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Commissioner Paulette Burdick

Yes



Commissioner Jess Santamaria

Yes



Commissioner Steven Abrams

No



Commissioner Priscilla Taylor

No

IT'S ATIE!

Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners Vote on Golf Course 3-3

By Joy Vestal

All golfers know what sudden death is in a golf match. It's a tie score among some of the contenders and they have to play extra holes until there is a winner. So, the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners will meet again, Thursday, Feb. 28 to vote once more on the rezoning of the golf course adjacent to our Village. After a long drawn out hearing, they voted 3-3 on Thursday, Jan. 24..

There were only six commissioners who voted, Commissioner Shelley Vana was serving on jury duty. Voting yes to deny the rezoning were Commissioners Burdick, Santamaria and Valeche. They voted yes because the motion was to deny the project outright. Berger, Taylor and Abrams voted no. So, as all golfers know, it's, "Sudden Death" The Commissioners have to vote again.

Attorneys Ralf Brookes and Rod Tennyson represented the ProActive Residents Projects Committee. Urban planner Kerry Kildare spoke on behalf of the present owners Andrew and Ana Waldman.

The history leading up to this vote is long and complicated. The golf course, that many of our residents thought of as part of the Village, was bought by the Waldman's in 2004 for 2.3 million dollars. In 2008 he closed the course citing a lack of business. Subsequently, he has proposed a development, "Reflection Bay". This development would include 732 traditional units. There would be individual homes, condos, patio homes, retail stores, an assisted living facility and recreational facilities.

There has been a great deal of opposition to this plan from the time that the course was originally sold and when Waldman bought it and made his first presentation to the residents of the Village. A group was formed, then called the Pro Ac-

tive Committee that has devoted their time and efforts to fighting this rezoning. The core argument of this group is a letter that was written in October, 1973 from a Palm Beach Assistant County Attorney that promised that this land would be kept,"in perpetuity" as a golf course. Later, a group of residents in favor of the development, "Welcome Neighbor," was formed. This group feels the development will increase home values in the Village as well as provide shopping and leisure destinations for the residents.

The commissioners have met twice before to decide the fate of this development. In January 2012 after a five-hour hearing there was a tie vote then, Then, in October 2012 they again delayed their decision. This time they voted to grant Waldman a



Commissioner Valeche

Yes

postponement to give him time to present to the zoning commission a new or enhanced plan that he told the commissioners, and the UCO officers, he hoped might comply with some of the wishes of the residents. This proposed plan included a ninehole golf course, a virtual driving range an enlarged assisted living facility, an inn and the elimination of 55 residential units. However, this plan never materialized. So back to the beginning, on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013 a tie vote again was cast by the commissioners.

Following is a statement that was presented to the commissioners from David Israel, President, United Civic Organization.

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Commissioner Berger

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UCO President's message Re: Reflection Bay January 24, 2013 By: Dave Israel

develop residential housing and commercial enterprise on the golf course property which is co-located with Century Village. Since then it has been clear that the great majority of our residents, your constituents, are opposed to this development, despite the fact that a relatively small number are in favor.

Today we are gathered for the denouement. A sober well deliberated vote of our first line legislators, our Board of County Commissioners. I come today as the President of UCO, and as such, I come to represent the greater majority in my fiduciary role, and say that "we" are opposed to this development, and I suspect unalterably so.

We ask that you uphold the plat restriction "to remain for golf course purposes only, in

Nearly eight years have elapsed since we first perpetuity"! We ask that you consider the plea became aware of Drew Waldman's intention to of our senior citizens to uphold and maintain the recreational green space that virtually all residents purchased here in anticipation of. We consider it your fiduciary responsibility to do so, out of respect for our need for security, peace and quiet, and maintenance of our escape from the hustle and bustle of the outside world of traffic, children, and pets. We have worked long and hard to get here, and it is not right that you take it away in the name of mere financial enterprise.

We will not be moved by Mr. Waldman's bulldozers, and if necessary, our voices will be heard in the Courts of the land, in Tallahassee, and if necessary beyond. So, today, strike a blow for your senior constituency, say no to unbridled development of our open, green, recreational space.

REMINDER

DELEGATE MEETING Friday 2/1/13 9:30 a.m. in the Theater

UCO Delegates Meeting

January 4, 2013

President **David Israel** called the meeting to order. Vice-President Phyllis Richland was absent.

PBSO **Capt. Bruckner** led the Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Bruckner gave PBSO report. There were three thefts, two were missing jewelry that was found. Two cars were stolen, one was found. A report was made that a resident's checks were stolen and used. This was reported to the Major Crime section. It was suggested that a letter be distributed to UCO reporting crimes on a monthly basis. Detective Burr cautioned everyone to verify all internet transactions involving money especially on travel, and warned everyone of danger of identity theft on tax returns.

Ed Grossman announced that he was recording the meeting.

David Israel said that **Sheriff Ric Bradshaw** had told UCO that included in the Reflection Bay development plan there was a designated space for a 4,000 sq ft substation. David didn't know if there was a commitment from the Sheriff. Capt. Bruckner confirmed that Sheriff Bradshaw has made a commitment to accept this space depending on vote of county commissioners.

Guest Palm Beach County Inspector General **Sheryl Steckler** said hello to all the delegates. Her office will give a class on understanding the process of government. She also spoke on some of the other functions of her office including a website that has been established for the public.

Guest Designate Florida State Attorney Dave Aronberg who was scheduled to be sworn in Jan. 8 said hello and introduced his staff members, Mike Edmonton and Al Johnson.

Palm Beach County Commissioner Paulette Burdick's Senior Administrative Assistant **Peyton McArthur** wished everyone a Happy New Year.

There were 172 Delegates present making a quorum.

Minutes were accepted with correction noted; Motion made on Reflection Bay was not tabled, it died due to the lack of a quorum

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Dorothy Tetro** announced that there will be a final report on the 2012 budget next month. There were still some outstanding invoices that had to be included. A discussion followed with questions asked on balances for 2012 and why we did not fund our reserves.

Dorothy said the delegates can see any actual figures they may require if they contact her.

Dorothy said there are many coins collected from our laundry machines from other countries that can't be deposited. If anyone is interested in buying them please contact her. Some of these coins are from

Bermuda, United Kingdom, Canada, the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

President's Report

Wi-Fi Committee is now fully functional. There should be an open meeting scheduled for Jan. 17. Anyone with a technical background is invited to join the group.

Committee Reports

Committee Reports – Toni Insurance Salometo: chair discussed UCO Property Deductible insurance policy. Brown & Brown found a wind buy down policy for the UCO properties that includes the gatehouses, UCO Reporter equipment, UCO office building and the laundry. The proposal will reduce our current deductible from \$66,000 to \$30,000. The increase in our premium will be \$2,780 if approved. Motion made by Phil Shapkin to approve purchase of new policy from Zurich American Insurance Company, seconded by **Howie Silver**. Vote was unanimous.

Roberta Fromkin, Search and Nominations Committee chair reminded everyone that there is only four weeks left to submit bios and have pictures taken for UCO elections to be held March 1. There are 2 Vice-President and 10 Executive Board positions open. A delegate questioned eligibility requirement regarding length of time residents must reside in Village each year to run for office. David suggested that delegate should consider asking for a bylaw change.

Officer's Report

All officers wished everyone a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Barbara Cornish announced that our buses will go to the South County Fair on Senior Day, Jan. 28, on the hour, starting at 11:30 a.m., There are discount ticket prices for all seniors

No Unfinished or New Business.

Good and welfare

Sheryl Collins, delegate, from the Pro Active Resident Project Committee announced a fundraiser to be held at the Old Wellington Mall, Jan. 20th, 1-5 pm. There will be a buffet luncheon including Kosher and vegetarian entrees, music and raffles. Tickets are \$30. If cannot attend, all donations will be accepted. For more information call Marcia Zaccardy, (640-4258.). The group will hold an open meeting Jan. 17, 10 a.m., Clubhouse Room B, There will be a rally protesting development of the golf course Jan. 22, 2-4 pm, on Haverhill Road. The County Commission meeting to vote on Reflection Bay plan will be held Jan. 24 at the County Center. Buses will leave 7:30 a.m. from Duck Island. There will be a perimeter bus to bring people to the island at 7 am.

George Loewenstein made suggestion that a cash flow report be included in Treasurer's Report. Report should include all accrued expenses not paid.

John Gluszak - Wished everyone a Happy New Year and read a statement suggesting that we all move forward in the new year.

Minutes submitted by Joy Vestal, UCO Recording Secretary

UCO REPORTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The UCO Reporter is recruiting volunteers to help with our advertising and editorial product. If you have any experience (and truly it could be something you did years ago-you would be surprised how it all comes back once you get back into the mode), why not give it a try? Come over to the Reporter office at the Camden pool and chat with us.

Thank You

At this time, I would like to thank everyone who attended the UCO luncheon on Sunday, January 6 for their pleasant compliments. From what I've heard everyone was happy and well fed. A good time was had by all.

A very special thank you to Mr. Karaoke, Jack Kasden, who volunteered his time and played great music. Also, a special thank you to Eva Rachesky for supplying the tablecloths and helping to serve salad, cake and cookies as well as for cleaning up spills.

I was very disappointed that 55 persons did not attend or call their chairpersons to say they could not attend. You all missed a great time and a very good meal.

Patricia Sealander, Chairperson Uco Executive Assistant

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President's Report

What have we wrought? What have we yet to do?

BY DAVID ISRAEL

Have you looked at our Village BLOG? Have a look: http://village-blog-and-chat.blogspot.com/ Have you any idea what sort of information is contained in the Web Site? Let's start from the top:

- APPLICATION: FOR SALE OR DEED TRANSFER
- APPLICATION: NON OWNER OCCUPANCY AND RENTAL
- APPLICATION: SALE OR DEED TRANSFER, OTHER THAN INDIVIDUAL
- ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER & DELEGATE LISTING.
- CV ANNUAL RUN/WALK APPLICATION
- DBPR CONDOMINIUM/COOPERATIVE COMPLAINT FORM
- DBPR PETITION FOR ARBITRATION FORM
- HARDSHIP REQUEST FORM

- OCCUPANCY EXTENSION CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
- RENTAL EXTENSION CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
- REQUEST FOR OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
- RESIDENT TRANSPONDER REGISTRATION FORM
- SUPPORT ANIMAL SUGGESTED RULES AND DOCTOR AFFIDAVIT
- TRANSPORTATION SUGGESTION FORM
- VENDOR EVALUATION FORM
- Wi-Fi INTERACTIVE SURVEY FORM

These forms and applications speak to key aspects of the operation of our Village. They are live interactive forms which may be filled in online. What is the next step? Clearly, the goal is to move these applications around in Cyberspace and thus further reduce the number of trips to UCO involved in the Investigations process.

Okay, what's next on the Web Site?

- UCO OPEN MEETINGS FEBRUARY 2013
- UCO OPEN MEETINGS JANUARY 2013
- UCO OPEN MEETINGS 2012
- UCO OPEN MEETINGS DECEMBER 2011
- UCO OPEN MEETINGS OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011
- UCO INVESTIGATIONS BY ED BLACK
- UCO and WPRF WELCOME PACKETS

This module is about basic information concerning our UCO cycle of meetings. Has UCO ever been more transparent at any time within your memory? What's the next step here? Of course, more transparency, by way of televising and broadcasting more of our most important meetings, such as the Executive Board, the Officers Committee and the Operations Committee meetings.

Speaking of televising meetings, check this out:

- DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2013
- DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2012DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2011
- DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2010
- DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2009

Yes, that's right—since I was a vice president of UCO, I have spearheaded transparency by putting the videos of our Board of Director meetings—the delegate assembly meetings—online for all unit owners to see. Who else did or will do this? Next: as noted above, more meetings online for all to see.

Hey, look! The UCO Reporter is online:

UCO Reporter

- UCO REPORTER WEBSITE2013 Issues
- 2012 Issues
- 2011 Issues

- 2010 Issues
- 2009 Issues
- 2008 Issues
- 1983 Issues
- Our Village Newspaper—out there to show the world what we are about, and that we are proud to tell you all about it!! What next? Fill in the historical editions, and produce a dynamic Web version of the UCO Reporter, where regular columns are available back to inception of the feature.

There is lots more to our BLOG, and I hope you all have a look. Now, who does all this stuff? Well, I did indeed start the BLOG—to the great chagrin of the secretive power mongers—but a great deal of the effort is poured into the BLOG by our "Geek Squad." In the aggregate we can do magic! We have digitized UCO records, where available, back to Day One—over 65 Gbyte of data. Searchable now in seconds, this process of bringing UCO into the cyber-era will continue as long as I am in office—and, I sincerely hope, beyond this.

The accomplishments, thus far, define the shape of things to come. The way to predict the future is to invent it. So help make it happen—join our "Geek Squad."

Government To Discontinue Issuing Paper Checks Mar. 1

ALL PAPER GOVERNMENT CHECKS TO END SOON (MARCH 1, 2013). THIS INCLUDES SOCIAL SECURITY! UNLESS AGE 91 OR OVER

U.S. Treasury Requiring Electronic Federal Benefit Payments

http://godirect.org/

The Treasury Department is phasing out paper check payments and requiring federal benefit recipients to get their money electronically.

You can choose to get your payments by direct deposit to a bank or credit union account or to a Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card account.

Act now to get your money safely and quickly - on time, every time!

Already getting federal benefit payments by paper check? Switch today!

You must switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013. Sign up for direct deposit or the Direct Express® card by contacting the:

U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center at (800) 333-1795. You may also sign up for direct deposit online.

Retiring or applying for federal benefits soon? Be ready.

You will get your money electronically from day one. Be ready to choose direct deposit or the Direct Express® card when you fill out your application. Learn More

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Support for Proactive Committee

I SUPPORT THE PROACTIVE COMMITTEE

And the reason I support them is because they not only represent the hundreds of families that purchased in Greenbrier, Southampton and Golf's Edge (we paid a premium for our lovely expansive views), but they represent the entire Village.

Haverhill Road, busy as it is now, will be a nightmare with approximately another 800 cars should Reflection Bay be built. We won't be able to use the Haverhill gate, as it will be too busy...ergo...all of the Village will be using the Okeechobee gate...imagine the backed-up traffic getting in and out of the Village?

NO people here in Greenbrier, Southampton and Golf's Edge want Reflection Bay...there are NO members of the so-called "welcoming committee" that live in these three communities. If they did, they would NOT be in that committee and would fight.

It just makes me wonder how people can be so gullible to believe another thousand people or so, children, pets, loud radios, noises, teenagers and their friends, "so-called shops, stores" crammed into our little haven of a community would be good for us, as it would not be.

We have so many local shops that our busses take us to....we need no more -- and certainly NOT in our backyards.

Did I mention security? Or lack thereof!

In her recent letters, Jean Komis keeps writing, in my opinion, in support of the destruction of our Village as we know it. She's obsessed with the longevity (or lack thereof) of us here as she keeps stating that the people fighting this won't be around much longer.

Once again, in my opinion, this is mean to our seniors.

What are these so-called Welcoming Committee people thinking?... and what are they NOT thinking?

Jeffrey Roth

Qualifications for Board Membership Questioned

The Search Committee is looking for potential new Board members for UCO. Why then does the Committee eliminate over 1/3 of the dues paying residents? Talk about the Republicans suppressing the votes, we have our own Jim Crow system of eliminating some 700 of our Canadian friends from having a role on the board as they can only stay here 1 day less that six months. We also eliminate the rest of the snowbirds because they aren't here the required number of months. This gives those few who are here all year the controlling interest, Board nominations and POWER. It's interesting to note that if you live here six months and one (1) day you are a Florida resident and have ALL the privileges of State citizenship. Only in Century Village is our rights curtailed for spurious reasons. God Bless the UCO superstructure.

Les Rivkin

Amazing Efficiency

Really Great Boards Do Exist.

We are Snowbirds and have owned a condo in CV since 1989.

While we were up North, a blockage in the condensate drain line caused an unbelievable water leak in our condo in Wellington E. The result of that leak caused the entire condo to be covered with mold.

We flew down on a Sunday night. On Monday morning, I met with our insurance adjuster and a contractor with our board president Gerald Sutofsky, Martin Ephrim, VP and McKlevin Livingston board member. By the end of the day, the contractor had a PO for the removal of all contaminated sheetrock and to fix the clogged condensate drain. In addition, Toni Salometo, Executive Board member of UCO, had given the contractor the required approval if the cost of removal of sheetrock exceeded the condo association insurance limits. Because this project will take month, Gerald Sutofsky contacted Barbara Cornish, VP of UCO and the contractors were given the required passes to enter CV without my need to daily call the

Over the years at CV we have heard all sorts of negative comments concerning Boards and UCO. Between our Wellington E Board and UCO, their immediate response to our problem was an act of amazing efficiency.

Carl J. Collica New Rochelle, New York

Critical of Development Plans

For the many years it was in use, the course was treated with fertilizers, chemicals and insect poisons. These have become a part of the soil impossible to remove. When the first spadeful of soil is dug up, it will create an invisible cloud containing those hazardous materials spreading them through the entire Village. This would be a threat to the respiratory system of every resident. From the first day of construction, our safety and security could be compromised and our crime rate could jump. We would then possibly have to create a full-time security force.

The traffic situation on Haverhill Road would become very tough with an additional number of cars, school buses and service vehicles using that

These are but a few of the problems the construction will create.

