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Manager's Corner



As we start off another New Year, I want to take just a minute to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work throughout the last year. Under the direction of Harvey Galan as the President, Steve Bayer, Bill Broth, Iris Rothstein, Saul Siegel, Ken Keller, and Mark Jaffie have all taken a personal interest in their chosen duties around the property as well as the entire community. All of their hard work and attention to detail is evident in the fact that the Association dues have not been raised for the 2015 fiscal year.

The Annual Meeting and Election were held on December 18 with six residents running for the four open Board seats. Steve Bayer, Bill Broth, Mark Jaffie, and Saul Siegel were re-elected to the Board for 2015 and 2016. Harvey Galan will remain as president, and 1st vice presidential duties, along with safety and security, return to Steve Bayer. Bill Broth is once again 2nd vice president and will oversee the Grounds Committee. Iris Rothstein will continue as secretary and the Welcome Committee. Saul Siegel as treasurer and Ken Keller as assistant treasurer will oversee the Association finances. Ken will also head up the Contracts Committee. Mark Jaffie returns as Member-at-Large, as well as head of the Architectural Review and Conformance Committee (ARC). We all owe Bonnie big thanks for chairing the Election Committee and putting the election all together. It's a lot more work than it sounds like.

Big changes for 2015 have to do with replacing the vendors for maintaining the pool, hot tub and tennis courts. Barefoot Pools will be attending to the care and maintenance of the pool, hot tub and all of the collective equipment. Perry Sinett will be maintaining our 4 HarTru tennis courts.

Three major projects in the community will begin soon. Zimmerman Tree Service will be here Jan. 5 to trim all of the hardwood/canopy trees in and around the property. The crews come back in late May/early June to trim all of the palm trees. Starting Jan. 12, Advanced Mulch will follow up the tree trimming by putting down a fresh application of mulch. Finally, Hartzell Painting will gear up for the painting and cleaning of the homes some time near the end of January. Watch Channel 63 and check the Weekly Highlights for updated information.

The year 2015 promises to be another productive one for Majestic Isles. Some additional projects are being looked into and will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval. I look forward to seeing the accomplishments of the 2015 Board of Directors and the exciting improvements being considered...all to make Majestic Isles a community everyone can be proud to call "HOME"! Ken Miller, Association Manager

Unofficial Highlights of M.I. Board of Directors Meeting, December 9, 2014

Minutes of the Dec. 9, 2014 regular B.O.D. meeting and the Dec. 18 Annual 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.

Harvey Galan turned the meeting over to Ken Keller for recommendations and motions concerning the 2015 Vendor Contracts.

Ken Keller briefly explained the contracts, which were grouped into renewals without any increase, renewals with a slight increase, and new vendor contracts.

A motion to accept the contracts with no increase from Smithco, LBS Pressure Cleaning, Fitness Source, Symbiont Service Corp., Aspen Air, Hometown Pest Control, and Palm Beach Aquatics passed by unanimous vote.

Motion to accept the contracts from M&P and Associates Protective Services, with a slight increase, passed by unanimous vote.

Motion to accept the new vendor contracts from Barefoot Pools and Perry Sennett (for the tennis courts) passed by unanimous vote.

Motion to accept the proposal from Hometown Pest Control for treating ficus whitefly for \$5544, passed by unanimous vote.

Unofficial Minutes of Majestic Isles Board of Directors Annual Meeting Dec. 18, 2014

Harvey Galan turned the Meeting over to Bonnie Haberstick, Chair of the Election Committee.

Bonnie Haberstick verified that a quorum of residents and proxies was certified by the Election Committee and explained the process for the election and voting procedure. Voting began at 7:10 p.m.

For results of the election, the selection of officers, and other action following the election, please refer to Ken Miller's article on page 4.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish all our friends and neighbors a happy and healthy new year in a world of peace.

Harvey Galan, President

GOOD AND WELFARE

GET WELL

Jean Abramowitz
Helen Benowich
Dottie Caroff
Larisa Chizhik
Paula Goldberg
JoAnn Schwartz
Joyce Spiess
Nancy Weiss

SYMPATHY

To Fran Feinberg on the loss of her husband, Dave. To Joyce Milbauer on the loss of her sister, Eileen Stearns.

To the family of Fred and Greta Oestreicher.

MESSAGES

There is no better place to live than Majestic Isles. My sincere thanks to all for your cards, calls, donations and help in getting me where I have to go.

Dottie Caroff

To my friends and neighbors in Majestic Isles: Thank you so much for your calls and cards. They are truly helping me get better. Thank you for your kindness.

Paula Goldberg

A sincere thank you to all my friends and neighbors for your phone calls, cards and donations. The outpouring of good wishes for a speedy recovery was the very best medicine.

JoAnn Schwartz

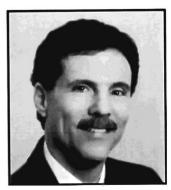
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By Steve Bayer

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Highlights of COBWRA Meeting at Winston Trails, Dec. 17, 2014

The December Highlights are abridged below. The full version is posted in the back lobby.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

* President Rosoff announced that the Ag Reserve Roundtable originally scheduled for Jan. 9 has been rescheduled to Feb. 17. She also reminded delegates that the Nominating Committee is to be elected at the January meeting. To serve you must be nominated to the Committee. Anyone wishing to run for an office is prohibited from serving on the Nominating Committee. She thanked the delegation from COBWRA who made the trip to the County Commissioners meeting to express their support for the current County ambulance contracts.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

Captain Chris Keene, PBSO District 6, reported that this is a busy time of the year for the Sheriff's Office and introduced Major Ron Mattino, Commanding Officer of the South Regional Bureau.

