

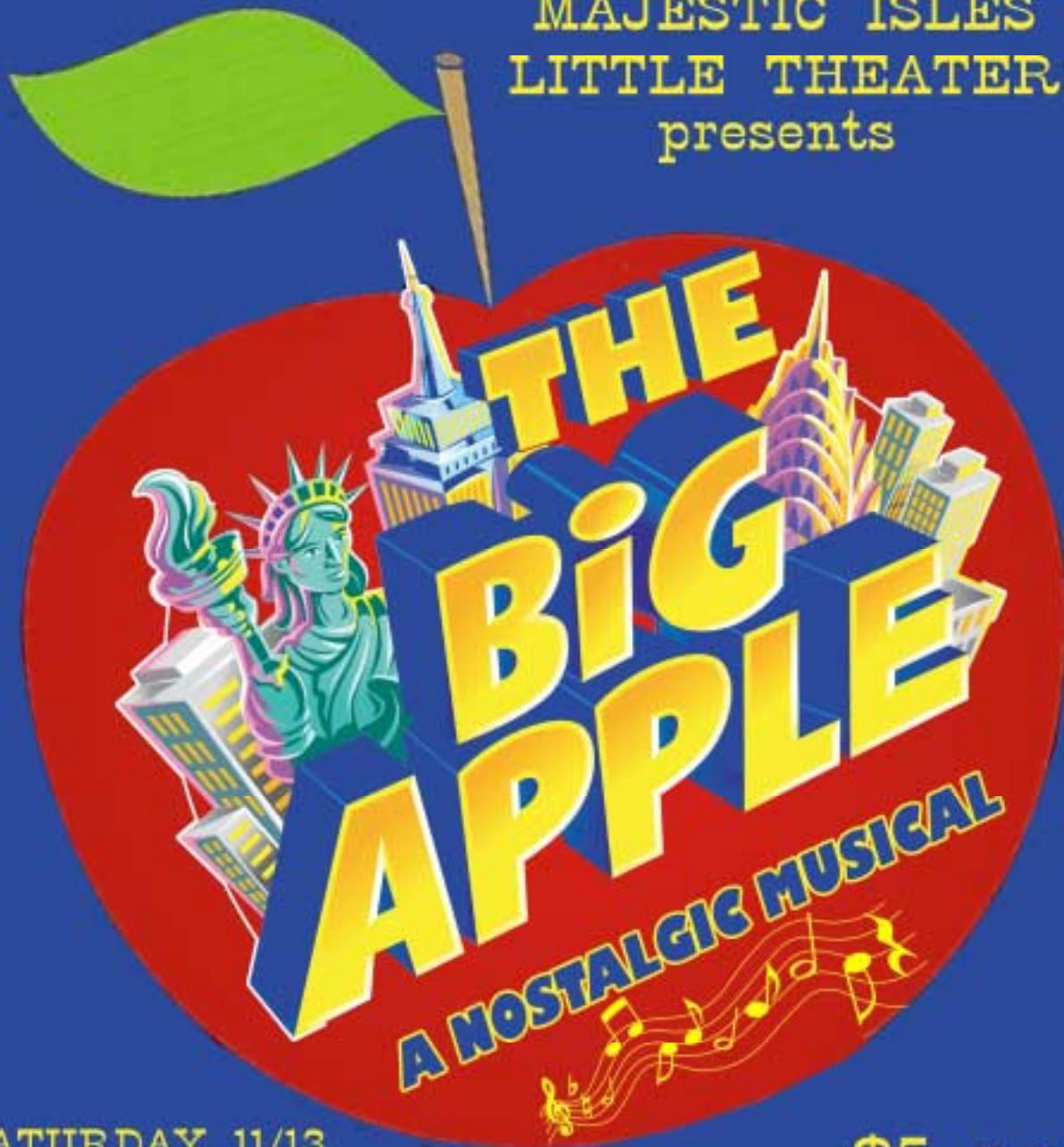
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MANAGER'S CORNER

This summer, with the longest string of days above 95°, has been the hottest on record and it was preceded by the coldest winter, with the longest string of days where the temperatures below 60°. Half of the experts attribute this to global warming, while the others are convinced that it's just a natural climate change. Who knows? I'm no climatologist.

Several months ago, a committee was formed at Majestic Isles to look at "greening" the community. The committee and I met with the representative of our janitorial supply company to inquire about changing to more environmentally friendly chemicals. It was decided that only one chemical concentrate needed to be changed and that has been done. Everything else we regularly use is already considered "green" because the dilution system automatically dispenses the proper amount of solution-to-water ratio.

Recycle bins have been placed at the tennis courts and pool area, and larger wheeled bins, that the smaller bins are emptied into for pick up, are staged next to the dumpster. **These blue and yellow bins are each used for specific recyclable items, as described in the following paragraphs. These bins must be used only for their designated purpose. Nothing else should be placed in these bins.** Thus - and I can't believe this needs to be said - the small bags of dog poop do *not* go in the bins. If items other than the specific recyclable items are in the bins, Waste Management will not pick up the bins. We then have no choice but to empty the entire bin into the dumpster, thereby negating the efforts of our residents who do the right thing.

The **blue bins**, both around the clubhouse and at your home, are for plastic containers with numbers 1-7 stamped on the bottom of the container. **New** steel cans, aluminum cans, foil, pie plates, drink boxes, milk and juice cartons, and all glass containers should also be put into the blue bins.

Yellow bins are to be used for newspapers, magazines, junk mail (make sure there is no personal information or "automatically approved" offers in this mail - these need to be shredded), phone books, paper bags, and cardboard boxes not contaminated by food, as pizza boxes are. Large boxes need to be broken down to no larger than 3' x 3'.

Most of the residents are recycling properly and doing their part to "reduce, reuse, and recycle." I see it when I drive through the community every Tuesday morning. In case you missed it, our recycle day is every Tuesday. Friday trash pick-up is just for garbage and bulk items, not recycling.

We all need to be aware of what we're throwing away and what can be recycled, and make a concentrated effort to utilize the programs that Waste Management offers.

Ken Miller, Association Manager

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Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, Sept. 2, 2010

Minutes of the September 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

- Claire Deveney will chair the Election Committee. Doris Davidoff will be the Board's liaison to the committee.
- Our attorney will do the election mailing requirements at no additional charge. We must decide by October. We also need to have them go through the recommended changes to the Documents.
- Recommend that residents vote on the Documents changes at the annual meeting, Dec. 17, 2010. Need to schedule required informational meeting.
- Sy Kugelmas will schedule budget meeting this month in preparation for budget vote in Nov.
- Ken Miller has sent contract renewal letters to vendors offering one-year extension at current rate.
- We have proposals from several law firms to discuss changing attorneys.

Treasurer's Report, Sy Kugelmas

- Three units currently in arrears; these cases have been sent to our attorney. One, delinquent for over a year and a half, cannot be foreclosed because the bank will only deal with the owner. The other two have been sent demand letters. If they don't respond within required time we will file liens.
- Loan of \$500,000 for refurbishing clubhouse will be paid in full by 9/24/2010. For future years, we will add to general reserve fund without necessity of paying loan.

Current cash position as of 9/2/10

Operating accounts	\$208,050
Reserve accounts	<u>146,083</u>
Total cash position	\$354,133

Statement of Operations for 1/1/10 – 8/1/10

Total revenues	\$1,179,772
Operating and owners expenses	-1,056,522
Net income before reserves	123,250
Transfers to reserves*	<u>-123,290</u>
Net expenses over revenues	(\$40)

*Includes Comcast door fee of \$50,000

COBWRA Report, Steve Bayer

- COBWRA currently has a record 93 member communities.
- Residents with questions about COBWRA should contact the Delegate, Steve Bayer, or the Alternates, Barbara Goodman and Stan Brizel.

Security and Safety, Steve Bayer

- Recommend installing a large stop sign on community property across from the El Clair entrance gate.

Grounds Committee, Mort Goldstein

- Notice should be put on Channel 63 telling residents to call the office if their irrigation is on during a rainstorm.

Unfinished Business

- Motion to allow us to go to the attorney for wording to use in the documents to disqualify potential buyers, passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion to install a gate arm at the El Clair exit gate, failed there was no majority.
- Motion to power wash the sidewalks now. No vote taken because there was no second.
- Motion to do the power washing on or about November 15 passed unanimously.
- Motion to table deciding on which company to use, failed 1-5
- Motion to table the issue until the October meeting (awaiting one more proposal), passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Motion to install a large stop sign on community property opposite the El Clair entrance gate passed by unanimous vote.



