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**Manager's Corner**

The steamy summer is on its way out, and gorgeous weather and the Snowbirds will be here soon, so I want to remind all of our residents of a few things that you can do to help keep Majestic Isles the beautiful community that it is.

**Parking** – Please make sure vehicles parked at your residence are completely in the driveway without blocking the sidewalk. There are ongoing concerns about people walking in the streets, so if you're blocking the sidewalk, they really have no choice. Guest vehicles may be parked across the end of the driveway on the apron or directly in front of your house. Cars may not be parked on the grass at any time. If you're having several guests and all of the vehicles will not fit directly in front of your house, please have them park at the clubhouse and either walk or carpool.

**Landscaping** – Every home has basic landscaping maintenance done once each month. Lawns are cut 2, 3, or 4 times each month depending on the season. This means that your driveways and sidewalks are blown clean at least 3 times each month. This still cannot keep up with the tree and plant debris that falls continuously. If you invest \$30 in an electric blower and buy a long extension cord, your driveway can be cleared in less than 5 minutes. This will also help eliminate "tea stains" on the driveways caused by wet leaves.

**Plantings and Decorations** – Anything that is done on the outside of your home requires approval from the Architectural Review and Conformance Committee (ARC). This includes, but is not limited to, all plantings, landscape decorations, landscape lighting, wall decorations, hurricane shutters, screen rooms, solar water heaters, etc. In most cases the request will not be denied. Requiring approval is the best way to maintain the uniformity of the community. Landscape plantings especially need to be approved because there are landscape plants that are not permitted. If your home still has the original plantings or they haven't been changed for several years, consider making an upgrade.

Additions have been made to the Rules and Regulations for the community at recent Board Meetings dealing with painting, pool use, clubhouse parking, and tree trimming. For a complete Addendum, stop by the back hallway and check the "Wall O' Information." Bonnie keeps all of the bins stocked with these as well as calendars and flyers for upcoming events.

While the Association does its absolute best to keep Majestic Isles looking as pristine as possible, a little help from the residents on their own property goes a long way in making our community a place everyone can be proud to call "Home."

Ken Miller, Association Manager

## **Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, September 11, 2014**

*Minutes of the September 11, 2014 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.*

### **Manager's Report, Ken Miller**

Presentation of topics to be discussed including: Pool & Hot Tub Resurfacing, Painting Rule – Any home that cannot be completely painted because of landscape plants will be the owners responsibility to correct and paint, Cable Contract Survey, Resident's dogs not on a leash again, Bollards, Painting Addendum, backstage drapes, mulch, Tennis Court Reconditioning. *(Note: Not all of these items were covered at the Sept. 11 meeting.)*

### **Treasurer's Report. Saul Siegel**

*(Residents may request a report of the 9/11/14 cash positions and Statement of Operations at the office.)*

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

- At the recent COBWRA meeting, Captain King of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) stated that figures are on the rise for car burglaries. The PBSO has caught two groups doing burglary rings. One suspect said he likes to come to Boynton Beach because people leave their cars unlocked. Twelve people from Dina's Cleaning have been arrested for house burglaries.
- A new phone has been installed at the pool that automatically dials 911 when you pick it up.
- We're having another shredding event November 19 at 10 a.m.
- The number of letters to residents for not calling their guests in to the guardhouse voicemail system has decreased.

### **Grounds, Bill Broth**

- M&P is asking for a 2.5% increase in their contract. This would be their first increase in years and it's because of the Affordable Health Care.
- The Grounds Committee is looking at the seasonal plantings and considering installing sod or permanent shrubs in a few areas to cut back on number of seasonal plantings.
- The committee is also considering different mulch and colors for the 2015 Mulch project.

### **Insurance, Ken Keller**

- Not very many changes at this time. We are not in flood zone.

### **ARC, Mark Jaffie**

- We've given several approvals for plantings, carriage light changes, and one resident was given permission to trim a tree.
- All of the mailboxes and driveways that needed maintenance have been taken care of.
- The homes that are scheduled to be painted in 2015 have been checked for side-by-side colors and only one case was found. The first owner to choose the colors will get their selection and the second one will have to choose different colors.

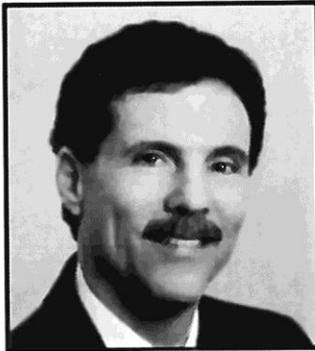
### **New Neighbors Committee, Iris Rothstein**

- We have seven new residents, I've visited four of them already and have visits scheduled with the other three.
- Joyce Moskowitz, Licensed Social Worker, has been here the second and fourth Wednesday of each month to help residents. *(See ad on page 10.)* We plan to invite her to speak at a Board meeting.

### **New Business**

- Harvey Galan informed the Board that no one has volunteered to run the Election Committee. He wants the Board to consider letting Bonnie chair the Election Committee. A motion that Bonnie be hired to chair the Election Committee and be compensated \$200 passed by unanimous vote.
- The Board agreed to let the four members of the Audio Crew each have keys for the Audio Booth.
- Motion to change the Board meeting time to 2 p.m. passed by a 6-1 vote.
- Ken Keller spoke about the Cable Contract Survey results, which will be used when we negotiate a new contract before ours expires in September 2016.
- The Board agreed to a \$100 fine for the resident whose dogs are let outside without a leash and who does not pick up after them. Ken Miller will make arrangements with the Compliance Committee.
- Motion to purchase a larger menorah for the holidays at a cost not to exceed \$1000 failed by a vote of 1-6.





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## SAFETY IN THE ISLES

Submitted by Steve Bayer

### Setting Up A Network For Help In An Emergency

Planning ahead for emergencies is important, especially for seniors and those with special needs. Preparedness plans and 72-hour emergency kits need periodic updating – and there is no better time to do it than *now!*

The American Red Cross recommends that senior citizens and people with special needs create a personal support network made up of several people who will check on you in an emergency, to ensure your wellness and to give assistance if needed. This network can consist of friends, relatives, personal attendants, co-workers and neighbors.

Creating a personal support network is not a difficult task, and there are plenty of resources to help you figure out what kind of support network is right for you. You can visit the Redcross.org website or sites like AARP or AAA to get useful information that will lead to a safer and more secure life.

This list has important things to consider when developing or implementing a personal support network.

- Make arrangements, before an emergency, for your support network to immediately check on you after a disaster and, if needed, offer assistance.
- Exchange house keys so that people in your network can gain access to you when needed.
- Show the people in your network where you keep emergency supplies, especially essential medication.
- Share copies of your relevant emergency documents, evacuation plans and emergency health information card.
- Agree on and practice methods for contacting each other in an emergency. *Do not count on the telephones working.* If you have a cell phone, learn how to send a text to those in your network. Texting will often work while voice modes are out of service or overloaded.
- You and your personal support network should always notify each other when you are going out of town and when you will return.

Consider subscribing to one of the services that can give you access to help, 24 hours a day, seven days a week with the push of a button.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

### GET WELL

Joe Bloom	Barbara Rosen
Marion Brandwein	Herb Rosin
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Norman Herman	Millie Silverman
Richard Levine	Harriet Strauber
Nancy Levitan	Bert Weinberg
Harriet Parker	Betty Zeidler
Herb Rice	

### SYMPATHY

To Sue Berger on the loss of her daughter.  
 To David Feinberg on the loss of his son-in-law.  
 To Sidney Kaufman on the loss of his brother, Hy.  
 To David Lader on the loss of his sister.  
 To Estelle Snyder on the loss of her sister Marilyn Friedberg.

