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To Loretta Brodsky on the loss of her husband, George.  
To Evelyn Felix on the loss of her sister.  
To Lew Friedland on the loss of his wife, Elaine.  
To Lee and Josh Katz on the loss of their granddaughter, Erika Needle.  
To Sandy Levine on the loss of her brother.  
To the family of David Natkin.  
To Fran Silling on the loss of her brother.  
To Marilyn Sumberg on the loss of her husband, Bob.

### ***MESSAGES***

Thank you to all who were so wonderful in your support during my time of need, for your cards, calls and family meals. This is a wonderful community.

Loretta Brodsky

To my friends in Majestic Isles: Thank you for your calls, cards, and donations on the loss of my dear sister.

Evelyn Felix

Best wishes from good friends  
Mean the world when you're on the mend.  
Cards and donations, calls and salutations abound.  
And now I'm finding it easier to get around.

Blanche Ingber

To all my Majestic Isles friends: Many thanks for your cards, calls, certificates and donations made in memory of my husband, Bob.

Doris Robin

Heartfelt thanks to all my friends for making my recovery from surgery so much more pleasant. All of your cards, visits, calls and gifts will never be forgotten.

Maddy Rosen

To my friends and neighbors in Majestic Isles: Thank you for your cards and calls of encouragement after my recent hip surgery. They were truly appreciated.

Harry Steingart

My heartfelt thank you to all the caring people in Majestic Isles for the overwhelming number of cards, calls and donations made in memory of my husband, Bob.

Marilyn Sumberg

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## Unofficial Highlights

### M.I. Board Meeting, Sept. 10, 2009

*Minutes of the Sept. 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.*

#### President's Report, Joel Rosenthal

- 2010 budget planning underway. Letters sent, offering vendors 1 yr, extension @ no increase. Several favorable responses.
- Email received from All Florida Pest Control re: Ficus Whitefly treatments was referred to attorneys.
- Our attorney sent Demand Letter to bank that owns 5855 Grand Harbour, but "Bad Debt" of \$5000 added to 2010 budget in anticipation that bank will not respond.

#### Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

Cash on hand & in banks:

Operating Accounts	\$172,304
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$226,835</u>
Total Cash	\$399,139

- Total unpaid maintenance is \$5,245. Obtained services of attorney to force foreclosure of property owned by JP Morgan Chase Bank. This involves one unit only.
- Vendors owed \$11,520. Of that, \$8,264 is for balances due on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovations not yet been completed.
- 120 or 27% of unit owners signed up for autopay system. Ask your neighbors who are using it.
- Slight surplus in 2009 budget, which may be used for upcoming required expenditures.
- The first meeting of the 2010 budget committee was held on Wed., 9/9/09.

Current operations:

Revenues received thru 8/31/09	\$1,183,154
Operating expenses and owners expenses	<u>1,080,523</u>
Net income from operations	102,632
Transfers to the reserves	<u>77,704</u>
Revenues over Expenditures to 8/31/09	24,9284

- Association looking for organization to do the bookkeeping on a current basis. Six companies submitted bids.

#### Finance Committee, Sy Kugelmas

- Board presently looking for new bookkeeping system through a management company or an independent bookkeeping company. Advice of finance committee was to have someone come to our offices to work on our books so all information will be retained here and so that reports and schedules can be easily obtained from bookkeeper.
- FDIC limits have changed again. Accounts earning less than ½ percent interest will be covered for full amount. Accounts earning more than ½ % interest will be insured for \$250,000 up to 12/31/13. IRA and certain employee benefit plans are insured continuously for \$250,000. Letters for contract renewals sent out by the board. Board contracts with no increases from M&P, Devcon, Pool Works, gate guards, and elevator services.

- Bank loan will be paid off Sept. 2010
- Plan to close excess bank accounts by end of 10/2010.
- Changes in FDIC requirements and possible use of CDARS, rather than 13 bank accounts, will help us better manage our money.

#### Architectural Review Committee, Harvey Galen

- One issue has been corrected.

#### Painting Committee, Harvey Galen

- List for 2010 painting and cleaning will be posted in back lobby soon.

#### Insurance Committee, Janice Davidson

- All policies have been renewed and are up to date.

#### Manager's Report, Ken Miller

- Board given spreadsheets with proposals for replacement of west ballroom A/C, A/C maintenance and lake maintenance.
- Association will take over maintenance of generator now that CERT has disbanded.
- Robellini palms (approx. 254) need treatment for Red Date Scale at \$9/tree. Contract with Hometown Pest Control includes "scales."
- Collecting cleaning proposals for when and if clubhouse is closed for two weeks in Aug. 2010.
- Recommend ordering "No Dumping" signs for use along El Clair Ranch Rd. in event of hurricane. SWA will pick up vegetation; signs intended to stop dumping of other materials. Board to consider without vote.

#### Old Business

- Motion to accept proposal from Advanced Mulch for 1½" of mulch for less than \$45,000 passed 7-0.
- Motion to accept Comcast proposal passed 7-0.

#### New Business

- Motions to accept the following contracts passed 7-0: M&P, Associates Protective Services, Pool Works, Palm Beach Aquatics.
- Motion to have Aspen Air replace both ballroom A/Cs for \$21,800 passed 7-0.
- Motion to accept proposal from Aspen Air for maintenance of clubhouse A/C systems, pending cancellation of contract with Van's ComforTemp passed 7-0.
- Motion to replace bumpers and felt on billiard tables and level tables after 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovation passed 7-0.
- Motion to adopt First Southern Bank as main bank passed 7-0.
- Discussion of CDARS tabled.
- Ken Miller instructed to have landscaping crew install walkway between bike path and shuffleboard courts, similar to that near the golf carts.
- Motion to approve proposal from Campbell Management for Management and Bookkeeping Services through 1/1/2011 for annual fee of \$261,240 passed 6-1.\*

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**9/16/09** Motion to approve hiring of Campbell Management rescinded. Awaiting proposal from Prime.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Rosenthal



The Board of Directors has been quite busy this summer. The second floor renovation should be completed by early Oct. at a cost of about \$40,000 to be paid for from the reserve account. There will be no assessment.