Did you know that....

- *New York businessman Llewellyn Solomon Haskell built the first planned gated community, Llewellyn Park, in New Jersey in 1857; Thomas Edison resided here.*



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Joel Rosenthal



A number of very important meetings are scheduled for the next few months and residents are urged to attend. The budget committee meetings are open to residents. The committee will present a 2011 budget to the Board of Directors in October. We then will schedule a special budget meeting to explain and approve a budget for next year.

The election committee, chaired by Claire Deveney, is seeking residents to run for the Board of Directors in the December election. There are four positions to be filled. The candidates night meeting on November 17 will give residents an opportunity to hear the candidates and make an informed decision.

As many residents return for the winter season, a number of activities will resume, including holiday preparations for expected guests.

As my second year as President comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board and office staff who have put a lot of time and effort into trying to make Majestic Isles a great place to live. I think every resident should consider what he or she could contribute toward that goal.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

by Elaine Jay

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

- January: Martin and Pearl Licker
- January: Brant Nekris
- February: David and Terry Amrani
- March: Jack and Linda Rosen
- May: Donald and Maria Cooke
- May: Lori Jacobson
- June: Marvin and Mindy Barcham

SAFETY IN THE ISLES

By Steve Bayer

It’s not yet time to give a big sigh of relief that hurricane season is over, but there is more to living here than hurricane season.

Incidents of carbon monoxide poisonings have increased with the advent of new cars that have push button start and stop ignitions. The danger is that you will be distracted after pulling into your garage and forget to push the button to shut off the car. This can lead to your being overcome with fumes before you notice it or run out of gas.

Generators are another source of carbon monoxide danger. We still hear about people who run generators in their garage or even in their houses. This is a major danger and can lead to a quick death. Generators should be placed at least ten feet from your home and not near a soffit vent under the eaves of the house.

Please, invest in an inexpensive smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector and install it over your bedroom door.

Some residents entering the El Clair gate are not making a **full** stop at the stop sign. People are seen every day piggy backing into the community. **This must end**, as when we roll past the sign we are allowing non-residents to enter.



They may be on the way to rob your neighbor’s house – or even yours. You will soon see a new larger STOP sign opposite the gate as a reminder. Please **do not** give your gate pass or transponder to any aide, house sitter or repairperson. This is a perfect opportunity for someone to use the pass to rob a neighbor’s house. Your transponder or pass will be deactivated if we find non-residents using it.

In July we provided a shredding truck so that residents could dispose of any records they no longer need. To decrease the chances of identity theft, we will again provide this service in December. Watch channel 63 for the date and time.

In January we will host another community meeting with representatives from Devcon who will be here to answer any and all questions about your alarm systems. Watch channel 63 for that date and time.

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GEM: M.I. GOING GREEN

By Irene Weinstein



During the summer, the GEM (Green Environment Majestic) Committee met with the distributor of cleaning supplies for the clubhouse. We learned that all but one of the products we using were considered “green.” It was easy to replace that one cleaning product, so now they are all environmentally friendly.

We later met to discuss ways for the various M.I. committees to incorporate our "going green" commitment. We tossed around many ideas, and hope to meet with members of the various clubs during the next few weeks to explore ways to make it easier for them to adjust to the "green" idea.

We would like to thank the residents who are using the recycling bins at the pool. Their cooperation is very much appreciated.

Please watch channel 63 for the next GEM meeting.

CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL (COP)

By Fred Oestreicher



Those uniformed men patrolling around
 What is their purpose, where is their ground?

Community bound 2-3 hours a day,
 They're all volunteers; it's good to say.
 Observing left-open garages and an odd situation
 Not frequently driving away from their station.
 Their visible car, most days and sometimes at night,
 Deters strangers that just don't look right.
 When "Snowbirds" depart and leave us a note,
 Our drivers inspect houses; in the report it is "wrote."
 When school is in session, at the El Claire gate,
 The COP car patrols at morning, and 3:50 p.m. late,
 Discouraging youngsters from messing around,
 Or jumping the fence if they are so bound.
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Highlights of the September 15, 2010 COBWRA Meeting at Avalon Estates

Because of space limitations, these are excerpts only.

The Constitutional Amendments

On Nov. 2, Florida voters will vote to approve or reject six proposed Constitutional amendments. COBWRA begins study of these issues with three invited speakers. (The Florida Supreme Court removed Amendments 3, 7 and 9 from the ballot.)

Amendment 4:

Referendum Required for all Land Use Changes

Speaking in Favor: Lesley Blackner, President, Florida Hometown Democracy, Inc. Ms. Blackner believes that County Commissioners should not have the power to change the Comprehensive Plan for long term growth without the agreement of a vote by a majority of the people. (Only Land Use Changes are affected—not zoning variances and minor amendments.) Every year, our ballots would include all the proposed changes in unincorporated Palm Beach County. She believes this check and balance is needed to rein in development.

Speaking Against: Ryan Houck of Vote “NO” on Amendment 4: He asks “Does Amendment 4 make matters better or worse?” The referendum would be tax-payer supported thus increasing election costs. He cited the example of Bethesda West Hospital: A Land Use Change was required as part of the approvals. COBWRA was part of the approval process the whole way. If Amendment 4 had been in effect, all voters in unincorporated Palm Beach County would have had to vote to approve the change to allow the new hospital. This means people near Jupiter, Pahokee and Loxahatchee would have equal say with the people in West Boynton for our new hospital. When the City of St Pete Beach tried a version of Amendment 4, they found it to be unworkable and caused huge legal costs and businesses to close, so they repealed the law. Houck said that all 18 Florida newspapers urge voting NO on Amendment 4.

Amendments 5 and 6:

Legislative Standards for Redistricting

Amendment 5 is for fair standards for state legislative redistricting and Amendment 6 is for fair Congressional redistricting. The language and standards are the same.

Speaking in Favor: Corinne Miller, Fair Districts Florida and the League of Women Voters. Ms. Miller stated that in Florida, politicians choose who

will vote for them rather than the voters choosing their elected representatives. This is true no matter which party is in power. Presently, the state constitution requires only that districts be contiguous. The Fair Districts Amendments would add that districts must be compact, as equal in population as possible, and where feasible, make use of existing city, county and geographic boundaries. Also, districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities equal opportunity. Attorneys for the NAACP approved the amendment language. **(None of the invited speakers in opposition accepted the invitation.)**

—Ken Lassiter for COBWRA Communications

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GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

David Bader	Norma Linden
Helen Benowich	Harold Marcus
Rhoda Bloom	Elaine Schwartz
Tillie Citron	Marvin Sorkin
Howie Cohen	

SYMPATHY

To Jan Grove on the loss of her brother.
To Ellie Rogg on the loss of her husband, Gerry.
To Bernie Rothenberg on the loss of his wife, Bernice.
To Teddy Shapiro on the loss of his wife, Sheila.

MESSAGES

Thanks to my friends in Majestic Isles for their cards, food, and donations on the passing of my sister, Barbara Krongold.

Jack Krongold

Thanks so much for your good wishes and kind gestures during my illness. It is wonderful to have such great friends.

Elaine Schwartz

Thanks to all my special friends at Majestic Isles for your thoughtfulness after my sister Eleanor’s passing. Your cards, meals, and phone calls meant so much.

Marcia Vetstein

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By Josh Katz



KATE SMITH

Kathryn Elizabeth Smith was born in 1907 in Washington, DC. From an early age she loved to sing and dance. She performed locally in theatres and at nightclubs and was discovered by a New York City show producer in 1926. She

was featured in the musical comedy “Honeymoon Lane” on Broadway and later in “Hit the Deck” and “Flying High.”

Kate was discovered in 1930 by Columbia Records VP **Ted Collins**, who became her partner and manager. When he put her on the radio in 1931, she was an immediate success. She soon broke the record for longevity at the legendary Palace Theatre.

In 1932 Kate starred in the movie, “Hello Everybody!” with **Randolph Scott** and **Sally Blane**. In 1943 she sang “God Bless America” in the **Irving Berlin** picture “This is the Army.”

Her theme song was “When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain,” whose lyrics she helped write. Irving Berlin regarded the song she made most famous, “God Bless America,” as his most important composition. Kate predicted, in 1938, that the song would still be sung long after all of us are gone - and it surely will.

