

A Revised 2015 UCO Budget

Budget Town Hall Meeting See Page A9

	2014 Budget	Per Unit Mo.	Pct. Of Total	2015 Budget	Per Unit - Mo.	Pct. Of Total	Per Mo. Increase	Pct. Increase
Expense:	2014 BUDGET			2015 BUDGET			2015 vs. 2014	
Laundry	30,900	0.33	0.46%	22,000	0.23	0.34%	(0.09)	-28.80%
Reporter	100,950	1.07	1.51%	112,000	1.19	1.73%	0.12	10.95%
Transportation Contract	1,031,870	10.95	15.40%	981,000	10.41	15.16%	(0.54)	-4.93%
Security Contract	1,498,460	15.90	22.37%	1,312,000	13.92	20.27%	(1.98)	-12.44%
General & Admin	575,935	6.11	8.60%	381,000	4.04	5.89%	(2.07)	-33.85%
Ambulance Contract	137,040	1.45	2.05%	137,000	1.45	2.12%	(0.00)	-0.03%
Comcast Cable Contract	3,024,000	32.09	45.14%	3,175,000	33.69	49.05%	1.60	4.99%
Infrastructure Reserves	291,666	3.09	4.35%	700,000	7.43	10.81%	4.33	140.00%
Wi-Fi	188,496	2.00	2.81%			0.00%	(2.00)	-100.00%
Irrigation	136,100	1.44	2.03%	103,000	1.09	1.59%	(0.35)	-24.32%
Maintenance	110,744	1.18	1.65%	128,000	1.36	1.98%	0.18	15.58%
Total Expense	7,126,161	75.61	106.38%	7,051,000	74.81	108.93%	(0.80)	-1.05%
Anticipated Revenue	427,150	4.53	6.38%	578,000	6.13	8.93%	1.60	
Net Operating Costs	6,699,011	71.08	100.00%	6,473,000	68.68	100.00%	(2.40)	-3.37%
Revenue:								
Laundry	15,000	0.16	3.51%	22,000	0.23	3.81%	0.07	46.67%
Reporter	110,000	1.17	25.75%	112,000	1.19	19.38%	0.02	1.82%
Allocations	105,000	1.11	24.58%	-	-	0.00%	(1.11)	-100.00%
Investigations	120,000	1.27	28.09%	-	-	0.00%	(1.27)	-100.00%
Rental Income	18,725	0.20	4.38%	18,000	0.19	3.11%	(0.01)	-3.87%
Gate Passes	25,000	0.27	5.85%	20,000	0.21	3.46%	(0.05)	-20.00%
Transponder/Bar Code Sales	7,500	0.08	1.76%	6,000	0.06	1.04%	(0.02)	-20.00%
Cash Surplus/Return to Owners	11,450	0.12	2.68%	400,000	4.24	69.20%	4.12	3393.45%
All Other	14,475	0.15	3.39%	-	-	0.00%	(0.15)	-100.00%
Total	427,150	4.53	100.00%	578,000	6.13	100.00%	1.60	35.32%

This revised budget was prepared by Treasurer O'Brien for a January 20, 2015 town hall meeting.



Treasurer Howard O'Brien listens to concerns at January Delegates Meeting.



Roll Call Votes being counted during January's Delegates Meeting.

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REMINDER

DELEGATE MEETING
Friday 2/6/15
9:30 a.m. in the Theater



MONTHLY BUS SCHEDULE — SEE PAGE B34



Delegate expresses opposition to approval of proposed budget at January Delegates Meeting.

UCO Delegates Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 2, 2015



After considerable debate, a delegate vote defeats the proposed budget.

President David Israel called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Sgt. Gomez led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

We have two new representatives from PBSO, Sgt. Gomez and Deputy Staats who headed up the bicycle decal squad.

Sgt. Gomez gave the Law Enforcement Reports. There were two burglaries. One burglary was a car. The other was coin operated washing machines. There were two thefts and nine auto accidents, one with injuries. There were ten traffic citations.

We have one guest John A. Carey the new Inspector General.

Mr. Ed Grossman is recording and the Delegate meeting is being recorded by UCO as well.

Treasurer's Report: In your packet is the Balance Sheet showing cash of \$2,600,000 in four bank accounts. Revenue and expenses in excess of expenses is \$400,000. Money may be returned after audit is finalized. Questions were asked and answered.

