeting will be at Palm Isles is open to everyone.
- The shredding truck will be back Oct. 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- *[See COBWRA Highlights on p. 9 for discussion of area burglaries]*
- There will be a Town Hall Meeting at the clubhouse with PBSO and Devcon on Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Grounds, Bill Broth

- The committee will discuss the fall plantings.
- A resident asked about replacement of a tree on common areas. The tree will not be replaced now.
- There will be a meeting set up with Mark from M&P to discuss issues with how the residents' landscaping is being trimmed.

ARC, Mark Jaffie

- Many ARC requests were approved. A resident was told she can have her tree pruned at her expense, but it cannot be removed.
- The Board will be adopting new rules for channel 63. Bonnie will be informed.
- Contact has been made with FPL about installing additional lighting.

Unfinished Business

- Motion to accept Stanley Steemer's proposal to clean the clubhouse carpets for \$944.03 passed by unanimous vote.
- Board agreed not to sandblast the clubhouse balcony, but instead to only power wash it and then repaint it as needed.
- Motion to purchase a "Guard On Duty" sign with slide in inserts for the guards' names for \$161.12 plus \$12 per insert passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept R&H Lighting's proposal to change all of the parking lot light bulbs and ballasts for \$1780.80 passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept M&P's proposal to treat all of the Gumbo Limbo trees for spiraling whitefly for \$3150, passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Board agreed to lower the price of RFIDs from \$25 to \$10.
- The Board agreed to eliminate the workshops.



A LETTER FROM DEVCON

August 5, 2013

Dear Valued Customer,

As you may have heard, Devcon Security has entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by ADT – one of the most well-known and trusted brands in the security industry today. We are sure you are wondering how this will affect you and the services we currently provide to your community.

We want to assure you that there will be no change in the high level of monitoring, customer care and service that we provide to residents of the Community Associations that we protect. Our Community Association team will remain in place and we expect to have more resources to provide even a higher level of service. Devcon and ADT management teams understand that Community Associations deserve a higher standard of service and we are committed to providing you with service that exceeds your expectations.

ADT has recently split from its parent Tyco and became an independent public company. They have a new management team and a commitment to being “customer obsessed” to ensure an excellent customer experience. As you know from our long and close relationship, we at Devcon share these values and dedication to our customers. In addition, both companies are “security professionals” committed to providing life safety. Therefore, Devcon is a perfect fit for the growth strategy of ADT. We are all very excited about this new partnership and the resources it provides which will enable us to raise our level of service even higher.

As always, we thank you for the privilege to be of service to you. Rest assured that our Community Association team will continue to be there for you whenever you need us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Your Community Association Team
800-878-7806 M through F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

Mark your calendar for Oct. 23 and Nov. 19.

We are having the **shredding** truck return on **Wednesday, Oct. 23**. Avoid chances of identity theft by destroying papers with sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers, credit card account numbers, etc. The flyer in the clubhouse has details.

We have scheduled a **Town Hall meeting** with two exceptional speakers on **Tuesday, Nov. 19**. Captain Mark Murray, the Commanding Officer of our Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office District Six and Janett McMillan, our representative from DEVCON Security, now a division of ADT, will be here.

There have been multiple burglaries in the area during the last four or five months. Hardest hit has been the Hagen Ranch Road/Boynton Beach Boulevard corridor. Royal Lakes, our neighbor immediately to the north, has been hit four times since April. We can’t stress it enough: make sure your house is locked and your **alarm** is activated. If you have not paid the Sheriff’s office the \$25 permit fee within the last 12 months, they will **not** respond to an alarm. If you can’t remember if you paid this or not, call Devcon (1-800-878-7806) and ask the operator to check your record.

There is no reason for your automobile not to be locked at night. Thieves are going around checking car door handles and if they find a door unlocked, they will take anything left in the car. One resident of The Shores left a box of pistol ammunition on his car seat. The “bad guys” hit the jackpot.

There will be more Town Hall meetings this season. We plan to have a representative from Lake Worth Drainage District here to explain the flood control in Palm Beach County and why it is unlikely we will have our houses flood during heavy rain. Doug McGlynn from PBC Fire Rescue will be back with life saving facts and we will have a representative from the Area Agency on Aging Help Line. We also hope to have an AED defibrillator refresher class.

***Important community notice
in the box on page 23***

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IT'S FLU SHOT TIME

Submitted by Ralph Oppler



Flu season is just around the corner and anyone can be a potential target. Your best protection against the debilitating effects of this virus is to get a flu shot. For this

reason, **Majestic Isles** is hosting an onsite flu shot drive from **8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the clubhouse.**

About the flu

The flu is a disease of the breathing passages caused by the influenza virus. It affects people of all ages as it spreads through the air from person to person. The virus can be as contagious as the common cold and is easily transmitted from people who are already ill. You can also get the flu from those who have been exposed, but have not yet developed symptoms. This means that you can catch flu from someone who doesn't even know yet that they are contagious.

The flu is more serious than a cold, with severe symptoms such as body aches, exhaustion, high fever, respiratory inflammation, congestion, cough, and more. You could be feeling ill for a week with some symptoms lingering for up to a month.

Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended for all people age 6 months and older.

A flu shot is your best shot at protection

The flu vaccine is 75 to 90 percent effective in preventing infection. Contrary to a popular myth, you cannot get the flu from the vaccine since it is made from highly purified egg-grown viruses that have been rendered noninfectious.

The vaccine causes your body to produce antibodies that protect it against the virus. Even if you received a flu shot last year, you need to receive another one this year to remain protected. Each year the flu strain changes and your body slowly loses its immunity to the flu.

As with any vaccine, the flu vaccine has some side effects. Less than 1/3 of those who receive a flu shot will experience some soreness at the vaccination site, and only 5 to 10% will suffer mild side effects such as low-grade fevers and headaches. Anyone with a history of hypersensitivity to eggs or egg products should *not* receive a flu shot because the vaccine is grown in hens' eggs.

So, if you want to be sure you're healthy for the holidays or that much-awaited vacation, don't leave it up to chance. **Sign up for the Majestic Isles flu drive, and get vaccinated.** Sign-up forms are at the front lobby desk. If you haven't done so yet, sign up now. You can then pick up your **Appointment Time Form** (needed to get the shots) from Monday, October 11 to Friday, October 15 at the clubhouse office. **Mark your calendar!**



GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Claire Friedman	Beverly Jaffe
Enid Gerard	Bobbie Rice
Bonnie Haberstick	Ruth Rossi
Elaine Grossman	

SYMPATHY

To Carole Burstein on the loss of her husband, Mel.
 To Estelle Fishman on the loss of her husband, Lloyd.
 To Martin and Evelyn Hewson on their loss.
 To the family of Joan Peckins.
 To Reggie Zimmerman on the loss of her husband, Leo.