Kate had the most popular radio variety hour, *The Kate Smith Hour*, which aired weekly from 1937-45. At the same time, her midday news and commentary program, *Kate Smith Speaks*, was the #1 daytime radio show. In 1950 Kate entered television with a Monday-Friday afternoon variety show, *The Kate Smith Hour* (1950-54), which proved so popular that NBC gave her a prime-time show on Wednesday evenings, *The Kate Smith Evening Hour*. Her last TV series was CBS's *The Kate Smith Show*, a weekly half-hour musical series in 1960. She made many guest appearances on top TV shows, such as The Ed Sullivan Show, The Tennessee Ernie Ford Show, The Jack Paar Show, ABC Hollywood Palace, The Dean Martin Show, The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, The Andy Williams Show, The Tony Orlando and Dawn Show, and The Donny & Marie Show.

During the last decade of her career Kate gave dozens of live concerts, in various American cities. In 1972-73 she had extended engagements at the largest nightclub in the Reno area, giving two shows each day. Kate ended her career on a high note. She became the singing good-luck charm for the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team as her renditions of “God Bless America” helped to inspire the team to two successive Stanley Cups (1974 and 1975). In 1976 she was named Grand Marshal of the Tournament of Roses Parade. Fittingly, the last song she sang was that Irving Berlin anthem on a bicentennial special just before July 4, 1976. She died in Raleigh, NC, June 17, 1986.

DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES

Happened to see this movie on TV recently, and it reminded me of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team. It seems that the shortstop-second base combination for Philadelphia was **Bobby Wine** and **Cookie Rojas** (pronounced Rohas.)

Whenever Bobby and Cookie handled the ball to make a double play, the Philly radio announcer would say something to the effect – aha, more great **Plays By Wine And Rojas**.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Husband and wife: Louis Prima & Keely Smith.

Husband and wife: Josh & Lee Katz.

Brother and sister: Fred & Adele Astaire.

Sisters Rosemary & Betty Clooney. (Nephew is George Clooney)

Husband and wives: Xavier Cugat and Carmen Castillo, Lorraine Allen, Abbe Lane and Charro Baeza.

Husband and wives: Artie Shaw and wives too numerous to mention.

MORE REAL NAMES

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WHAT YOUR SURVIVORS NEED TO KNOW

By Mel Burstein

This month's article will not be about taxes but will, instead, address a request made by a Majestic Isles resident. This column will be devoted to answering the question, "Is your spouse prepared for the inevitable?" There is so much to this subject that it will be presented in three installments.

No one will live forever and that includes you. Death of a spouse is a traumatic experience. For the surviving spouse it can be overwhelming and being unprepared can matters worse. Questions will be raised such as: Will I be financially OK? Who can I rely on to make proper decisions? Is there a will, or a trust, and if so, where are the documents located? There are many other questions that will have to be answered before the decedent's estate can be settled. Delays often cost money. Your children will be willing to help, but some of the decisions that must be made may be beyond their expertise. Their own children and careers may limit the time they have available to provide the needed help. This scenario is not unusual. Family members and friends are eager to offer advice, especially financial advice. Just remember that their expertise and knowledge can be inaccurate and they could do more harm than good. Decisions made without all the facts and with misinformation can wind up being expensive.

There are many things during your lifetime that you can do to expedite the settlement of your estate. The best gift you can leave your spouse and family is a record of key financial and personal data. By listing this data you can reduce much of the stress and frustration, save time, probably save money, preserve assets, ensure that better decisions are made, and generally make the process of settling your estate less painful to your loved ones.

What data are we talking about? Prepare a list consisting of all your important papers and their location. List your social security number and your driver's license number. List also the telephone number, name and location of your cemetery including plot number. Indicate whether you had a pre-arrangement agreement and if so, if it is fully paid for. If applicable, you will also want to list your armed forces service serial number; location of honorable discharge papers and VA claim number.

Record your birthplace and date of birth, mother's maiden name, as well as your Medicare number.

In addition, list the location of your marriage license; city and state where married; birth certificate; naturalization papers, if any; deed to your home and any other real property that you own, giving location, lot number and address. Your surviving spouse should also have your Hebrew name or baptismal name, if any, credit card numbers, ID numbers and passwords to open your computer. You can probably add many more items to this list. It is equally important for your family to know the professionals that you deal with such as your attorney, accountant, financial advisor, stockbroker, insurance broker, religious leader, and bank officials that you do business with. List these professionals along with their address and telephone numbers.

Prepare a list of your bank accounts showing for each account the name of the bank, account number, title on the account, location, type of account (savings, checking, C/D, money market). List also maturity dates, interest rate earned on each account, telephone number of bank, who has authority to sign checks. Record the name of the bank at which you have a safe deposit box, if any, the box number, the name of person or persons who are authorized to enter your box and details of the contents of the box. If the box contains your will, trust agreements, or other legal documents, make a copy of these documents and keep them at home so family members can have access to them on a when-needed basis. Discuss with your spouse what should be done with the bank accounts after death.

That's it for now. Watch for second installment next month.

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THE EARLY BIRD

By Phyllis M. Cohen



You remember that old saying, “The early bird gets the worm?” I’ve been thinking a lot about time now that the lazy summer days have come to an end and my

calendar is chock full of places to go and people to see, all at appointed times. In my earlier existence, when I worked full time and got children off to school, it was easy to know what being on time meant. Bosses and school principals and soccer coaches didn’t like latecomers and I spent my days and nights frantically shuffling from one event to another, eye on the clock. Time and tides wait for no man, or woman, for that matter.

But in the mana na atmosphere of the tropics, I’ve noticed that scheduled times seem to have another meaning. So what happens if you are an early bird? You may get the worm, but you also score the aisle seat in the movie theater. You also get to stand up 20 times as all of the other theater goers straggle in 10 or 20 minutes late and climb over you. And if you arrive 10 minutes early to your doctor’s appointment, then you will still wait 40 minutes to be seen and have a chance to read every word of last month’s “People” magazine and wonder who in the world those people are who are being described.

Of course, all bets are off if you are going any place where food is being served. You will then discover, as my husband did to his chagrin one morning upon arriving precisely on time, that every crumb of food had already been inhaled by the guests and the kitchen crew was busy wiping down the tables. There is nothing like food to insure promptness.

Appointment times have an entirely different meaning for service people coming to do repairs or delivery at your home. Those people require a “window” of time, say three or four hours when they schedule their appointment. After all, do you have anything better to do than wait all morning for someone to arrive? I do admit that my favorite delivery was made by a Sears’ driver scheduled to arrive at my door between two and five p.m. At five minutes to five, he pulled up to my house, and in less than five minutes, he had pulled out my old washing machine and connected the new one. Watching him

speed away at one minute to five, I was tempted to paraphrase that line from the movie, “When Harry Met Sally.” I’ll have whatever he’s been taking.

But there’s nothing like appointments with friends to illustrate the fuzziness of the “correct time” for meeting. You have seen it at the movies. One friend, the early bird, is there at the appointed time and is busy buying all the tickets and then trying to hold seats as the theater starts to fill. You can usually get away with one or two seats without causing too much of a backlash, but at least one incident of “seat rage” occurred in Delray Beach this summer when two patrons got into a shouting and pushing match about trying to hold seats. The newspaper reported the patrons as “elderly.” You know who you are!

And at a clubhouse whose name I won’t mention, people have been known to arrive immediately after the doors open only to find many of the tables already fully occupied with sweaters, purses and newspapers reserving places for latecomers. It proves again that you are never too old for third grade.

The hardest part of being an early bird, i.e., a compulsive, Type A, over anxious person (like me) is if your spouse is a laid back, easy going, meticulous guy who moves, in my eyes, in slow motion. So while one of us is primed and ready to go minutes, (hours?), before the appointed time, the other guy is leisurely sipping tea, trying on different shirts, or starting some hour long project. Hello, hello. Are we on the same planet? Of course, after more than four decades, the early bird personality and the mana na personality have learned to accommodate each other. Is it lying if I tell him we have to be somewhere thirty minutes earlier than the called for hour? That still works. The best strategy, learned after trial and error, is to be more laid back than he is. So when he is finally all set to leave, I dawdle and hang back. Wow, someone gets bent out of shape.

Most of the time however, we do seem to be in sync for appointments. It’s true we have to sit in the car sometimes when we arrive at a friend’s house too early for dinner. And sometimes we have to make a dash to get somewhere just in time. That gives each of us a turn to say “I told you so.” Now I have to finish this article because it’s due in 48 hours and I don’t want to be late.