A contract with Comcast has been approved after six months of negotiations. Briefly, it calls for everyone to receive a digital box and remote, or a monthly refund. In addition, we have received a cash signing bonus of \$50,000 and a reduction in our billing of \$900 per month over the amount originally quoted. Comcast's original proposal included an annual increase of 10%, which we were able to negotiate down to a 4% annual increase. There will be community meetings with Comcast in November and December. Watch channel 63 for those dates.

We have made major savings in vendor contract costs and expect to be able to approve the 2010 budget at the Oct. Board meeting. After three years of attempts, the subject of bookkeeping for the Association should also be resolved in time for the budget.

## UPSTAIRS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

By Irene Weinstein



Those residents who use the upstairs card room, the library and/or the billiard room are well aware that the upstairs was closed on Sept. 9 and will remain closed for renovations for approximately a month. Those rooms, the hallway and the staircases will be carpeted and the rooms and hallways will be painted.

We've ordered 40 new chairs for the card room and the eight card room tables and three library tables will be refinished. We are replacing the closet doors in the billiard room. The pool tables will be refurbished, although those plans are not yet finalized. Decorative elements, such as pictures, have not yet been selected, but we anticipate that the total job will be completed for under \$40,000.



*For information on the above, see Ch. 63.*

**Where is this month's Manager's Corner?** Ken Miller was unable to write his column this month because he has been on leave four days a week for personal reasons.



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## COBWRA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS Sept. 16, 2009 at Venetian Isles

### Sheryl LeGates, *Palm Beach Post*

Ms. LeGates gave a short history of Boynton Beach excerpted from a book *The Palm Beach Post* will publish this fall to celebrate Palm Beach County's first Centennial. She described the major demographics of COBWRA area residents.

- In 1894, Nathan S. Boynton, a former American Civil War major first set eyes on the area that bears his name. He was so impressed he bought 400 acres at \$25/acre including a mile of beachfront.
- The **Boynton Beach Hotel** opened on the beach in 1897 for his friends to enjoy their Florida winters. The hotel was destroyed by a hurricane in 1926.
- Nearly **1 in 6 Palm Beach County residents** live in the COBWRA service area. The median age is 45 yrs. compared to 37 yrs. for the U.S. 32% of adults are age 65+ compared to 27% who are 65+ in the county.
- **Retired COBWRA adults** are 28% compared to 23% of the county population. 57% of COBWRA adults are employed vs. 60% of Palm Beach County adults.
- **COBWRA area adults** are more likely to be college educated, homeowners and have children over age 18.
- The **median household income** is \$57,300 and per capita income is \$32,100.
- 93% of **COBWRA adults live here year round**.
- More than 1/3 of residents have lived in their current home for 10 years or more. 62% live in single-family homes and 13% live in condos.
- 39% have a household size of two persons and 20% have four or more persons.
- The median owner occupied **home value** is \$233,500.
- The most **popular activities** of residents are casino gambling followed by gardening, bicycling, photography and volunteer work.
- For **recreation**, we like live theater, going to the zoo and museums, attending the Kravis Center and visiting Lion Country Safari.
- 55% travel outside the U.S. and 38% take **cruises**.
- 35% of us invest in **mutual funds**, 27% invest in **money market funds** and 18% invest in **bonds**.
- 72% of COBWRA area adults accessed the **Internet** within the past 30 days with more than half using DSL; 35% used a cable connection. Two thirds spent more than 5 hours per week online and 24% spent 20 hours or more.
- 64% **read newspapers** or visit newspaper web sites.

**Tracey Diglio** followed with a description of the *Palm Beach Post* products available including *The Jewish Journal*, *Weekend Getaways*, *Youth Sports Extra* and

*Sunday Business* and *LaPalma* in Spanish. Online services includes PB Pulse and PalmBeachPost.com

### Officials' Reports

**Commissioner Burt Aaronson** stated he voted against spending \$175,000/year for a dedicated worker to fast-track permit applications at the Corps of Engineers. He promised the **traffic signal at Flavor Pict & Hagen Ranch Rd** would be operational by Thanksgiving '09.

**Commissioner Shelley Vana** reported the County Commission is identifying places where dollars can be saved in the 2010 budget. The final county budget will be approved on Monday, Sept 21.

**State Representative Joseph Abruzzo, District 85**, reported one of his bills was signed into law by the Governor and is known as Nicole's Law. It requires all minors to wear helmets while horseback riding.

**Tara Lynn Laxer**, aide to **Sen Ted Deutch**, reported the Senator filed a bill to ban texting while driving.

**Capt. Marty Bechtel, PBSO Dist. 6**, reported the crime statistics for Aug.: 39 residential burglaries, 75 vehicle burglaries with 28 unlocked, 11 business burglaries and 27 stolen cars. There has been an increase in items stolen from garages with open doors.

**Chief Tom Tolbert, PBC Fire-Rescue Battalion 4**, reported 2,315 service calls in Aug., a slow month.

### COBWRA Committee Reports

**Joan Brunswick, Chair of the Health and Flu Shots Committee**, announced flu shot clinics begin Sept. 30 and run until Oct. 14. Over 9,400 people from 44 communities are scheduled. H1N1 flu virus shots will be available sometime later in Oct. or Nov.

**Bonnie Cohen, Legislative Affairs**, reported that Senate Bill 880 (vetoed by Gov. Crist) was filed again with revisions. The committee is reviewing proposals to suggest to state legislators for the 2010 session.

**Gerry Morrison, Chair of Growth Management**, reported the proposals heard at the Sept 1 meeting.

- **Sunshine Medical Diagnostics**, on Military Trail south of LeChalet, was approved by the Executive Board so First VP Stu Caine could speak at the Sept 3 Zoning Commission. The ZC approved the proposal.