MESSAGES

A gigantic **thank you** to all the residents who sent me cards and get well wishes for my broken arm. I was truly overwhelmed by your caring and am deeply appreciative.

Bonnie Haberstick

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

Lynn Sherman

To my Majestic Isles family! Thank you so very much for your caring, donations, cards, and phone calls in memory of my beloved husband, Leo, and for your support at this sad time.

Reggie Zee Zimmerman

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Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at The Grove, August 21, 2013

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rosoff reported on the following issues:

- Lyons Road is now open between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue.
- COBWRA Appreciation Day was a huge success with 150 guests from 23 member communities participating.
- Rosoff, 1st VP Reuben and 2nd VP Harvie met with districts outside of the COBWRA service area to establish rapport and to discuss our priorities for the coming year.
- The COBWRA Board passed a resolution respectfully urging the County Commission to continue supporting the Office of the Inspector General and to vote against any proposal that would cut the Inspector General's staff or in any other way impede the work of the Office of the Inspector General. The Resolution was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on behalf of COBWRA by Past President Ken Lassiter.
- Past Presidents Sandra Greenberg and Ken Lassiter met with Governor Scott and Senator Joseph Abruzzo. The governor promised to veto any bills that would place a tax or fee on HOAs.
- Ten COBWRA member communities responded to our inquiry about frequent FPL outages. The President will follow up with FPL.
- Two HOA Board Certification courses will be held for COBWRA member communities, sponsored by Campbell Property Management. Attorney Louis Caplan from Sachs Sax Caplan will do the presentation. The dates are: October 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and October 21 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

- Eleven communities will be holding flu clinics during the months of September and October.
- The next symposium will be held on November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coral Lakes Clubhouse. Topic: **A SYMPOSIUM ON SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS AND LONG TERM CARE.** Flyers for your community are available. (email: Jfbruns90@gmail.com.)

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Representative Lori Berman reported that Citizen's Insurance has changed its policy with regard to mobile homes and manufactured homes. They are now insuring carports and screen enclosures. She also

announced a Community Job Fair to be sponsored by her office on October 1, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Lantana Road Branch Library, 4020 Lantana Road. For information call Representative Berman's office at 561-374-7850.

Captain Mark Murray of the Palm Beach County District #6 Sheriff's Office reported that there is normally a rise in home burglaries during the summer months, but this year there have been more than usual. He stressed that the perpetrators are not organized large groups, but are small groups going into neighborhoods throughout the District. He pointed out that the perpetrators are not looking for a confrontation. Captain Murray also addressed the Mailbox Sticker issue, stressing that when a resident places a "Stop Mail Order," a dot is placed inside the mailbox to let the carrier know not to deliver mail to that home. This is a nationwide protocol and the stickers should not be removed from the mailbox.

Senator Maria Sachs is sponsoring Property Insurance Workshops featuring presentations by representatives from Tallahassee government insurance agencies. Workshops will be held on Sept. 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Delray Beach Library, 100 West Atlantic Avenue and at 6:00 p.m. at the New Downtown Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Avenue. For more information: call 561-279-1427 or email to sachs.maria@flsenate.gov.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Abbingtion PUD (55 Single Family Homes), located on Hypoluxo Road West of Rivermill and east of Winston Trails. The Board recommended approval of the project. The Delegates voted in favor of the Board recommendation.

Trails Charter School, located on Military Trail north of Hypoluxo Road. The Board voted to recommend denial based on the location of the project and the community impact. The delegates voted in favor of the Board's recommendation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: COBWRA 101: *What Every Delegate & Alternate Needs to Know*

The presentation by Past Presidents Lew Doctor and Ken Lassiter included a detailed discussion of the Rights and Responsibilities of COBWRA Delegates and Alternates.



BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris



Lionfish
come the animals!

Ladies and gentlemen, hold on to your seats, get ready for the greatest parade you have ever seen! Put your hands together, here they come! In the *MI News* Summer issue, you met the plants. Now, here

Excluding insects, spiders and crustaceans, 192 invasive animal species have established themselves in Florida. Of these, more than 50 are fish. The pet trade has been identified as the primary cause of invasive fish, amphibian and reptile species' introductions. Well-intentioned children and aquarium hobbyists seeking to "free" their pet fish down a toilet bowl or into a local waterway have inadvertently contributed to the threat of invasive species downstream. If not dumped from aquariums, they were accidentally or purposefully released from farmed fish stocks. South Florida's extensive network of canals allows many species (e.g. blue (Israeli) tilapia) to disperse more readily than they would under natural conditions.

Walking catfish, a native of Thailand possess a large accessory-breathing organ that enables them to breath atmospheric oxygen. I first encountered one out for a "walk" in winter 1964. It was wiggling like a snake on its spine-like pectoral fins across the Tamiami Trail from the water-starved Everglades National Park into water-storage Conservation Area 3's sawgrass marsh.

Walking catfish are voracious and opportunistic feeders, preying on the eggs and larvae of other fish, small fish, invertebrates including crustaceans, and insects. In densely populated drying ponds, they become even more indiscriminate and quickly consume most other species present. They even have been known to invade aquaculture farms and eat large amounts of fish stock. Fish farmers in Florida have had to put up fences or build levees to keep them out. An additional threat to catfish fisheries, specifically, is the fact that wild walking catfish carry bacterial enteric septicemia disease and could infect farmed catfish.

As of spring, 2012, South American **armored catfish** have been damaging our lakes, canals and HOA water-retention ponds causing bank erosion, and even burrowing 18-inch-deep egg-laying holes that trip up humans walking along the water's edge. The Sun-Sentinel says "hiring a contractor to eradicate any local armored catfish populations can cost as much as \$100,000." Reportedly there are millions of the small armored fish currently living in South Florida, with no known natural predators. "If we do nothing, I think eventually we're going to end up with a sinkhole," said Susanne Ury, president of the Royal Lakes HOA. Step carefully if you walk along Majestic Isles' lakeshores; armored catfish are in our lakes also.