AMERICA'S MAJESTIC NATIONAL PARKS

by Elaine Jay

Machu Picchu. Santiago de Chile. Buenos Aires. Tango argentino. The plans were made and the trip booked last November. Then, in January, the rains came and washed out the rail line to Machu Picchu in Peru. A month later, the earth trembled in Chile at a magnitude of 8.8 on the Richter scale, collapsing buildings. So perhaps this wasn't the best time to go to South America.

Six weeks passed while the trip cancellation insurance was processed. During that time, trips to other destinations in May closed out. And so I accepted the fact; no exotic locale for this trip. No speaking French or Spanish or Italian. I had to settle. I would stay in the U.S. and visit the places over which I had flown since family members moved to California in the 1960's.

Most of my "big" trips had been trans-Atlantic, so my expectations were not high. In addition, I had participated in group tours only in countries where I could not speak the language. When the trip booklet arrived, I skimmed it, checked a map, and went about my daily life. I packed my bags and got set to go.

Seventeen days by bus, covering 2,750 miles. Starting in South Dakota and passing through Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Colorado, with the goal of visiting national parks, monuments and memorials. Beginning at an elevation of 3,200 feet in Rapid City, South Dakota and reaching 9,300 feet near Silverton, Colorado, I was armed with altitude sickness meds in case the transition from Boynton's 30-foot elevation left me dizzy. There was no need.



What did make my head reel were the sights that I beheld during those 17 days. Rapid City was the jumping off point for seeing awesome Mt. Rushmore (with vertigo immune surveyors in a trapeze on Teddy's head) and Crazy Horse Monument (an impressive tribute to a Native American leader), still being created out of a mountainside. A nod to seedy western legends like Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane with a stop in Deadwood, South Dakota; then lunch in Sundance, Wyoming (yes, home of the famous "Kid") and a visit to Devil's Tower, sacred to native Americans, an "igneous intrusion" rising 1,267 feet straight up. In Cody, Wyoming, we paid homage to a worthy western legend, Buffalo Bill Cody. Did you know his "Buffalo Bill Wild West" show was a big hit in England and Europe in the late 1800's?

On May 29, a heavy snowfall (yes, snow at the end of May!) closed the two southern roads into Yellowstone National Park. The route change to a northern entrance brought thrilling views of herds of huge bison. We spotted mule deer, black bears with cubs, and pronghorns. Most exciting (and frightening) of all, was a juvenile grizzly that had wandered out of the woods, right up to the roadway. There were large birds of prey above. The tour director said she had never seen so much wildlife on prior tours. Two days later and a little warmer, a float trip (no rapids) down the Snake River at Jackson Hole, Wyoming offered sightings of yellow-bellied marmots on a riverside ledge, white pelicans on an island and bald eagles overhead. How would I ever readjust to Florida's flat terrain and annoying squirrels?

Old Faithful erupted on schedule and the steaming fumaroles gave evidence of the hydrothermal power seeking to escape from beneath the surface. We crossed the Continental Divide at an elevation of 8,262 feet. It is from this ridge in the Rockies that rivers on the continent flow either east or west. So many school geography lessons were coming alive. And this was only the fourth day of the trip!

The Teton Mountain Range in Wyoming was stunning. The Tetons do not have foothills, so they rise dramatically from the Jackson Hole Valley. The jagged peaks are formed of rock billions of years old, yet they are among the youngest mountains in the world. Moose, vegetarian animals, grazed calmly in the willow flats on the shores of Jackson Lake at the mountains' base. A hilly path behind Jackson Lodge retraced Teddy Roosevelt's steps to his favorite lunch spot with a wonderful vista of mountains, lake and wildlife.

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A stay in Salt Lake City provided a break and an opportunity to learn about the Mormons, America's fastest growing religion. But more beauty was in store after leaving the city. For me, Bryce Canyon in Utah provided the most spectacular sights on this trip. At Inspiration Point, I was unprepared for the breathtakingly beautiful colors in the cliffs and the wondrous formations of rock. These are hoodoos (fantastically shaped pillars), the result of sedimentation, uplift and erosion dating back some 144 million years. We beheld wide vistas, thousands of rust, peach and white colored spires in "amphitheatres," a tableau created by a divine hand. *(Photo to left is Bryce Canyon. For color, see the newsletter at majesticisles.com.)*

The following day we arrived in Arizona to explore the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, from a safe vantage point, of course. It was so much more vast than Bryce Canyon and quite humbling to gauge one's size in relation to this earthly wonder: 227 river miles long, up to 18 miles wide and a mile deep. Yet I remained dazzled by the memory of the colors and shapes that I had seen the day before.

Near Page, Arizona, a guided walk through Antelope Slot Canyon on Navajo Nation land provided a magical experience. Our Navajo guide's features clearly showed his heritage. He led us through narrow passages where river waters had once flowed. The orange and purple rock walls rose a hundred feet above, and sunlight filtered down through narrow, oddly shaped spaces. We walked in hushed awe as our guide spoke to us of Navajo beliefs and played his flute. The emotional experience was well worth the bumpy ride there and back in a four-wheel drive vehicle, over what looked and felt like red beach sand, but was red sandstone worn into sand over time. I also learned that the "Navajo White" paint that I had once selected refers to the color of particular sandstone found in the west.

From Durango, Colorado, we visited Mesa Verde National Park. Between 600 and 1200 A.D., a civilization of Ancestral Puebloans (formerly called Anasazi) lived and farmed atop an 8,000-foot high mesa. They ultimately built elaborate stone communities beneath overhanging cliffs in sheltered alcoves of canyon walls, but climbed daily to cultivate the beans, corn and squash on the mesa top. Clearly, these were people who did not suffer from acrophobia! They were skilled potters and even traded with other communities, but then vanished in the late 1200's, leaving no written records. One can only wonder at a people who would choose to settle in such a lofty spot. To give our group a greater feel of life on a mountain top, our tour then went from Durango (elev. 6,500 ft.) to Silverton (elev. 9,300 ft.), a booming mining town in the late 1800's. And then, our incredible bus driver drove us up through Red Mountain Pass, 11,000 feet above sea level and few guard rails! It was all downhill from there!!!!

Throughout the trip, our outstanding tour director provided a wealth of background information for sites we visited. We were presented with a thought provoking topic each day: Manifest Destiny (the 19th century belief in expanding the U.S. across the entire American continent); the recent legalization of bringing firearms into the National Parks, although it remains illegal to kill wildlife; Kit Carson and the Navajo Long Walk, which brutally forced the Navajos to life on a reservation; Teddy Roosevelt's conservation movement; the damming of the Colorado River and dwindling supply of water in the west; proliferation of invasive non-native species of flora; the removal of wolves from the endangered species list of the EPA: the government's breach of the 1868 Laramie Treaty, denying the Lakota Nation's rights to their sacred Black Hills; along with many more issues. And so, in addition to geography, lessons in history were reviewed and discussions ensued.

I returned home from this trip fatigued but happy, with a sparked interest in the story of the American west. The long reading list we were given will help me to return to the places I visited and understand the historical context: when the west was wild, when our nation was expanding to the Pacific coast, when our native peoples lived on their lands. When I read those books, I will be better able to imagine the rugged vastness of the land, the character of those who were there and those who went with a mission. By creating America's national parks, the decision was made to preserve the enduring beauty of our land and make it accessible to all. Our national parks are truly America's best idea.

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Gardening in the Isles

By

Stan Davidson

In the past, I have had several inquiries about how to provide color in Majestic Isles landscapes during every season of the year. The answer is perennial gardening. Once established, perennial plants require less maintenance than the annual impatiens, marigolds, coleus, caladiums, and other seasonal plants. Perennials have the advantage of being a more permanent part of your landscape and can grow for a long period of time. All the shrubs and trees that comprise the Majestic Isles community landscape are considered perennials. A good example is the red flowering jatropha growing along the sides of our front entry that are in bloom all year round.

Both annuals and perennials look their best when planted in masses. In mass planting the display of color has a stronger impact than individual plantings.

When purchasing a perennial, note the size at maturity. Most large growing perennials can be maintained as smaller plants, but may require frequent pruning to control height. It is also important to know when a plant flowers if you want your perennial garden to have a succession of blooms throughout the year.