Please consider these problems before voting to allow Mr. Waldman to seriously affect our lives.

Alfred Thomas Cambridge B

Let's Use Common Sense in Condo Apportionment

In regard to Ruth Bernhard's response to a letter I sent to Becker & Poliakoff's column that appears in the Palm Beach Post, I was glad to see that someone took notice of my question here in Century Village.

My only disappointment with this article was the lack of common sense by the writer with the apportionment of budget items. Line for line, when examined in regards to each and every one of the budget items, are discriminatory. For example,the UCO dues, association electric & water fees, maintenance for the building, property management, transportation and corporate fees. How can one justify the extreme difference for the

charges to be so lopsided due to this antiquated formula which was set up 43 years ago? Do we all consider each and every one of us equal or what? Should there be a difference of over \$50 from a 1-1 unit to a 2-1&1/2. Don't we all receive the same benefits of all these charges? (Speaking of the multi-unit associations, not the associations that are all the same.)

I'm proposing for our association for the coming year of 2014 to have all increases to be across the board equal to all. Not changing the present disparity in payments, only the future increases to be the same for all.

Evidently, I assume that the writer of this rebuttal owns a 1-1 unit and expects the 2-1&1/2 units to bear the greater responsibility of payments. Each and every year the larger units pay more and the difference just keeps on growing more from the smaller units. This antiquated system has to stop somewhere.

We recently had a new roof installed and to our fault we did not have reserves set aside for this costly expenditure. We had to borrow a substantial sum to have this work done. When this was added to our budget, the maintenance company when figuring the budget added it proportionately to all owners. Needless to say, the larger units again took a greater hit on the payments. The irony to this is the one building with the most repairs needed of our 3 buildings doesn't have any 2 bedroom units in it!

As far as what was said about the cable fees, it certainly seems that UCO can do a lot when there is a lot at stake.

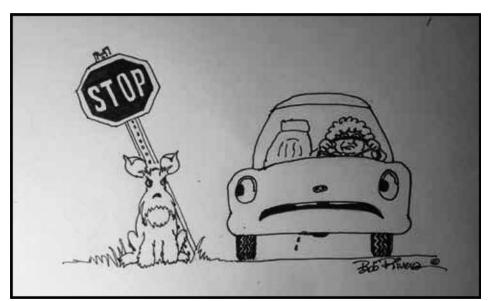
The parting remarks from the attorneys contacted was quote- "No question, it's a valid point!"

My goal is to stop the future percentage raises as in the 43 years it has gotten to be totally inequitable for all parties involved. We want to have all to be equal in our association. We all benefit the same from all these budget items.

We are in recognition of Florida Statues 718 and what it says. That is another reason why we contacted the attorneys for their input and recommendations of our intentions.

Michael Mester

Sadie's World | Editorial Cartoon



"Stop" means stop!

EDITORIAL

From The Editors

We Know You're Out There

CO-EDITORIAL BY JOY VESTAL AND MYRON SILVERMAN

There is always a need for volunteers here in the Village. Think about what skills you may be able to share. At the present time, the UCO Reporter needs writers, those that would like to contribute an article of interest to all of us, as well as writers who can conduct interviews and then write a story on a specific assigned subject. We are always looking for copy editors, not just those who can spot a missing comma, although we are constantly reminded that we miss many, but proof readers who know how to read copy for content as well as spelling and grammatical errors. There is a current need for people who have a bent for advertising. Whether it's taking messages, giving information on ad prices, and of course, selling. Come on folks, give us a hand, this is your paper

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UCO Monthly Meetings

FEBRUARY 2013

FRI. FEB. 1	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	THEATER	9:30 AM
	EDITORIAL	UCO	1:00 PM
	SECURITY	UCO	2:00 PM
TUES. FEB 5	TRANSPORTATION	ROOM B	9:45 AM
WED. FEB. 6	PROGRAM & SERVICES	UCO	11:00 A M
FRI. FEB. 8	MAINTENANCE	ROOM B	10:00 AM
WED. FEB 13	BEAUTIFICATION	UCO	10:00 AM
THURS. FEB 14	718 GET A CERTIFICATION	THEATER	9:30 AM
THURS. FEB. 14	C.O.P.	ROOM B	9:30 AM
MON. FEB. 18	C.E.R.T	ROOM C	3:00 PM
TUES. FEB. 19	INSURANCE	UCO	10:00 AM
WED. FEB. 20	BID	UCO	10:00 AM
THURS. FEB 21	OFFICERS	UCO	10:00 AM
MON. FEB. 25	EXECUTIVE BOARD	ROOM B	1:30 PM
TUES. FEB. 26	OPERATIONS	UCO	10:00 AM
FRI. MARCH 1	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY EDITORIAL SECURITY	THEATER UCO UCO	9:30 AM 1:00PM 2:00 PM

State of the Village 2012

BY DAVE ISRAEL

the President "shall submit a report of the operations of UCO for the preceding year to the January meeting of the Delegate Assembly, or may publish his report in the UCO Reporter"

- I am pleased to report that despite the incessant efforts by a very few malcontents, the operations of UCO and the related state of Century Village is excellent! Let's look at a few highlights of the year in review:
- We had our first ever Candidates Forum, which allowed Residents to preview and question the candidates for UCO Office, and as long as I am in office, this event will continue.
- Combined sales and rentals **UCO** processed through Investigations exceeded 1000, considering the state of the economy, this was a good result; I entreat those who, in violation of your Bilateral Agreement with UCO, have abandoned our professional screening process in favor of cut-rate or no investigation of buyers or renters, to rejoin the UCO investigations process; you are endangering the security of the entire Village.
- Wehavedevelopedatruepartnership of cooperation with County Government and law enforcement, by way of regular interaction with the County Commission and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; this has improved services to our village in every area of endeavor.
- In the same spirit we have steadily improved our interaction with W.P.R.F., Inc. this, in stark contrast with prior Administrations which were in endless adversarial status. As a result, the Recreation Facility has never looked better or served our Residents more completely. Under the current Administration, this relationship will continue to improve.

- According to our UCO Bylaws; As an example of working closely with W.P.R.F., Inc. we now have WiFi installed throughout the Recreational Facility, both in the clubhouses and the pools. In addition, we have resurrected the Program and Services committee to a full and robust organization, which is improving the appearance and operation of the Recreation Facility in every particular; this requires close and ongoing cooperation with Management of the Facility.
 - This Administration is most proud of applying true democratic process to the UCO Reporter, with no UCO interference, thus the Community paper has blossomed to an excellent chronicle of Village events, rather than the UCO house organ that it was in prior times. Reflecting this spirit, I note that advertising revenues have never been higher, as our paper is finding acceptance throughout the local community, not to mention an expanding INTERNET presence.
 - We are particularly proud of the effort expended and the results achieved by the UCO Insurance Committee. Never has our coverage been more comprehensive or our costs been more reasonable. To those who, as in the case noted above for Investigations, have chosen, in violation of your Bilateral Agreement with UCO to choose less than optimal coverage, for cutrate costs; be aware that you may be subjecting your Associations to financial risk, not to mention the additional costs that your defection visits on the majority of our Residents. UCO cannot remain non-responsive to this behavior indefinitely; please consider rejoining the Village program, in order to maintain a strong negotiating position, and coverage profile for all.

31st Annual **UCO Installation Luncheon**

Saturday, March 9, 2013 • Century Village Party Room 12 Noon till 4:00 pm \$ 25.00 per person

DISALVO'S TRATTORIA will be catering this event. It will be a sit down luncheon and there will be a CASH Bar. Fill in this form, attach your check and bring to the UCO office to the attention of Patricia Sealander.

Name:			
Address:			
Choice of Entrée:	☐ Chicken Parmesan ☐ Eggplant Parmesan	☐ Broiled Tilapia ☐ Pasta Primavera	
Sit with:			

VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



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As many of you know, our C.A.M., Roger Carver, has resigned effective November 30, 2012. We have been actively seeking a replacement and included in our request (E-mail and Newspaper Ads) is an extensive description of the expected duties and scope of responsibilities for the replacement. With more than twentyfive (25) respondents providing resumes, the number has been whittled down to five or six with interviews being held with the UCO Officers and reducing the number of candidates to two or three who have been invited for a second interview to discuss salary requirements. A new wrinkle involves requiring the candidate to be a full-time employee, with the expectation of spending time outside ("Boots on the Ground") as well as dealing with the concerns of residents with appointments, here at the Office. It is hoped that the new C.A.M. will be in place by the beginning of March.

New amber reflectors have been ordered to be installed along twoway trafficked roads to assist in maintaining separation of traffic on some of the dimly-lit roads as well as replacing those missing on the perimeter road. Please be aware of persons in the middle of the road attempting this task to prevent injury to those applying the reflectors for your safety. Most of this will occur on side roads but not all roads. New "STOP" signs will replace the faded/ non-reflective ones, perhaps a few at a time especially where roads enter the Perimeter Road.

With cooperation from the C.O.P. after dark, Suzie Byrnes has marked those FPL street lights that are not lit by marking them with a yellow 'Caution" tape. This allows us to read the pole number and report to the proper individual department of FPL the need for replacement of the bulb. The Security 'rover' will continue this task as part of their Post Orders to eliminate dangerous conditions throughout.

The Beautification Committee, which was not active last year, will be involved in plantings at both "Four Corners" 4 Way Stops beyond both Gates, plan and design a new sign and entry treatment at the narrow island of the Okeechobee Entrance. As funding permits, bus stop benches/ signage and access walkways will be upgraded or replaced.



Phyllis Richland

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Well 2013 has arrived. As always, I am shocked how quickly time passes. We start this new year with an open book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. I am not sure what the title of the book will be. Something optimistic like, "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Chapter 1 will be entitled "OUCH!". No need to remind everyone that our government failed us. The economic realities of 2013 for senior citizens is scary to say the least. Our taxes have gone up. Spending is out of control and government regulations are intruding on our lives. Our debt has risen to astronomical levels and could lead to bankruptcy. Government has failed dismally in understanding how our senior citizens will be impacted by their policies. Social Security and Medicare programs are near bankruptcy. If changes are not made soon these programs will just run out of funding.

Chapter 2: "Falling Off the Cliff" Will the incoming Congress respond to our concerns. Will spending be curtailed? Will they fix Social Security and Medicare? Based on government's track record, I find that that Hope and Change translates into the proverbial "Kicking the Can Down the Road" like, Out of Sight, Out of Mind. I fear that 2013 is not going to be kind to our seniors.

Chapter 3 "Hope." We must think positive! I will strive to provide our residents with all the help and services that I can. I will continue to use my contacts to insure that our residents will not become casualties of this economy. With this promise, there is some light at the end of the tunnel, not another train coming toward you. I think the following poem by William Ward represents my views of 2013 and I would like to share these positive thoughts with you.

Another fresh new year is here.
Another year to live
To banish worry doubt and fear
This bright new year has given me
To live each day with zest.
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!
have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs.
To pray for peace and plant a tree.
And sing more joyful songs!



Barbara Cornish

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Things have been busy at UCO. We have been interviewing candidates for the CAM position. I hope by the time you read this we will have made a decision on the best candidate for the job. We the officers feel that this position is a full time job (24/7) in order to serve the Village properly.

March is election time. You will be voting for two Vice Presidents and

10 Executive Board Members. Let me say to the candidates running for Vice President, this is not a four hour a day position. You must be prepared to give 150%. You must learn to be impartial and serve all the people. The Vice President position is one not to be taken lightly. You have to work with your fellow officers and develop new ideas to benefit the Village. Next is our Executive Board, as a member of the Executive Board you must be prepared to sit on two committees. You should also attend as many meetings as possible to be educated in order to make informative decisions when you vote on important matters. Now to our delegates, please take the time to read about the candidates and discuss them with your building residents so you can make a knowledgeable vote. Remember you the Delegates have the final decision, on which candidates will run your Village.

It was a joy to see so many volunteers attending our Volunteer luncheon. These volunteers make our village tick. "THANK YOU ALL". I want to thank Eva Rachesky for helping to serve our volunteers on her day off.

We have heard great comments about how beautiful our holiday lights look at the clubhouse and at the gates. Please remember residents this is your Village. If you have some ideas to benefit the Village come to UCO and let us know.

I want to THANK the people that have answered our plea for volunteers.

One last note, on February 18th, the Village is having a Walk/Run for the benefit of the Veterans Medical Center right here in West Palm Beach. Please come join and make this event only the start of many more. Let's help our vets they have protected us.

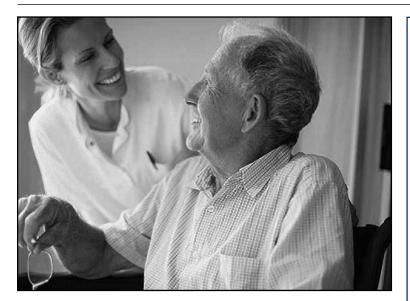
Happy Valentines Day to All.. Barbara



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I would like to wish all our residents a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Don't forget that you will need a box to receive television.



Have The Conversation

Have the Conversation:

Help others plan their end-of-life care by taking charge of your own

Despite the widespread news coverage of the anguish that many people suffer because they didn't develop thorough instructions for their end-of-life care, studies show fewer than 30 percent of Americans take the time to do so. This continues to become increasingly relevant as medical advances make it possible to keep people alive longer.

"We're more likely to talk to our kids about safe sex and drugs than to talk to our parents about end-of-life care," says Kathleen Macaluso, RN, a patient care administrator with VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Palm Beach County. "We tell ourselves it's too soon. Until one day, we realize it's too late."

Gerald Turgeon, M.D., medical director for VITAS in Palm Beach, has three words for patients and their families: "Have the conversation."

Having witnessed first-hand the significant pain and costs that often result when patients are not able to communicate to their loved ones what end-of-life care they would accept or wishes to their loved ones, Dr. Turgeon says people should not wait for an emergency to begin planning.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) suggests that the best way to get others to discuss end-of-life care is to do so yourself. Almost half of Americans say they would rely on family or friends to carry out their wishes about end-of-life care, but most have never expressed those wishes. While some would want to explore everything that advanced technology has to offer, others would prefer a gentle, pain-free death if their quality of life were seriously diminished.

"Every person should exercise the right to make his or her own decision, as there's no right or wrong," Dr. Turgeon says.

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Part II: Thursday, February 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Series will continues in March

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Wednesday, February 27 **2:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP to Ellie Rodriguez



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Mama Mia, What a Feast



Italian Club Lunch

By Dolores Rizzotto

Well, the holidays are over, Christmas trees and holiday decorations are all packed away, we rang in a new year and now the dieting begins! But first, I want to tell you that in December, the Italian American Culture Club of (IACC) Century Village held a potluck luncheon. Members were asked to bring a covered dish to the event and believe me; the tables were stacked with a variety of tasty dishes and

Also, this year, as the Italian American Culture Club does each year, toys were collected for the Toys for Tots Program. Wow! Over two cartons and several large bags of toys were donated and picked up by a US Marine for the Toys for Tots

Program. Several toys were made out of wood by gentlemen from the Woodworking Club. We thank them and all who took the time to shop for a toy(s). I'm sure there were many children who were thrilled to receive

a gift at Christmas.

We were honored to have Eva Rachesky, Vice-President, W.P.R.F., Inc. address our members. Ms. Rachesky gave an overview of her responsibilities, provided an update on several improvements at Century Village and wished all a happy holiday season. She even found the time to stay for the entire meeting (and learned that she 'loves' pecan

Now the moment everyone was waiting for; the uncovering of the food trays for all to enjoy. The aroma of penne a la vodka, meatballs,



Italian Club Pot Luck Lunch

sausage and peppers, breads stuffed with sausage and/or veggies, salads and so many other delicacies filled the room. Then the desserts were put out and the variety went from holiday cookies to cakes and pies. And let me not forget to mention the anisette and gone in the blink of the eye.

the IACC provided entertainment during the luncheon and we thank him for a great selection of holiday

Throughout 2012, the IACC had to win a 6-day Eastern Caribbean cruise, departing on February 18th. Eva Rachesky pulled the winning tickets and the winners are Howie Silver and Paul McHugh.

Congratulations to Howie and in 2013!

Paul ---- we hope to see lots of photos from the trip.

Just a note that anyone interested in joining the Italian American Culture Club of CV that the meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 1PM in the Party biscotti that were out of this world Room. Feel free to attend a meeting, learn about upcoming events, join Raymond Bianchi, a member of in on one of our day trips, or visit a different ethnic restaurant for lunch with our group. Membership is open to all Century Village residents (you don't have to be Italian to join)!!

Again, thanks to everyone who raffle tickets for two lucky people attended and participated in the IACC's December meeting. dedication made the event a success. On behalf of our Executive Board, we wish everyone Buon Capodanno (Happy New Year) and only the best

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S.O.P. FOR USE OF CELL PHONES **TO CALL-IN SYSTEM**

DECEMBER 3, 2012

Considering the fact that the Associations are responsible for their guest policy, UCO has established the following procedures necessary to allow Cell Phone use when calling in their guests..

- 1 There must be a meeting of the Association Board at which a Quorum is present.
- 2 There must be a majority vote taken to allow Cell Phone use to call in guests ONLY when the residents are in residence.
- 3 Notification must be given to every Unit Owner (best is in writing) advising of this vote and new policy. Resident must also be advised that the first violation of this will be cause to remove the use of the cell phone use for call-in for the unit.

A letter must then be written to UCO confirming that these things have been accomplished. The letter must be signed by 2 Board Officers and the Association Seal must be affixed.