There is a quorum 187 Delegates have signed in for the meeting

Mr. Israel turned over the meeting to the treasurer for the 2015 budget.

Howard O'Brien stated that before he addresses the budget per se, he would like to draw your attention to the schedule for capital items and contingencies which are included in package. A schedule list of all components that UCO will need to replace, repair and maintain over the life of the assets. Currently we have reserves of \$1,822,000. Prior to establishing an additional reserve because moneys were returned to owners and then transferred to the reserves. Also included in the \$1,822,000 is the \$377,000 previously earmarked for WI-FI, now part of the infra structure reserve.

On July 11, 2014 I had a similar schedule also suggesting a reserve was appropriate for \$700,000. This is a one line item on the budget, primarily due to the major increase of \$3.96 over last year's budget. A meeting was held with the property managers and UCO to determine the life expectancy of the roads. It was felt that an appropriate replacement value should be \$15,000,000 for road replacement. (On your schedule). Questions were asked and answered.

A motion was presented by Christine Brooks and seconded by

Fausto Fabbro to approve the reserve schedule. It has been recommended to rescind the motion to approve the reserve schedule. Motion was presented by Fausto Fabbro and seconded by Christine Brooks.

A motion was presented by Christine Brooks and seconded by Fausto Fabbro to vote on the proposed entire budget of 2015. There will be one half hour debate on the budget before voting will take place.

A motion for a roll call vote was made by Marilyn Gorodetzer and seconded by James Caulfield. The vote was unanimous

There still was a quorum of 180 Delegates before the vote was taken.

The vote was 95 against, 78 for and 1 abstention. The budget did not pass.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called by Dan Gladstone and seconded by Fausto Fabbro.

Meeting was adjourned 11:50 AM

Minutes submitted by Phyllis Siegelman
UCO Recording Secretary

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The President's Report

Delegate Assembly and Security: Variations on A Theme

BY DAVE ISRAEL

Following is an extract from an e-mail from a unit owner here in CV; he is a CPA and entrepreneur:

“Dave, in your desire to have an open and free democratic discussion on the budget, three gentlemen purposely derailed the meeting. It became obvious to me that there was not going to be a debate on the topic at hand but a tirade of innuendo and insults directed at you and your administration.

“The meeting resolved into an Irish donnybrook and nothing was accomplished. I assume these personalities are familiar to you and the rest of the board. They in effect are not allowing you and your board to govern in an effective manner.

“I believe you and your board must do something to prevent the continuing saga of disruption. Maybe you should have a strong parliamentarian or a sergeant at arms that should deflect the barrage of nonsense that is taking place and have them escorted out of the meeting if they do not respect meeting decorum. I do not know how you and your board can put up with this meaningless nonsense.”

I think that any unbiased observer attending the delegate assembly meeting of January 2, 2015 would agree with this unit owner’s assessment of events. If the majority of clear-thinking rational unit owners who come to our board of directors meetings to help run our Village do not send the message of civil behavior to these few meeting disrupters, the meeting will serve no purpose, and in future will be terminated upon commencement of disruptive

actions.

Disagreement with any issue, such as the UCO budget is fine, but the rules of decorum must be observed.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about our new security company, Kent Security. There have been a number of concerns raised about the performance of this new company which I must counter. As I write this article, Kent has been on the job **sixteen days**. We have a Village which is larger than many thousands of small towns in America, with a population of close to 14,000 in season. We have 7854 housing units and our Village covers over 600 acres.

While some of the security officers (SO) have been retained from the previous company, there are a number of new SO working in our Village. All of the SO have been subject to a comprehensive background check. It is to be expected that a new company will bring new concepts in service to our unit owners. Kent is respected in the security industry for its use of many high-technology systems which are being deployed daily, enhancing our multilayer security shield. There is much training to be accomplished; new Post Orders to be written, and new ideas to be worked out.