When preparing a flowerbed of perennials and also annuals, think of plant form and foliage texture. Combining low clumps with upright forms and putting delicate and bold textured foliage side by side will give your landscape interest long after the flowers are gone. Also consider color in determining how and where plants should be used in the landscape. Warm colors such as orange and yellow should be grouped together. White, blue, silver/gray and green also group well together.

Let's list some of the good flowering perennials that can grow and are growing in Majestic Isles. Blue daze is a low growing, spreading ground cover that

flowers year round and requires full sun. The firecracker plant grows to three feet with red to pale yellow flowers, attracts butterflies and requires sun to light shade. The golden shrimp plant grows three to four feet in height, has yellow flowers and can grow in deep shade. Lantana is a ground cover of various heights. The flower is red, pink, orange, yellow, and white and requires full sun. Mexican heather, a round plant that grows to be 18 inches high, has purple or white blooms year round and does best in sun to light shade.

Pentas, which we have growing around the clubhouse foundation and in the median across from our clubhouse, is a sprawling shrub with red, and pink flowers that require full sun to light shade. The plumbago is a sprawling shrub that grows three to four feet; the flowers are blue and the plant prefers sun to light shade. Ruella is an upright shrub that can grow to three feet and prefers sun to light shade. Its blue and violet flowers bloom May through November, with blue and violet.

The most important step in planting perennials and annuals is preparation of the planting bed. Since perennials remain in the bed for several years, it is very important to amend the soil prior to planting with peat and compost. Space the plants in the bed to allow for future growth. Plant the perennial in the bed so that the root ball is slightly above the soil line. Apply a layer of mulch to maintain moisture and discourage weeds. Apply fertilizer in March, June and October. Pruning maybe required to remove dead flowers and to control the size of the plants.

Perennials should be inspected frequently for pests and diseases. Many pest problems if detected early can be prevented.

Plant perennials early in the fall in south Florida, and they will perform better in the garden come spring.

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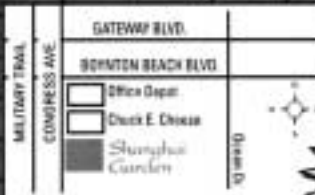
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INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

By Al Silverman---Facilitator

Welcome back to the **fall** season of the year---the continuing fall in housing - the fall in interest rates - the fall in jobs - the fall in credibility in the political scene - even the leaves on the trees are starting to fall. But wonders of wonder, the prices of bonds are rising. Is that a good sign? - No!! No!! No!! - It is a terrible sign, a sign of falling interest rates, a sign that the economy is in deep trouble and the Fed is trying to stem the tide by lowering and/or maintaining low interest rates. The Fed can encourage, fund and facilitate but cannot create jobs. Only businesses can - and business won't hire more workers if people don't increase their buying of products. Therefore, spend more, take vacations in this country and create more jobs? The politicians have answers too, so hope and pray, cross your fingers and vote.

Many consumers are concerned that their investment income and/or their earnings are going down. Therefore, to protect themselves, their available cash beyond necessary expenses, is going into savings rather than into purchases. But where are they putting their money? Into bonds and bond funds.

Fear of an imminent double dip recession and renewed pressure of the housing market have pushed bond prices to historic highs, reducing bond yields and creating an income crunch for many savers. Throughout 2010, billions of dollars have gone into bonds and bond mutual funds and the trend shows no sign of reversing any time soon. Michael Santoli of Barron's reported "a net \$42 billion has flowed out of U.S. stock mutual funds since April 2009, while a net \$450 billion found its way into bond funds."

But many analysts and financial advisors are starting to warn of a possible **Bond Bubble** that can burst if/when the Fed starts to raise interest rates. However, the Fed has indicated that interest rates will remain low and more stimuli may be provided to prop up the economy. The question is: "How long will this low interest rate scenario last?" For an answer, toss a coin---Heads---1 to 2 years---Tails---you name it. Actually, interest rates should rise when the job and housing markets improve, which may be quite a while---or when China stops funding our debt by not buying U.S. Treasury bonds.

The same old question comes up month after month, "What should we do to protect our assets and produce income?" Individual preferred stocks are trading

around their call prices and, if not called, are vulnerable to rising interest rates. Many analysts are advising to avoid treasury bonds and bond funds and thus avoid the bubble. The trend, now, is to consider dividend-paying stocks with the potential for growth and rising prices in an inflationary environment.

Here is an interesting approach that some analysts propose, that you may want to consider. If you do, discuss it with your financial advisor and do your own due diligence including suitability:

a) **Energy sector-MLP's** (Master Limited Partners) Oil and gas pipelines with yields of 6-10% and est. growth rates of 3-5%. They could do well with rising inflation if stimulated by a growing economy.

There are coal and gas MLP's that do business in leasing and managing coal and natural gas properties, selling timber, collecting oil and gas royalties, transporting coal, gas processing and pipelines.

b) **Energy sector-LLC** (Limited Liability Company) similar to above. Yield is 8.6%.

c) **Energy sector-** Canadian Royalty Trusts: Drilling and production of oil and gas. Yield is 9.3%. Watch for corporate structure change at year-end.

d) **Preferred stock** funds, ETF's (exchange traded fund) and CEF's (closed end fund). While the bubble could affect the principle values, the interest rate environment, unfortunately, may keep these attractive for some time with yields of 7 to 8%.

e) **Common stocks** Large capitalization stocks with yields of 4 to 6.5%.

While some of the above have been mentioned before, they seem to have proven themselves in a very uncertain and rocky market. Will they continue? There are no guarantees, of course. But, at least, you may want to stack the odds in your favor with income stocks having a good track record.

Oh, by the way: the stocks mentioned above (and others not mentioned above) were discussed at our meeting on Monday, Sept 13, 2010. If you missed it, join us at our next meeting in October. See the Oct. calendar or Channel 63 for the next date.



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COMING SOON: OPEN SEASON

By Paul Mendelsohn

Every fall, Medicare beneficiaries, federal and state employees, retirees and many with employer insurance plans have an "open season" when they may enroll or change their health insurance coverage. The decisions you make may have major impact on your health care choices and personal finances for the coming year. It is important to give serious deliberation to this opportunity to assure that you select the best coverage for your individual needs, balancing the amount you can afford for health insurance and understanding how much expense and risk you will have for the next year.

For many couples, the choice of coverage may be different for each spouse. For example, with Medicare, and also when husbands and wives are covered by different employer plans or separately covered, each must make his or her own choice and they may not best be covered by the same plan.

When choosing insurance, first review your own health status and try to anticipate what you will need in the coming year. You also must determine which medical providers and physicians you are comfortable using. Your living situation is another consideration. For example, if you are a seasonal resident who spends significant time at more than one residence, you need to be sure that the medical plan you elect is accessible to you wherever you are. If you travel to many locations, you will want to compare what the plans provide when you are away from home.

Most Majestic Isles residents have Medicare as their primary insurance. Those covered by Medicare may actually have three different elections to make: **Primary Insurance** which would either be Traditional Medicare or a Medicare Advantage Program; a **MediGap Plan** which supplements the Medicare Plan, and **Medicare Part D** (Prescription Drug Plan). Note that seasonal residents must make an election from the plans that are offered for their *official* residence.

There are some important cautions to keep in mind in making your selections. If you receive your health insurance, including Medicare, in conjunction with an Employer Plan whether or not you are a retiree, you must make your selections in accordance with the guidance from your employer. This is true for all

three elections. Under most situations the Employer Plan serves as your MediGap Plan and if it includes an "accepted plan" for prescription drugs you do not elect a Medicare Part D prescription drug provider. If you ignore this rule, you will jeopardize your eligibility to continue in your employer health plan.

Medicare choices are outlined in "Medicare and You 2011" which you will soon receive in the mail. If you do not receive your copy contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICAR(E) (1-800-633-4227) or refer to the Medicare website, Medicare.gov, to have an additional copy mailed to you. Those who have employer supported plans usually receive additional information from their employer. To make sure you have the proper guidelines, contact your employer's human resources office.

In making your choices, review your past utilization to assure you maximize the coverage which you routinely use, while at the same time recognizing that you are also buying protection from possible major health care issues. At risk of belaboring the obvious, I suggest you buy the most insurance you can reasonably afford. With Medicare D plans that cover prescription medication, review the formularies that are available from the plans for which you are eligible to assure that the drugs you currently use are provided. If you are considering one of the a Medicare Advantage plans, which are managed care organizations and health maintenance organizations, make sure that the providers and physicians that you must use are acceptable and accessible. You must understand that if you elect a Medicare Advantage Plan you may have to change the providers/physicians/hospitals that you have been using.