* Firefighter & Paramedics The Delegates were reminded that the Yellow Dot Program officially began Dec. 1, 2014 and the Firefighters and Paramedics will come to individual communities and make presentations as to the specifics of the program. The Interim Battalion 4 Chief RICH ELLIS was introduced to the Delegates.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- * County Commissioner Mary Lou Berger stated that one of the most pressing issues that elected officials are dealing with is the treatment of and supply of water. Commissioner Berger also announced that her office collected and distributed more than 200 pounds of food to PBC Family Services and the Caridad Center. She also updated the delegates as to the problem of panhandling at intersections. With the approval of her fellow commissioners, she has asked the County Attorney to draft an ordinance to deal with the issue.
- * State Attorney David Aronberg announced that juvenile arrests were down more than 8% in 2014, the lowest in more than 30 years.
- * Pam Martin from the PBC Tax Collector's Office announced that tax collections were more than \$3 million dollars above the 2014 budgeted amount due to the increases in the bed and short term rental tax, a plus for the residents of Palm Beach County.

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PET PATCH



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Hooray! My mom finally got home! I was so glad to see her, I jumped up on her and she took me into her arms – I missed her SO much!

I had a lot of fun at Andy's house playing with him; then I went to Aunt Ellin's house, and that's where I met Jake, her grandson. We ran around and played a lot – he was lots of fun. Gee, I was so tired after we played, that I had to take a nap. My Mom doesn't run around quite like that – but then she's a little older!

Then, Aunt Audrey came for me along with her dog Lacey. I hadn't seen them in a very long time – it was so good to see them. I knew this was my last stop before Mom got home. Lacey and I raced to the door when we heard the doorbell – there was Mom!!

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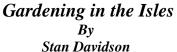
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Carnivorous plants grow in places with soil that does not offer much food value. These amazing plants evolved over thousands of years developing insect traps to obtain their nutritional needs. The traps are well hidden from the naked eye.

The Pitcher plant has a brightly colored rim and an enticing half-cup-like appearance with a pitcher full of sweet nectar. Visualize this. A curious insect comes close, takes a drink of nectar and then slides down the slippery pitcher-shaped slope. The walls of the pitcher plant contain hair-like growth that prevents the insect from crawling out. The digestive enzymes of the plant begin to work immediately and the insect dies in a few hours.

The Venus Flytrap is a carnivorous plant native to the bogs and swamplands of North and South Carolina. It preys on insects with the uniquely shaped terminal portions of its leaves. There are two regions of this plant that attract their prey. The broad leaf base region called the leaf base carries out the photosynthesis of the plant and a leaf blade that is sticky is the trapping mechanism.

The Cape Sundew plant is small rosette-forming carnivorous specie native to the Cape in South Africa. The most interesting characteristic of the plant is its ability to digest the nutrients, especially the nitrogen it requires for insects caught in its stalked tentacles. The tentacles secrete a sweetly scented sticky clear fluid used to trap and retain their prey. This fluid contains an acid and enzymes that digest the soft parts of the prey. As sensitive as the tentacles are, they are able to distinguish between a meal and other stimuli, such as water droplets.

With its bulbous green heads, twisted red tongue and long tubular pinchers, the Cobra plant is rightfully named. Cobra plants are native to Southern Oregon and Northern California. Picture this. The entire plant has the appearance of a striking cobra with its redveined yellowish green head like leaf and a purple spotted appendage resembling a snake's tongue. An insect is drawn to the hollow leaf by nectar glands in the extended tongue. When inside the hooded leaf, the insect tries to crawl out or fly through the hood. The insect soon tires and drops into water that has accumulated at the base of the hood and is eventually indigested by bacteria present in the water.

Now that you have read, and digested, and maybe have indigestion from my research on carnivorous plants, you may be interested in growing one at home. They are available for sale on Amazon. Grow the plants outdoors, where plenty of bugs will find their way into the plant and not into your home.

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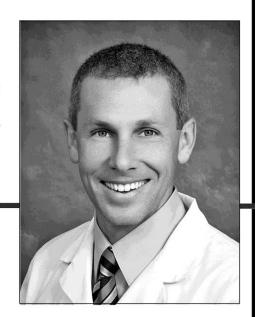
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BETWEEN TWO RIVERS

By Bill Harris

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 15,000 people in West Africa have contracted Ebola since March, 2014. Of these, more than 5400 people have died. That makes the current outbreak the biggest outbreak since Ebola first appeared in 2007. On the bright side, WHO declared outbreaks in Nigeria, Mali and Senegal over. Also, there were fewer new Ebola cases (236) seen in Guinea and Liberia in the week ending Nov. 25 than in any week in the preceding three months. On the "dark" side, WHO says the number of new cases in Sierra Leone was above 600 in each of the three weeks leading up to Nov. 25, the most in any three-week period so far.