Bring this letter with a copy of the Minutes of the above-referenced meeting and a copy of the written notice that went to all the owners/residents to have your Association listed as a Cell Phone use association.

If the Association wants to make a list (printed) with signatures of the people who reside in their building that wants cell phones, they can bring a paper with the list and signatures of those people signed by two officers and a seal affixed to it. UCO will be glad to enter them in the system without everyone coming to UCO.

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Hastings Fitness Center Class Schedule

November-April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dance Aerobics 8:30-9:15 a.m.	Advanced Aerobics 8:30-9:15 a.m.	Low Impact Aerobics 8:30-9:15 a.m.	Advanced Aerobics 8:30-9:15 a.m.	Dance Aerobics 8:30-9:15 a.m.
Weight Training 9:25-10 a.m.	Aerobics With Weights 9:20-9:45 a.m.	Weight Training 9:25-10 a.m.	Aerobics With Weights 9:20-9:45 a.m.	Weight Training 9:25-10 a.m.
Water Aerobics (Hastings Pool) 10-11 a.m. Free Class by Arlene	Pilates 9:45-10:15 a.m.		Pilates 9:45-10 a.m.	Water Aerobics (Hastings Pool) 10-11 a.m. Free Class by Arlene
	Aqua Aerobics Exercise	Hatha Yoga 10-11:45 a.m.	Tai-Chi / Pd. Class w/ Jerry Ziffer 10-11 a.m.	Hatha Yoga
	10:15-11 a.m.		Aqua Aerobics 10:15-11 a.m.	10-11:45 a.m.
Lunch Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch Noon-1 p.m.
	Consultation 1:30-2 p.m.		Consultation 1:30-2 p.m.	
Sit Fit Yoga 2-3:30 p.m.	·	Sit Fit Yoga 2-3 p.m.		
	Healthy Breathing (Yoga Touch) 2-3:30 p.m.		Healthy Breathing (Yoga Touch) 2-3:30 p.m.	
Zumba Pd. Class w/Larissa Dombawela 4-4:45 a.m.				

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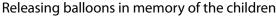
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Candlelight Vigil







Candlelight vigil

by Sydell Banks

Century Village in West Palm Beach, Florida held a candlelight vigil in memory of the victims of the school tragedy in Connecticut, which took the lives of 26 people, 20 were children. The oldest child was 7. They were murdered on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012.

The candlelight/flashlight memorial service was held on Tues. Dec. 18 at this condominium community housing adults 55 and over. Although the services had to be brief not lasting longer than one-half hour, we say thank you to Eva Rachesky, V.P of WPRF.

Through word of mouth, neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend, over 300 residents attended the prayerful service. The amount of attendees indicated the strong support the community felt for the grieving families, still in shock at the horror of their great loss.

Although time was short for the anguish of the survivors was deeply

service to be held, nonetheless was very moving. Amid quiet sobbing heartbreaking of sympathy, the profound sorrow was felt by all. Tears and muted flowed freely by men and women, and stillness filled the night. Louis Ahwee a resident graciously offered his sound equipment, microphones,

speakers, etc. which was gratefully accepted and needed.

Rabbi Michael Korman of Anshei Sholom and Bishop Richard Riccardi of Fort Lauderdale officiated. The anguish of the survivors was deeply



Vigil for sandy hook school shooting

felt. Following the prayers of the clergy, the only sound heard was the chiming of a bell, as each name of the deceased was called. There were white balloons, one for each of the victims which were brought by Lillia Zambrano, President of

Latin the C.V. Club. American Appreciation Lillia for all she did. Disappointment ensued as we were unable to hear the Choir perform their Song Prayer because of time constraints.

As the flashlights were lighted and directed into the night, followed by the release of a

balloon at the mention of each name, I must share with you a most unusual occurrence which astonished each Although each balloon attendee. was released at different times, each simply hung in the sky until another balloon was released, it joined the first, then the second and so on, until all the balloons appeared to be joined together. Then, they all floated away peacefully into the darkness of the night. All these white balloons waiting for each other and leaving together, just as the children died together. It was quite chilling to see.

Following that incredible sight, was Ryan Engelbrecht, with his most beautiful rendition of The Lord's Prayer, followed by You Raise Me Up. The Rabbi and the Bishop blessed the people and assured us that there are now additional angels in Heaven. We were encouraged to be thankful for our blessings, but not only at this time of the year

As a former 'Connecticut Yankee' my two children and one grandchild live 20 minutes away from the slaughter. I personally extend my thanks to all who came and prayed for the mourners who will always live with a void in their lives and offered comfort to them as they return the gifts they bought for their children.

I wish everyone a Healthy New Year. Let us pray for peace in the world and that our soldiers who fight to defend our flag, and protect our freedom, in wars that cannot be won, come home soon to their loved ones.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

by MARK FRIEDMAN

Backto Basics: The Organizational Meeting and Number of Board Members

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, the newly elected Board must select its officers. This must be done at a properly noticed Board meeting, which can either be held immediately after the annual meeting or it may be held at a later date. Some Bylaws place restrictions on when the organizational meeting must be held (i.e., within 10 days after the annual meeting). the organizational meeting is open to the unit owners, the officers may be elected by secret ballot. Whether to use a secret ballot or conduct an open vote, such as by a show of hands, is up to the Board at the time of the organizational meeting.

Required Officers

The Bylaws determine which officers your particular association is required to have. If the Bylaws are silent, the Condominium Act requires only a president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Can one person hold more than one office?

Section 617.0840, Florida Statutes, (the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act) provides that the same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office in a corporation. However, your association's bylaws may place limitations on this practice. A typical limitation is that the president may not also be the secretary. if that is not a limitation in your documents it is best not to combine these two offices, as the secretary often has to attest to the signature of the president on various documents. It is best that these two offices be

held by different individuals.

What if there are less people on the Board than required for a quorum

A quorum of the Board is generally a majority of the Board. However, this is a majority of the number of Board members required by your Articles of Incorporation; and, if the Articles are silent or unspecific, the Bylaws. By way of example, if the condominium documents require you to have a Board of five members, a quorum of the Board is three members (majority). If only three people want to be on the Board (as often happens in very small condominiums), the quorum still remains three. In other words, it is not a quorum of the three individuals serving, but remains a quorum of the five directors required to be seated. If you are unable to have participation at sufficient levels to fill all of the Board vacancies, the number of directors required can be lowered through an amendment The lowest to your documents. number of directors permitted by the Condominium Act is three directors.

If your community does not have a sufficient number of directors to constitute a quorum (i.e., only two people, when five are required) then, with only one exception, there can be no action by the Board on behalf of the Association. The only action that may be taken by Board members, even without a quorum, is the appointment of additional directors to fill the vacant seats. Once the additional directors are appointed to a level that will at least be sufficient for a quorum, the business of the Association may resume.

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Proactive Residents Projects Committee Inc Fund Raiser

Food is Love



CRANBERRY TURKEY BREAST

BY ROBERTA HOFMANN

To be prepared on low temperature in slow cooker (Crock Pot) ...

Ingredients:

- 1 Skinless Turkey Breast (3-4 lb.)
- 1 can (15 oz.) whole berry- Cranberry
- 1 Envelope low-sodium onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup orange juice salt and ground pepper

Directions:

- 1. Place turkey breast in a 5 qt. or larger slow cooker.
- 2. Combine remaining ingredients in a medium bowl.
- 3. Add salt and ground pepper to taste
- 4. Pour mixture over turkey
- 5 Cover, cook on low 6 8 hours

(I put carrots and potatoes in the crock pot with the turkey at times.) Slice and serve with sauce from cooker. Add a salad and there you have it — a complete meal....fast and easy to prepare.

Want to speak up?

Letters
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Music Appeciation Class

By Bettie L. Bleckman

Each year we offer our residents a variety of classes geared to their interests whether it be crafts, appreciation of the arts or learning a foreign language.

Some of these classes are seasonal, others continue throughout the year.(See Class Schedule elsewhere in the *Reporter*)

instructors, Our proficient in their art, come from "All over the World".

One in particular is Dr. Roni Stein, a native Israeli and former New Yorker, who teaches Appreciation". "Music She is a graduate of both Julliard School of Music in Manhattan (PHD in Musicology) and North Carolina State University and is a Professional University Lecturer, having

taught at Utah's Opera Festivals in both Logan and Salt Lake City. She is also a member of the "Art Smart" lecturing program at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts and Palm Beach State College.

She conducts classes on our premises and in Century Village Boca Raton and usually has several lectures in and around West Palm.

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Not only has Dr. Roni enhanced my life these past many years, having taken her classes when they were only available at "Aitz Chaim" (our clubhouse was down) but along with her husband Bill, a resident of our Village shares my passion for music appreciation. I expect in future columns to present brief bios of all of the other instructors.

Editor's Note: We will be featuring the many classes and courses available to our residents here in the Village in our coming editions. If you have a favorite contact Bettie with your suggestions, ucoreporter.bbleckman@ gmail.com

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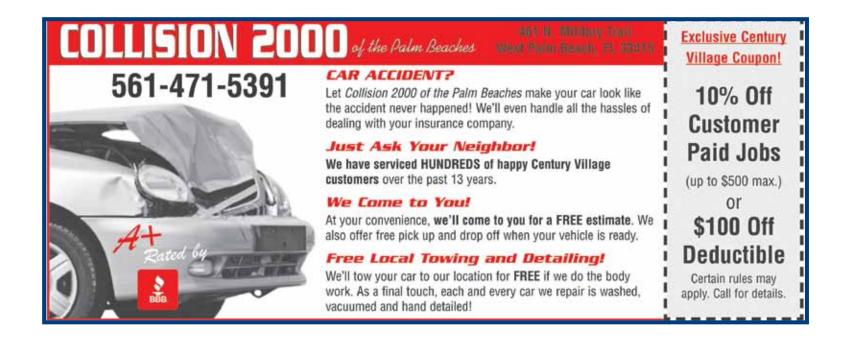
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In Praise of Nurses



By Lanny Howe

Like clockwork during a stay at Gardens Medical Center several months ago, every morning at 5a.m., a soft-spoken little nurse with red hair would come by my bed, switch on the light, and say she had come to draw blood. She was the exact image in appearance, manner and voice of a nurse who did the same thing when I was recuperating from kneereplacement surgery two years earlier at the Gardens Court rehabilitation facility in Palm Beach Gardens. Was she the same nurse? No, she insisted, she had never worked at Gardens Courtand had no identical twin sister who worked there. It

think was that there must be something about the job that attracts small, softspoken redheads.

My room at the hospital was opposite the nurses' station, which was a beehive of activity. These nurses worked. And they were kind. Yes, they or the aides would slip up and forget something from time to time. What amazed me was how much they remembered.

Joyce was the charge nurse on one of the shifts, and I had been assigned to her care. She had plenty of duties, including supervising the other nurses, but somehow she found time to be attentive to all my needs. One day she washed my feet-even

was uncanny, and all I could between the toes. She told me that nurses tend to be less compassionate nowadays. "Why do you think this is?" I asked. She blamed it in part on all the paperwork nurses have to complete currently. Joyce called me "Babe" from my first day there-which of course I liked-although it lost a little of its luster when I heard her calling everyone else Babe, including the other nurses!

> Bea was another amazing nurse. When I first saw her limping, I thought, "Oh, this poor nurse. How will she get along?" I soon found out she could limp pretty fast when she was needed. More amazing to me was the fact that she had 31 years' experience and was the

charge nurse.

For her first ten years in Florida, Bea worked in the ER of a Pahokee hospital. She was the "go to" nurse when it came to getting an IV into a patient. This is one of the first things nurses and EMTs do, and it's especially because of the bumpy ride. It's harder than simply drawing blood, because they must get, not just a needle, but a tiny tube into your vein. And it can be hard to find a good vein, as you no doubt know.

There's a lot of violence in Pahokee, and Bea told me stories of having to get IVs into the victims of violence before putting them aboard a helicopter bound for

another hospital. Getting IVs in quickly can mean the difference between life and death. She remembers being drenched with perspiration after getting four IVs in one crime victim. The last IV went in the man's armpit.

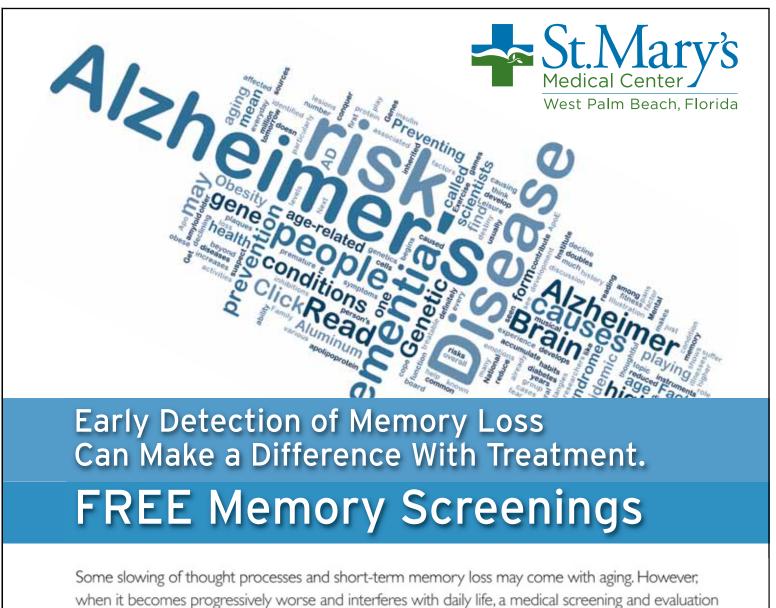
One night Bea woke difficult in an ambulance me up at 3 a.m. to ask me a question and put in a fresh IV port. She did it so expertly and quickly, I asked her if she had been trying to break a speed record. For some reason this cracked her up, and she broke into the most beautiful, innocent, mirthful laughter. It was as though for a few moments she had become a sevenyear-old girl. This got me laughing as well, and there we were-to anyone looking in, two fools laughing their heads off at 3 a.m. in the morning.

Computer problems don't only plague us at the UCO Reporter. A new computer system had just been installed on my first day at the hospital, and everyone was having a tough time learning it. By my last day they were doing better. Nurses and aides are almost always wheeling some kind of cart around. Many of these now have pullout keyboards, hooked up to a central computer. The system is especially effective in keeping track of the pills patients get.

One kind nurse, Natasha, had a 10-year-old who hated reading. I was able to recommend several good fifth-grade-level fiction books to her, which she was going to try out on the youngster. Sometimes it's only a matter of getting that right first book to get a child interested in reading.

Looking back, I had a pretty good time of it in the hospital. It helped to have my Kindle, for one can take only so much of Judge Judy, Andy Griffith, and MASH on TV. A visit from some of the Reporter staff made my day, as did a bouquet of flowers from them that everyone raved about.

The hospital took good care of me, and I had some wonderful nurses. There is no place like home, however, and I was glad to be back. I'd like to say I miss that soft-spoken, little haired nurse waking me up at 5 a.m., but really prefer sleeping longer through the night.



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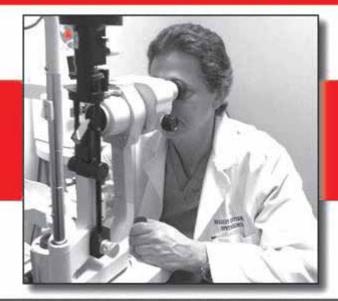
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Proactive Residents Projects Committee Inc Rally

Walk, Run, or Cheer for Our Vets

PUT ON YOUR RUNNING SHOES AND GO!

By Roberta Hofmann

Jack Adams, Mary O'Sullivan and Vinny Lee are three friends who at one time lived on Long Island. They

Each day during their lunch hour, the company.

not only lived in close proximity, they three friends put on their walking also all worked in the same place, the shoes and walked, not only getting Northport Veterans Administration their daily exercise, but also enjoying Hospital in Northport, Long Island. the fresh air and each other's

Mary was the Chairman of Volunteer Services at the hospital. While the friends were walking one day, Mary came up with an idea that she had been thinking about; Why not hold a race at the hospital, charge an entry fee and present the hospital with the proceeds?

The race turned out to be very successful and several things were bought for the hospital using the money received from the race to purchase them.

Fast forward to Century Village in West Palm Beach. After hearing from a few friends about Century Village, Jack took the plunge and moved to the Village.

His friends, Mary and Vinny, were soon to follow. Jack is a year round occupant while Mary and Vinny are snowbirds.

Once again, the three friends now took their walks around the Village: Jack one day said to the others, "Why not hold a similar race, like the one that was held at the Northport, V.A. hospital? This time here in the Village and give the proceeds to the V.A. Hospital here in West Palm Beach".

Vinny started the conversation with Myron Silverman, the Co-Editor of the UCO Reporter, and then the conversation went to David Israel, Barbara Cornish and Eva Rachesky, all of whom thought: "Say, this is a great idea".

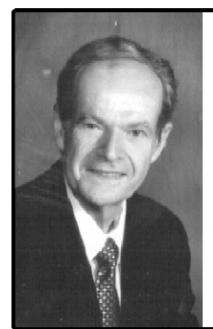
So the V.A. Race was on it's way. The race will start at the Clubhouse, February 18th, at 9:00 A.M. And all of you non-racers, who love our Vets and Century Village, you can also participate, or just come along to cheer on the "troops".

Volunteers to help with the race are also needed and please bring non perishable food items for the indigent vets and their families.