Lionfish are venomous scorpion fish native to Indo-Pacific oceanic coral reef ecosystems and adjacent habitats. First spotted near Dania, Florida in 1985, the initial source of the invasion can be pinpointed to personal aquarium releases in Miami's Key Biscayne region probably by people whose lionfish were getting too big for their tanks or were eating the other fish. Other introduction pathways could include Pacific ballast water discharge into the Caribbean by ships transiting the Panama Canal and possible accidental Florida aquarist release in 1992 during Hurricane Andrew. From just eight or twelve individuals that interbred, lionfish are now established in warm western tropical Atlantic waters from Florida to Cape Hatteras, N. C., in Bermuda, the Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea.

Lionfish are voracious, gluttonous, prodigiously reproductive predators that could potentially devastate tropical American coral reef ecosystems. They out-compete many other species for food resources, eat more than they need to, and make babies by the thousands. They feed on shrimp, crabs, and other crustaceans, including juveniles of the commercially important spiny lobster, and well-established, they can decimate reef fish populations.

In an attempt to "cleanse" local reefs of this alien newcomer, eight teams of divers on August 17 speared 612 lionfish in the third annual Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby. Lionfish experts are in agreement however, that invasive lionfish populations will continue to grow and cannot be eliminated. They have no known local natural predators of their own. Unchecked, they could further spread from Columbia to Brazil, and even to West Africa.

PERHAPS A “VALIDATION”

By Edye Frankel



In early December 2012, I read about the D.C. Holocaust Museum’s National Tour and Tribute celebrating the museum’s 20th anniversary. The tour’s itinerary would bring it to Boca Raton on December 9, 2012. As a survivor, I thought this would be an interesting program to attend – and so I did. There were interesting lectures in various rooms of the Marriott Hotel, and in one of those rooms, there were computers with the Holocaust database in which I was able to confirm that my family’s members were listed. Several curators circulated, talking to attendees. One of the curators approached me, began a conversation, and ultimately became quite interested in my story. I told her of the artifacts that I had, which piqued her interest even more.

After that event I left, went home and did not think about it again until I got a call from another of the museum’s curators early in January. She wanted to set up a date to meet with me and to see those artifacts of which I had spoken to her colleague. We met on January 24 at my house. Kyra, the curator, is a lovely young woman who spent about three hours talking with me and viewing the artifacts that I had from the four camps that my family was in. When she learned that we had been in Vittel, in France, she told me that the museum had some video footage from that camp and asked if I had a computer.

We sat down in front of my computer, went to the Museum website, and then to the footage of Vittel, which showed many people waving and cheering the American soldiers coming in tanks, jeeps, and trucks to liberate the camp. The footage progressed to a barbed wire fence where a large number of children were being entertained from the other side of the fence by an army medic with a monkey puppet named Kiki. As I watched the screen, showing the

kids thoroughly enjoying this entertainment, I suddenly gasped and jumped out of my chair exclaiming that I saw my mother holding me (two years old) in her arms as I tried to reach through the barbed wire fence to touch the puppet. Kyra, too, looked in disbelief at our discovery and said, “Oh my God, I have the chills, this is amazing!” When we both recovered from our shock, we talked some more. She revealed that I was the first child in that footage to be identified, and that it was as a result of our viewing. This, too, was a thrilling realization. Kyra realized that she had another appointment shortly, so we embraced each other with a goodbye as she said, “I’ll be back to see you again.”

After she left, I watched the video over and over again. At one point I found my sister (eight years old) standing at the fence. I’ve continued to look for my two brothers, but have not been able to single them out of the crowd.

On April 28 and 29 of this year, I was in Washington D.C. with my family to further celebrate the museum’s 20th Anniversary at a collective gathering of holocaust survivors, including American POWs. When my “gang” (children, grandchildren and extended family, totaling 10) appeared at the entrance to the museum a stranger approached me saying, “Are you Edith Frankel?” When I answered, “Yes” he said, “Follow me,” and escorted us into the building, then to a large elevator that took us up to the fifth floor.

The elevator doors opened onto spotlights, cameras, microphones and a large group of people. The sons of the man with the monkey puppet were there with members of their family, also totaling 10 people, to meet with me. The sons had donated the puppet and the footage, which they’d found in their father’s attic after his death. I was overwhelmed with tearful emotion and hugged the brothers wordlessly. We were whisked to a meeting room with both families where we saw Kiki, the monkey puppet, in the skin and talked for a while before the brothers and I went to yet another room of movie cameras and microphones to be interviewed.

As this may very well be the last time such a gathering of holocaust survivors takes place, and my first time at such an event, it is rapidly feeling quite momentous. It almost goes without saying that this whole event has left my family and me with a lasting and profound impression. There is much more to tell, but for now, that’s all.

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FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

By Donna Shaneson



Recently my husband and I spent the weekend in Miami, at South Beach. We had a blast! It is only an hour away and so much fun and culture is available!

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The core exhibition is ongoing with more than 500 artifacts, some dating back to 1763, on themes of immigration, community development, discrimination, accumulation, and identification.

The current temporary exhibit features posters from Dr. Hans Sachs, a German dentist who had amassed a most extensive collections of posters, until 1938, when the Nazis confiscated the entire collection of 12,500 works. After a long court battle, Sachs' heirs finally received restitution. This exhibit is being shown for the first time and will be at the museum until Dec. 15. Part of this collection will be donated to the museum.

Delray Beach Public Library
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The Brown Bag Discussion Group, with writer and radio personality Liz Sterling, meets on the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The October topic will be "Would you rather be right or happy?" based on insights by Ed Mahon.

The Socrates Café discussion group offers an opportunity to practice the lost art of conversation every Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For further information call 266-9490 or 266-0194.

Check the website for a complete listing of events. This library is fantastic and open to all. Among its many offerings are book groups, quilting bees and healthy living discussion groups.

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OUR SLITHERING NEIGHBORS II

By Paul Mendelsohn

Since my earlier article about poisonous snakes in South Florida, I have received numerous phone calls from residents who were panicking because they had found a snake on their lawn or in their garage. There may be a greater number of snakes this year because the unusually wet weather this spring and summer has increased the population of insects, toads, lizards and small rodents, the diet for the legless beasts.

Despite the fact that I am not a snake expert, I rushed to the rescue and though I saw a number of these dreaded serpents, none were poisonous. Most of the "trespassers" were black snakes, which can be quite long and range in solid color from dark brown, to blue black and jet black. A few bright green garden snakes were hanging in low shrubbery and in flowerbeds searching for the insects that are their primary diet. I have seen two corn snakes, each no more than a foot and a half long and yellow-orange in color. Some varieties of corn snakes do have a long black stripe extending their length; these did not.