In September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) outlined best-case and worst-case scenarios of from 11,000 - 27,000 cases or from 0.54 -1.4 million cases, respectively, in Liberia by Jan. 20. The best-case scenario assumes 70% of patients are treated in settings that confine the illness and that the dead are buried safely. The worst-case scenario could occur if the disease continues spreading without effective intervention. At present only about 18% of patients in Liberia and 40% in Sierra Leone are being treated in appropriate settings.

Of the 20 Ebola patients transported from West Africa to Europe and the US for treatment, four in Europe are still (Nov. 25) in treatment, three in Europe have died and so did two in the US. Two nurses in Dallas and one in Madrid, who contracted Ebola while treating transported patients, have survived. The latest patient in the United States to have the disease arrived on Nov. 15 and died three days later while being treated in a biocontainment center in Omaha.

In order to make sure that Ebola doesn't spread in the U.S., the Governors of New York and New Jersey announced mandatory quarantines for medical workers returning from West Africa. The governor of Illinois ordered 21-day quarantine for high-risk individuals. Twenty hospitals from Denver to Long Island have been designated to accept Ebola patients. Of the nation's 100 state public health labs, 24 are ready to test for Ebola. Five United States airports are screening travelers from West Africa for fever. They are: New York's' JFK and Newark, D.C.'s Dulles, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson and Chicago's O'Hare.

No such policies are as yet contemplated to thwart a Chikungunya (Chick-V) or Dengue fever invasion. These viruses hitch rides in human hosts traveling by airplane to the U.S. from the Caribbean and Central America. They caused last year's Dengue fever outbreak in Stuart FL, and this year's nationwide Chick-V infection, first documented in Florida in June.

Unlike the hemorrhagic variant of Dengue fever, Chick-V usually is not deadly. It can however, make you quite sick with 4-5 days of flu-like symptoms and possibly months-long intense pain in the feet and hands. As with the 2013 Stuart, FL Dengue cluster, mosquitoes that have bitten infected humans can transmit the Chick-V virus to those who are not infected thereby spreading the disease. In my opinion, just as for Ebola, screening and restrictions should be implemented for international airline passengers and also for cruise ship passengers returning to the U.S. from the American tropics.

According to the CDC, a relatively rare and only enterovirus, recently tracked EV-D68 hospitalized hundreds of children across the US. The respiratory virus has been lab-confirmed in 1121 cases in 47 states and D.C. Most infected with the virus suffer cold symptoms, though it has caused breathing difficulties in some and may be linked to viral meningitis, neurological disease and paralysis. As of Nov. 20, the CDC had confirmed 12 EV-D68 related deaths (6x the number of US deaths from Ebola) and 88 cases of polio-like illness. Florida had its first two deaths in mid-October. CDC advises that like other enterovirus outbreaks, EV-D68 infections should decline by December's colder weather.

As concluded by Brown University researchers (*MI News 12/2014*), more previously unknown or "sleeping" viruses appear each year. Maybe it's time for "Big Pharma" to concentrate on US and develop vaccines to safeguard U.S.



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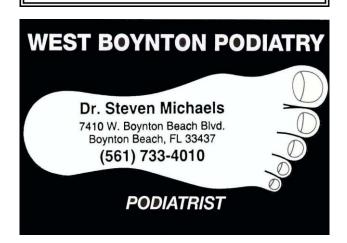


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Pushmi-Pullyu: A LOOK AT THE NEW YEAR

By Phyllis M. Cohen



In the wonderful Dr. Dolittle children's books, there was an amazing two-headed llama-gazelle cross called pushmi-pullyu with a head on either side of his body so that he seemed to be looking

back and forth at the same time. That is how I feel as I think about the New Year. Is it time to reminisce about the past or to look forward instead to the new? As you get older, sometimes it's easier to romanticize the years gone by than to deal with what's ahead. Fortunately, as you get older, too, you are also more likely to forget what really happened.

I do remember vividly the arrival of 2000. Like many others, I was concerned that as the clock struck twelve and we rolled over to the year 2000, all of the computers in the world would go haywire and everything run by computers would stop dead. Didn't happen. Nor did I need to be in a survival shelter with rifles, ammo and supplies waiting for invading hordes to come to rape and pillage as the economy collapsed. Like many of the doomsday predictions, the hype and the hysteria, aided by Internet and media obsessions, fed on itself. Fortunately, looking forward from that date into the near future, I didn't know that there was a terrible impending disaster looming in the future on September 11, 2001.

Then there was New Year's Eve on December 31, 2005. Like many others that day, we were still reeling from the devastation of Katrina and Wilma. The prior three months had disappeared in the anxieties, preparations and darkness of two major back-to-back storms. Though for many of us the problems were minor compared to what happened in New Orleans and what was to occur later, during Hurricane Sandy in 2012, there was little joy as the New Year approached. Mother Nature had outdone the feared scenario of the 2000 predictions. But life goes on.

In 2010 there was still a glow over the Obama election that seemed to show how far America had come in race relations, though the recession rocking the world had not loosened its grip entirely. Later in 2010 the war in Iraq was officially declared to be over, (it took another year for all of our "combat troops" to leave) though somehow we forgot to tell

all of those people still shooting and throwing bombs at civilians and military alike.)