### MESSAGES

Thanks to all for your cards, calls and support after the loss of my twin brother, Hy.

*Sidney Kaufman*

Thank you, Majestic Isles. Through good times and bad times, that's what friends are for.

*Linda Kessler*

Words cannot adequately express my thanks to this wonderful community for all your get-well wishes while I was in the hospital. Thank you all so much.

*Norma Schneider*

*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](mailto:ElainJay@aol.com) with Good and Welfare as the subject. Acknowledgement of each email will be sent as verification of receipt.*

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

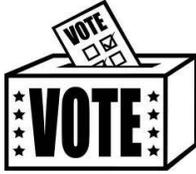
By Elaine Jay

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

Joel and Tobi Klein  
 Irv Secemski

## VOTER INFORMATION

*Claire Deveney reviewed the facts below with a Supervisor of Elections office employee on Sept. 12, 2014.*



**General Election Tuesday, Nov. 4**  
**Election day hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Early Voting is Mon., Oct. 20 to Sun., Nov. 2**  
**Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Locations will be published on line and in area newspapers.**

As a resident of Majestic Isles and a registered voter, you are in

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For U.S. House – **District 21**

State Senate – **District 34**

State House – **District 91**

**The General Election voting place is the Chabad Lubavitch Synagogue, 10655 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach.**

Voter registration deadline for the General Election is October 6 at 5 p.m.

**Absentee ballots may be requested by Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.**

For voting information or to vote by mail and receive an absentee ballot simply call the Supervisor of Elections in Palm Beach County, toll free at 866-868-3321 or at 561-656-6200 or make our request online at [www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org). Absentee ballots will be mailed four weeks prior to the election. Absentee ballots will not be forwarded.

To check that you are registered to receive an absentee ballot go online at [pbcelections.org](http://pbcelections.org) and go to Voter Information Lookup, enter your name and birth date, answer a security question and click on Absentee Ballot status.

Officers to be voted upon in the general election are: U.S. Representative, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, State Commissioner of Agriculture and State Senator. Four questions on the retention of four District Court of Appeal Judges, Palm Beach Soil & Water

Conservation District 5 designee. Voting is also requested on three constitutional amendments and two county questions.

*Please note:* If you request an absentee ballot but choose, instead to vote at the polls, you must bring the absentee ballot with you so that it may be cancelled and counted as returned. If you do not do so, you will not be allowed to vote at the designated polling site. To be counted, voted absentee ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office no later than the close of election, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Completed absentee ballots may not be turned in at the polling place.

M.I. resident Claire Deveney, 10800 Royal Caribbean Circle, (home 742-7869 or cell 561-504-3842) will answer questions. She offers to deliver your completed absentee ballot to the Supervisor of Elections office for the general election. There is a basket for completed absentee ballots inside her door cage.

In the recent state Primary Election held Aug. 26 for Precinct 5028 from a possible total of 1,623 registered voters, the precinct had 331 voters and of that number 98 voted by mail, 62 early voted and 171 voted at the poll on election day. That was a 20% turnout and Palm Beach County had a turnout of 12.90%. Statewide the turnout was 17.5% of all registered voters.

Reliable web sites for information and links to your elected officials are:

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*“A vote is like a rifle: its usefulness depends upon the character of the user.”*

— Theodore Roosevelt

*“Every election is determined by the people who show up.”*

— Larry J. Sabato, *Pendulum Swing*

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## ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM



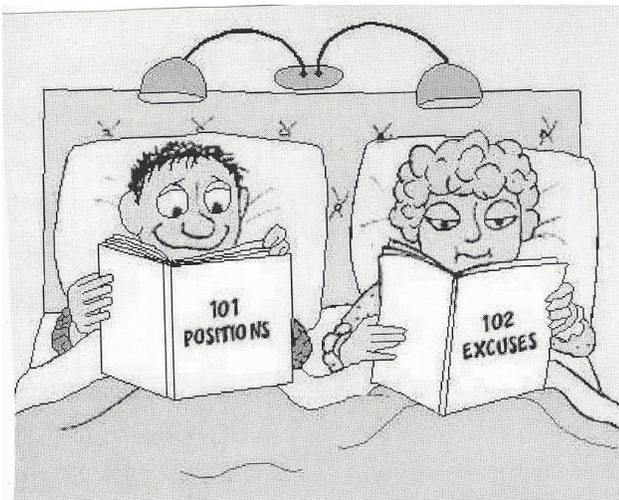
The assistive listening system that the M.I. Newsletter staff donated to our community is now in place. The system, at the start at least, will allow up to 24 people to borrow a headset and receiver when they attend

a show uses our amplification system.

Unfortunately, not all hearing impairments can benefit from this type of system, which is based on amplifying the sound. Some types of hearing loss need more than amplification, but the many people who are helped by amplification alone will now find it more enjoyable to attend our shows and movies.

Each organization that uses our sound system will have its own policies for how to do so. Some may require reserving ahead while others may operate on a first-come, first-served basis at the show. As time goes by, we will see what works best. If we find that there is a demand for more than 24 devices at a time, the system can be expanded to accommodate additional users.

With this system, we hope that some of our residents who have stopped coming to shows and movies because of their hearing difficulties will rejoin us at these events.



## HOUSE GUEST

By Barbara Portnoff

A baby gecko came for a visit  
 One day when I opened the door.  
 He went up the wall and then on the valance,  
 And then ran down to the floor.  
 He wandered around like he had a purpose;  
 I guess he chose to explore – my walls, my windows,  
 my furniture too,  
 But he didn't go back near the door.

Now a guest in your house deserves to be fed.  
 This is in Florida law.  
 So what could I feed him – Some grass or some  
 crumbs?  
 What do they eat, after all?

I went to the computer to learn about geckos.  
 They eat bugs and mosquitoes galore –  
 A free exterminator had come to my house,  
 Who could ask for anything more?

But I clean my house religiously each day  
 And no one is allowed to come in to spray.

Now thinking, how will he even survive?  
 I turned and saw a big surprise –  
 The gecko was standing by the front door,  
 Not planning a retreat.  
 He knew he could only survive outside  
 Where he had plenty to eat.

I opened the door and watched him run,  
 He ran off on his fast little feet.  
 He was in a safe place, to my delight,  
 Where there is gecko food to eat.

I missed him already,  
 Oh, how could that be?  
 He's only a gecko, a gecko, you see.

I said my goodbyes  
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overheat. The heat can cause the wire insulation to melt and ignite, resulting in an electrical fire.

***Overloaded electrical outlets are one of the major causes of residential fire deaths.***

Two thirds of all electrical fires begin in plugs or cords on appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners or lamps. Frayed cords expose the electrical wires that spark on contact with each other or anything that can ground the electrical current.

## MOST ELECTRICAL FIRES CAN BE PREVENTED

- Use light bulbs with the appropriate wattage for the size of the light fixture. A bulb of too high wattage may lead to overheating and fire.
- Protect all electrical cords from damage. Do not run cords under carpets, or rugs, around objects or hang from nails.
- When purchasing electrical cords or appliances, be sure that the equipment has the (UL) mark.
- If an appliance begins to operate with a different smell, or makes unusual sounds or the cord feels warm to the touch, pull the plug and discontinue use.
- If burning or smoking occurs from the appliance, call the Fire Department (911)
- Never use an appliance with a damaged cord.
- Be sure to use three pronged outlets.
- Give televisions, stereos and computers plenty of air space clearance so they don't overheat.
- To prevent overloading never plug more than 2 appliances into an outlet at once or "piggyback" extra appliances on extension cords or wall outlets. Use only outlets designed to handle multiple plugs.
- Unplug appliances such as toasters ovens, hair dryers, flat irons and coffee pots when not in use.
- Check outlets and switch plates to make sure they are not unusually hot to the touch. If they are, immediately unplug the cords from the outlets and do not use the switches. Have a qualified licensed electrician check the wiring as soon as possible.