Call 420-6197 of 689-5312 for information.

The three friends hope this will be a successful race and will become an annual tradition.

Registration dates are as follows: Tuesdays or Thursdays, 1/29, 1/31, 2/5, 2/7, 2/12 and 2/14 from 1-4 p.m. Race starts and ends at the clubhouse. The race/walk is three miles.Tee shirts will be distributed at time of registration.



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BY LANNY HOWE

My doctor told me recently to cut down on sodium, and I've been busy checking the labels and doing it. The other week I was buying dry cereal and noticed that some cereals had sodium but that Shredded Wheat had none. I hadn't had Shredded Wheat (the "big biscuit" kind) since I was a boy. With a sprinkling of Splenda and some cut-up fresh strawberries it tasted pretty good.

The stores didn't have the variety of dry cereals now available when I was a kid. Our dad had a bowl of Kellogg's Corn Flakes almost every morning for breakfast. Corn flakes was too bland for us kids. We preferred Shredded Wheat, or Rice Krispies (with their "snap, crackle and pop"), Grape Nuts, or Kellogg's Pep. Wheaties, one of our favorites, came along later.

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"Superman," one of the 15-minute radio programs that came on between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. every afternoon Monday through Friday. I used to rush through my paper route to get home in time to listen to these shows, which included Captain Marvel, Tom Mix, and one other hero whose name I forget. To me, Superman was the best of the four because nothing could defeat him. It was cool the way "mild-mannered" Clark Kent, the somewhat inept reporter for the Daily Planet, would hear about an impending disaster and find a quiet location to change into Superman. He didn't "morph" into Superman in the way that ridiculous "Hulk" TV character emerged many years later; he had only to strip off Clark's business suit, and he was clad in the Superman outfit, cape and all.

Superman was also in two comic

books, "Superman" and "Action Comics," but he was never in a daily comic strip, at least in our Boston papers. I can remember the introduction to the 15-minute radio program as if it were yesterday: "Look! Up in the sky-It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Superman!" He was described as "the man of steel," "able to leap tall buildings at a single bound," and "more powerful than a locomotive" (which was meaningful to a kid in the days of those awesome coal-burning, steam-powered locomotives).

Your imagination was wonderful in listening to those old radio programs. When TV came along some years later, they had a Superman program, and the guy playing Superman had no bulging muscles and a paunch! It was awful. Save me from television, I thought. I prefer my imagination.

In the old days nothing could defeat Superman, which was the way I liked it. It was mostly a question of whether he could avert a disaster in time. It wasn't until some years later on the radio that we learned that Kryptonite (a material from Krypton, the planet he came from) could reduce his strength to that of a normal human. But this weakness, wisely in my opinion, was not overplayed on the radio. Nowadays you cannot watch a Superman movie without Kryptonite being brought into the plot. Leave it to the moderns to overplay a weakness and destroy something precious: my boyhood image of the superhero. I won't go to these movies.

It's amazing what memories a simple purchase of a box of shredded wheat can bring back.....



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Teaching Your Son How To Play Chess

or, A Sure Prescription for being Humiliated

BY LANNY HOWE

When my son Peter was nine years old, I decided to teach him how to play chess. I knew the rudiments of the game but had never played seriously. I figured we could learn the fine points together, and that is what we did. I showed him how the different men moved and captured, how to check the opponent's king, and how to checkmate the king, which wins the game.

together learned how to castle, how to "pin" the opponent's king or queen, how to "fork" two of the

opponent's pieces with a knight, wrested it from him. The betting pretty sure he did, though the how to "discover check," and how to make the "en passant" move with one's pawn. It was fun learning together and enjoyable for both of us as we improved.

It came at a good time, because about two years later, when we were both half-decent at the game, the famous Fischer-Spassky chess tournament took place in Iceland. The 24-game We consulted a chess book and match would decide whether the Russian Boris Spassky retained the title of World Champion or Bobby Fischer, an American,

was that Fisher, a recluse and first might have been a tie. known prodigy at the game, would beat Spassky. And he diddecisively.

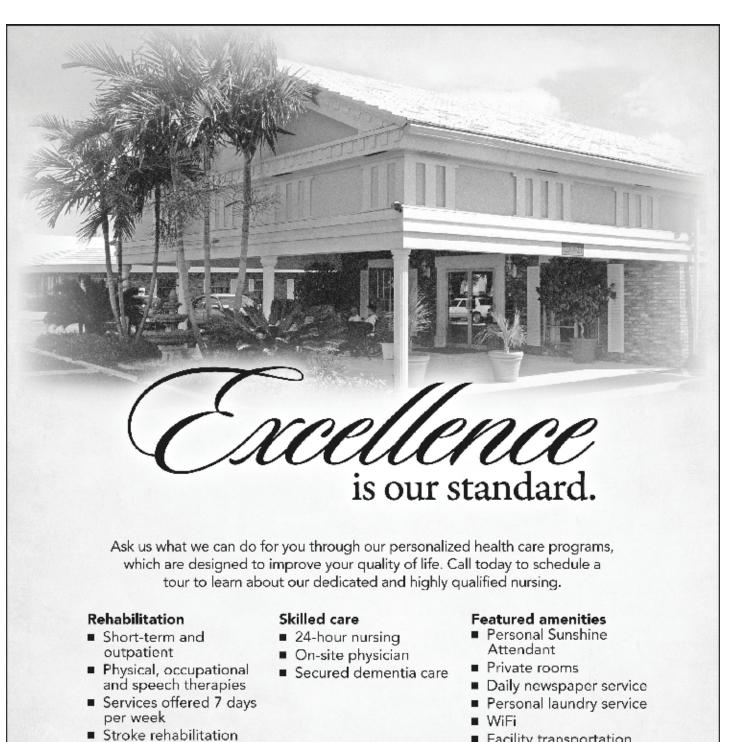
Well, after that, Peter and I began playing our own 24-game tournaments-I of them in all. We were pretty evenly matched at first; in fact, I might have even had a slight edge. But then it got more and more difficult for me to hold my own against him, for he improved rapidly. We don't remember who won the tournaments, but I am

From then on, Peter took off. He played chess in junior high school, and in high school he was on the chess team. We played chess together but a little less often. For some reason (?) I had become a little less enchanted with the game. It got to the point where in order to have anything near an equal match, he had to spot me a pawn. Then it became a knight or a bishop or a rook he would have to spot me, and finally even the queen. Humiliation was really setting in.

The crowning blow came when he offered to play me blindfolded, with a paper bag over his head. In chess the moves can be written down or spoken in what is called chess notation. Thus, if I opened with my king's pawn moving two spaces forward, I would say "Pawn to King 4" to Peter. He would then tell me where to move one of his men, and I would tell him my next move-all while, unable to see the board, he tried to keep the positions of the men on the board pictured in his head.

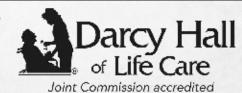
Now knights, according to the rules of chess, make a strange move of two spaces in one direction followed by one space at right angles to that direction, and I figured this would be hard for him to follow. So I protected my knights during the game and managed to get a draw. In the following games, however, it was chaos. He simply blew me away.

It was all worth it. It was heartwarming to see Peter do so well at the game, and the old man had a lot of fun. But it sure ended up being a humbling experience for him.



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Happenings at the Clubhouse

by Karen Conder

A warm "welcome back" to all of you who have arrived in sunny south Florida, and to those still on their way!

My name is Karen and I am newly employed in your

Class Office, and loving it. Everyone I have had the pleasure of meeting has been so gracious, friendly and welcoming, and I sincerely want to thank you for that. It's not easy being the new kid on the block, so your

patience and kindness is well received.

I see your enthusiasm for many of our classes and clubs. Classy Crafters is another brand new club coming up on a Thursday afternoon. Stop by and we will tell you more about it. Another fun thing to sign up for is the Art Show. Applications are available in the Staff Office. I have seen some of the artwork by our residents and it is very impressive.

The date for the Art Show will be February 22. Let's not forget the sweetest month of the year is February! The Sweetheart Ball will take place on Saturday, February 9th and you're all invited, so stop by to purchase your tickets. The Annual Resident Show is sure to be a big hit; come out to support your friends and neighbours and enjoy their wonderful show. Tickets still available for the 8:00 pm performance

on Sunday, March 17th and the 2:00 pm performance on Monday, March 18th.

You can still sign up for Metro Traffic School. The Traffic School Class is scheduled for January 29th. To register you will need to bring a check and driver's license to the Class Office. The next sign up date will be February 23rd. Please note this will be on a Saturday, so plan accordingly.

I would like to welcome any new residents to Century Village. Please stop by the Class Office in the Clubhouse and introduce yourselves. I will be happy to sign you up for some fun and/or educational classes. There are also some wonderful performances on sale this season in our theatre. It is the best way to have fun and make some new friends as well.

We are off and running! I will do my very best to make everything smooth and enjoyable for you. Courtney has been working so hard to acclimate me to my new position. It's hard to follow in her footsteps, but I will try my hardest!



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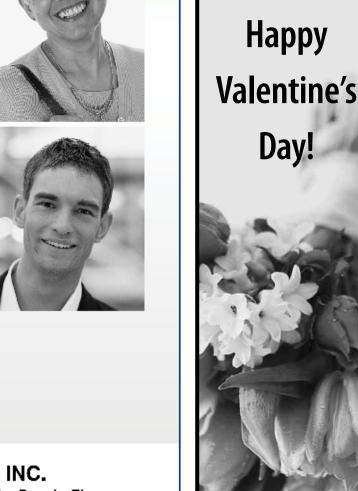


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New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve, was a "Blast" not only in the Theatre, with "The Sounds of Soul." six gifted singer's, some of whom graced our stage with dancing in addition to singing Motown classics, and paying tribute to the late greats such as; Whitney Houston, Etta James, Michael Jackson and many more. We ALL left the theatre thoroughly fulfilled, many of us, continued on to our New Year's Eve "Bash", in the Party Room, which seemed to have wall to wall people, in both rooms...The Tables were laden with all sorts of snacks, decorations drinks and food for our pleasure, while the band, known "Whitestone" played the nighta -way and our own "Elvis" and "Mr. Karaoke" contributed to our enjoyment. What a FABULOUS way, to begin the New Year!

Country Western

Country Western's Huge Event of the Season, Its Charitable Fund Raising Dance, will take place on Sunday February 24th, from 6 to 10pm, in our Party Room, celebrating the music of the "50's and 60's", food and beverages galore, all for a \$10 donation, which will benefit P.A.W.S. Tickets are still available and may be purchased from either Alex @ 585-261-5897 or Michael @ 670-7107.

Show Change

On Tuesday, February 26th, Shirley Alston Reeves, formerly of the "SHIRELLES" will replace Lesley Gore. You may seek a refund, or use your tickets for this performance, which surely will be as outstanding,

other our minute replacements, have been. Perfect example, "The Atlantic City Boys" who first appeared as a replacement, and then again, due to popular request, the last Saturday of December, 2012.

Classes

Several "Seasonal" Organizations have resumed — many classes are now in session, addressing almost any subject, that comes to mind. The schedule including fees, appears elsewhere in this edition. In addition to acquiring a "NEW" skill, you surely will enlarge your circle of Friends.



February 21st.

THEATRE EVENTS & SATURDAY NIGHT **DANCES**

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SHOWS AND DANCES

Saturday, February 2 TOM, DICK & STEWIE *7PM **DANCE** — Sound Relations "ZERO HOUR" — THE ZERO MOSTEL PLAY Thursday, February 7 **DANCE** — Barrie Blythe

Sunday, February 10

The Platters will be performing on Saturday, February 16th.

"HERE TO STAY" — THE GERSHWIN EXPERIENCE Saturday, February 9 **SWEETHEART'S BALL** — Debby Massey

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Tuesday, February 12 "EVERYDAY WITH YOU GIRL," STARRING THE CLASSICS IV Saturday, February 16 THE PLATTERS

Sunday, February 17 "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

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FEBRUARY 2013 MOVIES

02/03 Sun 1:45PM **HOPE SPRINGS** (PG 13, 100 min) — Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, Steve Carell. After thirty years of marriage, a middle-aged couple attends an intense, week-long counseling session to work on their relationship. (continued from last month)

QUEEN OF VERSAILLES (PG 100 min.) — Virginia Nebab, David Siegel, 1:45PM 02/05 Tue Jaqueline SiegeL. A documentary that follows a billionaire couple as they begin 1:45PM 02/10 Sun 6:45PM construction on a mansion inspired by Versailles. During the next two years, 02/11 Mon their empire, fueled by the real estate bubble and cheap money, falters due to 02/12 1:45PM 6:45PM 02/14 Thu 1:45PM 02/17 Sun

HIT AND RUN (R, 100 min.) — Dax Shepard, Kristen Bell, Bradley Cooper. Rated R for Adult Situations. Former getaway driver Charlie Bronson jeopardizes his witness protection plan identity in order to help his girlfriend get to Los Angeles. The feds and Charlie's former gang chase them on the road.

BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL (PG 13- 124 min.) — Judi Dench, Bill Nighy. British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than its advertisements, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begin to charm in unexpected ways. (continued next month)

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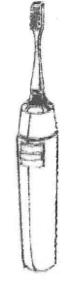
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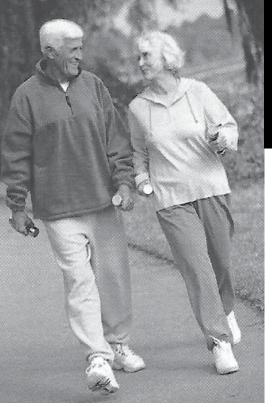
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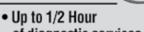
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Winkie

BY LANNY HOWE

When we kids were young, our parents decided to get the family a dog. They went to the pound in Boston and came home with a grayish-brown dog that was part terrier and part probably several other things. A mutt for sure, he was referred to by our dad as half horse and half mouse. We named him Winkie, I think because my brother thought the dog winked at him, although I doubt he ever actually did. Winkie was a year and a half old and housebroken, we were told. The dog was actually a she, but we always referred to it as he for some reason, and I'm not going to change now.

We were at the age when we were always playing catch with a ball, and the ball was usually a tennis ball, which was less likely to inflict damage when it hit the house or a window-or one of us. Our large fencedin yard was perfect for this, and we enjoyed made-up games like "pickle" (sometimes called 'run-down"), when you'd try to tag a kid "out" who was running between two

It was within a day or two of getting Winkie that we discovered he had a hidden talent. Someone made an errant throw of the tennis ball, and Winkie leapt up, caught it in mid-air, and then deposited it at the feet of the thrower—in other words, asking for it to be thrown again! Someone had obviously trained this dog during its first one and a half years.

Winkie was very good at not only catching the ball, but anticipating where it would be thrown. He would watch you and gauge with uncanny accuracy where it was going. If you tried to trick him, he'd soon be onto you. Of course we proudly displayed him and his talent to all the neighborhood kids.

He was useful in another way, too. Sometimes the ball would go over into the neighbor's yard, and one neighbor in particular didn't like this. We'd send Winkie over to quietly fetch the ball for us.

Winkie was quite a dog and gave us many years of pleasure.

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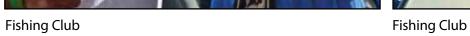






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Brotherly Love



By Dolores Caruso

In May 1949, my first Valentine was born --- 24 hours after I put my hand through a car window on a dare from friends. You see, I was only 6 years of age and didn't know how to think out what I was doing and the consequences of such a foolish action. My father was a policeman and had to be called to the emergency room where they were stitching me... both he and his partner had to hold me down amidst my screaming and kicking. My over-pregnant mother was also there and very concerned for both me and the poor policeman I was kicking.

After being stitched, I was brought home -- needless to say with much discussion about the foolish action that resulted in the hospital visit. The next morning, I was again at the

hospital. When asked by a nurse why I was back, I proudly stated "My mom is having a baby!" That day, my first valentine by the name of Nicholas (Nicky) was born!

As years went by, we became as close as I was with my sister, Marge. When Nicky was 10-years old, he developed rheumatic fever

rheumatic fever resulting in a permanent heart murmur. We continued to grow, change and travel different paths....staying close as ever. My sister and I continued



Nicky

educations. Vietnam was on forefront. Nicky joined the Army at the age of 17-1/2. When my parents found out, they tried (with political friends family) to keep him from being accepted due to health history.... but to no avail. He was accepted and served his

country in the 4th Infantry Division as an MP and gunner on a helicopter. He sent as many letters as possible which I still have. They explain what he was doing and what was going on

around him. He lost many friends and comrades in Nam. He also served in Germany for the last part of his stint in the service. He became fluent in the language and enjoyed sending letters partly in German. Of course, we had to wait until he came home to tell us what he wrote -- this was his type of humor.

Nicky was injured, sprayed with Agent Orange and spat upon when coming home.

his prior heart years ago) at the age of 60 due to various cancers (the result of Agent but to no avail. Orange) as well as advanced heart He was accepted problems. My brother is now with and served his Infantry Division watching over, and protecting, each and every one of us. I know he's there and still talk to him.

Nicky is, and will always be, my favorite Valentine.