The snakes that people fear the most are the king snakes, which very much resemble the poisonous coral snake. Both king snakes and coral snakes are beautifully banded with rings of yellow, white, black and red. There are several short rhyming couplets that make it easy to remember to distinguish coral snakes from king snakes. One is: "**Red touches yellow, kills a fellow. Red touches black, friend of Jack.**" (This rhyme applies only to the Southeastern United States. In other parts of the country coral snakes may not follow this pattern.) I have not seen a coral snake in Majestic Isles for several years. In the past two months I have seen two small king snakes.

There are other differences between coral snakes and king snakes. The **venomous coral snake's tail has only black and yellow bands with no red. The non-venomous scarlet king snake's band pattern remains the same throughout the length of his body. Also, the coral snake's head is black and the scarlet king snake's head is red with a small area of black on top.** *

The black snake, garden snake, corn snake and king snake are all harmless to humans and pets and are beneficial in controlling insects and rodents. All of these snakes will do their best to avoid confrontations with humans. If you see one, just remain still or walk

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INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

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Welcome back from a broiling hot but otherwise, hopefully, pleasant summer to a broiling, boiling, discombobulated, volatile market – with opinions flying like buckshot at a Hatfield and McCoy shootout. Much has been said (I mean “much” has been said) about the changing interest rate environment in recent times. Many “Suits” have said this is good news. Many “Jeans” (the opposite of Suits) and Gurus have issued dire warnings of catastrophic losses in bonds and other income investments due to rising interest rates, as well as the potential impending doom awaiting us due to the humongous U.S. debt.

The warning in May concerning the potential for rising interest rates became a reality during the summer as long-term rates approached 4%. This affected the bond market, mortgage REITS, preferred stocks and many other income investments. The fear of imminent tapering, a new word in our financial vocabulary, is throwing fear into the “market” (made up of traders, gamblers and investors).

Oh! What is tapering? That is a surprise that everyone knew was coming but everyone thought would not happen during our lifetime for at least the next three months. Let me unconfuse you. Tapering is the gradual reduction in the pace of the Fed’s extra-ordinary buying of Treasury bonds that was part of a policy of maintaining low long and short-term interest rates. This was an effort to stimulate the economy and lower the unemployment rate. (This is normally the job of Congress, but, well, you know?) It means the same thing as “QE Reduction.” What is QE? If you don’t know this, then buy CD’s for a possible yield of $\frac{one}{one} \neq one\%$. Then come to our meetings.

The mortgage REITs have been hit hard. The widening interest spreads should have been favorable. However, this was countered by a substantial reduction in market value of the securities held by the REITs. Bonds, Preferred stocks and some income investments were similarly affected but to different degrees.

The Fed announced they are investigating LINN Energy, which plans to acquire Berry Petroleum, an accretive, but there was no indication of anything illegal to date. Several law firms then announced class action suits against LINN ENERGY as a result of the Fed’s action (Leaches – Legal Sharks – are always on the lookout for possible meals). On Wednesday, Sept. 11, LINN ENERGY said it received comments on the proposed deal from the SEC and will respond with amended paperwork. Hence the shorts got squeezed, the

squeezed, the stock took off. So much for Legal Sharks.

As an aside, LINNCO (LNCO), the offspring of LINN ENERGY (LINN) as of a year ago, was issued as an IPO to raise additional capital to provide the finances for additional acquisitions. LINNCO will enjoy the same benefits from the merger as LINN ENERGY. In addition, it will likely become the vehicle to pursue future growth transactions. Thus LINNCO shares will probably continue to trade at a premium to LINN ENERGY while offering, in addition, the “tax advantaged income structure” without issuing a year end Form K-1. (LINE 27.9 Y12.7% and LNCO 32.06 Y11.1%).

Calumet Energy slipped from 36 to 29 because of a planned shutdown/turnaround of its Superior Wisconsin refinery, the company’s second largest. This was responsible for \$26 million in extra expenses and represents 40% of the net income decline from the previous year. Superior is now back on line.

These are just a few of the many disconcerting events. We are also in the month of September, which is supposed to be the worst month in the market. However, many analysts are more optimistic about the last three months of the year. Of course, this optimism does not come with any guarantees.

While there are many factors that interact and influence the economy and the stock market, tapering and the direction of short and long-term interest rates play a significant role. Since it appears that the consensus is for rising rates, consideration should be given to investment selections that will grow as the economy grows. Securities that may benefit from an improving or growing economy and which may be resistant or may grow with rising interest rates should be considered..

Next month, we will discuss a method of stock selection based upon the 3—6—9+ suitability and time frame criteria.

Kiplinger Retirement Report suggests a simple portfolio covering the vast majority of global stock and bond markets that returned an annualized 7.1% for the past decade with 1/3 in each of three funds. Kiplinger mentions Mathews Asian Growth and Income (MACSX) Y=2.76%, an emerging market fund that returned 8.4% annualized over the past five years.

Please remember that these meetings are meant to be educational and informative and the information provided are presented as newsworthy and are not to be considered as recommendations. Always do your own research and due diligence including suitability and consult with your investment advisor before considering any investment.

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Gardening in the Isles

By

Stan Davidson

What contacts planet earth about 100 times each second or 8 million times a day? Lightening, that's what – and Florida is the lightning capital of the world. In these past summer months Majestic Isles has experienced many lightning strikes that caused damage to our landscapes, roofs and electrical service and disruption to our TV cable service.

It is often difficult to diagnose lightning damage correctly. Damage caused to plants by lightning strikes sometimes mimics other diseases. However, obvious signs of lightning strike damage result from high temperatures and high pressure.

The following is a brief Physics 101 explanation of lightning: When you have a buildup of electrical energy between positive and negative charged areas, lightning results. The majority of electrical buildups occur within a cloud or between a cloud and the earth. Our plants, particularly trees that can grow up to 100 feet in height, help to become part of the electrical circuit connecting the lightning strike in the clouds to the plant on earth. The earth generally carries the positive charges while the base of the storm clouds carries the negative charges.

Let's for the moment leave Physics 101 and examine how lightning damages our plants. For example, when lightning strikes our tall royal palm trees, damage is caused by the extreme heat and the incoming electrical shock wave traveling at the velocity of the speed of light (approximately 186,000 miles per second) and makes the trip from the plant back to the cloud in about 100 millionth of a second. The extreme heat causes the tree's tissue to wilt and blackens the foliage and trunk. Pressure from the lightning shock wave can be so intense that the tree trunk can split.

How can one tell that lightning has struck a plant? There is generally wilting or black scorching in the vicinity of the strike. The wilting appears rapidly, in days rather than weeks, after a strike. In the case of a fruit tree there is premature mass dropping of the fruit. The tree's roots can also be blackened. You can also suspect lightning damage to your plants if damage has occurred to nearby telephone poles or transformers.