- Special attention should be given to large appliances that use high wattage, such as refrigerators, irons, and microwave ovens. Avoid plugging them into the same outlet or circuit.

## IN CASE OF FIRE - DON'T DELAY. CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 911

From: Fire Dept, City of New York, Fire Safety Education



## ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. People have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by a Chicago historian places this version in doubt. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out - or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended. *National Fire Prevention Association website*

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## Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Valencia Isles, September 17, 2014

PROPOSED AG RESERVE POLICY President Myrna Rosoff presented the Proposed Policy for the Future of the Agricultural Reserve. President Rosoff explained that the 21,981 acre Reserve was created to preserve agriculture, wetlands and open space and the parcels making up the 6,058 acres of the Preserve were set aside exclusively forever for agricultural uses. These parcels have no development rights. She described the geographic boundaries; an area bounded by the Turnpike on the East, Clint Moore Road on the South, the Arthur Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge on the West and a zigzag line between Hypoluxo Road and Boynton Beach Boulevard on the North. She explained, in detail, the current Ag Reserve Comprehensive Plan, the requested changes made by commercial and other interested parties, the efforts of nearly 100 COBWRA members in crafting COBWRA's proposed response to those changes and explained that a vote to support the proposed policy would be taken following the presentation and discussion by the delegates.

The proposed policy and the specific issues that were voted upon were:

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TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM  
SUGGESTIONS SUPPORTING THE AG RESERVE  
President Rosoff stated that COBWRA supports, with minimal modifications, the County Agricultural Reserve Comprehensive Plan which is current law. COBWRA's specific recommendations to the proposed changes regarding Residential Development west of Route 441 is that the land continue to be preserved for agricultural use and wetland conservation and COBWRA continues its support of the integrity of the Everglades and the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

**COBWRA: Recommends** continuing the prohibition of commercial development west of Route 441 and allowing a maximum total of 400,000 commercial square feet allocated among the intersections of Route 441 and Boynton Beach Boulevard, Route 441 and Atlantic Avenue, Lyons Road and Boynton Beach Boulevard, and Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue.

**Opposes** all changes to the Comprehensive Plan which would weaken the current 60/40 Residential

Development Plan stating that the current plan provides efficient management of residential development.

**Proposes** modifications to the PRESERVE AREA plan that would eliminate minimum size and/or contiguous requirement for preserve parcels that would provide small landowners the opportunity to preserve parcels. Additionally, **COBWRA proposes** that a farm residence be permitted in the preserve area, the code density requirement of 1 unit for 5 acres be maintained, that Development Rights must be re-acquired through purchase or exchange for acreage converted back from preserve to single family farm residence and a 1,000 sq. ft. size restriction on caretaker quarters be maintained.

**Proposes** no changes to the existing comprehensive plan area uses that govern what activities can go one within the Ag Reserve and Preserve areas.

**Opposes** all changes to the TDR Program which, if enacted, would result in a potential three-fold increase in density raising the number of dwelling units from 3,500 to 10,500.

**Recommends** the creation of a Preservation Land Trust to purchase additional land for preserve and conservation; economic assistance, such as low interest loans to small growers; assistance provided for crop diversification, organic and niche farming, farm-to-table and community cooperatives; encourage the development of community gardens; erect signage to identify and promote the Ag Reserve; and encourage agricultural tourism.

The Delegates voted to adopt the proposed Policy for the Future of the Ag Reserve as presented.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (GMC): Committee Chair Gerry Morrison reported that the Committee and the Board recommend the approval of plans for Valencia Cove South. The Delegates voted to recommend approval.

**FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORT** PBSO Substation Commander Captain Christopher Keene reported that although auto burglaries are down there is still a need to lock your cars and that his officers are closely monitoring traffic within school zones.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS Commissioner Mary Lou Berger** reported that she will study COBWRA's proposed policy on changes to the County's Comprehensive Plan for the Ag Reserve. **School Board member Karen Brill** reported that the Board of Education will be voting on a resolution that would provide a three year grace period for "High Stakes" Testing. **Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher** reminded the delegates of the dates to request absentee ballots, the dates that they would be mailed to the voters and the importance of voting in this year's election.

*By Bruce Brodsky*

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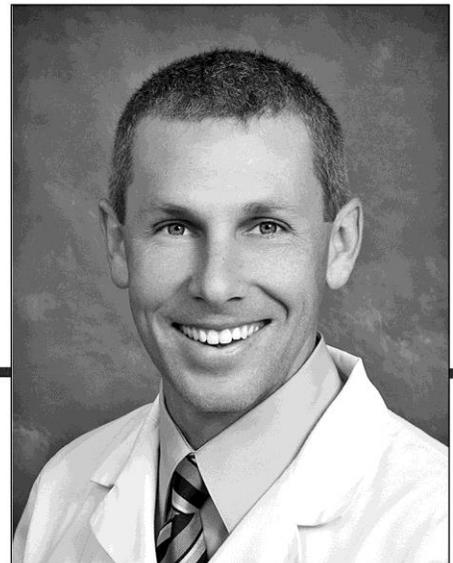


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## THE EVOLUTION OF COMPUTERS

By Ray Kozlin

When the 1880 census took seven or eight years to complete, people started to think about ways to record information more quickly. A very early improvement was a punch card system designed by Herman Hollerith in 1890. Hollerith's computer took up an entire room and reduced the time to calculate the results to three years. Hollerith established a company that would ultimately become IBM (International Business Machines, which was founded in 1911).

Over the years, changes and improvements led to the computer as we know it today. With today's home computers we can do research, pay bills, do genealogical studies to track our family history, send messages to each other, and much more. Business today could not exist without the use of computers.

Now a new evolution is taking place, almost on a daily basis. Computers are giving way to a variety of new gadgets that in many cases can reduce the use of the home computer. These new hand-held types of computers can let you access a book and read it, make phone calls, retrieve all kinds of information, get directions, locate a restaurant, read weather reports – and on and on.

Some older adults who want to keep up with the modern world, find it difficult to master the new devices. To this end, there are many places, such as public schools and libraries that offer classes in how to use the devices, and will show you the ins and outs of the new technology.

The Computer Learning Center, located at the Tendrich Center for Lifelong Learning at Temple Shaarei Shalom, 9085 Hagen Ranch Road, offers help for beginners in the use of e-mail, the Internet, iPad, iPods, smart phones, Kindles and Android tablets. The Center not only provides courses in the use, but can also help with decisions relative to what software and hardware are most appropriate for your needs. All courses at the Center provide manuals for use at home, and each class has an instructor and coaches to assist you.