- **Southern Trails** applied to build a 5-story rental apartment building on Military Trail south of Lantana. COBWRA delegates voted to recommend denial due to concerns over the building height and lack of amenities. This was postponed 30 days by the ZC.

### Future Meetings (Open to the public)

**Oct 6, 6:30 pm:** Growth Management at PBSO Dist. 6

**Oct 21, 9:30 am:** COBWRA meeting at **Palm Isles**, Speaker: Bob Weisman, PBC Administrator

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## *Gardening in the Isles*

*By  
Stan Davidson*

What is the southern horticultural symbol of strength? It grows profusely throughout the south, is the state tree of Georgia and can be found growing in our community landscape. This magnificent stately tree with reclining branches that create a canopy of speckled light is the live oak tree.

The live oak is a large tree that grows well in sandy soil in the lower coastal plain from Virginia to south Florida and along the Gulf to south Texas. A mature (30 years and older) live oak may have a 12-foot trunk diameter, a height of 60 feet and a canopy of 130 feet. Along the west coast of Florida the tree supports many types of epiphyte plants (plants that have air-borne roots) including Spanish moss that hangs in weeping garlands, giving the tree a distinctive appearance.

The bark is grayish brown with hollow furrows and is roughly ridged. This roughly textured bark makes a welcome home for attaching and growing orchids. The live oak leaves are shiny dark green and may persist on the tree throughout the winter. They gradually fall off in late January and February, as new leaves emerge in the spring. Large acorns mature in one year and are edible by all kinds of wild life.

The following are general planting instructions for a live oak tree or any hardwood tree. These instructions apply to both the do-it-yourselfer and the professional landscaper. Growing your tree right and locating the tree in the correct place from day one is essential for long life and health. Trees in south Florida do well if planted in the fall and winter months and the live oak is no exception. Homeowners should purchase trees growing in three to seven gallon containers and leave the heavier 15-gallon and larger container grown trees to the professional landscaper.

The most common mistake when planting a tree is digging a hole that is both too deep and too narrow. If a hole is too deep, the roots do not have access to sufficient oxygen to ensure proper growth. If the hole is too narrow, the root structure cannot expand sufficiently to nourish and to properly anchor the tree. As a general rule, do not transplant deeper than the container soil in which the tree was originally grown. The width of the hole should be at least three times the diameter of the root ball or the container.

After carefully removing the tree from its growing container and centering it in the hole, add some water and fill in the hole around the roots with the same soil that was removed to create the hole. When the hole is filled with soil, water thoroughly to eliminate any air pockets. Apply mulch around the tree as far as the edge of the planting hole. Keep the mulch away from the tree trunk and form a depression at the base of the trunk. Fertilizing is not necessary the first year after planting. After the first year, a March, June, and October fertilization program is recommended, with the application of a quality ornamental/tree fertilizer each month.

Remember its growth pattern when planting the live oak tree; in particular, consider the location you plan to plant it in. In south Florida, an annual one-inch growth in trunk width and a sizable increase in the canopy spread are not uncommon.

A live oak tree's acorn is just a tree's way to get back into the ground, and in 100 years this one acorn can grow into a live oak tree that can cover a home.

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By Al Silverman, Facilitator

We are experiencing an amazing phenomenon. Housing foreclosures are rising, commercial real estate is facing increasing difficulty and is in bubble category, unemployment is still increasing partly due to the growing number of additional family members seeking jobs to help make ends meet. Around the world, lending to the private sector is shrinking, the trade deficit increased again, the U.S. Dollar is continuing to grow weaker---causing commodity prices to rise, which is inflationary---and yet optimism has invaded the stock market since March.

Apparently, the good news vs. bad news ratio is improving. The market is down less than it was six months ago. Unemployment is continuing to increase but at a decreasing rate. Housing prices are rising in some areas whereas prices are generally continuing to decline in many parts of the country. Earnings and profits are projected to continue to increase because companies have reduced their costs by trimming overhead and labor and reducing their inventory. Your cup became half empty last year ---but now--- it may be becoming half full.

From Sept. of last year to the bottom of the market, the market fell approximately 50%. Since then, the market has risen approximately 50%. That means, if you do the math, the statistical market needs to rise, approximately, an additional 33% from the current level to return to the level of last Sept. Does that mean you will then be made whole? Not necessarily. Some stocks, both blue chip and others not so blue have been hit badly and may have only partially recovered. Therefore, statistics should be considered as an aberration and not a reliable indicator.

But, at least, the market has recovered approximately 30% to 40% since March, and with "proper selectivity" some issues may continue to do so. The danger lies in being overly optimistic about growth issues. Buyers are anticipating economic growth 6 to 12 months down the road, partly due to the government stimulus packages. Yet, the overhanging problems include very high debt along with growth that could cause higher interest rates and inflation. For seniors, the better path to take is through income investments. There are still many securities out there with yields from 5% to 12% with the potential for modest growth to satisfy a variety of objectives and suitability.

One possibility might be electric utilities that yield approximately 5%. An alternative to an all-utility position would be selection of well-known companies, also yielding approximately 5%. For those looking for a higher yield of 10% to 11%, you may want to consider including energy Master Limited Partnerships and Preferred Stocks that are selling at a discount.

Re information obtained on the internet, "From a tax standpoint, for companies that issue Form K-1's, such as Limited Partnerships, Royalty Trusts, etc. a word of caution is in order. It is preferable to hold such securities in non-IRA accounts because of an item listed in the K-1 called 'Unrelated Business Income' or UBI. If the arithmetic sum of all UBI's exceeds \$1000 in an IRA account, then a brokerage firm will issue Form 990-T and forward it to the IRS. The UBI is noted on Line 20 of the K-1. This is an unusual instance where some income obtained in an IRA may be subject to taxation without any withdrawal."

Some of the above may do well in an inflationary environment or at least stand up better than others. Remember, while we discuss many of these securities at our meetings, they are not to be considered as recommendations. They are provided for informational purposes only. Always do your own research or consult with your financial advisor as to suitability, etc.