So as 2014 came to a close, I decided to take another tack. I would not obsess over the past events: all of the friends and relatives we had lost as a community and personally; the outcome of the midterm elections and the electioneering for 2016; the bitterness of race relations as the year drew to a close; and the continuing terrorism and wars all over the globe. Nor was I going to become another prognosticator of the future with planned changes for myself and predictions for the world. Instead I am giving up my hat as chief worrier of the universe as I've decided there is nothing I could do about anything I ever worried about.

I thought I could try to tackle little changes and activities where I might have a small chance of success and learn how to coexist with the changes of the 21st century. Not a bucket list, but maybe a teacup approach! For a starter, I thought I would take a *selfie*. After all, what could be more fulfilling than a grinning picture of me baffled over how to work my phone or iPad? Of course, I will then have to obnoxiously display the picture to all my friends and make polite comments about their grandchildren, dogs and neighbors.

I won't renew my Smithsonian or National Geographic Magazines. I'll order People in their place and learn who some of those people are that I understand are famous celebrities. I already know that Nicki Minaj, LL Cool J and Ice-T are not the names of restaurants, but real entertainers. And does Andy Cohen, a pop culture icon know my own son who is the same age and went to Boston University probably at the same time he did? And can his new book and Bill O'Reilly's book on Patton really be on the top of the best-selling non-fiction list?

Leaving these subjects to great minds, I am going to try to cook the new style where I notice chefs using black sea-salt on cookies, deep frying everything, and serving vegetables like kale and broccolini instead of carrots and peas.

Finally, I'll consider getting a tattoo. Not a full sleeve mind you, but maybe a tiny discreet one - like the *cockamamies* of our childhood, those little designs on strips of paper that you transferred to your body. Of course, the best tattoos are already overused, "Mom" "Sexy" "Available." I'll be happy to consider your suggestions, for next year.

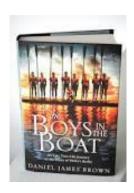






Another Book to Check Out "THE BOYS IN THE BOAT"

By Stan Kaish



The cover of the paperback edition of "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown gives a one line summary of what the reader should expect: "Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics." That story is certainly in there but there is more, much more. This is a story about rural

America during the Depression, with its economic dislocations, its dust bowl, its New Deal programs offering employment and building infrastructure. It focuses primarily on one extraordinary young man, Joe Rantz, who struggles against incredible circumstances, both economic and familial, to attend the University of Washington and become one of the nine men members of its varsity crew.

Racing in the eight oared shell plus coxswain was the premier rowing event, and rowing was a premier sport on the 1930's collegiate scene. With its modern roots in England, crew spread internationally, coming to the U.S. first in the Ivy League schools of the east and then across the country, to University of California at Berkeley and University of Washington in Seattle. Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Penn all fielded crews populated largely by the children of the east coast elite. In Washington State, members of the crew were a different lot. Rowing is hard work. Washington has a miserable climate. Rowing takes place in the rain, in the winter, in the bitter cold. Gradually, the fraternity boys drop out. The children of the well-to-do will find other less demanding diversions. The only ones still striving to make the team are the hardscrabble offspring of farmers, loggers, dockworkers and miners, who need to make the team to stay in school. And they are the ones whose grit Washington's coaches dearly desire.

Joe Rantz is one of these. We first meet the Rantz family doing well during the 1920's, but then Joe's mother suddenly dies. His father remarries a much younger woman, the Depression comes, he and his new wife have three children in rapid order, and to make a sad story short, the new wife comes to dislike Joe. Family circumstances worsen, and they decide to move, but the wife will not take Joe along. At age 16,

he is abandoned, left in the family's partially finished farmhouse to make his own way, which he does, scratching out odd jobs, but relentlessly poor. He stays in school, is a good student, and one day when he is close to graduating a man named Al Ulbrickson sees the six foot two inch Joe doing giant swings in the YMCA gym, is impressed, and gives Joe his card, which identifies him as the head coach of the Washington University Crew, with an invitation to apply and come see him.

We are about to learn a great deal about the details of rowing an eight oar craft: the importance of the angle of the oar, the depth, the stroke count, and above all, the harmony among the rowers. They must row as one, because a misstep by any one of them in any of these areas will cause the entire boat to fail. In other sports when an individual falls into a slump, teammates may pick up the slack. In crew they can't. It is literally, one for all.

On the west coast, the great rivalry is between California, Berkeley and Washington University.

Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity compete between the schools, and the individual rowers compete with one another to be promoted to first boat. At the annual Poughkeepsie regatta, the better Western crew goes east to row against the cream of the Eastern schools. Enormous prestige always follows victory in Poughkeepsie, but in 1936, there was yet another goal: to represent the United States in the 1936 Olympics, to be held in Hitler's Berlin.

At this point, the book veers away from Joe Rantz and the Washington crew to focus on the efforts Nazi Germany is making in preparation for hosting the Olympics. Film maker Leni Riefenstahl and propagandist Joseph Goebblels are painting images of the new Germany, clean, well managed, disciplined and free of Jews, Gypsies and homosexuals. A stadium that holds 110,000 has been built. And most significantly for our story, 15 miles to the southeast, in Grunau, a new boathouse and grandstand stands in anticipation of rowing, canoing, and kayaking events.