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By Donna Shaneson

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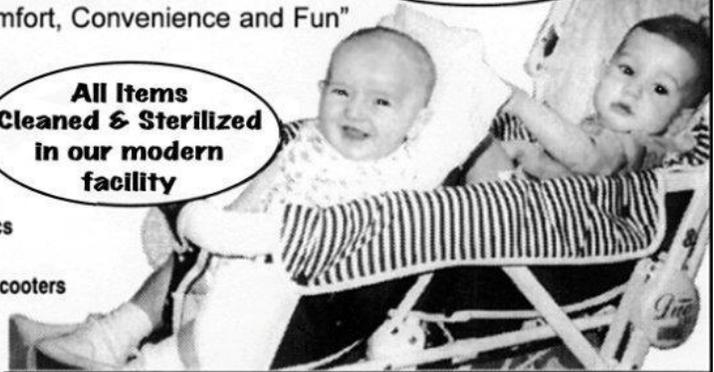
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## BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

As I write this, we are slightly more than half way through the 2014 Atlantic hurricane season. With only five named storms by September 12<sup>th</sup>, including two hurricanes, it has been the quietest hurricane season since 2000. I was glued to the TV as June's Hurricane Arthur smashed into North Carolina's Outer Banks, chewing up Hatteras Island's Highway 12 just south of the Oregon Inlet Bridge, thereby essentially cutting off the island from the NC mainland. As the Weather Channel mentioned a forced home birth on isolated Hatteras, and flooding in Ocracoke, Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, and Corolla, I was transported back in time to September 1961 when, as a 26 year old groundwater hydrogeologist, I worked for the U.S. Interior Department's Geological Survey under contract to the National Park Service (NPS), at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

We had used a truck-mounted power auger to drill 32 test holes north of Cape Hatteras in the Salvo, NC dune fields where, a then-new campground, was to be constructed for the national seashore. The power auger used 4-in diameter, 6-ft long sections of rotini pasta shaped pipe, screwed together to drill to depths of up to 126 feet, in search of an adequate drinking water supply for the NPS's proposed campground.

We had almost finished testing the well field at the proposed Salvo campground when the USGS chief geologist up in Raleigh, NC, radioed us to "get that drill rig the H... off those barrier islands and do it *FAST!*" Hurricane Esther was coming our way.

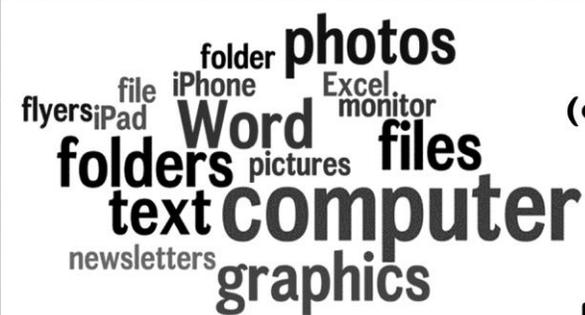
Esther passed 120 miles offshore of Cape Hatteras on September 20, 1961. She hit the Outer Banks with gale force winds and gusts to 109 mph. With Esther fast approaching, our hastily assembled caravan headed north from Salvo. The field water quality chemist and I piled into our two gray U.S. General Service Administration-issue passenger vehicles. The drill operator mounted his 20-ft long bright yellow truck with its rear mounted power auger drill rig and 18-ft collapsible derrick snuggled tight to its roof. We tailed this yellow apparition 15 miles through torrential downpours, thankfully small, embedded tornados and waterspouts, and attendant ocean water wash-overs across Highway 12. As the road seemed to disappear behind us we finally reached the landing craft car ferry that predated the present-day bridge

across Oregon Inlet. Fortunately, it was still running, and we rode it across choppy seas to Bodie Island and then to NC's mainland. In addition to the usual types of storm damage, as Esther smashed up Hatteras Island, it carved a new 300-ft.-wide inlet, since filled in, from the Atlantic Ocean to Pamlico Sound.

That was then, and now is now. It's time to distinguish between changes in weather caused by natural cycles, e.g. last winter's polar vortex or the currently developing El Niño, and changes in climate caused by global warming. With climate change, it's just cause and effect. As atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> increases, average global temperature rises. Glaciers and ice caps melt. Sea level rises. Oceans warm up. Hurricanes develop more easily and become more powerful. Storm surge is higher. Coastal flooding becomes more extensive.

*Think!* How will the damaging combination of sea level rise and storm surge affect south Florida's natural environments, our aging and vulnerable public infrastructure (roads, utilities, electrical grids, water and waste management), the Biscayne aquifer—our sole source of drinking water supply? How will this combination affect the real estate and insurance industries? Are increased home insurance premiums and mandatory flood insurance in our short, intermediate or long-term future? *Think!* How do we wake up the planners, the architects, and the politicians? What should be more important now: funding Everglades' restoration projects or "jacking up" south Florida's built environment?

*Think!* Global temperatures are projected to rise 2-9°F by 2050. If this happens, sea levels could rise from one to four feet. *Think!* Florida easily ranks as the state most vulnerable to sea level rise, with some 2.4 million people, 1.3 million homes and 107 cities at risk from a four-foot rise. The U.S. EPA estimates a minimum sea level rise of from 1.5 to seven feet by 2100. By popular scientific consensus, a sea level rise of 17 feet is quite possible if 36% of the ice in the polar ice sheets melted by 2100. In a worst-case scenario, sea level would rise almost 26 feet if the 1.4 million cubic miles of polar ice on Greenland and west Antarctica were to completely melt. *Think!* The floor of your home is only about 21 feet above sea level, the road in front of your home about 18.5 feet above sea level. Annual average temperature increase in the Arctic is now twice the global average. In west Antarctica it's already three times as fast (4.3°F since the 1950's). You do the math!



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## Another Book to Check Out: “FATHERLAND”

By Stan Kaish

Last month I wrote about Robert Harris' most recent novel, “An Officer and a Spy.” It is a near-documentary treatment of the events and participants involved in the Dreyfus Affair. We can call it a “*what was*” novel.

This month let me tell you about a “*what if*” novel, Harris' first, and in my estimation, his best novel, “Fatherland,” written twenty years earlier. What if World War II hadn't ended with an allied victory, but instead saw the Germans turn back the Normandy invasion? What if they had cut the Russians off from their oil supply and pushed past Moscow into the heart of Russia? What if Hitler had developed an atomic bomb during the late 1940's, resulting in a cold war stalemate with the US? What if Joseph P. Kennedy had become president, and that was the world of 1954, when he and Ambassador Charles Lindbergh were coming to Berlin to negotiate a rapprochement with Hitler? If all of that were so, we would be living in the Fatherland imagined by Robert Harris.

SS-Sturmbannfuhrer Xavier March lives in that world. March is a Berlin police detective. He has come to this career after serving as a U-Boat Captain during the war and attends to his job with a jaded and world-weary outlook and a cynical indifference to the regime he works for. His wife has left him because of his lack of political ambition and his son, filled with Hitler youth fervor, despises his father as unpatriotic. Plodding from case to case, March suddenly finds himself in the midst of a politically charged investigation. The body of what turns out to be a once influential Nazi official has turned up on March's beat. No sooner is the body identified than the Gestapo announces that it will handle the investigation and March and the police should consider themselves relieved of involvement. Instead, he pursues the matter and finds that a cover-up of something is under way – but a cover-up of what? Whatever it is creates dangerous enemies for him and American reporter Charlotte (Charlie) Maguire, the romantic interest in the story.

In the post war world of the Fatherland, the Nazi excesses have been scrubbed clean. Knowledge of the Holocaust has been confined to its perpetrators. All that the people know is the propaganda they have

been fed. Art, music, culture, and literature have been altered to suit the Nazis' tastes. Children are informing on parents in the Fatherland. Obedience is complete – or nearly so. A few like March provide the exception. The death camps have been dismantled. The Jews were simply relocated to the east. Zyklon B, Auschwitz, Treblinka and all of the terms so familiar to us are unknown to the general population, and the Nazi hierarchy wants to keep it that way. The wartime slaughter is over. A new one is underway.