I ask simply this, that you give Kent time to prove itself. In time they will get to know us and we will get to know them. If you see something that concerns you, write a note to us in UCO, and we will look into it. To complain and raise controversy for the sake of agitation is pointless. Be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

February 2015 UCO Monthly Meetings

MON FEB 2	EXECUTIVE BOARD	ROOM B	1:30 PM
TUES FEB 3	TRANSPORTATION	CARDROOM B	9:45 AM
WED FEB 4	BEAUTIFICATION	UCO	9:30 AM
	PROGRAM & SERVICES	UCO	11:00 AM
FRI FEB 6	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	THEATER	9:30 AM
	REPORTER	UCO	1:00 PM
	SECURITY	UCO	2:00 PM
TUES FEB 10	STUDIO 63	UCO	11:00 AM
THURS FEB 12	C.O.P.	ROOM B	9:30 AM
	INSURANCE TOWN HALL MEETING	PARTY RM	10AM
FRI FEB 13	CERTIFICATION CLASS	THEATER	9:30AM
MON FEB 16	C.E.R.T.	ART ROOM	3:00 PM
	AMPLIFIED PHONES	MUSIC ROOM B	1-3 PM
	5K WALK/RUN	PARKING LOT	9:00AM
THURS FEB 19	BIDS	UCO	10:00 AM
TUES FEB 24	OPERATIONS	UCO	10:00 AM
THURS FEB 25	OFFICERS	UCO	10:00 AM
FRI FEB 27	WI-FI	UCO	1:00 PM
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Recognition For Volunteers

I have been a UCO volunteer for at least 12 years. I want to thank the volunteers committee for arranging this event. This is not an easy job. I have been attending UCO volunteer luncheons for at least 12 years and this was, by far, the worst I've ever attended.

Our volunteers donate their time to do good for the Village with no expectation of payment. All the different department volunteers save UCO millions of dollars a year in salaries. Just think, every volunteer gives at least four hours per week of their time. I was ashamed to see the food served at this luncheon. I know things are bad at UCO, but can they be that bad? I remember when we were served hot dishes; then we had real cold cuts and there were small gifts for the volunteers. No wonder we can't get good volunteers to do the right job. At least they could be rewarded for their valuable services to UCO and our community.

— Howard Silver
3 years Vice President
8 years on the Executive Board

Not In The Picture

It occurred to me after the UCO Volunteers' Luncheon that a very important group went unnoticed at picture taking time — the UCO Reception Staff: Natalie Hauptman, Ron Massa, Janet and Sonia...and anyone else of whom I may not be aware. These volunteers perform a very necessary job each day during office hours from which they are rarely absent.

— Ruth Bernhard

Tactics of the Not-So-Silent Minority

According to vocabulary.com, the noun discontent means "longing for an improved situation," like thinking you haven't achieved everything you should have by now, discontent that probably makes you miserable.

The parts that make up discontent are dis, meaning "not" and content, "a state of peaceful happiness." So as an adjective, discontent means "not happy or peaceful," like the people of Egypt who expressed their discontent with their country's leader by protesting and demanding he give up power. As a verb, discontent means "to make dissatisfied," like bad news that discontents you.

As we have seen displayed at our monthly delegates assembly, we have a minority group that is very discontent with the way our elected representatives are governing our village. They are so discontent with the status quo that they have purposely disrupted the last several assemblies to such an extent that we no longer have an effective Village governing process.

How have they accomplished this feat? Not by peaceful demonstration. No, that would be too easy and not get their minority points across. Not by announcing a new slate of Village residents to run against the existing elected governing group. They tried that and lost overwhelmingly, which to me says an awful lot about what the Village thinks of this not-so-silent minority. No, they have done this through bullying tactics that generate fear in the minds of Village residents and totally disrupt the democratic practice of government in our village.

Since we live in the U.S.A., the epitome of democracy, everyone is entitled to their opinion, and everyone has the right to let others know of their discontent. But my question is: Should they do this at the risk of all the other residents of our Village who don't know what is happening, don't care what is happening, or are content with the *status quo*?

Should the others who are not a part of this not-so-silent minority permit this to continue? From my perspective, the answer is no. There is too much at stake here to allow this minority to continue with the abusive tactics that have ground this village to a halt. Before long, the local newspapers and TV news programs will discover how this minority is working to bring this Village down. Once that happens, it is my belief that real estate values will once again fall.

But, how do we stop this group? It will take guts and determination by those COA delegates who believe that this group is not the voice of the Village and stand up to their disruptive and bullying tactics. Those delegates must remain in the monthly delegates assembly and vote to show this band of thugs that they are not wanted, that the residents of the Village have had enough of their tactics, and that they want their elected officers to complete the job that the residents elected them to do.