With Riefenstahl's camera running, thousands cheering and Hitler watching, the boys in the boat from Seattle squeeze out a six tenths of a second victory over the crews from Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Hungary and Switzerland. It's "Grapes of Wrath" vs. "Mien Kampf," and "Grapes of Wrath" wins.

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Visiting: JACK & BOBBE GREENE

By Claire Deveney



Jack and Bobbe Greene are warm, gracious, friendly, bright and totally engaging.

Jack was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Manhattan. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School and

attended City College of New York (CCNY) for six months. "I convinced my mother to let me join the Army at age 17," says Jack. He was sent to Japan for occupation duty from 1946 to 1947 where he was assigned as a personnel sergeant who, with others, served as liaison between the headquarters of General MacArthur and the Japanese government.

After completing his service, Jack was accepted by Syracuse University as a second semester freshman. His mother became ill during his junior year and she asked him to come home and help her. He continued his education at the Empire School of Optics in New York and became a licensed optician.

Jack worked for several optical companies and was the general manager of the optical franchise at the Korvette chain. He became a designer of optical frames and the U.S. distributor for Tiffany Eyewear, based in France. He advanced to become its U.S. vice president of sales and then was U.S. chief operating officer for the company until his retirement in 1996. He happily recalls that his job required him to travel nationally and internationally. He went to Europe at least three times a year.

Bobbe was born and raised in Spring Valley, N.Y., located 40 miles north of Manhattan. She graduated from Spring Valley High School and the Cambridge School of Business.

While Jack was attending optical school, he worked part-time at a local diner and one night Bobbe's sister Joyce came in with a date. Jack, who describes himself as casual and talkative, asked, "Are there any more at home like you?" Joyce replied, "Yes," gave him Bobbe's number and the rest, as they say, is history.

On their first date Bobbe and Jack went to Scottie's in Rockland for dinner and dancing. Their favorite dates were going dancing and to shows on Broadway. They were married a year and a half after they met; Jack was 23 and Bobbe was 19. This past March they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Bobbe said, "He chased me until I caught him." Good humor and compromise seem to be their secret to a happy marriage.

Bobbe and Jack have a daughter, two sons and seven grown grandchildren. Their daughter, Jeryl, lives in West Hartford, Conn., and has three married children; Scott lives in Pomona, N.Y. and has two children; and Stuart and his wife, Lee Anne, also live in Pomona and have two children.

Bobbe loved being a mommy and was active in her children's schools and many activities. She volunteered for the Brandeis University National Women's Committee (BUNWC), as it was known then, and served as co-chair of the Board of Education at Temple Beth El in Spring Valley.

"After my daughter left for college, I became a travel agent. I worked for the next 30 years and I loved it," exclaims Bobbe. She taught beginner and advanced courses in "How to be a Travel Agent," at Rockland Community College for many years

The Greene's have traveled extensively and each year Bobbe would join Jack on one of his business trips and they would travel to different parts of Europe.

Jack and Bobbe Greene initially became snowbirds in 1997 and from 1999 to 2005 they lived in Lake Worth. They decided to move to M.I. in February 2005. "We loved the size of the community, the clubhouse, our new home and our garage," explains Bobbe. Now they have decided to be year-round Florida residents.

The Greene's enjoy attending FAU's Lifelong Learning classes and play a lot of bridge. Jack also enjoys playing poker and Bobbe fills in on Mah Jongg games. They both love to read and have led book discussions at the M.I. Book Talks. Bobbe enjoys writing, volunteers for the M.I. News and serves as its bookkeeper.

Bobbe is a life member of Hadassah and Jack is a Hadassah Associate. They belong to the Social Club, M.I. Pap Corps, M.I.L.T. and Snowbirds Club.

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By Donna Shaneson

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Sunday, January 25

11:00 a.m. *Belle and Sebastian* 1:30 p.m. *Touchdown Israel* 4:00 p.m. *Closer to the Moon*

7:30 p.m. Gett: The Trial of Viviane Ansalem

Monday, January 26

11:00 a.m. Body & Soul: The State of the Jewish Nation

1:30 p.m. Joachim Prinz: I Shall Not Be Silent Shooting for Home

4:00 p.m. Operation Sunflower

7:00 p.m. Run Boy Run

Tuesday, January 27

11:00 a.m. Quality Balls: The David Steinberg Story Hannah Cohen's Holy Communion

1:30 p.m. Esther Broner: A Weave of Women Bulletproof Stockings

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Wednesday, January 28

11:00 a.m. A Place in Heaven 2:00 p.m. Of Many Panel discussion 4:00 p.m. Mr. Kaplan

7:00 p.m. The Art Dealer

Thursday, January 29

11:00 a.m. My German Friend 1:30 p.m. Farewell Herr Schwarz 4:30 p.m. Hanna's Journey 7:15 p.m. Rock the Casbah

Friday January 30

11:00 a.m. Bialik: King of the Jews Broken Branches 1:30 p.m. Igor & the Cranes' Journey

Saturday, January 31

7:00 p.m. *Deli Man* 9:15 p.m. *Zero Motivation*



Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

Goran Persson

I have no way of knowing how people really feel, but the vast majority of those I meet couldn't be nicer. Every once in a while someone barks at me. My New Year's resolution is not to bark back.

Tucker Carlson

My New Year's Resolution List usually starts with the desire to lose between ten and three thousand pounds.