What can one do to protect trees from lightning damage? This protection can be expensive in labor and materials. In many instances it may be cheaper to replace the tree. Lightning protection systems in Florida must be installed properly and with correct material to ground the shock wave and dissipate the electrical charge before it can build up to high levels in the plant.

In conclusion, our plants are easily exposed to the forces of nature and our homes can also be struck by lightning. In Florida, we do not have lightning arresters. Therefore, we should prepare for a strike with adequate surge protection both outdoors and indoors to prevent damage to our homes and electrical equipment. Our sandy soil in Florida remains fairly dry beneath the surface and does not conduct electricity that well. Therefore, the installation of lightning arrester rods may actually result in passing most of the current into the house circuitry.

Please note that some of the material quoted above was taken from articles published by the University of Hawaii Extension Service, the National Weather Service and V. Rakov, U. of Florida Research.

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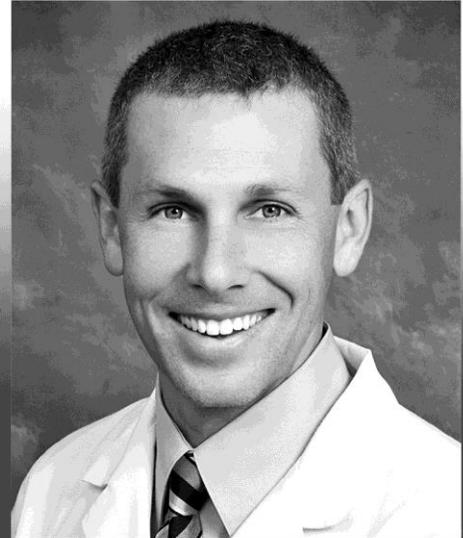
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Florida Wildlife In Our Midst

By Ray Kozlin



Many people living in Majestic Isles or neighboring communities are unaware of the two wonderful wild life preserves that are available for our pleasure. These two are Green Cay on Hagen Ranch Road and Wakodahatchee Wetlands on Jog Road. Each of the wetland preserves has a boardwalk, so you can take a walking tour to view a variety of wildlife. You will find many species of ducks and an overwhelming sight of the many different birds that inhabit our wetlands. Don't forget the view of our native alligators. All of the plants in the preserve are native to Florida.

Boynton Beach Green Cay Wetlands

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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 the traditional Seminole fashion from cypress logs and cabbage palm branches. Nature lovers already familiar with the nearby Wakodahatchee Wetlands will be delighted with the more recently constructed 100 acres of wetlands. Green Cay emulates the Everglades ecosystem with a wide expanse of marsh habitat and intermittent tree islands and cypress hammocks.

Interpretive Nature Center

The 9,000-square-foot Green Cay Nature Center features interactive exhibits and programs the entire family will enjoy. Exciting hands-on experiences with live animals, artifacts and activities will help

visitors of all ages enjoy, appreciate, and better understand South Florida's wetlands. Exhibits include a turtle pond, frog habitat, an alligator hole, a wetland diorama, and educational murals. Visitors will learn geological and cultural history through a history of the land.

Wakodahatchee Wetlands

13026 Jog Road,

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The Wakodahatchee Wetlands have attracted an abundant variety of wildlife including turtles, frogs, alligators and birds. More than 140 different species of birds have been spotted at the site. These species thrive in the various wetland zones found at Wakodahatchee Wetlands. The zones were designed for a mixture of habitat types:

- Open pond water areas to attract waterfowl and diving birds
- Emergent marsh areas for rails, moorhens, and sparrows
- Shallow shelves for herons and egrets
- Islands with shrubs and snags to serve as roosting, nesting, and basking sites
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(Some of the above information was obtained from the Internet.)

Mother Nature may be forgiving this year, or next year, but eventually she's going to come around and whack you. You've got to be prepared.

Geraldo Rivera

THE REEL STORY-*BLUE JASMINE*

By Judy Radin

Woody Allen has come to town with his most noteworthy movie since “Crimes and Misdemeanors” of 1989. “Blue Jasmine’s” winning cast is headed by Cate Blanchett in the title role along with Alec Baldwin, who depicts her devious, philandering husband, Hal. Hal is also a con man who has bilked both family and friends of their hard-earned money...à la the infamous Bernie Madoff.

Jasmine, a climbing Manhattan socialite dressed to the nines in designer clothing and pricey accessories, caves in both financially and psychologically as her husband’s scams are revealed. She throws herself on the mercies of her sister, Ginger, (Sally Hawkins), who lives with her two sons and her boy friend in a less than fashionable San Francisco apartment.

Though Woody Allen is adamant that he did not attempt to follow Tennessee Williams’ plot, he has provided us with a Williams-type heroine. The mentally unstable Jasmine, who, fortified by a large supply of Xanax, gulps of vodka and an extraordinary set of Louis Vuitton luggage, is now an impoverished Jasmine who must rely entirely on the largesse of her

grocery clerk sister, Ginger. The sister’s boyfriend (Bobby Cannavale) bears a remarkable resemblance to the hard-headed Stanley Kowalski, also of “A Streetcar Named Desire” fame. Does Mr. Allen protest too much?

The mentally unstable Jasmine unrealistically thinks that she has the talent to become a home decorator. When unable to sign up for online classes due to her computer ineptitude, she becomes a receptionist in a dental office, where she tries to squirm out of the clammy embraces of her dentist employer who romances her with an offer of nitrous oxide.

“Blue Jasmine” provides us with an opportunity to enjoy what looks like another Oscar winning performance by Cate Blanchette. It is easy for the viewer to feel wrapped-up in her intense emotional meltdowns...and also her hypnotizing sensuality.

Ms. Blanchett is utterly captivating as she shapes a thoroughly contemptible woman into an entirely compelling personality who repeatedly evades reality. The actress has more than proven herself to be a class act as has Woody Allen who provided her with a gripping vehicle in which to shine.

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HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

By Phyllis M. Cohen

This year, unlike the past, I did not have an exciting vacation being an astronaut, travelling across country, or taking a cruise. In fact, I spent the summer months at home, recuperating from a long-needed surgical procedure that I had avoided for a couple of years because of religious beliefs. You see, as my husband says, I am a devout coward. I'm so afraid of medical procedures that when I get ready to have even a mildly invasive one, my husband always says to my quivering hulk, "Come on Fluffy, We have to go to the vet."