What March has stumbled over in his investigation is a plot by highest ranks of the Nazi party, now a distinguished group of elder statesmen, to eliminate eye witnesses to the Wannsee conference, where the planning of the final solution took place. All but two witnesses have been killed through apparent accident, murder or suicide. The Nazis are anxious that this last link to their notorious past be eliminated before the upcoming summit between Hitler and President Joseph P. Kennedy.

The story plays out in a stream of chases, betrayals, deceptions and assassinations – March and his lady against the empire. This blend of the totalitarian and brutal authorities, the stifling of available information, and the behavior of an accepting or intimidated populace separates this story from the run of the mill detective yarn. The ordinary and the extraordinary combine in “Fatherland” to give us a spellbinding tale of how things could have turned out so differently for all.

Among the interesting things Harris has done is to provide an author's note telling the fates of many of the real life characters in the story. Some participated in the plot to kill Hitler, some committed suicide, some were assassinated, many were tried and sentenced in war crimes trials. He accounts for the fates of those who participated in the Wannsee Conference. Those whom he doesn't mention “probably continued to live, either in Germany or South America.”

Inside the front cover is a rendering of Berlin as Albert Speer, Hitler's architect, drew it. It includes a domed great hall for 150,000 people illuminated by a skylight 1000 feet in the air. A Grand Avenue 400 feet wide and three miles long, leads to the Arch of Triumph, 400 feet high, and then to Hitler's palace.



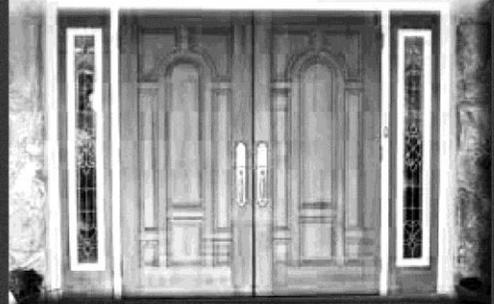
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## *Gardening in the Isles*

*By  
Stan Davidson*



In the past, I have received many inquiries about why plant leaves turn yellow or brown. This is a question that puzzles many indoor and outdoor gardeners. Being a Master Gardener, I did some research on this subject and I will try to shed some insight on this.

We all were amazed up north at the spectacular display of the autumn leaves. These changes in fall foliage color never failed to surprise and delight us. Did you ever wonder why the leaves change color in the fall? We all know that chlorophyll is what gives plants their green color. Up north, as summer ends and autumn begins, the days become shorter and shorter. Our trees are very intelligent and know when to begin to get ready for winter just as humans prepare for the colder weather. During the winter months there is insufficient light or water for photosynthesis, the process by which plants exposed to light turn water and carbon dioxide into oxygen and sugar. The trees rest when there is not enough light for photosynthesis. The trees live off the food they stored during the summer and the green chlorophyll slowly disappears from the leaves. As the bright green fades away, we begin to see brilliant yellow, red and orange autumn leaves.

Let's now leave the chilly north and return to south Florida to understand why our plant's foliage turns brown or yellow. Just like humans, plants do get stressed out. We generally do not turn yellow, however, if green foliage is left untreated, the discoloration spreads as the plant weakens. Eighty percent of plant failures can be attributed to inconsistent watering, which causes stress ( ) on both indoor and outdoor plants. Do some homework to determine the amount of water your plants require and provide the specified amount.

Another stressor is growing container plants with poor quality potting soil that prevents the water from accumulating around the plant roots, thereby causing them to rot. Subsequently, oxygen does not reach the roots and leaf tips turn brown or yellow.

A plant with yellow or brown foliage may signal a nutritional deficiency such as lack of nitrogen. Also, too much fertilizer causes the plant to turn brown. Many of our ornamental plants go dormant in the south Florida winter months (November-February) and you should avoid fertilization at that time. It is best to fertilize ornamentals and palms in March, June and October.

Fungal and bacterial diseases on container-grown tomatoes and other container-grown plants cause yellow and brown leaf tips and leaf wilt in our wet and humid weather. Avoid overhead irrigation and irrigate during the early morning hours so that the foliage can dry out during the daylight hours. Remove the dead infected parts to control the spread of the fungus.

Pest damage due to spider mites, aphids, leaf borers and mealy bugs manifest themselves at the edge and underside of the foliage resulting in yellow or brown foliage. Treat these infections with a strong jet of water mixed with dish soap in a sprayer. This will control insects.

Remember, tender care for a plant with yellow or brown leaves is required to regain the plant's vigor and to restore its original color. Avoid over watering, fertilize appropriately, prune overgrown plants regularly to improve air circulation, and control pests with a soap and water mixture.

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## INVESTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman, Co-Facilitator



Now that summer is behind us, you are all probably itching to know; ‘what you already know’; ‘the secret is the question’; ‘when, how fast and how far interest rates will climb’; or ‘will it stay down a while longer’???. The answer, of course, is that nobody knows. According to the Fed, rates can rise when more jobs are created and the jobless rate is further reduced, the economy improves further, and when inflation rises. Well, interest rates have eased rather than risen. So--o--o--o--o--o--o !!! What to do now?

Review your investment objectives. Are you satisfied with your current cash flow? If so, you may want to do nothing. If not, what is your projected time frame? Do you want income or growth, or some of each? As a guide, consult the “Stock Selection list Using 3,6,9+ Suitability & Time Frame Criteria”, revised edition distributed at our meeting on Sept.8.

News item: “According to THE MOTLEY FOOL, a very well-known and popular investment letter, Warren Buffet stated that it is easy to become a millionaire. For example, “an investment made in Coca Cola at \$40 in 1919 (the equivalent of \$540 in today’s money) would have grown to \$9,000,000 today”. So the moral of the story is ---Start early--- and pick a winner!!!

News item: “The Kinder Morgan family of companies has four publicly traded entities: Kinder Morgan, Inc. (NYSE: KMI), Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (NYSE: KMP) (one of the largest publicly traded pipeline master limited partnerships in America), Kinder Morgan Management, LLC (NYSE: KMR) and El Paso Pipeline Partners (NYSE: EPB). Combined, the Kinder Morgan companies have an enterprise value of approximately \$110 billion. *Kinder Morgan Inc. (KMI)* announced that the company will purchase all the outstanding equity securities of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMP), Kinder Morgan Management, LLC (KMR) and El Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P. (EPB). The transaction is expected to close by end of 2014. The combined company, at \$41 will have a yield of approximately 4.8%, compared with KMP at 6.9%, will issue a tax form 1099 and have a presumed higher growth.” Check with your accountant for tax consequences.

News item: “From Seeking Alpha, Aug.10”: LinnCo reported a solid quarter with production and cash flow coming in above guidance and our forecast.

Additionally, 2014 guidance was increased as California and Hugoton production exceeded expectations. Given the partnership’s improving distribution coverage, potential to unlock further value from its Permian Basin acreage and our view that LinnCo should ultimately trade at a 7% premium over Linn Energy, we reiterate our LinnCo Strong Buy rating.

Furthermore, LinnCo is trading at a ~\$1.60 discount to Linn Energy vs. the ~7% premium which, in our view, is warranted. At this point, it is not clear what is keeping the valuation suppressed, other than it is taking an extended period of time to “place” the incremental ~95 million shares issued in the Berry acquisition into a more stable investor base. Additionally, we would like to point out that LinnCo is yielding ~50 bp more than Linn Energy...

If You Like Linn Energy, You Should Love LinnCo”. News item: “Seeking Alpha, Aug 10: “Continue to avoid Linn Energy”. (Both Items issued by the same newsletter but different analysts. Which would you believe?