A Love Story: My Sister Rose

by Roberta Hofmann

My Father and Mother, who married late in life, produced two children, Rose and Roberta, born 18 months apart. Of course, I would be my Father's boy. Alas, that didn't happen but I was, in those days, known as a "Tomboy" as we athletically inclined girls were called. My sister, on the other hand was the quiet "young lady". We looked a lot alike but what distinguished us was what we wore. Rose, the young lady wore a dress and Roberta, that's me, wore jeans. I was always running from one place to another, and Rose? She walked demurely. I played outside either climbing "mountainous" bolders or playing football or baseball with the boys; and Rose? Rose was upstairs learning to sew or cook some delicious casserole. And while I was learning to ride a horse, Rose was taking ballet lessons.

Two girls, sisters; yet so different. But our love for each other was always there even though at times we fought and argued like "cats and dogs". When we grew into adulthood, Rose married Alan, a Research Scientist for Johnson and Johnson and Roberta married Bob, a construction

worker & builder of fine homes. Each had three children, Rose a boy and two girls and Roberta two boys and a girl. How happy we were for each other! And even though we live miles apart, one in Vermont and the other in New Jersey, we kept in touch. As busy as we were with family, we missed being able to see each other more often so our telephone calls were quite frequent. Our visits brought joy whether it was getting together for some special occasion, or just for a visit. The children had a happy time playing together while we, their parents relaxed and caught up with all the family news.

There were good times and bad times in our lives; graduations, the marriages of our children, the death of Billy, my eldest son and my divorce. Rose and I, together experiencing the joy and utter sadness that life can bring.

And now my sister Rose is about to part this life. Death is imminent. Several years ago she was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia, a dementia that not only robs ones mind, but also, much faster at times, the body. She is in a wheelchair because of her constant falls and recognizes only her wonderful, caring husband and children. Two



Sisters Rose and Roberta

weeks ago she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer inoperable because of her weakened physical state. My sister, my wonderful sister Rose, whose petals are now slowly closing. Can this really be?

Now I am waiting for " the call" and wondering what it will be like when she is gone, the sister I shared a bedroom with. (She was the neat

one.) The sister I walked to school with, and together shared family occasions. It will be sad I am sure. The sad memories of our lives will bring tears, the happy ones smiles. Memories of her will linger on, and my love for her shall never die......

My sister Rose will always be with me and her warmth will forever fill my heart.

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AITZ CHAIM Congregation

2518 N Haverhill Road, West Palm Beach. Sisterhood meets 3rd Mon. of the month @ 10:00am (Oct. to May). Phone 686-5055, Temple Office.

ANSHEI SHOLOM

Rabbi Korman is conducting an Adult Education class; "Exploring Jewish Beliefs & Practices" - The Reform Movement, Contact Office @ 684-3212 weekday mornings

for schedules.

Events:

Sun. Feb 3rd - Horseracing & Raffle @ noon

Wed. Feb 6th - Holocaust Survivors & US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Fri. Feb. 8th - Shabbat Dinner & Services @ 6pm

BABY BOOMERS CLUB

SEASONAL

Baby Boomers are cruising..Feb. 3rd..Open to all..Join us for a funfilled time..Call Bev. @ 793-5573. FYI travel1305@aol.com Please email LynnSevan@aol.com.

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Sunday, February 17th - Michelle Parenti, Registered Dietitian, presenting a Diet & Nutrition Program for Seniors. FYI: Contact Dr. Morris Levy @ 478-6865.

BROOKLYN U.S.A.

SEASONAL (Oct - Apr)

Meets every 2nd Wed.@2pm in CH party room. All former and present residents of Brooklyn and their significant others are welcome.

Contact: Rhoda Kaufman @ 683-7201 or Steve @ 242-0481.

CANADIAN CLUB

SEASONAL (Dec - Mar) We bowl, dine & socialize.

Contact: Pres. Irene Brooks @ 686-2723 for further information.

Meets 4th Wed. CH Party Room times as posted:

Tues., Feb. 12th - Bar-B-Q - Okeeheelee Park - 12:30 pm, BYOB *

Tues., Feb. 19th - Duck Island - Subway Sandwich - \$3.00pp BYOB

Wed., Feb. 27th - Meeting at 12:30pm -*Bring your own Beverage

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CENTURY VILLAGE CAMERA CLUB

(SEASONAL)

First meeting of the season was Tues. Dec. 18th @10am, classroom "B"

CH. Warm welcome to everyone, interested in photography. For info contact Ken, cameraclubcv@gmail. com

CENTURY VILLAGE COMPUTER CLUB

Meets 1st and 3rd Thurs. Nov.-Apr. (1st Thurs only rest of year) 1 pm in CR 103 and incl. 30 min. Q&A, biz portion, presentation, 50/50 and door prizes. Arrive by 12:15pm to join, renew your membership or register for free hands-on classes. Must own your own computer.

CENTURY VILLAGE GUN CLUB

Meets every 2nd Tues. at 7pm in classroom "B" in the CH. Every meeting has a guest speaker. Come listen to great speakers, make new friends, view historic and modern firearms and other weapons. Info call: George @ 471-9929.

CENTURY VILLAGE ORCHESTRA

We would like to add more strings (violins, violas, cellos) bass bassoon and percussion players. Call Rickie @ 683-0869 or e-mail to cvorchestra@ aol.com.

CENWEST FISHING CLUB

Meets 1st Wed. classroom "B", 3-4:30pm. Varied fishing trips every week. Call Al @ 242-0351.

CHIT CHAT GROUP

We meet every 1st & 3rd Tues. between 2-3:30pm, classroom "B" in CH. Our discussions are friendly, informative, and fun. FMI, call Rhoda @ 686-0835.

CHRISTIAN CLUB

We meet 1st Wed. 1pm, in CH party Bowling: 9:30am at Verdes room. Lanes

Tues. Feb. 12th - BBQ @ Dryer Park -Tues. Feb. 19th - Casino Trip Reservations necessary... contact Grace @ 640-5279 for further information.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCES

(SEASONAL)

No charge. Will take place on the 3rd Mon. of each month, beginning Jan. 21st, 2013 in the party room, 6-9:30pm. Our charity event to benefit "Paws 2 Help," a non-profit animal rescue clinic, will take place on Feb. 24th from 6-10pm, "50's and 60's" Dance Theme. Food & beverages will be served. Tickets \$10. Contact: Alex @ 1-585-261-5897 or Mike @ 670-7107 for more information.

DEBORAH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Meets 2nd Fri. every other month in party room, 12:00 noon. Call Bea @ 688-9478.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CENTURY VILLAGE

Meets the 4th Tues. of the month @ 1:30pm in the party room. Further info. contact: 686-7897.

DOO WOP CLUB

(SEASONAL)

Meets 2nd Thursday of Month in Room "C" of Clubhouse, from 7 to 9PM Contact: Mike @ 670-7107 after 6PM or Alex @ 1-585-261-5897

DUPLICATE BRIDGE AT HASTING CLUB HOUSE

All bridge players welcome Mon. at 7 pm and Wed. at 1pm upstairs at Hastings in CH hall. Call Mimi @ 697-2710, if you have questions or if you need to be matched with another player. Bridge lessons coming soon for beginners.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN NETWORKING CLUB

Meets 1st Fri. 6:30pm, classroom "B" of CH. We share relevant information among ourselves and with our community. Dee, 827-8748; Steve, 389-5300.

GENEALOGY CLUB

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mon. of the month @1:30pm in the CH. contact Anitra Kraus, President @ 629-7522.

GETTING YOUNGER, GETTING BETTER

SEASONAL

Meets last Fri. Nov.-Apr., 3pm in CH Rm "C". Guest speaker every month. Group discussion dedicated the proposition that we can change to get younger biologically and spiritually.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thurs. evenings at 7:30pm, CH Craft room. We discuss short readings of "Great Works" of literature that continue to have meaning for us today. Further information contact: Roz @ 689-8444.

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HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS of the PALM BEACHES

Meet every 2nd Wed. of the month at 9:30am in Anshei Sholom.

Feb. 6th, Regular meeting. For more information, call Kathy @ 689-0393.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Thurs. morning from 9:30 to 10:30am in CH party room. Call: Barbara @ 640 7168.

IRISH-AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB of CV

(SEASONAL)

Meets 1st Tues. Room "C" @ 2pm. Social Club, many events during season, golf, picnics, ball games, casino trips etc...Highlight of season St. Patrick's Day Dance.. A warm Welcome to one & all. Contact Martin Galvin, President 640-5250.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB

Meets every 3rd Wed. 1pm in the CH party room. Call Fausto @ 478-1821. We bowl at Verdes Tropicana on Sat. at 9:00am. Contact Fran @ 616-3314. Membership is open to all CV residents. Trip to St Augustine, 3 days - 2 nights. Additional information contact Fausto @ 478-1821 or Dolores @ 688-0876.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS LADIES AUXILIARY POST #520

Meets 3rd Mon. at The Classic. A continental breakfast is served at 9:00am, followed by our meeting. Our efforts go to creating welcome kits for the veterans at the VA Center and filling various positions at the Center. We find our volunteer work helpful and rewarding and welcome new members. Dorothy @ 478-6521.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST #501

SEASONAL

Sept. to May, 1st Sun. of the month at Cypress Lakes CH. Breakfast at 9am, Meeting at 9:30am. Guest speakers. Activities include servicing VA patients. Ralph @ 689-1271 or Howard @ 478-2780.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST #520

Meets 4th Sun. at Elks Lodge, Belvedere Rd. Continental breakfast at 9am, followed by general meeting. Come as our guest and see what we're all about! Walt, Phil @ 686-2086.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS: PALM BEACH RAINBOW LODGE #203

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 2:30pm at the VITAS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (CV Medical Building). All Pythians and new

applicants are welcome! For Details Call - IRV @ 683-4049.

LINE DANCING

Country and Regular, held as follows: Mon. mornings 9 to 10:30am in party room and Fri. 11:30am to 12:30pm in Room "C" Croom. Contact Yvonne Ring @ 640-7168.

LATIN AMERICAN CLUB

Meets 1st Thurs. of the month @ 7:00pm in party room.

Thurs. Feb.7th @ 3:30pm Meeting in Music Room

Sun. Feb.10th @ 5pm - Valentine's Dance in party room

Fri. Feb. 22nd @ 7pm - Work Shop - "Taller en espanol" Room "C" Sun. Feb 24th - Casino Trip - leaves

from Duck Island.

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MERRY MINSTRELS

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MIND SPA DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets 2nd and 4th Thurs. 1:30pm, in CH CR "A". All are invited for in-depth discussions of significant issues. Call Allan @ 687-3602.

MISTER KARAOKE

Dancing and general entertainment throughout the year every Fri. night in party room from 6-9pm. Come join the fun! Contact Jack @ 616-0973

NYC TRANSIT RETIREES CLUB

We are looking for new members. For more info, call Kathy @ 689-0393.

NORTHERN STARS

(SEASONAL)

Dues \$5.00. Meetings the 2nd Mon. of the month in the party room from 6-9:30pm. Feb. 11th - party room and Feb. 25th - Outdoors @ Guest Pool. For further information, contact: Janisse @ northernstarsbo@hotmail.

OWLS

(Older, Wiser, Loyal, Seniors) Meetings are held 2nd Mon. of the month in the party room @ 3pm.

PHILADELPHIA CLUB

(SEASONAL)

Tuesday, February 5th - Meeting, Lunch & Entertainment, for further information contact Sylvia @ 683-5224.

PRO-ACTIVE RESIDENTS PROJECTS COMMITTEE, INC.

a/k/a PRPC

Meets 3rd Thurs. of the month, 10 - 12pm - Began Jan. 17th, classroom "B" CH. We are a non-profit group of CV Resident owner's concerned with village issues.

QUEENS NY CLUB

(SEASONAL - Oct to Mar)
Meets 2nd Thurs. in the CH party
room from 11am-1pm.
Upcoming events:

Feb. 5 & 6th Trip to Mt. Dora, Lake Wales & Orlando.Transportation overnight stay at Clarion Hotel, breakfast buffet,& meals to follow.

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Contact Harriet Levine, President at 684-9712 for further information.

RUSSIAN CLUB

Meets 1st Wed. @ 3pm, CH Rm "C" and 2nd Thur. @ 3pm, CH party room. Call Tamara @ 712-1417.

SAILING CLUB

Meetings are in Rm "C", 10am at the main CH every 2nd Fri. of the month. Contact Ron Helms, Commodore @ 683-8672, for more information.

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

Nov. through Mar. Everyone is welcome to join. Equipment provided. We play every Tues. Wed. and Thurs. Please arrive by 1:15pm. singles on Tues., doubles on Wed. and bowling pin on Thurs. Previous experience not necessary. Learn as you play. Contact Ed @ 632-5268 or Jack @640-3373 for further information.

SNORKEL CLUB

Meetings are the 3rd Fri. of each month in the CH at 10am. Contact our President Rosemary Maude @ 684-0116, for further information.

SOLID GOLD KARAOKE

Continues all year, every Tues. 6 to 9pm in the party room. All are welcome to participate and sing with music or accapella. Call Tom and Dolores @ 478-5060.

STRICTLY BALLROOM DANCE GROUP

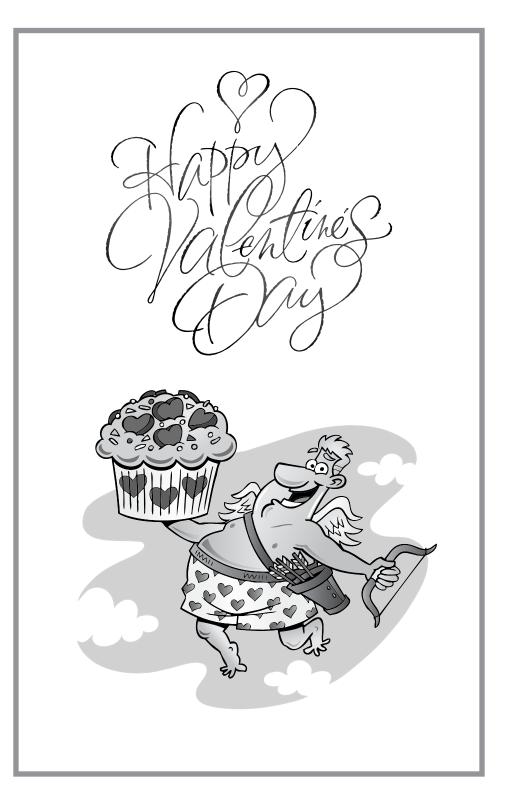
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SUNDAY NIGHT SING A LONG

Hosted by Louis Ahwee & Anna Torres. Meets each week from 5-8pm, CH room "C". You may bring your own CD's, choose from a vast selection on hand or sing along with everyone else.

SUPER SENIORS CLUB

Interesting conversation about current issues affecting seniors at the CV 912 Super Seniors Group. We meet every 1st Thur. 10am in the CH as a forum for sharing knowledge, asking questions and educating ourselves. Send an e-mail cv912superseniors@gmail.com



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(A non-sectarian Cancer Service Group) Meetings the 2nd Mon. of each month @11:30am in the CH party room. Next Meeting Feb. 11th.



Upcoming events:

Reservations required, contacts below: Wed. Feb 20th - Day trip to Mt. Dora, Fl. lunch, trolley tour & scenic cruise Cost \$79.00 - Contact Bobbi @ 478-4433 or Roz @ 616-3273

Mon. Feb 25th - Luncheon & Card Party at Palm Beach CC -

Contact Barbara @ 615-4527 or Harriet

@ 689-5102

Wed. Mar 6th - Gala Donor Luncheon at Land of the President's

CC - Contact Bernice @ 697-2203 or Barbara or Al @ 688-0001 Sun. Mar 10th - LIPS - "Sisters of

Sequin for their Gospel Brunch" Brunch, show & transportation, Cost \$44.00. Contact Bobbi @478-4433 or Roz@616-3273

WELCOME NEIGHBOR

A group of dedicated residents who wish to inform the community regarding Reflection Bay. Meetings will take place in the CH party room on the 1st Wed. of the month 9-11 am. For more details. 478-2400. **WOW Events:**

Tuesday, February 5th, Miami Zoo -Private Pram Tour- trans.etc. \$48.00 12th, The Bonnet House Museum - Pram ride, early dinner, w/wine @ Bobby Rubino's, trans.etc. \$69.00 26th, Morikami Museum - Tour, Bento Box lunch,trans.etc. \$49.00 Further information, contact Lenore @683-4166

YIDDISH ADVANCED **READING GROUP**

Menke Katz Reading Circle invites readers to join group headed by Troim Handler. Currently reading Short Stories, by I.J. Singer, in Yiddish, in classroom "A" 2nd and 4th Wed. from 9:30-11:00am...Listeners Welcome.. Free to all...

YIDDISH BOOK CLUB

Meets the 2nd & 4th Wed. from 10 to 11:30am during the months of Jan., Feb. and Mar. at the CH. We read and discuss books written in Yiddish. This is a Free program and open to all who understand the language, but not necessarily read or write it. For further information, Contact Troim Handler @ 684-8686.

YIDDISH CHORUS

Men and women members welcome. No knowledge of Yiddish necessary. Rehearses every Wed. at 1:30pm in CH Music rm "B". Director/conductor: Shelley Tanzer. Call Edy, 561-687-4255

YIDDISH CULTURE

Tues. from 9:45-10:45 am - Clubhouse Theatre, began in Dec.

This is a Free presentation, open to all. Contact Golda Shore, President at 697-3367 for additional information. February's Programs, as follows:

Feb. 5th - Merry Minstrels, Feb. 12th -Meyer Zaremba,

Feb. 19th - Cantor Joy Parks, Feb. 26th - Yiddish Culture Chorus Purim Concert.