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HADASSAH

By Ellin Goldstein



The new executive board for Majestic Isles Hadassah was installed at the December 15 Installation/Hanukah luncheon Board members are: President,

Lee Katz; Membership VP, Sue Horowitz; Records Administrator, Evelyn Harris; Program VP, Irene Mordis; Education VP, Donna Shaneson; Fund Raising VPs, Janice Davidson and Adele Freitag; Corresponding Secretary, Judy Markowitz; Recording Secretary, Ellie Rogg; and Treasurer, Sheila Traum.

January will be busy month for Hadassah. On Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, there will be a luncheon to honor Joan Baron, the outgoing president of our region. The event will be held at the Delray Sands Resort from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Call Lee for more information.

Our wonderful Cards and Game Party will be held on Monday, Jan. 26 at the clubhouse. The cost will be \$29. Get your games together now and put your money in the Hadassah mailbox. Please indicate your choice of game and the people you are playing with. Give all that information to Doris Robin.

On March 4, we will be holding a spectacular Majestic Isles Sweet Sixteen event in honor of our chapter's 16th anniversary. Janice Davidson and Adele Frietag are organizing the luncheon, which will be at Westchester Country Club. More information will be available soon.

Our ongoing charitable projects continue. To buy a brick on our 6th Brick Lane, call Lee Katz (733-6702) or Lucille Garelick (364-0533).

Elaine Grossman writes that Camp Judea is beginning to process enrollment for the summer of 2015. M.I. Hadassah is working hard to aid the camp in providing scholarships. We have almost completed our pledge. The next dine-around in support of Camp Judea will be held Sunday January 4 at DaVinci's in the Fountains at Jog Rd.

The 2014-2015 calendars have been delivered. If you didn't get yours and you put in a personal ad, please call me or pick it up at a meeting. We'll sell the extra calendars for \$9. If you want one, call Evelyn Harris or me.

The Book of Remembrance has also been delivered. Call Lee Katz to find out when you can get yours if you have not received it.

Before you know it, Bev Jaffe will be selling Mah Jongg cards. We got a very nice check from the Mah Jongg league this year. Bev thanks Irene Mordis for typing all the names for her.

As usual, Hadassah is very busy with activities. We always welcome new residents and members.

A Happy, Healthy New Year.



WOMEN'S CLUB

By Ruth Oppler, President

I'm writing this article right after our welcome back luncheon, which was enjoyed by all – great food, entertainment and friendship.

This is my last article as I am retiring from the presidency. Nadine Ehrlich, Joyce Milbauer and Nancy Weiss will be taking over the reins. It has been my pleasure to be president of this club for the past few years. Please continue to be part of this wonderful group. The rest of the officers and board will continue to work hard on all future events. Dues of \$15 are now due.

2015 upcoming events:

Jan. 12, Installation luncheon at Copenhagen Restaurant, \$20 pp paid up members only as this event is being subsidized by the club. Entertainment. Tables of 6 or 8

Feb. 8, Valentine's Dinner/Dance at Delray Country Club, \$35 members and \$42 for guests (these checks should be made out to M.I.M.C. (men's club) as we are co-sponsoring this event with the Men's Club.

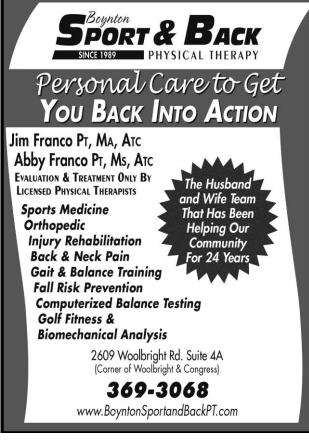
March 25, show *George M. Cohan Tonight*, \$33, stage door theatre. This is a joint venture with Snowbird Club.

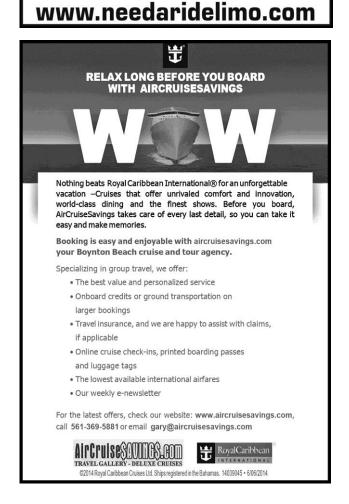
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SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Sorkin

As Christmas and New Year's approach, we anticipate our usual great success in our year-end plans. Thanks to our many volunteers, we are looking forward to a great response to our grandchildren's activities. Fish will have to beware as the children,

under the direction of Morris Berman, Bill Broth, Sy Lubchansky and Gary Skinner, will be out fishing on Lake One where we expect many fish to be caught. Thank you to the arts



the arts and crafts committee with Gerry Herman and her volunteers who will have many projects for the youngsters.

We expect our famous New Year's party to be a great success. Again, the many volunteers under the leadership of Arlene Koch, Sylvia Fefferman and Rita Dick work together to make this party better than ever.

Our winter show series starts on Jan. 17 with Jodi Langel, a fresh young singer, along with Bob Folse, a talented guitarist. This will be an excellent show, right here in our clubhouse.....\$30 per person. Call Arlene Koch or Joan Sorkin for tickets.