News item: “Zacks, Aug. 21: It commonly happens in stock investing that investors miss the chance to buy winning stocks that they know would stand out. Instead of repenting, spotting the off-the-radar potential winners and immediately investing in them could be a smart decision.

One such company that looks well-positioned for a solid gain, but has been overlooked by investors lately is Stonemor Partners LP (STON). This Funeral Service Co. has actually seen loss estimates narrowing over the past month for the current fiscal year by 31.8%. But that is not yet reflected in the price as the stock gained only 2.6% over the same time frame.

You should not be concerned about the price remaining muted going forward. This year’s expected earnings growth over the prior year is 61.5% which should ultimately translate into price appreciation. STON currently carries a Zacks Rank #1 (Strong Buy)”. Px 25.35 Y9.7%.

We talked about Brietburn Energy which has excellent growth projections and a current price of

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## SEND IN THE CLOWNS

By Phyllis M. Cohen

Do you remember the great Ringling Brothers' circuses of your childhood? Three continuous rings of non-stop performance blazing with color, trapeze artists, wild animals, musicians, and beautiful girls stunned every sense. And then, amidst all of this high level of excitement, they would send in the clowns; fat clowns, skinny clowns, baby clowns in carriages, clowns bursting out of miniature cars, and finally, the funniest clown of all, the sad-faced Emmett Kelly. While the other clowns were popping balloons or spraying water, burning down buildings and heckling the audience, he was slowly walking around the ring, the most tragic expression on his face. His mannerisms and gait reminded us that beneath the comedy and laughter on the outside, there was despair and loss and sadness.

I was reminded of Emmett Kelly when beloved comedian Robin Williams killed himself. Here was one of the most famous comic voices of our times yet he was unable to live with his own dark voices. Friends and relatives of the actor stressed how he always tried to help others in despair, yet was unable to deal with his own.

In some ways, Robin Williams stands almost as a symbol of our times. No matter how many YouTube videos of cats and dogs or babies doing funny things, these are deeply troubling days. Can you stand to listen to the news on television? If you get trapped in a place where CNN is turned on, you will hear non-stop reporting on the latest tragic events all over the world. Nothing, I thought, could be as overplayed and insistent as the reporting of the earlier tragedies this year of the missing aircraft and then the Korean ferryboat sinking. Years ago, New York reporter, Gabe Pressman set the standard for overzealous, intrusive reporting when an horrific plane crash occurred in New York and he called the wife of one of the passengers before the lists of victims had been released and inquired, "Any comments?" (1960 air plane disaster over Park Slope Brooklyn) A family member grabbed the phone and told the reporter to "f\*\*\* off" before slamming it down.

Of course, things got worse and worse. The cauldron of the Middle East exploded first with the deaths of innocent children on both sides and then full-scale war between Arabs and Jews in Gaza. In neighboring Syria, where the ruling parties had been indiscriminately killing its own citizens, a terrorist group

straight out of the Middle Ages emerged sweeping opposition before them and proudly using social media and the press to publish their gruesome killings of all in their path in Syria and Iraq.

Shadows of the Cold War fell over Eastern Europe, as once again the specter of the Russian bear emerged to chew up parts of Ukraine. Echoing the voices of the German and Polish minorities of the 1930s that according to the rhetoric of the Nazi party begged for Hitler's intervention in Czechoslovakia and Poland, so too were the Russian ethnic minorities in the Ukraine supposedly being threatened by their own government and needing Putin to save them. Heavily armed masked invaders were merely local citizens trying to protect their Russian ethnic groups.

Here in our own country, a fatal police shooting in a small Missouri town pulled the scab off the still deep wound of racial unrest and bigotry providing a climate for violence and destruction.

So in the dog days of summer, one can only hope that there is some reservoir of hope and strength to restore the dismal world order. Emmett Kelly in his act always finished by bringing out a broom and tried to sweep away a big spotlight on the ground. As he swept, the spotlight grew smaller and smaller but never disappeared. We need that light to grow brighter. Send in the clowns.

## PET CORNER

By Tootie



I know this is usually Molly's spot, but I just want to introduce myself, since I am the "new dog" on the block. My name is Tootie, and I am a gray miniature poodle (just in case you run into me). My Mom adopted me from Georgia about a week ago, and we are already like old friends. We have enjoyed some really long walks around the neighborhood (even though it was like a steam bath out there). On one of our walks we ran into Molly and her Mom. There was a little growling and jumping between us - I apologize if it got a little scary. I am usually very mellow. Oh well. Of course we also ran into Ken who always seems to have a treat for all of us. That is so cool! Looking forward to meeting lots of people and canines along the way.

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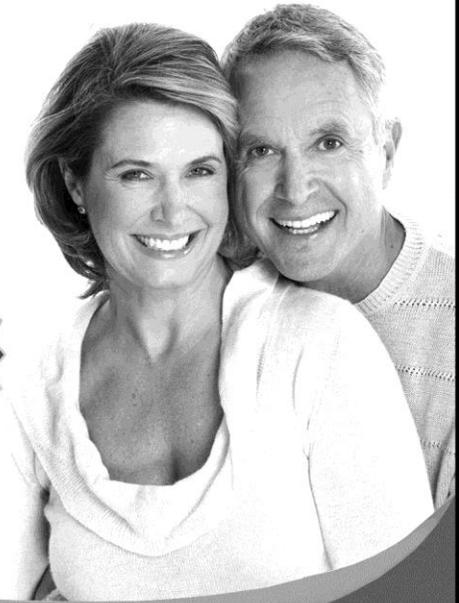
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## Visiting: ELLIN GOLDSTEIN

By Claire Deveney



A gifted teacher of the gifted is one description of Ellin (Bauman) Goldstein that is aptly matched by her sunny disposition and warm and friendly manner.

A New Yorker, Ellin was born in Manhattan and she lived at 170<sup>th</sup>

Street and Grand Concourse in the Bronx until she was age six. From age 6 to 9, she and her family lived in Freeport, Long Island. She was an only child. Her father owned and operated a candy store and the family moved each time he opened a store at a new location. From age 10 to 16 she lived in Hempstead on Long Island, N.Y. and graduated from Hempstead High School at age 16. She went to Syracuse University for her freshman year and transferred to Hofstra College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in drama in 1960 at age 20. She joined the DXD sorority, which connected her to other women in a helpful way throughout her life. Her M.I. neighbor Janice Davidson was a classmate at Hofstra. While teaching, Ellin earned a master's degree in education from Hofstra University.

Ellin wanted to be an actress. She became an English teacher at a middle school in grades 7 and 8 at Westbury, L.I. for two years and then joined the faculty at Grand Avenue Junior High School in Merrick, L.I. Then she taught at Brookside Junior High School from 1962 to 1969. She was married in 1964 and she and her husband, Jerry, bought their first home in 1968 for \$23,500 with three bedrooms, 1 full bath and two half baths in Raritan Valley, N.J. She became pregnant and left teaching to become a full time wife, mother and homemaker. Her daughter, Ronni, weighing, 6 pounds 12 ounces was born and two years later her second daughter, Bari Lynn, was born weighing 8 pounds 16 ounces. Ellin's parents lived with them for four months but due to her mother's declining health they moved to Florida. In 1971 her husband got a job as a financial officer for a vacation leasing (time share) company called Rotunda, and they moved to a four bedroom home in

Kendall Lakes in Miami. Ronni was age 3 and Bari was a year old. Ellin vividly recalls taking a helicopter ride with her husband over southern Florida and the Everglades in 1971 when he accepted his new job. (*Think of the changes over 43 years!*)

After 18 years of marriage Ellin and Jerry divorced and she returned to work as a customer service dispatcher at an air conditioning company where she stayed for almost two years. She then returned to teaching at the McMillan Middle School in Miami where she taught English in grades 6 through 9. Shortly thereafter Ellin earned a license for teaching gifted students and taught gifted students for almost 18 years. At age 50 she went back to school evenings and earned a master's degree in library science from Nova Southeastern University. She worked as a librarian at Carver Middle School in Coconut Grove, Miami for nine years. "I loved teaching and I also loved being a librarian!" exclaims Ellin. As a librarian she loved helping children find books they wanted and understanding chapters or sections of books that they didn't understand.