YIDDISH CLASS

Meets Thur. at 10am, CH classroom "A". Taught by Golda Shore. Register at Class Office. Call 561-697-3367.

YIDDISH VINKL

The Village's unique and much-loved Vinkl meets all-year round every 1st and 3rd Sun. 1:30-3pm, in CH Music Rm. All are welcome. Yiddish knowledge is not required, as all is translated to English. Call Edy, 561-687-4255.

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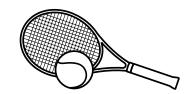
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RECREATION NEWS



TENNIS CLUB

By Christine Mohanty

We are delighted that all reparations have been completed at our Somerset facility and that we are now "open for business." Courts 1, 2, and 3 have been professionally resurfaced in a gorgeous blue color surrounded by green, which will make the calling of balls in or out a lot more accurate. Courts 4 and 5 as well as the practice court will not be addressed until the close of the season. Thanks go to W.P.R.F. Vice-President, Eva Rachesky, and Tennis Club President, Alan Cutler, for moving this expansive project along in the most timely fashion possible. We hope everyone finds a compatible and comfortable group with whom to play and that you all come down to hit some balls.

Our Election Breakfast was held on January 2 with approximately 45 people in attendance. We were fortunate to have Eva Rachesky on hand. After President Alan Cutler opened the meeting and introduced her, Eva gave us the status on upcoming renovations. She then fielded some questions regarding landscaping, treatment of courts 4 and 5, and the possibility of obtaining some equipment to try out pickleball on the practice court. As for the elections, the present board was once again voted in with Alan Cutler as President, Rhoda Nadell Vice-President, Les Rivkin Treasurer and Christine Mohanty Secretary. We currently have 65 members and are still growing. For those who have not yet done so, please submit \$10 dues ONLY to one of the board members in an envelope with name, phone number, and email address. Only club members may use the ball machine and are entitled to attend events freeof-charge. It should also be noted that everyone who plays on our courts benefits from having a platform for advocacy with W.P.R.F. The larger our club, the louder our voices can be heard to maintain and enhance this beautiful facility. Playing anywhere else would surely cost more than \$10 per year. PLEASE JOIN US!

Century Village league play was off to a great start on January 3 with Jan Roszko captaining his team in Division 2 while Alan Cutler's team fared well in Division 4. We wish them a good season in the next nine games.

On a social note, our annual picnic is slated for Wednesday, March 13 noon-2pm on Duck Island with Somerset as a rain location back-up. Please mark your calendars. By the time this column goes to print, all of our snowbirds will have returned "home" to roost. We wish you all a healthy and most enjoyable time down here in "Paradise."

NOTE: Welcome back to all those Tennis Player. The UCO Reporter would like to take this opportunity to apologize for not having the January Article in last months issue of the paper. Unfortunately,some things sometimes fall through the cracks..



SNORKEL CLUB

by Sandy Wynn

December was a busy month for the club even though many of us had family for the holidays. We had an outing at Phil Foster Park where renovation is being done at the snorkel area under the bridge with a lifeguard in attendance during certain days and hours. This is extremely promising with algae now growing on the added rocks which is a good come on for the fish. An enjoyable snorkel time was had by all. Another trip to the South Florida Science Museum is planned for their silver science program, and a kayak trip to River Bend in Jupiter will be a change of scenery for us from our usual kayaking at John D. MacArthur Park where we just finished a three hour pleasurable excursion. Okeeheelee Park is still very much on our list for their Senior For Science program with their director Clive. This is always a learning and very enjoyable experience. We ended the old year and began the new year at our potluck on New Years Day. Somerset Pool, our usual hangout was the place to be with snorkel friends and their guests. What a marvelous group we were and how wonderful to be able to have spent time with each other at holiday times. We're having a Snorkel International Trip to the sunny beaches of Bonaire. Snorkel in clear warm water April 20th to April 27th. It's an all inclusive package. For information please call Beth at 561-684-3116. Our meetings are the third Friday of each month in the Clubhouse at 10A.M. For more information please call our President John Odoardo at 561- 478- 9921



SAILING CLUB

By Christine Mohanty

January was a very active month for our Sailing Club. We started off with Gail Fei's thoroughly enjoyed Cheerleader reunion on the 7th. The primary focus was preparation for the Installation Breakfast held on Friday, January 18 with over 100 attendees. A rousing rendition of "Anchors Away" was presented by the cheerleaders while another of Theo Martzoukos' skits in conjunction with Ron Helms had everyone captivated. Our officers for 2013 installed by Artie Teitelbaum are as follows:

Commodore: Ron Helms; Vice Commodore: Dave Forness; Rear Commodore: Alex Testa; Purser: Fina Cook and Scribe: Helga Lieb. We wish them all smooth sailing in the year to come. Boat reparations are nearly completed under the very capable direction of Dave Forness. The dock area will be getting a facelift. In addition, we now have a workshop/storage area facilitating repairs and keeping them out of the elements.

Races for trophies started on January 8 with the series running for seven weeks weather permitting. That evening a postponed pot luck dinner was held with over 50 contributors. Normally, pot lucks are the first Tuesday of the month, but of course, on New Year's Day everyone surely had other plans.

Our meetings are the second Friday of every month in season, the last held on January 11 and the next scheduled for February 8 at 10 am in Room C of the Clubhouse. Why not come down to join one of the most vibrant organizations on campus? Remember that you don't have to be a sailor to be on our crew and to participate in social activities like the annual dinner/dance slated for Sunday, March 10 from 6-10 pm. Tickets are available at our dock or from one of our cheerleaders. This is a hugely popular event, so don't wait too long to join in the festivities. Once again we'll have the popular band, Ryan and the Rockers, to entertain us with oldies. We're still working on our catered menu, but be assured that the cost per ticket will be very affordable for a night to remember.

In the meantime, we invite newcomers down to the dock to take some lessons from our very capable dock attendant, Helga Lieb, and her assistant, Kathy Forness. Quite a few new sailors joined us during the summer, so what are you waiting for to SAIL AWAY?

SHUFFLEBOARD

by Ed Wright

The Shuffleboard Club is growing larger every day. It is especially nice going to play now as every day someone returns from the north. It's always fun to see old friends again. We currently have 41 members with 7 being first-time members. We have completed the first tournament, and the winners are as follows:

Tuesday Singles

First Place: Ed Wright Second Place: Jan Wright Third Place: Jean Guy Giroux

Wednesday Doubles

First Place: Jan Wright Second Place: Jean Guy Giroux Third Place: Archie McKay

Thursday Bowling Pin

First Place: Ed Wright
Second Place: Jack Fahey
Second Place: Archie McKay
Second Place: Jean Guy Giroux

We had playing practices through the Christmas season and started our winter tournament on January 8th. On the last day of practice on January 3rd, we played a different form of shuffleboard called "horse collar". We had four first-timers with us that day.

The winners received a small prize. First place went to Archie McKay, second place went to Cliff Patterson and third place went to Charmaine Naienaber.

We still play singles on Tuesdays, doubles on Wednesdays, and Bowling pin on Thursdays.

Everyone is welcome. We have players of various abilities in our club. You do not have to be an experienced player to play. Come and learn with us. All equipment is provided. It is good to get outside, get a little exercise, and meet new people. Arrive by 1:15pm each day so the teams can be arranged. Call me if you have any questions (Ed 632-5268).

CERCLE DES BON AMIS

By Janvier

Here is a new topics, that every month, will keep you acquainted with, what happened in our French Group here in Century Village, West Palm Beach. This circle was created more than 15 years ago. We count more than 525 French Speaking.

This month we will speak about Petanque; this game was built here in Century Village, by Anne-Marie and Roger Groulx, more than 10 years ago, It is the French Version of Italian Bocce game. We are having 150 active player, they are playing every morning at 9:00 a.m. on the petanque ground neighbour of the tennis courts in Somerset, Mr. Toby Lovinger responsible tel: 561-712-9190 invited you to play every Wednesday or Friday mornings. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday inscriptions are closed. For more information regarding Petanque game call: Anne-Marie and Roger, at 561-444-3876.

For information regarding LE CERCLE DES BONS AMIS, please call Mrs. Helene Tessier, Secretary 561-283-1649. Mrs. Monique Levesque is our President.



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SEARCH/NOMINATIONS REPORTING

by Roberta Boehm-Fromkin



Roberta Boehm-Fromkin

This is it..... the last message this committee will be publishing in the UCO REPORTERthis year. The UCO Delegates meeting February 1st is

the very last time you may be included on the 2013 slate. Two vice president seats are available as are ten executive board seats. You may be nominated by a delegate from the floor. The nomination is then seconded by another delegate. At that time the nominee will be asked if he is willing to serve and must agree to abide by the requirements for the position. The requirements to serve are as follows: Nominees for the Executive Board ,must live in Century Village nine months of the year and agree to serve on two committees. Nominees for Vice President must also reside in Century Village nine months of the year. A nominee who is a delegate may nominate himself and have a delegate second the nomination. Bios must be sent to me via e mail (rgwlbf@gmail. com) Friday, February 1st. If you do not receive acknowledgment of your bio, call me at 561 - 712 - 0259

Ken Graf and Howie Silver will be available immediately after the meeting to take your picture for the REPORTER.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THOSE RUNNING!!!!!!

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Welcome back Seasonal Residents, new residents, year round residents and CERT certified residents!

Attend our Monthly Meetings which are held on the third Monday of each Month at 3:00 pm in the Clubhouse Art Room.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The CERT program is starting it's 7th year of service to the Century Village Community.

We are part of FEMA'S premier volunteer program for citizens involved in emergency management training. There are CERT programs in every state in the USA.

We have several HAM Radio operators on our team: Lori Torres, Ed Black and Steve Mussman.

Each year several new members take the CERT Training Course which is given by the EOC.

We have a Friends of CERT Program. These people are trained monthly to help their own buildings.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our monthly meetings

Everyone can help. A Happy and Healthy New Year to All

Jackie Karlan CERT CHAIRPERSON

GUN CLUB

by George Franklin



George Franklin

What wonderful meeting the Gun Club had on December 11th. Our Guest Speaker was none other Palm than Beach County

Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw himself.

Sheriff Bradshaw spoke on what has been happening in the Sheriff's Office and also touched on Homeland Security and the gang and pill mill issues. He also expanded on all the volunteer opportunities that are available to the residents of Century Village if they would like to help our residents through the Sheriffs office. Many, many questions were asked from the membership; to the point that we had to close the meeting!

The Sheriff then drew for many wonderful door prizes that included Official Colt Firearms merchandise donated by Beverly Haynes, Historian of Colt. Many other prizes were donated by other members too. We thank all of you for the donations.

Once again I would like to say this club has NEVER charged dues or any other monies for any activities. Door prizes are also FREE. Try us out sometime. We meet on the second Tuesday evening of the month at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. For further information call George @ 561-471-9929.

INSURANCE

By Toni Salometo



Toni Salometo

Now that the renewal for 2013 for the Associations have been completedexcept the issuing of policies, it's time once

again to turn to an ongoing situation in the Insurance committee-Homeowners' insurance.

With many of our residents returning, it seems that a lot of them have policies expiring in January and February. So here I go again: Do I have to have it? Why do I need it? Where do I get it? Why is it so expensive?

Do I have to have it? Legally, no: Statute 718 was changed in July of 2010; however, it wasn't that it was considered unnecessary, but that there was no way to enforce the law. What is enforceable is a by-law change made to your Association's documents making Homeowners' insurance mandatory for all unit owners. Whenever officers of an Association say they want to make it mandatory, I advise seeing a lawyer.

Why do I need it? In spite of the turnaround in the number of water damage losses in the last couple of years, we still have plenty of them. Nobody wants to be one of the few. Because of the Florida laws, the unit owner is solely responsible for the repair or replacement of all you all. property that is considered theirs. This includes kitchen cabinets, countertops, flooring, appliances, bathroom tile and floors, cabinets, fixtures, wall-covering, as well as all your clothing, electronics, etc. The list is long and varies only by your taste and pocketbook. So if there is a loss, even if it isn't your "fault", you will be responsible for replacing or repairing. This can get very expensive since everything will be valued at "replacement" cost. I have an old Sony TV (25 years old) works great, but it will be replaced with a 2013 model, because where will you get a 25 year old one, if it's damaged or destroyed.

Where do I get it? Homeowners' insurance should be written through a licensed insurance agent, who's been in the business more than five years, preferably one who writes insurance for admitted carriers in the state. Admitted carriers are backed by the guaranteed fund and your losses will be paid. If you stop at UCO and ask for the Homeowners' list you can get one from the front desk or from the Insurance committee. We have a list of a few agents that have been recommended by our unit owners and we're glad to share the list.

Why is it so expensive? Remember couple of paragraphs above I told you about replacing old for new-well that's one of the reasons Homeowners' insurance is so expensive. Another reason is the politics in Florida regarding insurance, but this is a topic for another column and I won't bore you with it now. And last but not least, 6 months of the year, we're glued to our TV's and computers, listening to the weatherman tell us whether the latest named storm will make landfall and if we have anything to worry about. Insurance companies don't like uncertainty and here is south Florida it happens 6 months out the year. Their uncertainty spells higher premium for all of us.

INVESTIGATIONS

by Claudette La Bonte



Claudette La Bonte

year on upturn and Investigations is gearing up accordingly. With a total number of 1,093

began

The market

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investigations for 2012, we are hoping the market trend will increase with

Century Village is not merely a place to live but rather a complete lifestyle. When I arrived 10 years

ago, I used to hear we were the "Best Kept Secret". It is now time to get the secret out and tell everyone we meet to, "Come on Down".

A beautiful and healthy 2013 to

TRANSPORTATION

by Lori Torres



Lori Torres

On behalf of the Transportation Committee, I would to thank all the guests who have attended our open meetings. Their suggestions and ideas

are always considered and sometimes implemented. One idea was an evening restaurant bus. We tried it for three months, unfortunately, the interest was low and it was canceled. We are now trying a Wednesday excursion bus to City Place departing the Clubhouse at 3:30 pm and returning at 8:30 pm. This gives our riders an opportunity to see a movie, enjoy a dinner or just take a stroll. The first bus left on Jan.2. and we had 47 people enjoy the trip. The next trip will be scheduled again in March.

The interest for a evening bus to Publix has continued, and the committee agreed to add it back on the schedule. It is, on the internal #3 bus route. The last pick-up at Publix is 8:35 pm returning to the Clubhouse at 9:00 pm.

receiving numerous complaints about shopping carts on the bus The committee has voted they can no longer be brought on the bus unless they fold completely flat in front of you. You have to remove your packages and hold them on your lap. If the cart is oversized and doesn't fold the drivers have been instructed by the bus company not to permit them on the bus.

There is one other additional change, the excursion bus will now be leaving the site of any trip at 2:00 pm instead of 1:30 allowing more time to enjoy yourselves. It will still depart the Clubhouse at 9:30 am.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

By Dom Guarnagia

With a warmer than usual January, our air conditioners are being called into service more so than past winters. Rainfall is minimal and temperatures are high. Filters must be changed more frequently and those "through the wall" unit's filters removed and washed. Dry weather means increased dust blowing around and clogging filters. This effect occurs with automobiles as well. Central AC units require

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changing the filter every other month, rather than once a season.

Hopefully, the battery in your smoke alarm has been changed. Alarms near the kitchen are usually more frequently set off by smoke, but since nobody burns food, especially in a microwave, the one(s) near and in the bedrooms are more critical. To save \$\$ on electricity, if you are



Dom Guarnagia

ceiling, down into the living space.

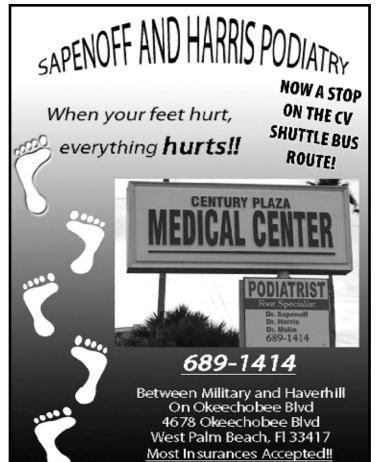
the direction of the rotation of the ceiling (switch fans on the side of the motor) to move warm air that is light and hugs the

To prevent the buildup of water on your rear porch, be sure to open the small weepholes at the bottom of the aluminum that supports extrusion connects the enclosure. If your porch is enclosed and water drips from above, chances are that your upstairs neighbor needs to do the same. In a previous article, I mentioned that indoor-outdoor carpeting harbor mildew and mold. Check the underside for evidence of fungal growth and discard the carpet to prevent respiratory problems.

This is perhaps a good time to examine the building exterior for planning preventive maintenance such as painting the walls, stairs, walkways and replacing landscaping to be performed during the summer months when the population is lowest and work will impact the fewest. WATER HEATERS are always an issue that can involve insurance claims. An inspection of unit water heaters followed by encouragement to replace a heater older than ten (10) years will eliminate an association from paying the \$5,000 deductible coverage for drywall replacement. Lift the lid from the toilet tank and observe the operation and function of the individual parts as well as the water level when the infill stops. If the flapper (the flexible black or red piece connected to the chain that is

> actuated by the lever) does not seal properly, water will continue to flow out only to be replaced and the cycle will waste many gallons of water every day. Another culprit is the vertical overflow tube. the water level is above the labeled "fill line", water will be wasted and overflow into the drain.