Feb. 28 will be our blockbuster evening with "Sarge." Tickets are almost sold out, so do not wait any longer if you want to attend. Tickets are 30 per person.

Please support your social club by paying dues for 2015 of \$10 per person. Help us continue to present excellent shows, fun-filled parties, interesting meetings, etc. (continued next column)

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MEN'S CLUB

By Joel Cohen

Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, Jan 4. You must be a paid member to attend.

The Men's Club will be going to Gulfstream Casino/track on Wednesday, Jan 21, 2015. The cost is \$18 and you get \$10 play and \$7 lunch.

Another reminder, our joint event with the Women's Club, the Valentine's Day party, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015 at the Delray Country Club at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be the same as last year at \$35 per person for club members and \$40 for guests and non-members. Of course we will have another great dinner and an entertainer for the evening. It was a great success last year and we look forward to another winner this year.





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MAJESTIC ISLES PAP CORPS

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



The "Coins for the Cure" Brunch Sunday, Dec. 14 was an elegant and successful occasion with excellent catering by Flakowitz. Described as animated and well choreographed, the a

cappella group "Women of Note" was fabulous. Centerpieces were hot pink piggies decorated with dollar bills and pennies created by Marcia Steiner and Suzanne Skinner, both vice presidents of fund raising. Thank you to set-up volunteers, Myrna Bader, Barbara Lader, Lois Richman, Fran Silling, Suzanne Skinner and Marcia Steiner, and to servers, Francine Gitto and Ellie Rogg. Special thanks to Ed Strauber for providing audio for the event.

The Kings Academy High School chorus will be the featured performers at our regular lunch meeting at noon on Thursday, **Jan. 29.** They were so popular last year, we asked them to come back. Please sign up in the back lobby. The price will be announced.

All members and guests of the M.I. community are invited to attend an upbeat concert by a Kingston Trio member on Wednesday evening **Feb. 25** at 7:30 p.m. Coffee and ... will follow the performance. Tickets are \$15 per person. Please place your checks and names of those attending in the M.I. Pap Corps mailbox. Contact Suzanne Skinner or Marcia Steiner with any questions.

We are now selling tickets at \$20 per person for the Boca West High School performances of "The Adams Family" on Saturday, **March 7** at 8 p.m. and Sunday, **March 8** at 2 p.m. Place your checks, with requested number of tickets and performance dates, in the M.I. Pap Corps mailbox. Also, mark the outside of the envelope, "Attention: Marcia Steiner and Suzanne Skinner."

Save Saturday, March 14 for the annual Pap Walkathon to be held at FAU at 8:30 a.m. Contact either Helene Riffle or Ellie Rogg. Honorary chairman is Enid Gerard. Watch for flyers to sign-up and solicit donors and sponsors.

In addition to the above, save **March 26**, 11 a.m. for the M.I. Pap Corps card party.

MAJESTIC ISLES LITTLE THEATER General Meeting, December 21, 2014

By Selma Friedman



"M.I.L.T. Presents A Holiday Experience Filled with Music, Stories and Laughter." Such an upbeat, joyful meeting! It was a delightful program filled with music and comedy, some more serious moments and visual treats. Our wonderful audience was appreciative and supportive, joining with us at the end for a special moment.

Programs like this don't just happen. They require thoughtful planning and rehearsal time, and wonderful people who participate with energy and pep.

Tonight our cast was led by:

Director: Barbara Portnoff
Assistant Director: Doris Davidoff
Producer: Ed Strauber
Musical Director: Selma Friedman
Sound: Buddy Koch

"The Cast"

Irene Mordis Iris Rothstein Roberta Jaffie Ira Schneider

"Majestic Isles Singers"

Doris Davidoff
Francine Gitto
Rita Goldman
Marian Held
Gerry Herman
Roberta Jaffie
Linda Kessler

Harriet Kutner
Alene Kristal
Sy Lubchansky
Paul Mendelsohn
Ed Mordis
Irene Mordis
Gloria Steingart

Thanks to all who gave of their time to create such a joyful evening. Well done!!!

We are off to a great start so far this season. And in January we continue the high level of performance by bringing back our wonderful Harvey Vetstein. Put Jan. 11, 2015 on your calendar for an informative and thought provoking meeting.

We are not professionals, but we do have a good time. If you would like to join us, just speak to one of our officers or board members. We are a friendly bunch.

SNOWBIRDS

"Seasonal Residents"

By Bobbe Greene



The next meeting of the Snowbirds/Seasonal Residents will be held at 11 a.m. at our clubhouse on Friday, Jan. 9. Bagels and... will be served and we are hoping to have a

guest speaker.

A luncheon is planned at the Banana Boat for Feb. 13. There is also a possibility that the group will be going to the Fairchild Botanical Gardens and the new Chihuly exhibit – more on that later.

At the time this article was written there were still a few tickets left for the theatre party. If you would like to join us please put a check in our mailbox in the back lobby for \$33 per ticket. We are looking forward to attending the musical "George M. Cohan Tonight" at the Broward Stage Door Theatre on March 25 at 2 p.m.

We hope to see more Snowbirds at the January meeting. Please sign up on the sheet in the back lobby so we know how many to plan for. Everyone in the community is welcome.



SINGLES

By Ellin Goldstein

Our next meeting date is Jan. 7. Most people have already paid their \$10 dues. If you have not, please do so.