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## VISITING: Eva de Vries

By Claire Deveney



Eva de Vries has an amazing series of stories about her life and she exemplifies dignity and optimism. Her home is bright and welcoming with many Oriental accent pieces collected from her travels with her husband, Sam.

Eva, who was born in Warsaw, Poland, moved with her family to Belgium as a baby. She grew up in Brussels where she went to school until the German occupation in W.W. II, when Jewish children were schooled separately. Then there was no schooling. Eva says, "We had to survive the best we could."

In her teens, in 1942, Eva received a letter from the Belgium government stating it was calling up people to work in Germany. She was to report in two weeks with work clothes and canned food for 14 days.

Eva says, "We knew about the extermination of Jews." She recalls, "Some families decided to place children with other families, in convents, country homes or childrens' camps in the woods. Many churches took in Jewish children and changed their names. The Belgium people were very helpful."

"My mother decided she would take me to our family doctor. He had a private clinic." He told Eva to come to the clinic the next day, then pre-dated her admission as a patient and created a medical report. "We walked around in pajamas," Eva said. "A few weeks later the Gestapo came to the clinic. The staff showed papers that I was there legitimately. I called my mother. She took me home. My parents found us a place to hide. We took what we could Carry.

"The hiding place was an empty store front with a shoemaker on one side, a door in the center to access the first and second floor apartments and an empty store on the other side where we lived in the back. We all slept on the floor. I was the food gatherer and carried bags by hand. On the second floor lived the landlady, a dressmaker, who hid Jews.

"Across the street was a fish store that sold herring when a shipment arrived. One day while waiting in line with my pail I overheard someone say, 'There are Jews hiding across the street.' I came home to

my parents and told them we had to move. We found a place to stay in a dormitory. My older sister went to another city and worked," she said.

Eva exclaimed: "September 1944 - the liberation of Belgium! The British Army came in on the main street. What a delirious moment it was!" Eva said, "We were hiding for one and one-half years. You lived like a rat. Every time you went out, you didn't know if you were coming back."

One of Eva's brothers and his wife died in the concentration camps. Her parents and her brother's son, Albert, emigrated to Israel in 1948. Her sister, who married in 1945, moved to Israel in 1947 with her son, Michael.

After W.W. II many Jewish organizations sponsored meetings for young people to socialize and learn, and to help them start a new life. Eva attended two of these "youth congresses" one in Bordeaux, France and another in Prague, Czechoslovakia. "It was so exhilarating," said Eva. "We could carry on conversations in four languages."

In 1949, Eva married Sam de Vries, a Dutchman who lived in Brussels. They'd met at a dance a year earlier. "We danced all of our married life," says Eva. Sam, who imported and sold bicycle components, eventually had offices in New York, New Jersey and Singapore. In 1950 they moved from Brussels to Montreal, Quebec, then relocated in 1955 to a Queens, NY apartment. Later, they lived on the North Shore of Long Island for 35 years. Eva and Sam were snowbirds at Palm Isles in Boynton Beach for three years before moving to M.I. in 1997.

Eva and Sam raised three sons: Jacques, who lives in Singapore with his wife, Deng, and their two sons, Jeffrey, 17, and Michael, 15; Philippe, an investor who lives in Dover, N.H; and Daniel, a physics professor at the University of Toledo, Ohio, who has two daughters, Heather, 30, and Julie, 26.

Eva, now 85, and Sam danced together for 58 years. Sam died two years ago of prostate cancer. Eva is a life member of the M.I. Cancer Research Unit of the Pap Corps and of Hadassah and a supporter of ORT, a Jewish education organization. Eva loves theatre, museums and ballet.

Eva says, "When I hear music, I get up and dance."



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## TRASH AND TREASURE

By Phyllis M. Cohen

According to the calendar, it's fall. Here in sun-drenched Florida with temperatures hovering in the 90's and humidity to match, it's difficult to realize that, in our old home towns, the first crisp days have already painted the leaves of swamp maples red and the farm stands and nurseries are overflowing with fat golden pumpkins, heaps of freshly picked apples, and bushel basket-sized mums. Up north, the invigorating temperatures inspire residents to retrieve sweaters from storage, put up pots of applesauce from a day of apple picking, and fill the house with the aroma of homemade vegetable soup bubbling away. And with all of this renewed energy, some deeply buried mammalian memory inspires women and men alike to get ready for the winter season and to prepare their home for winter's onslaught by attacking all of those jobs around the house that summer heat and lethargy had persuaded us to ignore. Maybe for some it's repairs and painting, caulking and building. But for me, it was always the time to start getting the house spruced up and clean.

Though I am 1500 miles and a decade away from our New England home, like a bird flying by instinct to sunnier climates, I get that same desire to start tidying and cleaning up the accumulated papers and magazines and accessories and clothes and boxes that have worked their way into my life. Ten years ago when my husband and I emptied out a house of 30 years of stuff, I vowed that I would never let that happen again. But, like most promises, that one seems to have been ignored, particularly because there is that basic disagreement about what constitutes trash and treasure. What I want to keep is treasure, anything my partner wants to save is trash.

But I became even more anxious to start fall cleanup after I learned that one of my favorite novelists, E. L. Doctorow ("Ragtime," "Billy Bathgate," "Waterworks") had written a new book entitled "Homer and Langley," a book based on the lives of the reclusive, compulsive, Collyer brothers. For those of you who are not familiar with the story, the Collyer brothers lived in New York City and were found dead in the spring of 1947 in their trash-filled three-story brownstone mansion in Harlem on once fashionable First Avenue and 128<sup>th</sup> Street. The brothers were college-educated men from a wealthy middle class family. The police were called to the house based upon neighbors' complaints and found the crippled

and blind Homer Collyer dead of malnutrition in a chair surrounded by thousands of pounds of trash, books, newspapers, and scavenged furniture. For several days, the police searched for Langley amidst reports that he had fled the state. After removing tons of debris, his body was found buried beneath the trash, a victim of one of his own booby traps designed to keep out intruders. It was thought that he had devised a tunnel through the trash from one room to another and he was in the process of bringing food to the crippled Homer when he was caught in a tunnel collapse and died. Homer then starved to death. When the police and authorities emptied the building, they removed 103 thousand tons of trash. Some of the more valuable "junk" was later auctioned off. Although the brothers were never impoverished and had an estate of almost \$100,000—a good sum for those days—Langley went out in the dark of night searching for food on the streets and in dumpsters.