But this spring, after enduring a series of big fat needles that did nothing for my aching knees, I decided that rather than being put to pasture like an old limping horse, I would take the final step to knee replacement. After all, everyone I knew had had parts replaced or repaired, everything from knees, shoulders and hips to faltering tickers. Now I guess there are all kinds of ways to go about doing an elective surgical procedure. After a consult around the pool with the Boynton Beach surgical and medical experts, I learned that people spent months checking out doctors, hospitals, procedures and results. One of my friends gave me a list of questions to ask so that I could show the doctor how well informed I was. Others told me I could watch videos on line and see every step of the process. Unfortunately, none of them knew my cowardly disposition. They didn't realize that when I went for root canal surgery and the dentist started to explain the steps he would take, I said, "Doctor, let's make a deal. You be the doctor and fix my tooth and I'll be the patient and just lie back and let you do the work." To my way of thinking, ignorance was a lot better than knowing what was going to happen.

So without a lot of planning, I found a doctor and made plans for a surgery. And knowing I could never manage the whole process a second time, when the doctor said, "Left or right knee," I replied, "Both." Did I know what I was getting into? A week before surgery I attended a pre-surgery class with a dozen other victims - I mean patients - where a surgical nurse gave us a book of explanations and went over the upcoming procedure. At that point, I felt very much like my daughter's pregnant colleague who had just attended her last pre-birth class where they had viewed a film of the birth process. She called up and said, "I can't do this." Too late!

What can I say about my stay in the hospital? The last time I spent any time in one they gave me a beautiful blue-eyed, blond baby boy to take home. Anyway, I was in the brand new west facility of our local hospital, a cross between a country club and a new hotel. But some things never change. On my first post-surgical morning two nurses gave me a sponge bath in bed that I refer to as a "wash and tumble dry" as they washed me and tossed me from side to side while they changed the bed linen. This was as much fun as going down a water slide. They still have those hospital nighties, but now they were so big that they wrapped around me twice. In fact, it wasn't until I switched to a short gown that my husband noticed my new zippers on my knees and inquired, "What happened to your knees?"

Of course, the fun was just beginning as I was switched to a rehab facility to learn how to walk on my new equipment. Like the hospital, the staff worked around the clock and like the old joke says, no sooner had they put me to bed with a sleeping pill, than they were around to wake me up to take blood, vital signs, and distribute medicine. Once I was awake, there was no going back to sleep with a full round of leisure activities (that is rehab exercises) awaiting me. I was certainly blessed to have the most marvelous, dedicated staff take care of me. Everyone from the janitor, who always stopped to see how I was feeling, to the head of the hospital, was so caring and professional. You have to be dedicated when you've been called every half hour in the middle of the night to change linens or bring pain meds to an ailing patient. But of course they cracked the whip to get the exercises done. One day after groaning through a rigorous workout, I groused to my therapist (who had been dour and stiff), "Am I allowed to cry now?" He replied firmly, "No crying in boot camp!"

I still laugh when I think of that answer, and I repeat that to myself when I start to feel sorry for myself. Of course my grandson provided the best moment of comic relief when I spoke to him and told him that now, like the superheroes, I had new bionic parts. "Grandma," he inquired seriously, "What did the doctor do with your old knees?" I don't know, Benjamin, but like Brian Williams and the thousands of other patients who are getting rebuilt through science, I am grateful! I'm not ready for dancing at Radio City yet - the costume won't cover my scars - but I look forward to pain free years ahead.



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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



I hope you've all had a very pleasant summer and are enjoying the beginnings of a healthy, happy New Year!

Elaine Grossman has been very busy working with neighborhood restaurants. There are flyers in the back hall because Benny's will give a donation to Hadassah *whenever* you eat there, *if* you have the flyer. On October 27, we will be dining at the Village Tavern in the Renaissance Commons, 1800 N. Congress Ave., corner of Boynton Beach Blvd. from 4 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. **Don't forget the flyer!** Elaine has also made an arrangement for lunch and dinner at Jacob's Restaurant on Woolbright on November 17. Again, **don't forget the flyer!**

We began our new season with the September 23 meeting devoted to your good health, featuring cardiologist Dr. Michael Metzger and including blood pressure screenings. Hadassah is promoting good heart health for women as a special program this year.

Our October Board Meeting is on the 21st. The general meeting, on October 28, will include poignant memories of the Holocaust by Majestic Isles residents Edye Frankel and Wynne and John Shilling. You do not want to miss this talk.

If you have not yet received your copy of the Hadassah calendar, for which you paid, please call me (Ellin) (740-9050).

To buy a brick on our sixth Brick Lane, call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garelick (364-0533). Also, contact Lee to obtain your Book of Remembrance.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

By Selma Friedman



We're back and raring to go. M.I.L.T. has been working these past few months and have a wide array of programs for this year's schedule that you will enjoy.

For Oct. 13, Ira Schneider, who is a great researcher, has selected Frank Sinatra as his subject matter. Could it get better than that? Ira has put together film clips, photos, and commentary on Ol' Blue Eyes, from his birth, early career, big band singer, movies (including his Oscars), his wives and children, right up to his death, at age 82! Ira has edited and produced the show, about 45 minutes long, and will also do the narration. Quite an accomplishment!

On November 10, Francine Gitto's program will provide some fun for us by bringing back the "Newlywed Game." It may have a different title, but it will be based on the game show we all remember.

On December 8, Arlene Levin, assisted by Barbara Portnoff, has come up with a wonderful story, "Show Biz." This has a good-sized cast featuring actors, solo singers, and a chorus. It will be done with script in hand, and if you'd like to join in the chorus, please call Music Director, Selma Friedman, 735-9933. Barbara Portnoff will direct this whole performance.

January will bring back our favorite "Doctor," Harvey Vetstein, who will present "The Greatness in Gatsby and All of Us." Harvey's programs are always terrific. February will feature a new twist for us – be prepared to laugh a lot for "The Odd Couple, The Female Version." The cast is already having a ball. In April, Doris Davidoff will offer a night of "Trivia," and in May, we are planning a Karaoke night. More on these later.

Oh yes, as always, there will be wonderful "coffee and..." – and many smiling faces to greet you. We are a friendly and happy group and would love to see you there.

It seems that entertainment is what most excites us and what we value above everything else.

Carroll O'Connor

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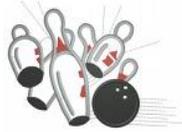
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MAJESTICS BOWLING LEAGUE

Spares and Strikes

By Dave Feinberg, President



Welcome to the new season of bowling. At this time I want to welcome all our old bowlers and also our new bowlers: Carol and Alan Stevens, Marie and Ken Ramnarine, Joyce Stroudermire and Angelica Castagnet. Marie has had to drop out for now because of a knee injury but we look forward to her return.