There is free assistance available to help you make appropriate choices. The Federal Government funds in each state a State Health Insurance Counseling Program (SHIP) to provide peer guidance. To contact the correct SHIP to assist you call Medicare (1-800-MEDICAR(E)). You will be prompted to give your zip code and will then be given the contact information appropriate for your area. I strongly suggest anyone who is considering a change in Medicare coverage to take advantage of this service.

Lastly, make sure that you pay attention to the deadlines and make sure that you completely and accurately complete all the election forms and mail them in plenty of time to meet the deadlines.



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VISITING

Linda Kessler

By Claire Deveney



Linda (Baron) Kessler, who is warm, gracious and charming, an artistic decorator and an antiques and music lover, graduated from Teaneck High School. While in high school, she served as a candy striper volunteer at Holy Name Hospital. She got to shake

hands with the famous singer Pat Boone and march in the New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

After earning her Registered Nurse (R.N.) degree at Temple University School of Nursing in Philadelphia, Penn., Linda returned home and worked at Hackensack Hospital, then went to work at Mt. Sinai Hospital in N.Y. in a medical unit. "It was the best!" says Linda. "Everyone was young and the learning experience was exceptional."

Linda met her late husband, Stanley, at a singles week at the Tamiment Hotel in the Poconos. After they dated for a month, he said he wanted to see her more. When she hesitated, he said, "What kind of ring do you want?" "We picked the ring out," said Linda. She and Stanley married five months later, in December 1965 and began their married life in Briarwood, Queens, N.Y. Stanley worked in inside sales in women's sewing trimmings and accessories.

Linda worked in obstetrics at Elmhurst City Hospital in Elmhurst, N.Y., until their first child was born. After the Kesslers bought their first home in Ridgewood, N.J., Linda worked part-time every other weekend at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood. In 1973 they moved into a new community development of young families in Nanuet, N.Y., in Rockland County. Stanley started his own business selling trimmings and sewing notions to contractors.

While a-stay-at-home mother, Linda volunteered with the Girl Scouts for many years and was also an active volunteer in the schools her children attended. Linda said, "My daughter was interested in theatre and I become interested as well."

Linda older son, Lewis, a chief operating engineer with Sirius Radio, his wife, Lauren, and their children Sam, 12, and Carly, 9, live in Scarsdale, N.Y. Second son Michael, a medical doctor, is director of OB-

GYN at Westchester County Medical Center and an associate professor at New York Medical College. He and his wife, Jody, have twins, Julia and Jackson, age 3½ and live in Purchase, N.Y. Linda's daughter, Melissa, an R.N., is a gerontology nurse practitioner with United Health Care in New York. She and her husband, Larry, live in Cranford, N.J., south of Newark near Westfield.

When Linda was 50, Stanley, 57, died suddenly of a heart attack at home. They had been married for 26 years. At the time, Lewis was working, Michael was a college senior, and Melissa was a high school junior. "I hadn't worked in 22 years. I took a refresher course at Dominican College and started as a nurse in gerontology at Nyack Manor Nursing Home in Valley College, N.Y. where I worked for six years," stated Linda.

Starting in 1994, Linda vacationed in West Palm, visiting a good friend who later moved to M.I. Linda moved here in August 1998 and was among the first homeowners on Cocowood Court. She continued her career as an AANC certified gerontology nurse and became a supervisor at Abbey Delray North, an independent living and nursing home where she worked for nine years until 2007. Linda said, "I spent every hurricane there. We were required to stay."

Explaining her love of caring for people, Linda said, "I always enjoyed being with the residents. You have to be observant and I was always available to help. Nursing makes you very observant."

Linda swims two to four times weekly and enjoys the aerobics class three times a week. An avid reader, she enjoys history and science and is very interested in Egyptian culture and medicine. She's been in many M.I.L.T. productions and in November will sing and dance in "The Big Apple." She is also a member of the Singles Club and the newly formed Travel Club.

Linda's home displays her love of art and antiques. Among her beautiful decorations is a colorful Haitian naïve art painting of wild animals displayed beside her kitchen table. Linda's den features many paintings and prints of New York City. She calls it "The New York Room." Linda has an orange tabby house cat, Foo, who looks like Garfield. Linda's astute advice to everyone is: "People should be active. It's never too late. And, when you are a widow you must have a support group of women." With a cheerful smile Linda adds, "For my next career, I'd like to be a personal shopper."

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MEET THE STAFF



In the beginning days of Majestic Isles a small group of women were sitting around the pool when Gerry Herman stated she would like to start a Majestic Isles newsletter. At once, **Selma Friedman** said "Count me in!" Gerry and the late Betty Katz gathered a hardworking staff and

the rest is history.

Because Selma and her husband, Ziggy, along with Lee and Josh Katz, were the co-founders of the Social Club, it was inevitable that Selma's column was about the Social Club and all its activities. In the beginning that was the only club.

A few years later, Elsa Stein, who originally wrote the M.I.L.T. column, decided to retire from the staff and Selma, who is very involved in M.I.L.T., decided to take on that column.

She has been writing for the newsletter all these years, as well as serving on the Cancer Corps Board, the Hadassah Board and the M.I.L.T. Board. Selma enjoys aerobic classes, canasta games and, when she has time, the Book Club.

Although she also has interests that take her outside of Majestic Isles she appreciates the wide variety of activities at Majestic and all the new friends here.

Selma will always have a song in her heart.

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WHERE DID I PUT MY GLASSES?

By Thelma Mechanic

Does the title ring a bell of familiarity? The scenario: you remove your glasses while watching T.V., or while you wash your face, or perhaps while reading. For what appears to be a moment, you get pre-occupied and distracted by the telephone or doorbell ringing. When you grope for your glasses, they are not apparent. But where are they? I've been advised that they're usually found in the last place you look. Why is that? Because you stop looking after you've found them! As a matter of fact, I've just found my glasses, sitting on the top of my forehead.

My senior friends reassure me that it's a common phenomenon to misplace items. As we grow older, we tend to become more forgetful. We go through the search for misplaced keys, cell phones, hearing aids, watches, checkbooks – and the list goes on.

If it's any solace, I can reassure you that we are all in this together. We tend to forget more and remember less as we age. (Of course, you may be the exception!)

Have you ever started a conversation and suddenly lapsed, because what you wanted to say was at the tip of your tongue, but for the moment you can't recall what you intended to say? Sometime later, the light goes on, and you continue your conversation. Introductions are tricky. You are introduced to people, enjoy their company, and for the life of you, can't remember their names. It's an embarrassing situation that many of us have experienced. Perhaps a polite "Excuse me, please; I can't recall your names" is in order. The other person may be in the same situation.

Memory experts claim that after years of cramming information, our brains reach a point of "overload." It's not so much the lack of memory storage as a lack of memory retrieval.

But fear not. Memory loss and some dementia are fairly common as we age. (We are not discussing here the extremes of memory loss, which are devastating.)

There are many suggestions advised by professionals to help combat memory problems. If you keep physically active and walk frequently, eat properly and continue to maintain a level of interpersonal social skills you're giving yourself a big mental

boost. The use of mnemonics can help one to remember new or unfamiliar information. Mnemonics help to associate facts with simple ways to jog your memory. (For example, do you remember in elementary school learning to remember the names of the five Great Lakes, by recalling that the first letters spell 'HOMES'? Or try rhymes to help you recall. When you park your car, jot down the area, or you might wax poetic, "The car is not a plane, but it is parked on "MAIN."

There are also an abundance of classes, tapes, books and programs available. A friend of mine suggested that I join her in a "How to Remember" course at the local high school. The time wasn't convenient for me, but I was curious as to what she learned, so I phoned her the following week.

"How was the course, and what did you learn" I asked her.

Apologetically she replied, "I forgot to go." Don't let that happen to you!

BOWLING: THE ROYALS

By Shelly Mehlman, President



We must be doing something right.

By the time you read this, the new bowling team, the "Royals," will have started bowling on Thursdays at 3 p.m. at the AMF Boynton Beach Lanes. The lanes are located at 1190 W. Boynton Beach Boulevard, east of Congress.

We chose these lanes for their convenient location, their supportive employees and the ease and simplicity of running the mechanics. Getting the benefits of free bowling coupons over the internet, the 20% discount at the snack bar, the two hour weekly free group bowling and the reduced rate for any team member to bowl made the AMF lanes the right choice for enjoying the camaraderie and the fun in bowling at these alleys. Come join us. For further information, call me, Shelly Mehlman, at 733-8070.