We have to leave it to the psychologists to figure out why some people don't want to throw anything away and, instead, prefer to build up walls of garbage to keep the world away. All kinds of terms have been used to describe them: hoarders, obsessive compulsives. Every time I hesitate to discard, organize, or pare down the papers, books, clothes, etc., that seem to grow exponentially (it must be the hot climate), I think of those long ago brothers and wonder if, like me, they thought: I might need this, or maybe I can make something else out of it, or it's still good. Intellectually, I recognize that my children, now in their forties, will never need the cloth diapers saved from their childhood, nor will the IRS ever audit my 1972 tax return. But still...

Apparently I am not alone in having problems with giving up things, judging by all those TV shows showing average families drowning in toys, clothes, books, furniture and papers. Though I am inspired by all the efforts of professional organizers and products designed to help the disorganized among us to organize their junk or treasure, I fear that, like all obsessive behaviors, it can only be kept in check, never cured. I can only hope that Antique Road Show will stop by my garage and discover a million dollar DaVinci painting so I can say, "See, I told you so."



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## MORE THAN JUST THE BIG BAND ERA

By Josh Katz

### CARMEN MIRANDA



Her real name was Maria do Carmo Miranda da Cunha. Often spoofed, Carmen Miranda will always be remembered best for her outrageous outfits and "bowl of fruit" hat. Although she was Brazilian, Carmen was actually born in Portugal. Her family immigrated to Brazil

when she was a child.

An entertainer from her early days, Carmen emerged as a popular singer and actress in her native land during the late 1920s and early 1930s. She had her first break in America with the 1939 Broadway musical *The Streets of Paris*, with Abbott and Costello. In 1940 she made her Hollywood film debut in *Down Argentina Way*.

Along with her singing ability and comedic skills, her loud costumes, bubbling personality and thick accent quickly helped her become popular with the movie-going public. She continued making movies and recording songs during the 1940s and into the 1950s until her untimely death in 1955 from a heart attack.

### ACTUAL SONG TITLES – LETTER G

Perusing my index cards, I came across the following actual song titles beginning with the letter G.

Gabby Goose – Garbage Can Blues – Gefilte Fish  
 Gambella the Gambling Lady – Get Up Bessie  
 Gather Lip Rouge While You May – The Goof & I  
 Gennie With the Well Tanned Hide – Goin' Nuts  
 Greasy Plate Stomp - Gotta Cool My Doggies Now  
 The Goose Hangs High – The G Man Got the T Man  
 Get Lost You Big Baboon – The Goona Goo  
 Get Yourself a Monkey Man –

### SOME REAL NAMES

Huey Lewis – Hugh Cregg  
 Jerry Lewis – Joseph Levitch  
 Liberace – Wladziu Valentino Liberace  
 Hal Linden – Harold Lipschitz  
 Art Linkletter – Arthur Kelly  
 Little Richard – Richard Penniman

### MORGAN AND CONWAY

**Tom Conway** was an actor who appeared in many pictures – usually B pictures. His brother was **George Sanders**. Another Tom Conway was an up-and-coming comedian, who was forced to change his name to **Tim Conway** because it conflicted with actor Tom Conway. Well, Tom soon faded into oblivion and Tim became world famous, appearing on TV and in the movies.

**Henry Morgan** was a very famous radio personality. He appeared on network radio with his well-known talk show. Another Henry Morgan was an up-and-coming actor. He was forced to change his name to **Harry Morgan** to avoid conflict with Henry Morgan. Henry lost his radio show and faded into wherever. But the second Henry Morgan (Harry) became a great character actor, appearing in dozens of motion pictures. His greatest claim to fame was in the long running TV series, *Mash*, as Colonel Potter.

### DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT

Al Ladd	Albert Gore
Andy Carnegie	Andrew Gump
Arthur Linkletter	Art Godfrey

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 Cousins: Frank and Ray Sinatra  
 Sisters: Betty and Marion Hutton  
 Sisters: June and Ina Ray Hutton  
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## VACATIONS FROM A TO D

By Thelma Mechanic



Residents of Majestic Isles are a well-traveled group. We have all had experiences on our travels - and some were better than others. The

following people shared their best vacation memories and also their least favorable.

### **Arlene Koch:**

"The best trip Buddy and I took was to Israel, where we were able to visit relatives. We were there right after the war with Lebanon and it was peaceful."

"My least enjoyable vacation was last year visiting Lake George in New York. Although we had family with us, it rained most of the time and we were unable to enjoy the activities and the scenery."

### **David and Helen Ganak:**

"We have done a great deal of cruising, but touring Italy was the most enjoyable. We rented a 400 year old villa in Tuscany with another couple, and traveled to Lake Como, Venice, Florence, and Milan."

"Ireland, however, was disappointing. It poured most of the time we were there, and we weren't prepared for that. It was also a bitter cold."

### **Estelle and Lloyd Fishman:**

"Hawaii was great. The scenery was indescribable, the sights and the weather. Everything we heard about it was true. We also enjoyed stopping in San Francisco on the way home."

"We were disappointed, however, when we visited Martinique. The people were not friendly, room service was poor, and everything scheduled stopped at a certain time. We found it very difficult."

### **Renee and Ray Hutt:**

"Our best times were going on cruises. We have been around the world, but our favorite memory is cruising on the Mediterranean."

"My worst experience was jet lag returning from China. It lasted for two weeks."