The trip to Harid's was terrific and dinner at Kee Grill was delicious. However someone left a jacket at the restaurant. The restaurant has it and would really like to return it to the owner.

We are looking forward to our great New Year's trip.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and uneventful New Year.

MAJESTIC ISLES TRAVEL CLUB

Doris Davidoff



Those of us who took a wonderful riverboat cruise on the Danube River from Prague through Austria, Slovakia and Hungary in November are still talking about it. We

plan to offer another riverboat cruise in 2016. Next time, however, we will choose an earlier date for those who are concerned about colder weather. Our Travel Club's luck held out, though, and provided us with excellent weather for cruising and sightseeing. We will set a date sometime in January for those interested in seeing the video of our trip.

Our Alaska trip in May 2015 is sold out, but we are taking a waiting list in case there are cancellations.

Be sure to come to a special meeting on Jan. 18 (a week earlier than usual for our meeting) for information on our next major trip, which will be to Ireland in early October 2015. That meeting will start at 10 a.m., an hour earlier than our usual time, so we have adequate time for the meeting and **refreshments.** The tour we will be taking is offered by Collette Tours, a well-known tour operator for many years. If you've never been to Ireland, this is your chance; and, if you have already been there, this is your chance to fall in love with it again.

We are working on some one-day trips to interesting places not too far away. For now, we will not be planning any overnight trips that require motorcoach transportation because we have recently had to cancel a few such trips when we did not get enough people signing up.

Come to our meetings to learn and have a voice in future destinations. The Travel Club is open to all Majestic Isles residents and their friends and relatives. We usually meet on the fourth Sunday of each month (check Channel 63 for any changes). Our trips have a mixture of couples and singles. There is no membership fee to belong to the Travel Club. We also plan trips in cooperation with other M.I. organizations.

PICKLEBALL @ M.I

By Ed Strauber and Jerry Ehrlich



As we sat together to write our second article, we realized how this game is taking off in our community. In just the first six weeks, we have a core of players that gets together on Wednesday mornings to play this game. Our thanks go out to Jerrold Elefson, David Shumacher, Stan Rothstein, Sue and Don Horowitz, Doris Silverman, and Ken Lipansky. On December 10, our team continued to grow with two new additions Alan Stevens and Burt Hoffman. On Thursday December 18, our team will grow again with Sylvia Fefferman, Carol Stevens, and Harvey Vetstein taking a beginners' class.

Starting on January 4, we're planning to play on Sunday mornings at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach. These are outdoor courts and will give all of us different challenges to make us better players.

As you can see the *buzz* is definitely out. If you would like to take a free beginners' class on Thursday mornings, please call Ed or Jerry by Tuesday night.

To all our family at Majestic Isles we wish you a healthy and happy new year.

Thank you for your support...

MAJESTIC BOWLING LEAGUE

By Arnie Everitt



As the season rolls past the halfway point it is apparent that teams Bears and Wolves will be the two teams to beat.

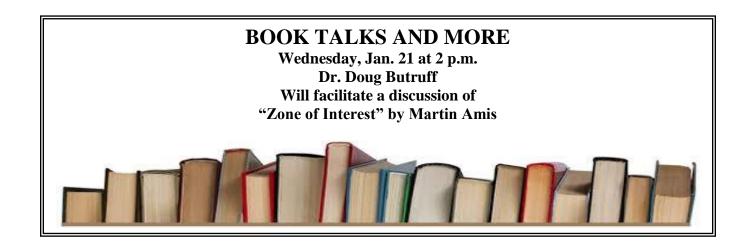
Several weekly highlights of scratch games and series are as follows:

The men were led by Michael Neikrug with a scratch game of 184, followed the next week with a scratch series of 499. Of course not to be outdone, our women bowlers led by Joyce Stoudermire and Natalie Herbin posted some terrific scratch games and series.

We were all cheered by the return of our own Estelle Snyder.

The League thanks Ms. Debby Hager of Greenacres Bowl for her help, at this late date in the bowling season, for accommodating our new bowlers and in doing the necessary computer work to establish their handicaps.

The league notes with sadness the passing of Fred and Greta Oestricher. Fred bowled with the Majestic League for many years before moving to the Royals League.

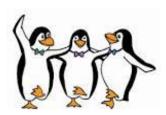


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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January 2015

3	Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Movie Time
4	Sunday	9:30 a.m. 12 noon - 9 j	Men's Club Breakfast p.m. Hadassah Dine-around DaVinci's Restaurant
6	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Calendar Meeting
7	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun
8	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Board of Director's Meeting
9	Friday	11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Snowbirds Meeting Singles Meeting
11	Sunday	7:30 p.m.	MILT Workshop
12	Monday	11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Women's Club Meeting Investment Club
14	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun
17	Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Social Club Showtime
18	Sunday 10:00	a.m.	Travel Club
21	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Men's Club Casino Trip (p,a) Sing for Fun Book Talks
23, 24 Friday, Saturday		lay	Ballroom Closed for Art Show Set-up
25	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Art Show
26	Monday	11:00 a.m.	Hadassah Card Party
28	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Sing for Fun
29	Thursday	12 noon	Pap Corps



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

For additional information, please contact an officer of the appropriate club, **not** the Majestic Isles Office.

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