One advantage of bowling over golf is that you never lose a bowling ball.

Source unknown

YIDDISH CULTURAL CLUB

By Jerry Raske

The September 5 meeting of the Yiddish Club opened with the singing of Hatikvah. Norm Katz led the way on the harmonica. This was followed by Dave Katz leading and singing "God Bless America."

For this special occasion we dispensed with all formal meeting reports and moved on to enjoy the delicious and plentiful platters of food on each table. The festivities reminded us of the importance and significance of Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah is not only known as the Day of Judgment (Yom HaDin), but also the Day of Remembrance (Yom HaZakiron).

Reggie Zee reminded us of our commitment to the State of Israel. We were also urged not to forget the painful memories of the Holocaust, which have been imbedded deeply in all of our hearts.

The DVD of Dudu Fisher's Israeli concert was the evening's entertainment and highlight. Every one of us was filled with joy to experience Dudu's music. He will perform on Dec. 19 at Mizner Park.

As always, we thank Florence and Ted Lipschitz, Fran and Mike Ost, Buddy Koch, Norman Katz, Leo Zimmerman, Dave Katz, Lee and Josh Katz, and Jerry Raske for their efforts.

Please join us on October 3 at our next meeting. If you have a simcha or special occasion, please host a Yiddish Club meeting.

Reggie wished one and all a healthy, pain-free happy new year with no more sorrows for the coming year.

THE REEL STORY

By Judy Radin

"Mao's Last Dancer" is a dramatic depiction of the defection of Chinese dancer, Li Cunxin to the Houston Ballet in 1981. Li wrote his best selling autobiography in Australia, where he now lives.

Growing up in the Mao years was extremely difficult in most of China but especially in the far-flung villages like the one Li lived in during the 1970s. There, great leaps were discouraged unless mandated by the state.

Plucked from his humble village with the loving support of his parents, Li, who is played by three actors as he grows up, endures the rigors of training under party hacks and a kindly old teacher who loves the Bolshoi.

As he rises through the ranks, Li performs politically correct ballets for Madame Mao, a culture advisor to the Glorious Revolution, who loves dances with rifles. He subsequently wins a three-month internship with the Houston Ballet where he arrives with his childhood possessions, a shiny black suit and a videotape of Baryshnikov that his thoughtful dance teacher gave him surreptitiously before being arrested by authorities.

The director of the Houston Ballet, Ben Stevenson, takes Li under his wing and showcases him in several of the Houston Ballet's presentations. His meteoric rise to principal dancer and love interests make him comfortable in his new environment in spite of periodic flashbacks to the deprivation of his youth. Just as Li becomes accustomed to his new environment and the luxuries of capitalism, the Chinese authorities decide that he is too comfortable and kidnap him at the embassy in Houston.

A high-power Texas attorney is engaged and all hell breaks loose. The media grabs hold of the action and captions their coverage "A Chinese puzzle is taking place in Houston."

This fascinating movie was filmed on location in China, Australia and Texas. The enticing dance sequences are beautifully performed by the captivating Chi Cao, of the Birmingham (England) Ballet, who plays the grown-up Li. This is a touching study of the love that binds an artist to his homeland though his art pulls him toward exile.

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MAJESTIC ISLES HADASSDAH

By Ellin Goldstein

On Oct. 18 we will hold our first Study Group of the new season. The film, "Blessed is the Match," the story of Hannah Senesh, a Holocaust heroine, will be shown from 3 to 4:30 in the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please join us at our Oct. 25 general meeting. We will meet in the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. for great entertainment and a light lunch. There is a one-dollar charge to cover expenses.

Don't forget that each month we celebrate the New Moon with a Rosh Hodesh gathering at 10:00 am at the Morikami Picnic Area. The month of Heshvan will begin on Friday, Oct. 8.

Cruise News: Remember that Majestic Isles Hadassah and Cancer Group will be sailing on Holland-America's Westerdam from January 21-28, 2011. We still have a few good staterooms available. Please consider joining us and help raise funds for Hadassah and the Cancer Unit.

Remember to contact Betty Wachtel or Rita Marderstein to buy your Scrip for Glicks, The Boys and/or Kosher Marketplace. You purchase food and the merchants contribute to Hadassah.

If you are a resident of Majestic Isles and have not joined Hadassah, please call Rosalie Rosenthal or Gloria Steingart for information on becoming a member of this very important organization.

M.I. CANCER RESEARCH UNIT

By Audrey Hausman

Our first Summer Break event, held on July 17 in the clubhouse, was most successful thanks to the dedicated work of committee members Doris Davidoff, Claire Deveney, Barbara Lader, Marion Brandwein and Edie Goodman. Special appreciation goes to Ed Strauber for his audio expertise. The Greek dinner was delicious. "Opa!" Games such as beach ball relay, trivia and others were played and prizes were awarded. Doris and Claire outdid themselves by creating the "Guess the Photo" challenge. Players were required to match present day photos of members with their childhood pictures. What a terrific job they did!

We are happy to announce that Alice Schultz is the first week's winner (\$20) in our Football Mania, run by Ed Strauber and Ed Gerard. Tickets for the remaining 16 weeks are still available at \$20 each.

At our next meeting, on Oct. 28 at 12 noon, we will serve a light lunch in the clubhouse. Our guest speaker will be an executive of the new West Bethesda Hospital, slated for construction on 441 and Boynton Beach Blvd. Hoping to see you all at the meetings. Have a happy, healthy fun-filled month!

Thought for the month: The you that you are is better by far than the you you are trying to be.

BOOK TALKS and MORE

by Judy Markowitz



The Majestic Isles book discussion group will kick off the season this month by taking a look at Anna Quindlen's newest book, "Every Last One." In this novel of illusive domestic tranquility, disturbing ripples appear just beneath the surface. Judy Markowitz will be the facilitator and all are invited. Book talks take place on the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us on October 20 in the ballroom for our first meeting.

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STRIKES AND SPARES

By Dave Feinberg



On Sept. 7, 2010, we started a new season at **Green-acres Bowl**, which has had a management change, along with some major improvements, including giant 42 inch flat screen monitors for easy viewing of scores. Boy, are they great! We no longer have to squint to see the scores, so it is much easier to record the game results on paper.

The high scores for the first two weeks of bowling are as follows:

WEEK 1 – MEN

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Stan Fox	181	455
Dave Feinberg	179	498
Bob Rosenhouch	171	494

WEEK 1 – WOMEN

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Estelle Snyder	169	455
Sandy Rosenhouch	138	376
Toni Kohn	135	339

WEEK 2 – MEN

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Bob Rosenhouch	199	481
Marty Ratiner	194	491
Dave Feinberg	179	434
Stan Fox	177	496

WEEK 2 – WOMEN

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Estelle Snyder	146	403
Sandy Gardner	154	401

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy holiday. We extend our sincere condolences to Ted Shapiro on the loss of his beloved wife Sheila.

If you can't hear a pin drop, then something is definitely wrong with your bowling.

- Anonymous

MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

Now that the summer is almost over the Men's Club would like to welcome back our seasonal residents.

Our schedule for the winter starts off with BINGO on Sunday, Oct. 17. We'll have a trip to the Hard Rock casino on Dec. 1, 2010 and another on Feb. 2, 2011.

We are planning an installation breakfast buffet at Ellie's Diner in Jan. The cost to our members should be \$6 with the Men's Club subsidizing the balance. We will more than likely have entertainment.

We are also looking into a Valentine's night party on Saturday night Feb. 12, 2011. We would like to have the Women's Club join us in this affair. Updates will be forthcoming.



SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES 8 p.m. at the clubhouse

OCT. 9: SHERLOCK HOLMES Robert Downey Jr., starring as the legendary London sleuth Sherlock Holmes, is joined by Jude Law as Dr. Watson in this Guy Ritchie-helmed reinvention of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's detective series. Based on a comic book by producer Lionel Wigram, the story follows Holmes and Watson as they face off against the villainous Blackwood (Mark Strong). Rachel McAdams co-stars as sharp beauty Irene Adler.

OCT. 23: MUSIC WITHIN After losing his hearing as a soldier during the Vietnam War, Richard Pimentel (Ron Livingston) returns to America, where he falls in with an unlikely circle of friends and finds a new calling as a spokesman for the disabled. His activist efforts eventually lead to the creation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This true story is inspiring and entertaining.