### **Paula and Harold Geyer:**

"We love Lake Tahoe in the Grand Teton Mountains. We stayed at the Cal Neva Lodge. The scenery and the atmosphere were impressive."

"We were fortunate that we never had a bad vacation."

### **Jerry Weiss:**

"The best was a two-week cruise to Alaska. Everything about it was great; the weather, the views, helicopter ride and landing on a glacier, the whale watching and seeing baby otters."

"The low point of my vacation was Mexico. In Acapulco, I had some bad experiences."

### **Roberta Rabinowitz:**

"I loved Paris. I have been there dozens of times. It's a walking city and reminds me of New York. I love the culture, the food and the people are so friendly."

"The worst place I visited was India. Cows walked freely around the streets, the poverty was rampant and the filth disgusted me."

### **Shirley Gerstenberg**

"The most entertaining was Puerto Rico many years ago. The Hotel Conquistador was magnificent. They were filming a movie and movie stars were all over the place. We saw ourselves in the movie "Stiletto." The casino was also very inviting."

"The worst time was in Las Vegas. The heat was so intense you couldn't be outdoors and enjoy the pool, or even walk from one hotel to the other."

### **Barbara Roland:**

"Italy is my favorite vacation spot. I love Venice. St. Marks Plaza was lovely, like you see in the movies. The food and the culture are great."

"I wouldn't revisit India. I couldn't deal with caste and class distinctions and people living in the street."

### **Enid and Ed Gerrard:**

"We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on a Caribbean Cruise with our children and grandchildren. The best part of the trip was being together with the family."

Enid said, "The worst one for me was Spain. I developed the flu and ran 103° fever. Ed called the doctor and I needed bed rest. I suggested to Ed he go on the tour of the city without me, but he didn't want to leave me alone. He said that he would sit outside on the terrace. I later realized he was looking at the topless beach!"

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## MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSAH

By Bobbe Greene



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A dues *decrease* is in effect until Dec. 31, 2009. The annual dues have been reduced from \$35 to \$25 and you may prepay as many years as you care to. Life membership has been lowered from \$360 to \$250 and associate enrollment is now only \$200. These are bargains you don't want to miss.

And speaking of bargains.....Hadassah has been invited to be one of the participating organizations for Bloomingdale's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Shopping Benefit Day. This event will be held on Thursday, **Oct. 29** at both the Town Center in Boca and Palm Beach Gardens. Tickets, which are \$10 per person, entitle the bearer to a 15% saving certificate valid throughout the store on October 29 only. The best news of all is that Bloomingdales' is donating the proceeds of the ticket sales back to Hadassah. This is definitely a win/win proposition.

Our next meeting will be held on **Oct. 26**. Our guest speaker will be Mark Cherney, supervisor of Outreach and Community Services for Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services *plus* the Mental Health Players will perform three 5 minutes skits interacting with the audience. The program should be thought provoking and fun. Please join us.

Circle of Recognition and Hadassah Heroines will be honored on **Oct. 7** at the Residence by Hyatt in Lantana from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for the event but, of course, donations will be gladly accepted. Call Adele Freitag or Sheila Traum for details.

Cabins are still available for the **Jan. 10-17, 2010** cruise on the beautiful Celebrity Solstice leaving from Ft. Lauderdale. Look for the flyer with details in the back lobby of the clubhouse.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Feb. 26, 2010 Book and Author Luncheon

## WOMEN'S CLUB

By Sandy Gardner and Myrna Levin

We held our summer Canasta Tournament on Aug.10 and we want to thank all who participated in that function. The winners were as follows:

1st Place - Harriet Strauber & Betty Zeidler

2nd Place - Elsa Stein & Roslyn Wolf

3rd Place - Myrna Bader & Renee Stichel

4th Place - Anita Scherer & Enid Gross

On Sept. 2, we went to Murder On The Beach Bookstore. The attendees had lunch and received an autographed copy of the book from the author, Frank Cerabino, columnist for the Palm Beach Post. Everyone enjoyed his most entertaining talk.

On Oct. 12, our Annual Card Party will be held at Boca Greens Country Club. A buffet luncheon will be followed by the games of your choice. Checks for each game table should be put in one envelope indicating the game that will be played. Members' cost will be \$30/person, non-members \$35/person. The deadline is Oct. 5. Flyers with directions to the country club are in the back lobby of clubhouse.

Our Nov. 9 Welcome Back Luncheon will consist of a box lunch for \$12/person. The guest speaker will be Dr. Robert P. Watson. Check flyers in back lobby for menu options and indicate your choice on check.

At the clubhouse on Nov. 16, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, we will be collecting women's clothing and baby items for the Abused Women Shelter.

We hope to see everyone at all our functions.

### BREAKING NEWS FROM MILT

The Palm Beach County Criminal Court has scheduled its trial docket to hear "The Bernstein Murder Retrial" at Majestic Isles, 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15, 2009. Guests are permitted for the Sunday performance. Tickets are \$8 apiece.

Watch for more news about this hilarious adult comedy featuring choral accompaniment and audience participation.

This is one show you don't want to miss!

**SINGLES SCENE**

By Thelma Mechanic

On Sept. 11, 2009 we were welcomed back by our presiding officers. Our schedule is as follows:

**Oct. 9, Friday:**

**4:00 p.m.:** Board meeting- clubhouse

**5:00 p.m.:** General membership meeting, also at the clubhouse, with games after dinner. Please arrange your own games. If you have no game, call Roberta Rabinowitz or Helen Benowich. Reminder: Bring pajamas to the October meeting.

Plans are being made for future activities. Get your checks in as soon as possible for these events.

**Dec. 6, 2009:** "Laughing Matterz" - \$73 for bus and dinner. There is one ticket available. Call Roberta Rabinowitz. 3:30 Bus at the clubhouse.

**April 10, 2010:** "Bruce Smirnoff" show. We are still checking into prices and ticket availability

**May 2, 2010:** "Norton Museum" \$10, including docent.

Watch channel 63 for further news!