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Lubricating the slide mechanism of your windows and the rollers at the bottom of your sliders will make an easy effort to open/close the sash and slider. Lastly, as I have reminded you in the past, the hinges on the front door can use some lubricating since summer rains have washed out any WD-40 sprayed on last season. The Maintenance Committee Meeting meets in classroom A of the Clubhouse every second (2nd) Friday at 10:00 A.M. Bring your questions and remarks and share them with others.

Wi-Fi Concerns Addressed

By Anitra Kraus

Our surveys are still coming in. I have seen many questions in them related to my last article in the UCO Reporter.

Questions include why there are so many committees before the Wi-Fi implementation will happen. Rather than go into a lengthy explanation, I refer you to the UCO Bylaws that are in place at this time. The process was put into place so that financial considerations, ideas and suggestions are thought through before being implemented. Even though it is a slow balances are in place. By having it approved through all the committees, it ensures that some off-the-wall idea is not implemented. It is for our own protection.

There are concerns being expressed about the security of our Wi-Fi. This is also a concern of the committee and how it is going to be implemented. There are many options for us to look at to ensure that it is both safe and efficient. We have to research and weigh all the pros and cons.

In conclusion, I want to say that due to the expertise of the members

of the committee, we are saving the process, it makes sure all checks and community thousands of dollars. A business group offered to construct an RFP for us to present to the vendors. Their bid for doing this one step was in the five figures. The members of our committee were able to do this ourselves and save the community the

> If you want to reach us, you can e-mail the committee at UCOWiFi@





Our Children... How Much We Love Them

By Bob Rivera

It's been awhile since I have seen my daughters. In fact it's been close to eight years. Her mother and I separated ten years ago and soon after divorced. Even with joint custody, it was just too expensive to pay for flights on a regular basis. Fortunately, we still had the phone and much later Skype on the computer. It made it easier to know what was going on in the lives of my daughters Phoebe, Rachel and Nicole.

I consider myself fortunate that I have three beautiful daughters and an ex-wife (Theresa) that I can consider a friend. I made arrangements with Theresa and my oldest daughter, Phoebe to come up after Christmas and spend New Years with my family. Everything went according to plan. I flew in the night before the family Christmas Party. The next day the first to arrive was my Theresa, Nicole and Nalani, my eight year old granddaughter. I had not seen her since she was six months old, but we got to know each other through Skype. Nicole, my youngest, started to cry and tell me she missed me. My heart melted. I hugged Nalani and loved the look of surprise on their faces. Theresa was smiling, looking very satisfied that she was able to keep the secret for so

Later on, Rachel showed up with my second granddaughter Yexeliz (born at the end of October) and her fiancè. The look on her face, well, you'll see it on Father's Day.

Unfortunately, I missed the birth of my newest granddaughter, Laila.

The rest of this was written by my oldest, Phoebe Mika Rivera.

Honestly, I was scared and excited. it's been nearly a decade since I last saw my father and I was already 9 months pregnant with my first child. I knew my father wanted to meet my fiance and was waiting impatiently for our new addition. My fiance was excited to meet my father. His trip was carefully planned so that my siblings didn't know a single thing. Dad wanted to surprise them for our little Christmas party that we plan for every year, for both sides. Picking up my Dad was a hassle at the airport, looping around

the grounds for nearly an hour, parking definitely isn't free. When I finally saw my dad, I was amazed. He looked the same, except for all the grey and the small service dog he had next to him. It then hit me, my dad is an old man. We hugged tightly, I tried not to cry, and we all left in my guy's SUV back home. Everyone was tired and anxious for the next day; the Christmas party.

Christmas, for us, was late, but worth it. Everyone had fun and got presents from "secret Santa", some more presents than others. There was plenty of food, too much, and still everyone managed to save room for desserts. For myself, I enjoyed the company of everyone, but was still a bit stressed from the prepping. Pops surprised me with my grandmother's wedding ring that had been passed down from her mother/grandmother.

Every day afterward was like living an old memory, my dad would come into my room and belt out some song or another to wake me early in the morning when all I wanted was some extra sleep. It wasn't something I particularly liked, but reminiscing was nice. We spent as much time as we could with my dad while he was with us, eating breakfast, going out and walking around the malls in the area (mostly to get me going into labor while my father was there). My fiance, being an awesome host, tried to keep my old man interested, even took him out to a shooting range and a couple of hardware stores that apparently are not available in West Palm Beach.

The entire time he was here, he would help me and my fiance out. When the day finally came for him to leave, when I was admitted into the hospital for an induction. Unfortunately, my father missed the birth of his third grandchild but, was there for most of the labor process; I nearly even broke his hand because he was silly enough to give it to me.

I felt terrible, and still do, not being able to have given my father that one Christmas/New Years gift of my little girl arriving, but one of the best gifts I received was seeing that familiar face I knew since childhood.

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Sheffield O	Updated BAs
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Dover C	2 BR/1.5 BA 2nd Fl., Gorgeous lakeview unit, Step in ceramic shower, updated BA & powder room. Carpet thru-out. Furn. or unfurn
Dorchester H	2 BR/1.5 BA 1st Fl. outside corner, central air & heat. Waterview from patio
Chatham T	2 BR/1.5 BA 2nd Fl. outside corner w/lift \$38,000
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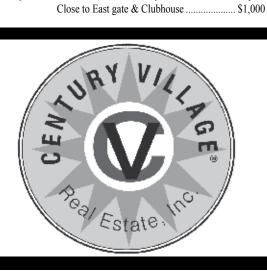
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Mark Pafford

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Florida's budget analysts are forecasting tax collections will increase almost 5% this year. The state revenue estimating conference updated its four-month-old forecast in December 2012 and projected that lawmakers could have an \$828.5 million budget surplus when they convene in March. This would mean that for the first time in 5 years, the legislature will not begin a regular session facing a budget shortfall.

The state also is waiting for a decision from the Florida Supreme Court on a constitutional challenge to a 2011 change to the Florida Retirement System that required current state employees to contribute 3% to their retirement fund. Rep. Pafford believes this requirement is equivalent to a 3% pay cut for state employees.

If the retirement fund ruling is overturned, Florida could owe as much as \$1.6 billion during the FY 2013-14 state budget, according to a Dec. 5, 2012 analysis provided to the Florida House Appropriations Committee.



Paulette Burdick

Commissioner Paulette Burdick

Dear Friends,

A "Yellow Dot program" is being implemented in counties across the country. It is a relatively simple idea that has proven to be an effective way to relay information to the emergency response teams (firefighters and police officers) in the event of an automobile accident. Participants in the Yellow Dot program place a yellow sticker on the bottom left corner of their vehicle's rear window. This sticker lets emergency response personnel know to check the vehicle's glove compartment for important medical information regarding the vehicle's driver.

It is plain to see why the Yellow Dot program is beneficial in the unfortunate case of a serious, life threatening accident where the victim is unable to speak to the emergency workers. But, it can also be a vital tool in less serious accidents. Sometimes, people are in shock after

an accident and they find it difficult to remember specific information. It would lower the risk of error in treatment if the emergency workers had immediate access to important medical information. While this is a wonderful program, it only provides information about the driver.

In speaking with residents and paramedics about this effort, many brought up the similar effort to have individuals, particularly seniors, place such information on their refrigerators in their homes. In both cases, the idea is to get vital health information to emergency personnel including paramedics, firefighters and police officers as quickly as possible to ensure that individuals receive the appropriate care as quickly as possible. In an emergency situation, providing this information can be crucial. I would urge each of you to consider compiling this information and keep it on your refrigerator in a large envelope clearly marked "EMERGENCY INFORMATION," and in your car and wallet or purse. Our firefighters, who are frequently the first on the scene, tell me that providing this information can be a lifesaver. Please consider it. little preparation could make a big difference in an emergency.

On another front, Palm Beach County is facing a serious shortage in "workforce housing" for teachers, firefighters and police officers in new developments. Developers are required to provide workforce housing units, but have been using a loophole in the program to transfer the units to other areas where they become saturated. This defeats the whole purpose of the program. I am working with county staff to revise the program in such a way as to provide incentives to developers for providing workforce housing units where they are needed. I will keep you informed.

Please remember, I am here to help if you need my assistance. I or someone from my office attends every monthly UCO meeting. You may also call to schedule an appointment. If you would like to speak with me personally, want a speaker for a group or just want to be well informed about important issues facing Palm Beach County, please send me an E-mail to pburdick@pbcgov.org or call 355-2202.

Peyton McArthur Senior Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Paulette Burdick District Two

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Ted Deutch

Congressman Ted Deutch

Dear Friends,

I wanted to let you know that amid the last minute haggling over the so-called fiscal cliff, the House of Representatives passed my resolution urging the European Union to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization. I introduced House Resolution 834 with my Republican colleague, Congressman Mike Kelly, to make clear that the United States sees the designation of Hezbollah as a terrorist group, by our European allies, as critical to our efforts to disrupting the organization's recruiting and fundraising operations throughout Europe. It is well past time for the European Union to formally acknowledge Hezbollah's long history of violence against innocents across the globe.To the victims of those despicable attacks and their families, there is no question that Hezbollah is a terrorist organization. From Hezbollah's attacks on U.S. facilities in Beirut in the early eighties, to its killing of 85 innocent people in the 1994 bombing of the Israeli-Argentine Mutual Aid Association in 1994, to the recent attack in Bulgaria that killed 6 Israelis, Hezbollah has shown its propensity to attack civilians all over the world. We also cannot afford to ignore Hezbollah's role as a proxy for the mullahs of Iran. This organization continually spreads anti-U.S. and anti-Israel hatred, with Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah recently even threatening to rain rockets on Israel "from the Lebanese border to Jordan to the Red Sea, from Kiryat Shmona to Eilat."

relationship with Our European allies is built on a joint commitment to combating terror around the globe. Our appreciation for their partnership in enacting crushing sanctions against the Iranian regime cannot be understated. However, it is imperative that the European Union formally designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization and join with us in working to disrupt it's use of the European financial system to fund its plots against innocent civilians worldwide. This issue is one I will continue working on in the 113th Congress, and I thank you for your ongoing interest in these important matters of national security.

Kind regards, Congressman Ted Deutch



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If you purchased a home in 2012, the filing deadline is Thursday, March 1st, 2013. You can apply in person at any of our five Service Centers in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Delray Beach, Royal Palm Beach or Belle Glade. To apply in person, the deadline is 5pm, Friday, March 1st. To apply online, the deadline is 11:59pm, March 1st.

To qualify, the property must be the owner's primary residence as of Dec. 31, 2012, and the owner must be a permanent resident of Florida and cannot hold any residency-based benefits in other Florida counties or states. "To find out more about Florida's Homestead Exemption and how it can save you money, please call my office at (561) 355-2866," said Nikolits.



Anne Gannon

Anne Gannon

Please join me at the Community Forum for Individuals with Disabilities on February 19 at 6 p.m. at the Palm Beach Habilitation Center. Come learn about new laws affecting driver licenses, disabled person parking permits, and wheelchair and disabled veteran license plates. Information packets will be available to all participants. The center is located at 4522 South Congress Avenue, Lake Worth. For more information about the event, please call 561-965-8500.

JUSTICE BARBARA PARIENTE HOSTS SWEARING IN CEREMONY

On January 7, I was honored to be sworn in for another 4-year term by a mentor and friend, Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente. I want to thank my supporters and friends who joined us for this intimate ceremony in the County Commission chambers. Your joining me for this special occasion meant alot to me. I pledge to continue to focus on providing excellent customer service, sustaining operational efficiencies, employing innovative management practices and maintaining an emphasis on strong fiscal accountability.

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

Coming soon to a computer near you! We are working on an improved website to bring our customers more user-friendly features. Changes will make it easier to search and find information. Other improvements include text size options, a new home page format, and reduced content. Stay tuned for more details and for the official launch date!

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COLLECTORS GIVING BACK

In December, I presented Penny Westberry and Carrie Kufta of Komen South Florida with a donation of \$5,000. The money was collected throughout 2012 as part of our office's dress down fund, which employees may donate to in exchange for the opportunity to dress casually on Fridays. The office also registered a team and hosted fundraisers for the South Florida Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on January 26.

The Lord's Place, our other dress down charity, was given more than 100 cleaning supplies donated by our selfless employees through our Angel Tree program. The supplies go directly to families affected by homelessness.

Remember; the deadline to submit the homestead, veterans, widow/widower, senior, or disability exemption with the Property Appraiser is fast approaching. Visit www.pbcgov. org/papa to download the necessary form and submit it by March 1. Also, keep in mind that our offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 18. However, you may visit our website to pay your taxes or renew registrations at www. taxcollectorpbc.com.



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Sheeba Marian, ARNP, FNP-BC

Sheeba Marian, AKNI; FNP-BC
Sheeba Marian is a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner who has over 12yrs of experience in the health care. She received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and graduated with a MSN-Family Nurse practitioner from Florida Atlantic University. Sheeba is well versed in caring for both acute and chronic health needs of our local patients. She has several years of experience in primary care and women's health. She also has experience working as a clinical Instructor. Sheeba is a firm advocate for disease prevention through maintenance of an active lifestyle. Her professional approach often applies equally well to her active family life, which includes her spouse and two children.



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MY FRIEND EL TIANTE

by Irwin Cohen

If you lived in Boston in the 1970s and were a Red Sox fan, you undoubtedly remember their pitcher Luis Tiant. Luis was also better known as El Tiante. Luis pitched for the Red Sox in the 1970s and won over 260 games. He also won two world series games in

He was well known for lighting up a large Havana cigar after each win. There is a famous picture of him smoking a cigar in the shower tub.

I have known him for over ten years. My son Barry manages a large cigar store in Framingham, Massachusetts. Luis lived until recently in Southboro. He bought his cigars from Barry, who introduced him to me and my late wife Marianne.

Luis came from Cuba. immigrated to America in 1961, after Castro took power. He was a famous pitcher in Cuba as was his father, Luis Senior.

He had a very distinctive pitching style. He would face away from home plate, looking into center field, and then whirl around and throw his pitch.

During his time with the Red Sox he was virtually unbeatable. He won well over 200 games.

He always wanted to go back to Cuba to visit his family but never had the chance until a few years ago. Then the Farrelly brothers (Hollywood

producers) arranged for him to go back and visit those members of his family who are still alive. They made a documentary movie of the trip, "Lost Son Of Havana," which is available.

For the last several years in his retirement from baseball he has been a special pitching coach for the Red Sox. He has spent spring training in Ft. Myers with his friend Jim Rice, who is a special batting coach. They spend the morning coaching and the afternoon on the golf course. He recently moved to Ft. Myers as a permanent resident to get away from the snow, like the rest of us.

Every year when he leaves he tells Barry that he has Red Sox tickets waiting for me and I have taken him up on that a few times.

Luis was a remarkable pitcher and continues to be a unique person in retirement. It is a travesty that he is not in the Hall Of Fame.



The Reader's Corner (29)

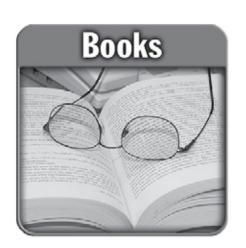
— by Lenore Velcoff—

Grisham is pure entertainment – a page turner, the kind of plot you

want to believe but almost cannot. Malcolm Bannister is Grisham's protagonist here.

Bannister was a small-town attorney in Virginia who seems to have lost his "white hat." He's about halfway through a ten-year sentence in the Federal pen for violating the RICO act and is (according to him) unfairly incarcerated simply because he happened to pick the wrong client to represent, and in so doing he became swept up in a larger federal crackdown of his client's network of crimes. He is 43, a former Marine, African-American, and very smart. Oh, and he wants to get even with the FBI. At the five year point, he figures out a way to be released by claiming to know exactly who killed a federal judge and taken all contents of his personal safe. It doesn't take the reader long to know that Bannister is going to attempt something crazy and nearly impossible. Even if he fails, he's the kind of guy who will get something rewarding from the attempt and make it through

THE RACKETEER by John hanging on by his fingernails. This is vintage Grisham. He has the rare gift to make the most improbable characters both credible and likable. No matter how sly and underhanded his leading characters, they are almost always good guys. Thrill, intrigue, fun, serious, deceit, revenge - everything I used to find when he was at his peak. I read this book in only two days. It's not only that I'm a fast reader but Grisham gets you hooked early and it's hard to put it down. This is Grisham's 25th novel. He has sold 250,000,000 copies of his work in more than two decades of writing. *The Racketeer* is great within the genre.



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What Is It and Why Does It Cost So Much?

By Dom Guarnagia & Toni Salometo

Insurance, in and of itself, is a difficult concept. You pay money before something happens, that you're not sure is going to happen, but you can't afford to pay for it, if it happens. Have I got it about right? Sounds like gambling to me-you pay money on the hopes that you will have something happen, the roll of the dice or the turn of a card that will make you more money than you started with.

Those of us who own property in Florida take a chance for six months of the year. From June to December, we hope that we will miss getting hit by a strong enough hurricane to destroy our homes, businesses and property. We love our weather and lifestyle, but it comes at a price. That price is catastrophic loss.

Well, we have property coverage, so why buy Law & Ordinance coverage? Our properties here in the Village are all around forty years old. In those forty years, much has been learned about the effects of strong winds and heavy rain on building structures. • These changes in construction have rendered newer buildings more able

to withstand bad weather conditions. In addition, in forty years changes in construction material has been vastly improved to reduce electrical fires, broken water and sewer pipes and shattering of windows and doors.