NOV. 6: AN EDUCATION
NOV. 20: AMELIA

MAJESTIC ISLES SOCIAL CLUB

By Arlene Koch

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I thank Rita Dick and her committee and Sylvia Fefferman and her committee for arranging the Memorial Day and July 4th parties, respectively, in my absence. Both events were very successful and we look forward to enjoying them again next year.

We still have room for a few more people for New Year's Eve. To make a reservation for this gala celebration, please call Rita Dick (740-0127). We would be happy to also have guests join us for this party. "Poppy" and her trio will be providing the music and we will have deli platters. Final payments are due on Oct. 15. The price is \$50 per person.

The last meeting of the season for the Social Club will be on Tues. Oct. 19 at 7:30. The slate of officers for 2011 will be announced. The Fred Astaire Dancers of Boynton Beach will demonstrate their talents and show us some great tips on how to audition for "Dancing With The Stars." Coffee and pie and ice cream will be served. *Please* sign up in the back lobby.

On Oct. 30 we will have "Showtime" in lieu of a Halloween Party. As singer and dancer Laurie Miller performs, you will see Liza, Barbra and maybe Cher all in one person. Tickets are \$12 p/p. Put your checks in the Social Club box in the back lobby.

There is still time to buy tickets for 2011 series before we begin to assign seats. The Feb. show with Hal Linden will be a first for Majestic Isles as he will be accompanied by six musicians. The pianist will be playing on a baby grand piano. *Note:* This show will be on **Sunday** evening, rather than on Saturday. Flyers for the series are in the back lobby.

My thanks to Marge Chappell and Florence Cohen, co-chairs of the Movie Committee. Marge welcomes recommendations of a movie for our community. What a bargain for \$1 for a drink and a snack! Check the movie listing on the opposite page.

We will be collecting items for "Toys For Tots" soon. Please watch for starting date. Let's make this a wonderful Christmas for underprivileged children. A box will be placed in the back lobby.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

By Elaine Jay



If you enjoy playing duplicate bridge, please consider joining other bridge players on Tuesday evenings in the clubhouse in the fall and throughout the season. We have a new director lined up to replace our former director, who has moved out of town. Duplicate games will resume in October. Please check channel 63 for the exact date. If you have any questions, contact Judy Markowitz (733-1932).

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER

By Selma Friedman



"Another Op'nin', Another Show" - that's us, and we're ready for the new season. Bernie Fishkin has been working on "Team Trivia" for our Oct. 10 meeting. This is a game in which each person seated at a table comprises a team. Everyone is a participant and questions will come from a variety of categories. If you have expertise in a particular area you might be rewarded with bonus points. Come and compete - prizes will be awarded. Because seating is limited, we ask that you please sign up in the back lobby.

Also - prepare yourself for a wonderful musical tribute to "The Big Apple" on Saturday, Nov. 13 and Sunday, Nov. 14. More information will be announced later on Channel 63. It is a very rewarding show.



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MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

Doris Davidoff



The Majestic Isles Travel Club is looking forward to our first trip – Key West, Oct. 12-14. There is still room if you're interested in joining us. We're a small group, but the motorcoach company has made it possible for us to enjoy this trip in comfort, even with a small group. We're looking forward to lots of fun, some educational experiences and just a good time for all.

We originally held our meetings in the evening since that was the most requested time. However, we found ourselves in great competition with card games and mah jongg, so the group voted to try Sunday morning for our September meeting. At the time this went to press, we had not yet held our meeting, so we'll have to see what works best.

Check our web site page for upcoming meeting information at www.majesticisles.com/travelclub. Information on our trips is also available there. If you have not already provided us with your email address, please send it to dorisdav@aol.com if you want to receive information about Travel Club plans as soon as possible – before the information is on Channel 63 or in the newsletter.

At our August meeting those who attended had some fun trying to recognize travel landmarks throughout the world. The top five scores won prizes. We discovered that there are many places in the world that we don't know very much about. Even when we can't get to see a place, it's still fun learning about it. The old cliché that, when it comes to traveling, planning is half the fun is definitely true. And, for some places in the world, that is good enough.

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

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Barbara Roland

We held our summer Canasta Tournament on Aug. 9 and we want to thank all who participated in that function. The winners were as follows:

- 1st: Charlotte Goldberg and Roberta Rabinowitz
- 2nd: Sheila Goldstein and Selma Wattenberg
- 3rd: Janice Davidson and Adele Freitag
- 4th: Helen Aldoroty and Barbara Rosen

At 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11 we will have "Coffee and..." in the clubhouse, with a book review of "Hotel On The Corner Of Bitter and Sweet," with presented by our own Donna Shaneson. Please sign up on the sheet in the back lobby.

On Nov. 8 we will have our Card Party/Luncheon at The Delray Country Club. Please save the date. We hope to see everyone at all our functions.

THE SINGLES SCENE

By Thelma Mechanic

Welcome back to all our friends. The Singles are planning another great year and look forward to all of your participation. We will kick off the season with a Board meeting on October 8 at 3 p.m. followed by a sandwich supper from TooJays Deli at 4 p.m. for our paid-up members with a program of games to follow.

Call Roberta Rabinowitz (736-999) if you have questions and look for further activities on channel 63.



"Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends." – Maya Angelou

"If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel." -- Willkommen

"A journey is like marriage. The certain way to be wrong is to think you control it." – John Steinbeck

ACTIVITY CALENDAR
October 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010

- Oct. 2**, Sat. 8 p.m., Social Club **Movie Night** (p, h)
- Oct. 3**, Sun. 9:30 a.m., Men’s Club **Breakfast** (p, h)
 7:30 p.m., Yiddish Club
- Oct. 4**, Mon. 2 p.m., Board of Directors **Workshop**
- Oct. 5**, Tues. 11 a.m., Calendar meeting
- Oct. 6**, Wed. 11 a.m., President’s meeting
- Oct. 7**, Thurs. 10 a.m. COP meeting
 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors **meeting**
- Oct. 8**, Fri. 4 p.m. Singles meeting
- Oct. 9**, Sat. 8 p.m., Social Club **Movie Night** (p, h)
- Oct. 10**, Sun., 7:30 p.m., M.I.L.T. **team trivia** (non-members \$2, h)
- Oct. 11**, Mon. 12:30 p.m., Women’s Club **Book Review**, “Coffee and...”
- Oct. 17**, Sun. 7 p.m., Men’s Club **BINGO** (p, h)
- Oct. 18**, Mon. 3 p.m. Hadassah **Study Group** (f, h)
- Oct. 19**, Tues. 7:30 p.m., Social Club meeting
- Oct. 20**, Wed. 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More** (f, h)
- Oct. 21**, Thurs. 4 p.m., Tennis Club meeting
- Oct. 23**, Sat. 8 p.m., Social Club **Movie Night** (p, h)
- Oct. 25**, Mon. 12:30 a.m. Hadassah meeting
- Oct. 28**, Fri. 12 noon, Cancer Unit meeting



October

November

- Nov. 1**, Mon. 2 p.m. Board of Director’s **Workshop**
- Nov. 2**, Tues. 11 a.m. Calendar Meeting
- Nov. 4**, Thurs. 10 a.m. COP Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Board of Director’s **Meeting**
- Nov. 5**, Fri. 4 p.m., Singles’ Meeting
- Nov. 6**, Sat. 8 p.m. Social Club, **Movie Night** (p, h)
- Nov. 7**, Sun. 9:30 a.m., Men’s Club **Breakfast** (p, h)
 7:30 p.m., Yiddish Club
- Nov. 8**, Mon. 12 noon, Women’s Club **Card Party/Luncheon**
- Nov. 13 & 14**, Sat. and Sun. 7:30 p.m., M.I.L.T. Show (p, h)
- Nov. 15**, Mon. 3 p.m. Hadassah **Study Group** (f, h)
- Nov. 16**, Tues. 7:30 p.m. Social Club Meeting
- Nov. 17**, Wed. 2 p.m., **Book Talks and More** (f, h)
 7:30 p.m., Board Candidates Night
- Nov. 18**, Thurs. 12 noon, Cancer Unit Meeting
 4 p.m. Tennis Club Meeting
- Nov. 20**, Sat. 8 p.m., Social Club **Movie Night** (p, h)
- Nov. 21**, Sun. 7 p.m., Men’s Club **Bingo** (p, h)
- Nov. 22**, Mon. 11:30 a.m., Hadassah Meeting

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

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