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## SOCIAL CLUB

By F. Cohen, R. Dick and S. Fefferman

A beach scene, totem poles, grass skirts, leis and lots of flowers were the décor for our Labor Day Luau that turned our ballroom into a Hawaiian motif thanks to the expertise of Rita Dick and Joan Peckins. Co-chairs Florence Cohen and Sylvia Fefferman, along with Doris Davidoff, Joyce Goldstein, Arlene Koch and Fran Ost helped to make this party a huge success.

A special thanks goes to Doris Davidoff for being our photographer and on-the-spot photo processor. Once again we extend our appreciation to Lee Katz for the lovely place cards and to Michael Lippman for his calligraphy. Everyone also enjoyed our talented entertainer Randy Stevens who put on a great show.

Our next event will be a square dance on Saturday, Oct. 31 with caller Burt Sommers. Anyone who has previously attended one of his dances knows it will be a fun-filled evening. The cost is \$8 per person and includes soda, desserts and coffee.

We look forward to the big gala of 2009, our New Year's Eve Party, which has at this time space for a few more reservations. When we reach capacity there will be a wait list. Final payment of \$25 per person is due by October 15.

For our 2010 series, there will be a reversal in the order of the first and third shows. The Diamonds will open on Saturday, January 23 and comedian Corey Kahani and Israeli singer Shalva Berti will close the series on Sunday, March 21. Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna will perform as scheduled on Saturday, February 27.

Tickets for the series are still available for residents at \$70 per person for all three shows. Please note that we are opening the sale of tickets to friends and relatives at the same price. Individual show prices are \$25 per person for the first and third shows and \$35 per person for the February show. Contact Joan Sorkin 733-8380 or Arlene Koch 736-4315 for more information.

We have had positive responses to our movies, shown twice a month at a cost of \$1 per person, which includes light refreshments. Please check Channel 63 for film titles.

The Social Club welcomes all residents to volunteer their help for our functions, for without them our parties would not be as successful as they have been.

## MOVIES - MOVIES - MOVIES

**SATURDAY, OCT. 17 at 8 p.m.: NOTHING**



**BUT THE TRUTH** Journalist Rachel Armstrong (Kate Beckin-sale) turns Washington on its ear when she outs a casual acquaintance (Vera Famiga) as a CIA agent. The government's formidable prosecutor (Matt Dillon) sends Rachel to jail for contempt, where she discovers the true impact of her decision.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 23 at 8 p.m.: DUCK SOUP**

The Marx Brothers are at their sidesplitting best in the raucous 1933 political satire, which teems with razor-sharp humor. Thanks to the patronage of well-heeled widow Mrs. Teasdale (Margaret Dumont), Rufus T. Firefly (Groucho) becomes dictator of the country of Freedonia. When the ambassador of the bordering nation of Sylvania declares his love for Mrs. Teasdale, Firefly declares war. Chico, Harpo and Zeppo costar as spies and counter spies.

A \$1 per person donation is collected at the door. If you plan to attend, we do ask that you sign the sheet in the back lobby to give us an idea of how many people to expect.

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## MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 14, 2009

By Selma Friedman

*Editors' note: This article, which was to appear in the summer issue, got lost in cyberspace and never made it into the newsletter. We apologize to Selma and to the participants in "Good Humor," for whom appreciation is long overdue.*

"What is humor and do you really care?" That's how Ed Strauber started the introduction to his "Good Humor Man." Of course, Ed came onto the ballroom floor wearing a white shirt, white pants, white cap and riding a tricycle towing a "Good Humor" truck.

That Ed and his cast worked hard and seriously about humor was evident immediately. We were treated to almost twenty routines, broken into groups of jokes, songs, skits, a clown act, dances and knock-knock set-ups. There was much merriment in the room and enjoyment was obvious on the stage as well as off.

Ed spoke of the collaborative effort and great sense of camaraderie among the cast members.

Host/performers Francine Gitto and Ira Schneider assisted Director Ed Strauber. Marilyn Chermak, Phil Chermak, Bernie Fishkin, Ed Gerard, Linda Kessler, Herb Levin, Nancy Levitan, Joan Peckins, Al Silverman, Estelle Snyder, Gloria Steingart and Al Weinstein ably filled many roles.

Contributors to the skits were Enid Bayer, Phil Chermak, Josh Katz, Arlene Levin, Thelma Mechanic, Joan Peckins, Al Silverman, Estelle Snyder and Ed Strauber.

On the technical side we thank Buddy Koch for the audio, Jack Moss for the video, Milt Swersky for the lighting and curtain assistance, Marty Baron for the props, and Saralee Weinstein for the makeup.

During the business portion of the meeting the membership approved the proposed by-law revision that would drop one meeting each year. At our next meeting, on Oct. 11, 2009, Arlene Levin will present "Movie Magic," featuring silent movies and film nostalgia. Nov. 14 and 15, we'll stage a main production entitled "The Retrial of Harry Bernstein" by Phil Chermak. To lighten your spirits, Selma Friedman will offer an adaptation of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" in December.

A perfect surprise ending to our "humorous" evening was -- what else? Good Humor Ice Cream!

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## STRIKES AND SPARES

By Dave Feinberg



A new season, a new alley, and a new system all make for a happy beginning.

We had our first bowling day on Tuesday, Sept. 8. As with all opening days, it was a little hectic, scores got all mixed up because the handicaps did not show, but it was all straightened out for the second week.

### MEN

Bob Rosenhouch 168  
Dave Feinberg 162  
Fred Katz 154

### WOMEN

Estelle Snyder 156  
Ruth Rossi 133  
Ellie Fox 133

### WEEK 1 – HIGH GAME

Bob Rosenhouch	467	Estelle Snyder	405
Fred Katz	419	Ruth Rossi	390
Dave Feinberg	402	Ellie Fox	348

### WEEK 1 – HIGH SERIES

Bob Rosenhouch	467	Estelle Snyder	405
Fred Katz	419	Ruth Rossi	390
Dave Feinberg	402	Ellie Fox	348

We have lost a few bowlers but also gained a few, so we start out fairly even.