Ellin retired eight years ago after completing a total of 37 years in teaching. She moved into M.I seven years ago. She said, "This home was exactly what I was looking for. I really like it and all of the neighbors and activities here."

Ellin is on the staff of the M.I. News, is co-president of the Singles Club, and an active member of the M.I. Pap Corps and M.I. Hadassah. She also plays canasta twice a week and plays mahjong on Tuesdays, all at the clubhouse. Ellin also enjoys cooking among her many activities.

Ellin is very proud of her two daughters. Ronni is a special education teacher in middle school and mother of Sydney, 8, a third grader in public school in Miami. Bari, who graduated from University of Miami law school, practices law at a firm in Boynton Beach where she lives with her son Jake, age 9.

Ellin is a proud mother and active grandmother and there are photos of her children and grandchildren, along with the grandchildren's artwork, throughout her home. Majestic Isles has a gift in having Ellin as a part of our community.



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## HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



Hadassah held its first general meeting of the fall season on September 19 with Doris Davidoff discussing producing memoirs for our children and grandchildren.

Members are reminded that there is still time to qualify for the November 12 Donor Luncheon to be held at Benvenuto's. Contact Phyllis Moss (942-9646) or Fran Ost (740-3401) to check your status.

Remember, there will be a \$2.00 charge for a light lunch at our meetings. We are also looking for bakers so we can serve coffee and ... If interested, call Marcia Steiner.

Our ongoing mitzvah projects include providing funds and religious supplies for Camp Judea. Elaine Grossman writes that Camp Judea is beginning to process enrollment for the summer of 2015. M.I. Hadassah is working hard to aid the camp in providing scholarships. We have almost completed our pledge very early. Thanks to everyone who helped by contributing or attending any of the dine-arounds. Please donate any extra kipot, tallisim, tallis bags and t'filot. Call Elaine at 736-3636 or just leave these things in her foyer.

The Brick Lane project continues to flourish. To buy a brick on our 6<sup>th</sup> Brick Lane, call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garelick (364-0533).

The 2014-2015 calendars have been delivered. If you didn't get yours and you put in a personal ad, please call me or come to the meetings. I will have them and I am more than happy to give them to you.

The Book of Remembrance will be ready for delivery by the time you read this. Call Lee Katz to find out when you can get yours.

Several October events coming up:

On **Sunday, October 19**, there will be an Israeli Solidarity Rally. It will be held here in our clubhouse at 4 p.m. There is no charge and anyone may attend. Please sign up in the back lobby.

On **October 20**, we will be having our general meeting. There will be a fantastic program featuring short film clips on Jewish films, presented by the organization that is running the Jewish Film Festival.

**October 24**, our chapter is sponsoring a Rosh Kodesh at Morikami Park at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday October 26 the Region-sponsored luncheon and Tata event to raise money for breast cancer research will be held at B'nai Israel. Call Lee for details.

Elayne Rovner will be the new chairman of the Chai Society, a new program designed to raise money for Hadassah.. More details to follow.

Our popular local restaurant dine-arounds will resume in November. More details to follow.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

## BOOK TALKS



By Judy Markowitz

On Wednesday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m., I will be facilitating a discussion of **ME BEFORE YOU** by Jo Jo Moyes.

The book is an unusual and moving love story. Louisa Clark leads a routine existence: at age 26 she is content with her job in a café in her small English town and with Patrick, her boyfriend of six years. However, when the café closes, a job caring for a recently paralyzed man offers Lou better pay and, despite her lack of experience, she is hired.

Will Traynor suffered a spinal cord injury when hit by a motorcycle and his frustration with quadriplegia makes the job almost unbearable for Lou, at the beginning. Will is quick-witted and sarcastic, a powerhouse of a man in his former life (motorcycles, sky diving, important career in global business, lover to many women). At first, Lou stays on the job only for the sake of her family, who desperately needs the money. But when she discovers that Will intends to end his own life, Lou decides to make it her mission to persuade him that life is still worth living. In the process of planning "adventures for them to do together," Lou begins to understand the extent of Will's isolation. Meanwhile, Will introduces Lou to ideas outside her small existence. The end result is a lovely novel, both nontraditional and enthralling.

I have read this book twice and cried at the end both times. Moyes' story provokes tears that are redemptive, the opposite of gratuitous. She forces the reader to recognize that some situations really are worth crying over.

## MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

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



We are happy to report that our Summer Event, a 50's theme Italian night on Aug. 2, was both a successful fundraiser and fun. The 69 members and guests who attended, enjoyed, and many danced to, the music of entertainers DJ's John and Tina DiMare, and everyone participated in the professional staffed photo booth. Our applause and many thanks to Vice-Presidents of Fundraising Marsha Steiner and Suzanne Skinner for planning this event. Thanks also to members who set-up and/or helped serve the buffet: Myrna Bader, Seena Calder, Dottie Caroff, Fran Silling, Val Petroff, along with Marilyn Chermak, Claire Deveney and Renee Stichel.

Get ready for our opening event - Wine and Hors d'oeuvres – on Thursday, October 23 at 3 to 5 p.m. at the clubhouse. A talented, young tenor James Perkowski will entertain us. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres are provided by members of the board of directors. Cost is \$5 per person. Please put your checks in the mailbox and sign up on the back lobby bulletin board.

Mark your calendar for the spectacular Fashion Show by Sondro Boutiques of Deerfield Beach and Ft. Lauderdale modeled by our own members on Thursday, November 20 at 12 noon. A buffet of tasty Chinese foods with an ice cream dessert will be offered. Tickets are \$21 per person. Place your checks and table grouping in the M.I. mailbox in the back lobby.

Congratulations to Ed Gerard, Ed Strauber and Paul Mendelsohn on the success of the sales of Football Mania tickets at \$20 each. During the football season, we'll have a \$25 winner every week. Watch for the winners on Channel 63.

October 15 is the next clothing, shoes and accessories donation date. Please bring your things to Renee Stichel's garage starting October 13. The Pap Corps is working with a thrift shop in Lake Worth. Your donations are important and welcome. It's fall - clean out your closets!

Look for our Jewelry Boutique with the latest fashions in costume jewelry from New York City, available at our meetings or call Renee Stichel, 733-

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### Save these dates for Pap Corps:

**Thursday, October 23**, 3 p.m.: Opening meeting with wine and hors d'oeuvres

**Thursday, November 20**, 12 noon Fashion Show

**Sunday, December 14**, 10:30 a.m.: Annual "Coins for the Cure Brunch"

## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

By Selma Friedman



Well, we're starting off this year with a "never before presented idea," song lyrics without the song! What a clever idea - lyrics that are special enough to stand on their own merit. Each lyric will be read as a dramatic reading. Just think of these wonderful standards that have had such an impact on us. These words have a power all their own. Now they will be the star. It's sort of the opposite of Mendelsohn's composition, "Songs Without Words." Don't miss this unique performance at our opening meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. I, for one, am looking forward to it.