Here are some items that our VP/ Maintenance Chair Dom Guarnagia found out when he discussed this with the Palm Beach County Building Code department. It's an extensive list and an expensive one.

In the event of a catastrophic occurrence resulting in significant damage to an association's structure, the following things will be required by the Palm Beach County Building Code to bring the structure, electrical and plumbing systems up to current Code as follows:

- Inspection of the structure to reveal any structural defects, especially as related to exterior walls, support columns, elevated pre-cast steel-reinforced concrete walkways and roof structure, especially wood roof truss systems that are susceptible to rot and • The Load Center or Circuit termite damage.
- If more than 1/3 or more of the roof is damaged, then the entire roof must be stripped and

replaced.

- The glazing and fastening of sliders in the rear and windows on the front (side of corner units) must be removed and replaced with properly anchored units that • include high-impact glazing.
- Electrical devices such GFCI's (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) are required throughout the Kitchen and in the Bathroom(s) to eliminate the occurrence of accidental electric shocks. Further, if enforceable here in Florida, all other duplex outlets must be replaced with AFC's (Arc Fault Interrupters) to prevent arcing when a plug at the end of a lamp becomes loose and a metallic object falls across the two plug blades causing arcing and the potential of igniting drapes or
- Aluminum wiring serving the Air Conditioner, Water Heater and Kitchen Range must be replaced.
- Breaker Panel in the Hallway must be replaced and the service (100 Amps) must be increased.
- Unless there is an electric outlet

rated at 20 Amps under the sink, the dishwasher and garbage disposal must have a plug-in disconnect located within five (5) FT of the appliance by Code.

- The Water Heater must be "Hardwired" into the existing outlet box and not connected with a plug into the outlet.
- Heavy fines will be assessed to Unit Owners who have an Electric Tankless Water Heater in place when the County Inspectors make their assessment and critique of the damages that require Code conformity that is driven by the NEC or (National Electric Code).

Dom has touched on many upgrades that would be necessary to make a building habitable after a major loss. In addition to these upgrades, in the event that a building sustains more than 50% damage to the entire structure, it would all have to be demolished and the debris removed, all covered by Law & Ordinance insurance.

We hope you will consider keeping this critical coverage. The benefits far outweigh the monetary considerations.

Susan Wolfman turns "LISTED" into "SOLD" 2012 Sales & Rentals

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275	CHATHAM N	1/1½	SOLD	\$13,500	342	CHATHAM Q	1/1½	SOLD	\$24,000
322	DOVER B	2/1½	SOLD	\$48,000	147	CANTERBURY	1/1½	SOLD	\$10,000
122	SOMERSET G	1/1½	SOLD	\$14,300	272	SHEFFIELD L	1/1	RENTED	\$3000/mo.
101	WELLINGTON F	2/2	SOLD	\$60,000	253	COVENTRY K		RENTED	\$5000/mo.
321	WELLINGTON G	2/2	SOLD	\$41,750	45	SOMERSETC	2/2	SOLD	\$68,900
372	WELLINGTON J	2/2	SOLD	\$46,000	116	SOMERSETF	2/2	SOLD	\$30,000
386	WELLINGTON K	2/2	SOLD	\$52,500	106	OXFORD 500	1/1½	SOLD	\$28,000
138	KENTI	1/1½	RENTED	\$600/mo.	187	NORTHAMPTON J	1/1	RENTED	\$600/mo.
301	DOVER A	2/1½	SOLD	\$48,000	126	WALTHAM F	1/1	RENTED	\$600/mo.
132	PLYMOUTH Q	2/2 Villa	SOLD	\$63,000	125	DOVER B	1/1½	SOLD	\$29,900
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414	WINDSOR R	1/1½	SOLD	\$12,500	124	COVENTRY F	2/1½	SOLD	\$35,000
341	NORWICH O	1/1½	SOLD	\$16,900	211	GREENBRIER C	1/1½	SOLD	\$7,500
135	SUSSEX G	1/1	SOLD	\$17,500	250	SUSSEX M	1/1½	SOLD	\$22,000
145	WELLINGTON H	2/2	SOLD	\$85,000	419	CHATHAM U	1/1½	SOLD	\$18,000
127	HASTINGS H	2/1½	SOLD	\$34,500	351	NORWICH O	2/1½	SOLD	\$15,000
287	WELLINGTON K	2/2	SOLD	\$46,500	147	WINDSOR G	1/1½	SOLD	\$10,500
196	STRATFORD O	1/1½	RENTED	\$750/mo.	103	WELLINGTON E	2/2	SOLD	\$48,000
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201	OXFORD 200	2/2	SOLD	\$27,000	191	STRATFORD N	1/1½	SOLD	\$18,000
296	NORWICH M	1/11/2	SOLD	\$7,500	333	WELLINGTON G	2/2	SOLD	\$49,000
304	WELLINGTON M	1/1½	RENTED	\$650/mo.	257	COVENTRY K	1/11/2	SOLD	\$23,000
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by Marilyn Pomerantz.

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After spending time swimming, playing badminton and just hanging around in the Rec Hall being introduced to my friend's friends, we heard the sounds of fire engines going by. That's when I think it all happened. This one guy grabbed my hand and said to me and the rest of his friends, "Let's go and see where there's a fire". Well we did. Still

holding my hand he took me and sat me in the front seat of his car next to him. All six of us were in the car and started following the engines.

When we got to where the fire was it was a false alarm. At this time we were all in the car and he said, "Let's go to my house." I said "Won't your Mom and Dad be home, won't they mind?" He replied "No, they are

probably out for the day." Well, both his parents were home when we arrived. But they didn't mind



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children's friends. They were very friendly and loving parents. After a while, we were sitting in the living room and I saw his parents watching us and talking from the back of the dining area. I wondered what they were saying. After some years went by, I did ask his Mom what they said and she told me, "That's the girl our boy Issie is going to marry."

Before I knew it, it was time to leave and head back home. The following week, I received a phone call asking me if I was free the following Saturday night. My answer was "yes". I remember it so clearly. The movie we went to see was "Friendly Persuasion" with Gary Cooper and Dorothy McGuire.

A few weeks went by and love was in the air. We saw each other every weekend. Sometimes he would even drive in during the week. We had a wonderful courtship and relationship. By the time February 13th arrived, we were talking about getting engaged. By April 13th we were engaged and on October 20th that year Issie and I were married.

We have two wonderful daughters, Wendy and Marla. They have since both married and have children of their own. Wendy and Jay Brockman's children are Michael, Sara and Stacie. Marla and Norman Miller's children are Joshua and Kayla. Both our children and their families live in Thornhill, Ontario. Issie and I celebrated two Bar and three Bat Mitzvahs with our children.

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WPRF News



Eva Rachesky

Eva Rachesky Vice President, WPRF Dear Residents,

Now that the holidays are behind us, the flood gates have opened and we are now operating at maximum capacity. This means we have many resident groups and clubs converging on the clubhouse and an occasional conflict over a room or satellite area may arise. One such area is Duck Island which is much more difficult to police due to its location. As a result of recent conflicts, a new "reservation slip" system has been put in place. Any organized gathering of four or more residents wishing to use the main picnic area, which consists of the grills and surrounding picnic tables, will need to make a reservation through the staff office. A reservation slip will be issued to the person making the reservation. The reservation slip must be presented if there is a dispute as to who has priority to use the main area. The group with the reservation slip will take precedence over the group without the reservation slip. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Another issue is the bikes that are being brought onto or ridden through the pool decks. This creates a hazard and is strictly prohibited. If caught, the offender risks suspension of their recreational privileges. Bike racks have been added at all pool areas to aid with compliance. Again, thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Through numerous conversations with many of the residents, it is abundantly clear that there are not enough chairs at the satellite pool areas to accommodate everyone at the peak time of the day (11:00 to 3:00). I have also heard that rather heated fights break out among residents over this issue. Here are some rules that I ask everyone to follow: ABSOLUTELY NO

STACKING OF CHAIRS as we do not have enough to go around as it is, and ABSOLUTELY NO SAVING OF CHAIRS/LOUNGES/TABLES without the resident being present. I am aware that some rather colorful language has been used regarding this issue and want to remind everyone that each resident is responsible in helping to maintain a pleasant atmosphere at all recreation areas. Please bear with me as I work to bring more chairs to those pool areas that have the highest attendance.

Last, but certainly not least, we have a new employee on our Staff Office by the name of Karen who will be responsible for class registration and room reservations. Karen has a ready smile for everyone, so feel free to come by to say hi and welcome!



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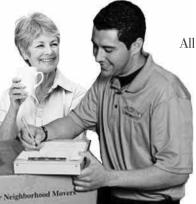
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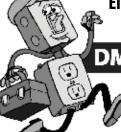
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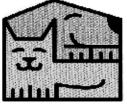
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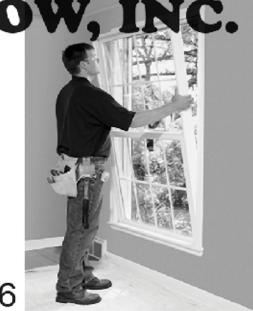
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Some Thoughts For 2013

By Irv Rikon

The Mayan calendar came and went with the world not ending in December 2012 as it had predicted. But 2012 was a rough year. In the U. S., a bitter political campaign divided the country more than at any time since the Civil War. The so-called "fiscal cliff" has the public still dangling. A school shooting in Connecticut once again raised the issue of gun control. In short, January 2013 was little changed from December 2012. Could it be the Mayans were right, only their calibrations were off slightly?

More seriously, some similarities exist between the 1860s Civil War and the present time. As Southerners will point out, the war then was a "War Between the States," but slave holding southerners were what nowadays would be termed "conservative" as opposed to more "liberal" northerners. Today's divisions are less geographical than they are ideological. was also a monetary "fiscal" issue. Many northerners did not want the South to secede from the Union on economic grounds. If the South were industrialized and sold its products abroad, it could price those products considerably lower than the competing North. Why? Northern workers were paid wages. Southern slaves were not, a great "cost-cutting" advantage.

Parenthetically, it might also be noted that the issue of slavery bears

relationship to the present-day issue of (illegal) immigration, as numerous "whites" believe they soon will be outnumbered by folks of "color," which even in this last general election was indeed a factor. Realistically, the nation's demographics are changing.

Change of a different sort worthy of consideration concerns our system of government. The fact is the Congressional system is failing us. Ours is the only Republic that has it. Practicing "democracies" usually are governed through a Parliamentary system. In the United States, it is possible, as existed in both 2012 and continues in 2013, to have one chamber of Congress controlled by a given political Party and the other chamber controlled by its opposition. The result, demonstrated by the fiscal cliff issue, is a kind of stalemate in which nothing is accomplished or finally gets done in a manner that leaves the public angry and viewing all politicians as vainglorious scallywags.

Under a Parliamentary system, regular elections are scheduled, but the Prime Minister, or by whatever title the head of state is known, and his/her political Party can be voted out of office on a vote of "No confidence," allowing the opposition to govern. Yet as this suggests, it also compels the opposition to state its own ideas and plans prior to the election, since if it lacks viable concepts, the electorate will defeat it. In late 2012, Washington

Republicans were largely nay sayers, offering to a potentially receptive public little in the way of fresh ideas. The problem for us (and them) is, as of this date, they are still nay-sayers.

Parliaments have their weaknesses. No human endeavor is perfect, especially as applied to politics and a nation of 300,000,000 people, many constituencies having their own agendas. But divided government is dangerous for, if carried to extremes and its ultimate ends, anarchy follows. When individuals are permitted to carry weapons on their persons, the danger is the gun-bearer will view him or herself as a law unto him or herself and act without reasoning or thought. The gun-bearer need not be insane, just a victim of "road rage" or domestic violence or substance abuse. The Second Amendment to the Constitution, granting the right to bear arms, applied to a militia. It was written in a slave-holding frontier society still fighting the British army, which it would fight again during the War of 1812. That Amendment is not sacrosanct. It should be re-written not as part of the Constitution but as law determining, in our contemporary society, who has the right to bear arms, under what circumstances (meanwhile protecting the general public,) and what kinds of weapons can be authorized. Sane governments recognize that societal norms are subject to change. Slavery was

abolished. Blacks and, later, women were given the right to vote.

That brings me to my final thought in this writing. The time has come to impose term limits on Supreme Court Justices. No Justice should be allowed to serve more than ten years on the bench. I say this in response to the Court's terrible decision allowing Pacs, Super-Pacs and other entities to fund political campaigns without restrictions. Face it: In our elections it's not simply the number of voters that counts but also the numbers of dollars spent to sway voters' opinions prior to elections. purpose of Pacs is to get their person elected, to "buy" the election for that person, who then presumably will be beholden to campaign donators. Thanks to the Supreme Court, this is a uniquely American form of bribery and must be recognized as such. One Justice publicly stated his position: Corporations already have the right to endorse candidates. Newspapers do it all the time. I counter by saying voters know responsible newspaper publishers, editors, columnists by name. The identity of individuals behind the Pacs is not always known nor are the causes they support or oppose. It's all cloaked in secrecy, permissible by law. That law should be overturned, for it violates the basic democratic principle of "one person, one vote," as distinguished from one entity, one vote. Think about it!



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Clubhouse	9:45	10:45	11:45			1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55					
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as Requested	9.10	10.19	11.10	- Lunch		1.10	Z-10	9-19	4.10			NO		ic Express
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Clubhouse	9:45	10:45	11:45	12:45		1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45			Ual	don D	us will run on:
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Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays B	ne Route	(Combo												ristmas Day
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00	- 12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	_			ilia Ci	mama bay
Walgreen's	9:04	10:04	11:04	- Drivers	1:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	5:04					
Pine Trail	9:07	10:04	11:07	- Lunch	1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07	5:07					
Goodwill Store	9:09	10:09	11:09	- Lunch	1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09					
Winn Dixie				or .										
Church	9:14	10:14	11:14 11:20	-	1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14					
	9:20	10:30		-	1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	5:20					
J. C. Penny ONLY	0:04	10:04	11:28	-	1:28	2:28	3:28	4:28	5:28					
Village Commons	9:34	10:34	11:34	-	1:34	2:34	3:34	4:34	5:34					
Emporium Shoppes	9:40	10:40	11:40	-	1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40	5:40					
Lowes	9:41	10:41	11:41	-	1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41					
Bellantes	9:43	10:43	11:43	-	1:43	2:43	3:43	4:43	5:43					
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Somerset	8:04	9:04	10:04	11:04	Lunch	1:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	Dinner	6:04	7:04	8:04	9:04	10:04
Berkshire	8:06	9:06	10:06	11:06		1:06	2:06	3:06	4:06		6:06	7:06	8:06	9:06	10:06
Camden	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09		1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	New Years Eve	6:09	7:09	8:09	9:09	10:09
Windsor	8:12	9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	last bus will	6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12	10:12
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Kingswood	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:25		1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25		6:25	7:25	8:25	9:25	10:25
Medical Plaza	8:29	9:29	10:29	11:29		1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29						
Clubhouse	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30		6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30
Publix	8:35	9:35	10:35	11:35		1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35						
Clubhouse	8:59	9:59	10:59	11:59		1:59	2:59	3:59	4:59		6:59	7:59	8:59	9:59	10:59
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Chatham	8:06	9:06	10:04	11:04	Lunch	1:04	2:06	3:06	4:06	Diffier	6:06	7:06	8:06	9:04	10:04
Kent	8:08	9:08	10:08	11:08		1:08	2:08	3:08	4:08	New Years Eve	6:08	7:08	8:08	9:08	10:08
Northampton	8:11	9:11	10:08	11:11	_	1:11	2:11	3:11	4:11	last bus will	6:11	7:11	8:11	9:11	10:11
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Sussex Canterbury	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:15	-	1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15	1:00 AM	6:15	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:15
Cambridge	8:16	9:16	10:16	11:16	-	1:16	2:16	3:16	4:16	New Years day	6:16	7:16	8:16	9:16	10:16
Dorchester	8:18	9:18	10:18	11:18	_	1:18	2:18	3:18	4:18	New Tears day	6:18	7:18	8:18	9:18	10:18
Oxford	8:21	9:21	10:18	11:21	_	1:21	2:21	3:21	4:21		6:21	7:21	8:21	9:21	10:21
Stratford	8:22	9:22	10:21	11:22	-	1:22	2:22	3:22	4:22		6:22	7:22	8:22	9:22	10:21
Sheffield	8:23	9:23	10:22	11:23	_	1:23	2:23	3:23	4:23		6:23	7:23	8:23	9:23	10:23
Hastings Fitness	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:25	_	1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25		6:25	7:25	8:25	9:25	10:25
Coventry	8:27	9:27	10:23	11:27	-	1:27	2:27	3:27	4:27		6:27	7:27	8:27	9:27	10:25
Medical Plaza	8:29	9:29	10:29	11:29	-	1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29		0.27	1.41	0.41	9.21	10.27
Clubhouse	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	-	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30		6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30
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Greenbrier	8:04	9:04	10:04	11:04	Lunch	1:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	Dinner	6:04	7:04	8:04	9:04	10:04
Southampton	8:06	9:06	10:06	11:06		1:06	2:06	3:06	4:06	N N N	6:06	7:06	8:06	9:06	10:06
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Norwich	8:16	9:16	10:16	11:16		1:16	2:16	3:16	4:16	New Years day	6:16	7:16	8:16	9:16	10:16
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