Although this article will not be out until after Rosh Hashanah, I wish every one a hearty *Shana Tova* and a healthy new year.

## COOKING CORNER

By Joan Sorkin

ZUCCHINI PIE (A big hit at the Cancer Unit installation)

4 cups diced unpeeled zucchini  
1 large onion chopped  
½ cup grated parmesan cheese  
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese  
½ cup salad oil  
1 cups Bisquick  
4 beaten eggs  
3-4 TBSP. minced parsley  
1 tsp. salt  
½ tsp. pepper

Grease a 9x13 baking dish. Combine all ingredients mixing until all is coated with batter. Bake in pre-heated 350° oven 35-40 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm or room temperature.



For details about the above, please see Ch. 63.

## YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Estelle Snyder

At the Aug. 2 meeting, Reggie welcomed everyone back to the Yiddish club with a few jokes, then talked about Israel's marvelous accomplishments.

Norman Katz played Hatikvah on his harmonica and Lee Katz read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Dorothy Weiss, Ted Lipschitz and Rhona Goldberg were the lucky buck winners.

Our sponsor, Dr. Jeffrey Rothman spoke about alternative methods of reducing pain through chiropractic manipulation, exercise, diet, etc.

Jessie Shirley, who has a wonderful voice, was our entertainer.

Coffee and sweets ended the evening.

Next meeting, with another wonderful entertainer, will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 4**. Remember, you don't have to speak Yiddish to enjoy our meetings.

## BOOK TALKS AND MORE

By Doris Davidoff



On Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 2:00 p.m., Doris Davidoff will facilitate a discussion focusing on the famous author, James Patterson – “the good, the bad and the ugly.”

She will be featuring two of his most recent books – “Cross Country” and “Alex Cross’s Trial” – as examples. This should be a very dynamic discussion since James Patterson, his style of books and his methods of writing them are quite controversial. However, he is one of the most popular authors in the country. In addition to his well-known series featuring the detective, Alex Cross, he has also developed the popular “Women’s Murder Club” series that was made into a television series for a brief time.

The discussion may even include some of the other “commercial fiction” authors so popular with readers but not with most literary critics.

In November, Donna Shaneson will be facilitating a discussion of the Civil War spy page-turner, “All Other Nights,” by Dara Horn.

December’s program will be a discussion of “Resilience,” by Elizabeth Edwards, led by Bonnie Turgow,

## M. I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Bobbe Greene

Please join us at our next meeting at 12 noon on **Oct. 29**. After a light lunch our guest speaker, Marvin Greenhut, will demonstrate some of his inventions and explain how you go about getting them patented.

At noon on Friday, **Nov. 13** we will have the very first luncheon and fashion show to take place in our beautiful ballroom. Patchington’s will provide the fashions and Jason’s will cater the lunch. The cost for the day will be \$25. Raffle tickets for some very lovely items will be sold.

The annual Cancer Sunday Brunch will be held at 10:30 a.m. on **Dec. 20** in the clubhouse. This is always a lovely day with great food and good entertainment. Put it on your calendar and watch for further details.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Jan. 28, 2010**, this year’s Coins for the Cure will be held in our own clubhouse.

Have you purchased your tickets for the delightful musical “Singing In The Rain” yet? It is a matinee performance on Saturday, **March 10, 2010** at 2 p.m. and the price is only \$32. Please check the back lobby and channel 63 for details.

## GOURMET CLUB



By Joan Sorkin

The Gourmet Club had their summer dinner at the home of Marvin and Joan Sorkin. Our appetizers of guacamole dip, fresh salsa and white wine sangria, set the mood for our Mexican Fiesta meal.

Judy Zied made a wonderfully different Jicama, Orange and fresh fruit salad. This was a delicious change from our normal green salads.

Chicken with prunes and red peppers made by Flo Kalestein, stuffed zucchini with corn made by Seena Calder, Veracruz Style Fish and Arroz Blanco by Joan Peckins, and Mexican style meatballs rounded out the marvelous meal. Not to forget dessert, we enjoyed Spice Apple Cake made by Joan Sorkin and Chocolate Pecan Torte made by Seena.

Plenty of wine, good conversation and phenomenal food made this a perfect example of a gourmet meal. Best of all, we made it all ourselves.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**October 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009**



**OCTOBER 2009**

**Oct. 1, Thurs.**, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., **Flu Shots** (Medicare, h)  
**Oct. 7, Wed.**, 11 a.m., Hadassah, **Circle of Recognition Luncheon** (f, a)  
**Oct. 12, Mon.**, 11:30 a.m., Women's Club, **Card Party**, (p, a)  
**Oct. 17, Sat.**, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)  
**Oct. 18, Sun.**, 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p, h)  
**Oct. 23, Fri.**, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)  
**Oct. 31, Sat.**, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Square Dance** (p, h)

**NOVEMBER 2009**

**Nov. 7, Sat.**, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)  
**Nov. 9, Mon.**, 11:30 a.m., Women's Club, **Welcome Back Luncheon** (p, h)  
**Nov. 11, Wed.**, 10 a.m., Men's Club, **Casino Trip** (p, a)  
**Nov. 13, Fri.**, 11:30 a.m., Cancer Unit, **Fashion Show and Luncheon**, (p, h)  
**Nov. 14-15, Sat., Sun.**, 8 p.m., M.I.L.T. **"The Retrial of Harry Bernstein"** (p, h)  
**Nov. 16, Mon.**, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Women's Club, **Collection for Abused Women**  
**Nov. 18, Wed.**, 7:30 p.m., Association Board, **Meet the Candidates** (f, h)  
**Nov. 20, Fri.**, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)  
**Nov. 22, Sun.**, 7 p.m., Men's Club, **Bingo** (p, h)  
**Nov. 28, Sat.**, 8 p.m., Social Club, **Showtime** (p, h)

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

For additional information, please contact an officer of the appropriate club,  
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