WEEK 1 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Arnie Everitt	179	Arnie Everitt	407
Ken Ramnarine	171	Ken Ramnarine	369
Bill Harris	160	Bill Harris	396

WEEK 1 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Estelle Snyder	160	Estelle Snyder	426
Toni Kohn	141	Toni Kohn	383
Angelica Castagnet	133	Angelica Castagnet	335

WEEK 2 – MEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

Alan Rubinstein	185	Alan Rubinstein	407
Ken Ramnarine	138	Ken Ramnarine	369
Joe Magnone	137		

WEEK 2 – WOMEN: HIGH GAME HIGH SERIES

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

Good bowling everyone!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

By Elaine Jay

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

Ruben and Cruz Garcia
 Fredella Genova
 Sidney and Mala Glanz
 Stanton and Leah Polin
 Bernard and Arline Rutsky

OUR SLITHERING NEIGHBORS II

Continued from page 13

away backwards. As soon as these snakes are aware of your presence (they smell you with their tongues) they will retreat. If you do happen to inadvertently grasp one while gardening or step on one, only the black snake has the ability to nip you and the sensation is similar to a very mild bee sting.

Among other nonpoisonous snakes that exist in our area are the non-indigenous pythons, which were introduced to Florida through the pet trade. Pythons vary in length from the very small pigmy pythons to the Burmese python, which can be more than 20 feet long and nearly a foot in diameter. The beautifully patterned skin of pythons is sometimes used to make designer handbags and shoes.. Large pythons can be a danger to small pets and livestock and have extensively depleted the mammal population in the Everglades. Like almost all snakes, pythons avoid humans. **I am not aware of any pythons being found in the area of Majestic Isles.**

Despite the reputation of snakes generated by Bible stories, murder mysteries, horror movies and TV shows, snakes are generally good neighbors. If you have a bit of knowledge and respect, they pose little threat and should not be feared. I might add that the Majestic Isles Documents prohibit having snakes or other large reptiles as pets.

**The information on distinguishing between coral and king snakes is taken from wikipedi.com.*

FLAVORS OF FLORIDA

(Continued from p. 13)

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Israeli movies are shown on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. No reservations are needed; admission is \$3.00 to be paid at the door.

October 7: "The First Israeli in Space: Ilan Ramon" (From the beginning of his training to his untimely death when the Shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas.) The second movie that day will be "Echoes That Remain" (Stories about shtetl life before the Holocaust that will bring tears and laughter.)

Returning to the Boynton/Delray Beach area... Ricky Shaffren, DMD



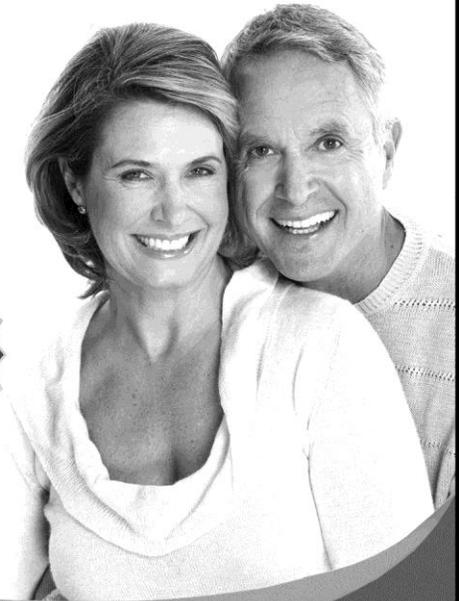
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MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

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



Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with the Summer Sunset Barbeque Aug. 3 attended by 85, catered by Char-Hut at the clubhouse. It was a wonderful

success and lots of fun. Congratulations to Marcia Steiner and Suzanne Skinner, vice presidents of fundraising, who chaired the function. Also thanks to volunteers: Helen Benowich, Carole Burstein, Dottie Caroff, Bunny Eisenberg, Lee Katz (photos), Val Petroff, Fran Silling and Harriet and Ed Strauber. Also thanks to Doris Davidoff for helping with table cards, Paul Mendelsohn for making sugar-free cakes.

A big cheer and loud applause to everyone who bought Football Mania tickets. Congratulations to Ed Gerard, Paul Mendelsohn and Ed Strauber for their outstanding work in selling and promoting tickets. To date 218 tickets have been sold, marking the largest number of tickets sold at M.I. in the four years this program has been offered. Weekly winners are posted on Channel 63 over the 17-week football season. Tickets are still available.

Save October 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. for our Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Extravaganza. All hors d'oeuvres will be made or donated by members of the M.I. Pap Corps Board of Directors. King's Academy High School Choral Group will provide the entertainment. Cost is \$5 per person. Place checks in the M.I. Pap Corps mail box in the back lobby.

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

Next date to drop off clothing, shoes, handbags, accessories and small household items is October 15. Place items in large, black plastic bags and bring your donations, not before Oct. 10, to Renee Stichel's home, 5758 Grand Harbour. The Pap Corps is working with a thrift shop in Lake Worth.

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.

Save these dates for Pap Corps:

Oct. 24 3 to 5 p.m. Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Extravaganza clubhouse. Cost \$5 p/p.

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 and cost TBA

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, president

We hope everyone had a good healthy summer and good holidays.

Let me bring you up to date on what we will be doing for the rest of the year. We hope that all will join us.

On Sept. 14 we had our annual Friendship Supper at the clubhouse, chaired by Karen Cohen and Nadine Erlich. There was a lot of food (as usual) and many residents attended. Thanks to our chair people, committee and to all who came to the supper.

Oct. 14: Meeting at noon at our club house with guest speaker our own Donna Shaneson who is always informative and entertaining. Coffee and goodies will follow her talk. No charge. *

Nov. 11: Card Party at the Delray Country Club. \$25 per person.

Nov. 14: Collection for autistic adults and children at the clubhouse. The chairpersons are Joyce Milbauer and Marcia Vetstein.

Dec. 9: Welcome Back Luncheon at the clubhouse with Chinese food plus entertainment. The price is \$5 per person. *

Jan. 13, 2014: Installation Luncheon at the clubhouse with guest speaker Carol Gross, who is marvelous. *

Feb. 9: Valentine Dinner/Dance

Dues will remain \$15 per year. As of Nov. 1, we will be accepting dues for 2014.

Watch Channel 63 for all updates or changes. Flyers are in the back lobby for all the above events.