President Ed Strauber has asked that we begin a new part of the opening to our meetings, and that is the singing of a patriotic song, right after the pledge to the flag. Selma Friedman and "The Sing for Fun" group will lead the membership in this great start. They will not be the soloists, rather the guides to the memberships' participation. These songs will be familiar for you to sing along.

We have a diversified schedule of programs for everyone this year. See you on October 12.



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### SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

As you can see on the attractive cover designed by Jerry Fefferman, the Oct. 25 Showtime will present local, young, talented and beautiful vocalist Ariel Rose, appearing with two professional back-up dancers. For \$14.00 per person, this is a show not to be missed.

Through the generosity of the newspaper staff, Majestic Isles now has 24 new headsets which will enhance the sound for patrons with hearing problems. They will be available for use at movies, as well as shows and other events.

Tables are being organized for our Annual New Year's Party. Get your checks of \$50.00 per person in now for a terrific evening of excellent food, and lively music surrounded by friends and neighbors of Majestic Isles.

Our fabulous Series for 2015 starts with Sarge on January 17, then Jodi Langel and Bob Folse on February 28 and the Bronx Wanderers on March 28. The three-show series is only \$75.00 per person. This is the best buy in South Florida. Showcases are starting soon and we will be planning 2016.

We will again be collecting toys for the Caridad Center right here in Boynton Beach. We decided we would rather give to the local children again this year. They were so thrilled with all that we donated last year. Let's make this year even better. Now is the time to buy toys on sale before we start collecting in November. Again, Val Petroff and Myrna Bader will be chairing this event.

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**NOTE: We show our films with closed captioning.**

*The film descriptions are taken from the Netflix website.*

### THE MEN'S CLUB,

By Joel Cohen

Well, the summer season is quickly coming to a close, not that summer leaves us here in Florida, and it is time to make plans for our fall and winter season.

Our breakfasts began on Sept. 7 and will continue on the first Sunday of the month unless a change is necessary.

We made a reservation for a trip to Gulfstream Casino & Racetrack for Oct. 30, a Thursday. We have also made reservations at Gulfstream Casino & Racetrack for Jan 21 and March 18th. Both of those dates are Wednesdays.

The Men's Club, together with the Women's Club, has made arrangements for our annual Valentine's Day dinner for Feb. 8, 2015 and hope we will see all of our regulars along with some new faces

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## MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

By Doris Davidoff



We started out with an informative guided tour of the fascinating first floor of the Flagler museum in August and were amazed

at some of the beautiful furnishings in this home as well as the information about Flagler himself. We left the museum for a delicious lunch at the 264 Grill. After lunch, we set out on a Tour of the Mansions to see some of the magnificent homes of wealthy Palm Beach residents and hear many interesting and intriguing stories about them.

In October, we are planning to visit St. Petersburg including the Dali Museum and the Aquarium as well as Tarpon Springs and their sponge divers. In December, we will take an overnight trip to enjoy the holiday lights and other attractions in Mt. Dora.

Several of us are looking forward eagerly to our upcoming Blue Danube riverboat cruise in November. We still have room on this exciting trip if you want to join us.

Our Planning Committee is planning future trips to the Miami Seaquarium, Charleston, and the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens

Our exciting Alaskan "cruisetour," departing the end of May, includes an optional two-night stay in Vancouver, a seven-night cruise from Vancouver to Anchorage (Seward), and a three-night extension to Denali National Park and Fairbanks, returning home from Fairbanks. There still is room to book this fantastic trip, but we have a very limited number of cabins. So, if you are interested, book now.

Stay tuned for more information on these and other trips as they are developed. Come to our monthly meetings and watch Channel 63.

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.

## ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS" (England) FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS

"I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."

"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."

"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."

"No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."

"Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."

"We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."

"The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."

"I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."

"The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."

"It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

"I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."

"My fiancé and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

Labor Day has passed and hope all had a good summer. We wish a Happy, Healthy New Year to those of you who celebrate the upcoming holidays. **Our Friendship Supper will be on October 4. The cost is \$22 p.p. and flyers are in back lobby.** Hope to see you all there. The supper is open to all residents, families

**Nov. 10: Our Card Party at Delray Country Club** \$25, p.p. is open to all members, residents, family and friends. Please arrange your games and put corresponding checks in the envelope with names of each player. Men are welcome. Check flyer in back lobby for more information. Please put your food choice on your check.

**Dec. 8: Welcome Back Luncheon** with Chinese food, \$10 subsidized by Women's Club. Guest speaker Marjorie Wolf. Members only

**Jan. 12, 2015: Installation** at Copenhagen, \$20 p.p. Guest speaker Sondra Steinhauer. Members only, as this program is subsidized by Women's Club.

Dues per member are \$15. Please put your checks in our mailbox in back lobby

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## INVESTORS

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\$22.49 Y9.4. For those who feel a bit more conservative, you may want to consider their recently issued preferred stock (BBEPP) with a coupon rate of 8.25% which is currently at 25.9 Y7.9, pays monthly and issues a K-1Disclaimer.

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## SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

Our next meeting is October 10. At that time, we hope to give out tickets and car pool information for "What's New, Pussycat" at the Stage Door Theater on October 18. We plan to go to Saltimbocca for dinner. We have 35 people attending.

Elaine Grossman has been collecting the money for the Dec. 13 performance of Harid's Ballet and we expect about 35 people to attend. Dinner will be at the Kee Grill. Call Elaine (736-3636) to see if there are any openings.

Please hand in the balance due for the New Year's Eve trip by November 1. The coalition is allowing another group to plan New Year's Eve as well. We need the money as soon as possible. Thanks. For most of you, the balance is \$229. A single supplement is \$59.

The first show for Kravis Senior Leisure Show is December 9. If you'd like to go, call Ellin (740-9050) or Marge (742-7719) to see if we have cancellations and there is room for you.

## MAJESTIC BOWLING LEAGUE



By

Arnie Everitt

On September 2, the Majestic bowling league resumed play, starting its eighteenth season. A new format has been instituted. With the guidance of Greenacres Bowl, the league has evolved into an "in-house" Greenacres Bowl league.

For a lineage fee of seven dollars for three games, Greenacres Bowl will, as before, track all team and individual scoring, rankings, handicaps, etc. Coffee and cookies will be available at no charge and a "during season" party will also be provided.

The league will no longer have need for a secretary, have end of season prize monies, trophies or have an end of season banquet (unless members request same).

New bowlers of all skill levels are welcome. Beginning bowlers are encouraged to try their hand and join the league. Pacers can always be accommodated.

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## October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 p.m. - League of Women Voters info. session	2 2 p.m. – B.O.D. meeting	3	4 7:30 p.m. – Women's Club Friendship Supper
5 9:30 a.m. - Men's Club Breakfast	6	7 11a.m. – Calendar meeting	8	9	10 4:30 p.m. – Singles mtg	11 8 p.m. – Movie Time
12 7:30.p.m. – M.I.L.T.	13 12 noon – Women's Club 4 p.m. – Investment group.	14 9 a.m.-12 noon – FLU SHOTS	15 2 p.m. – Book Talks	16	17	18
19 7 p.m. – Israeli Solidarity Rally  Travel Club trip	20 Travel Club trip	21 Travel Club trip	22 Travel Club trip	23 3 p.m. – Pap Corps Wine & hors d'oeuvres	24 10 a.m. – Hadassah- Rosh Kodesh	25 8 p.m. - Showtime
26 11a.m. – Travel Club meeting	27 11:30 a.m. – Hadassah meeting	28	29	30 10 a.m. – Men's Club Casino trip	31	

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

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