See you soon.

** These events are open only to paid up members only all new (2013) residents.*

SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

Marge and I send wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year for all. Many of us spent the holidays with friends and relatives, but now it's back to Majestic Isles for another good, active year.

We're starting out with a trip to the Plaza Theatre in Manalapan for a Saturday matinee on September 28. We will be seeing the entertainment of Fannie Brice, Eddie Cantor, and Al Jolson. Yes, I am aware that there will only be lookalikes, but I certainly hope they will be good! As the show is at 2:00 p.m., we'll have to decide where we want to go for dinner. There will be at least 25 of us going to the theater.

On Tuesday October 29, we will be going to Harrid's School for lunch and a presentation by the dance students. Twenty-eight people plan to attend this.

For New Year's Eve, we are going to The Sleuth Theater in Altamonte Springs for a show and a New Year's Eve party. Before that, we will have lunch, go to the Morse Museum to see Tiffany glass, and register at the Hilton Altamonte Springs Hotel. The following morning we will enjoy a hot breakfast, and then go to the Vero Beach Outlet Mall for some shopping. We'll have a late lunch at the Lobster Shanty and return home. We hope all these events will be enjoyable!

Some of us are planning to see the Rockettes at Kravis Center and there are other shows for us to enjoy as well. Call me if there are any questions. ((740-9050).

THE MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen, Pres.

The Men's Club has scheduled a trip to Gulfstream Racetrack & Casino on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The bus will leave here at 10:30 a.m. The cost will be \$18 and you will get \$7 for lunch and \$10 for casino play.

Because the Seminole casinos do not give any incentives any longer, we will keep trying to go to Gulfstream Casino. Most of the time they have both racing and, of course, casino play.

Our Feb. 9 Valentine's Party is all set now that we have signed up the entertainer. It should be a great party as it has been in the past. Details will follow.

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

Doris Davidoff



Our next trip will be in November when we will travel by motor-coach to Tampa, St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs in our home state of Florida. We

will visit the Salvador Dali Museum in Tampa and the sponge diving sites and the Greek community of Tarpon Springs. Plans have not been finalized as this column is being written, but flyers will be in the back lobby by the time you read this.

In January, we plan to offer a one-day trip that is really just transportation for those who want to visit the Florida State Fair without the hassles of driving or parking far from the fair itself.

We plan to offer a trip in February, but right now we're not sure exactly what that will be. Stay tuned to find out. In late March, we're planning to go to Daytona. One of the features in Daytona will be a tour of the Daytona International Speedway. This tour is interesting enough to appeal even to those who have absolutely no interest in auto racing.

We have had some requests to revisit Key West, which was the site of our first Travel Club trip. Many who were on that trip would like to return and others who did not join us have heard about how much fun it was and have asked us to do it again.

Of course, we are very excited about our "big" trip in early November 2014 on 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. Those who pay in full by the end of this October will receive a 10% discount on the entire trip. This will be a very special experience since 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 those who 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.

SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

We hope everyone had a good summer and that you are ready for a busy 2013/2014 Social Club calendar.

Sunday, Oct. 20 will be the first open meeting of the year. Entertainment will be by the "Way off Broadway Players," a versatile, multi-talented group of performers who will delight us with moments of laughter, joy and nostalgia. We hope you will join us for a very entertaining evening. Of course, refreshments will be served.

The Saturday, Oct. 26 Show Time will fill our clubhouse with some excellent local talent. Appearing first will be Tony Albano, comedian/magician who will amaze us with his many talents. Jay Cee Dreisen will enchant us with her vibrant voice and exciting harmonious style. From jazz to show tunes to popular ballads, her wide variety will enchant us. All this for \$13 per person! Seating will be assigned as checks are received. Book early for best seating.

There is still room at our New Year's Eve Party. Call Rita Dick for table availability. Dinner, dancing with friends and neighbors right in our own clubhouse – what could be better? At \$50 per person it's the bargain of the year!

We will be doing seating soon for our 2014 Winter Series. All three shows are only \$70 per person.

We are also selling individual show tickets now. Tickets for January 26, Troy Thirdgill and Shelley Keelor, excellent comedian and fabulous vocalist are \$25 apiece.

The Feb. 22 show tickets for Daniel Narducci with three piece band are \$35 per person.

Tickets for the March 22 show, "Sounds of Soul," a group of six dynamic singers, are \$25 per person.

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SAT., OCT 19: MUD Two Mississippi teens, Ellis and Neckbone, meet a mysterious drifter named Mud hiding on a deserted river island and get caught up in his tangled web of tall tales about bounty hunters, crimes of passion, lost love and a perfect woman named Juniper.

NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.

The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website

PET PATCH

By Molly

I can't believe that we're already into fall. What a summer! Hot, humid, a lot of rain - but still fun.



We have three new dogs in our community. Tula, Max, and would you believe -- another Molly! Mom and I were walking home last week past the new dogs' home, and someone from the garage called "Molly" - and both of us responded to the call. It was funny!

I think I'm starting to feel my age. Lately I don't always hear the doorbell ring – that's bad, since anyone coming to the door is here to see me – not my Mom. And I love company!

We're starting to see the return of the Snowbirds. Welcome back folks - and enjoy the season here.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

October - November 2013

5	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
6	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Men's Club	Breakfast (f, h)
10	Thurs	2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Meeting (f, h)
11	Fri	4:30 p.m.	Singles	Meeting (f, h)
13	Sun	7:30 p.m.	M.I.L.T.	Workshop (non-members \$2, h)
14	Mon	12 noon	Women's Club	Norton Museum(p, a)
		4:00 p.m.	Investment Group	Discussion (f, h)
15	Tues	by appt.	FLU SHOTS	
16	Wed	2:00 p.m.	Book Talks	Discussion (f, h)
17	Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors	Budget meeting
19	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Movie Time (p, h)
20	Sun	7:30 p.m.	Social Club	Meeting (f, h)
23	Wed.	10 a.m.	Board of Directors	Shredding truck (p, h)
24	Thurs	3:00 p.m.	Pap Corps	Party (p, h)
26	Sat	8:00 p.m.	Social Club	Showtime (p, h)
27	Sun	11:00 a.m.	Travel Club	Meeting (f, h)
		4-10 p.m.	Hadassah	Village Tavern (p, a)
28	Mon	11:30 a.m.	Hadassah	Meeting (f, h)
29	Tues	2:00 p.m	Singles	Trip – Harrid's (p, a)

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

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

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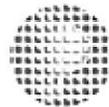
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