— Hugh Green

A Response to Mr. Karpf's Remarks Regarding Paving Costs

This response is in regards to the sketchy remarks regarding a \$2,500,000 asphalt paving project performed somewhere in Florida for half of the cost of the project in Century Village. The following description outlines the issue of size only. Briefly, there is perhaps no condominium complex larger than Century Village, West Palm Beach in South Florida. A few statistics may describe the parcel and some of its features.

Parcel Size: One square mile or approximately 640 acres.

Waterways: 64 acres of Canals, Lagoons and Lakes.

Association Buildings: More than 320 with 309 Associations containing 7,854 Condos.

About 300+ intricate parking areas with more than 8,000 parking spaces, each with a concrete wheel stop requiring removal and resetting or replacing.

Painting and numbering wheel stops and striping the parking spaces was part of the project.

Perimeter road of 2½ miles with swales and drains and UCO-owned sprinkler heads for irrigation along the road on both sides that were subject to damage by locating vehicles left in parking areas of the Associations.

Relocation and return of no less than 1,000 vehicles left behind by seasonal residents, performed by the Paver's tow truck.

Paving Okeechobee Boulevard with a continuous ribbon of hot asphalt can be accomplished in a relatively short time by closing one lane at a time. However, the curvaceous parking lots in the Village with the desire to maintain positive drainage was a particular consideration that arose with the new surface applied as an overlay, with limited or no milling.

The projection of a realistic life expectancy and the need to mill and remove much of the present asphalt that has produced drainage problems as layer upon layer of new applications has compromised sloping of parking areas toward existing drains while swales that also direct run-off from the roads into drains that are connected to

the waterway. This has built up vegetation that is compromising efficient and positive drainage, leaving puddles behind that require 24 to 36 hours to percolate into the sandy soil or evaporate from warm sunshine.

That said, fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000.) may be a shortfall in fifteen years. We can somewhat project labor but material costs ,i.e., petroleum, the major bonding agent in hot asphalt for paving, is lower today than when the paving was previously accomplished but the lower cost is affecting the economy in Europe negatively and devastating the Russian economy. Who knows what the cost, or perhaps the substitute for petroleum-based asphalt paving, will be in 2030?

— Dom Guarnagia

A Lack of Accountability Regarding Bonuses

I am not against bonuses. If someone is doing an exceptional job, they deserve a bonus. But, when I hear some of the officers complaining about certain employees, how can they justify giving them bonuses? In any business you usually have a semi-annual or an annual evaluation. Is this being done at UCO?

I sent an e-mail to Mr. O'Brien to ask how much the total sum of bonuses was. I also asked what line in the budget it would come from. His reply was that it is privileged and confidential and I should ask David Israel. Maybe some of the resident members of UCO, which is every owner, should find out what the payroll is for four employees, including part-time, and don't forget to ask about sick time, vacation and expenses. David Israel posted the amount only for the bonuses which was \$700.00 on his blog (I thank him for that). Ask your officers who voted for these bonuses (except Dom and Bob as they were not at the meeting).

It is not the amount spent on bonuses but the principle that it is not being followed properly.

ACCOUNTABILITY is what we need NOW!

— Concerned Resident.
Barbara Cornish

We deeply appreciate and thank you all for the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy after the recent passing of Barbara Shapkin.

So many friends and neighbors have come by to share wonderful stories of her kindness, spirit and generosity. Thank you all for the lovely notes, cards, gifts and donations that were sent.

There has been such an outpouring of love, and we wanted to say Thank You.

— Phillip Shapkin and Family
Southampton C

OPINION

“Point of Order!”

BY DONALD FOSTER

“A point of order is a matter raised during consideration of a motion concerning the rules of parliamentary procedure.” – Wikipedia

In movies and books about courtrooms or Congress, the cry of “point of order!” by a main character is often used as a dramatic high point; it gets the attention of the other fictional characters and the reader or viewer because this action is rarely taken in the normal course of a meeting, court proceeding or deliberative session. When the character shouts “point of order!” it is understood that the point is a serious one, and not lightly taken.

At our delegate assemblies, the point-of-order tactic is employed more often than in any place I have ever known. It seems that shouting “point of order” has become a handy substitute for “I don’t like what is going on around here and I want to interrupt this meeting!” There must be a way to fix this problem that is making our monthly assemblies so brutal, and so unproductive.

I usually do not like comparing UCO to the US Congress; one is a corporate government, the other, civil. But while many of us complain about how our Congress is “not working” these days, that body is functioning way better than whatever it is that we have going on at the theatre on the first Friday of each month. The US Senate employs a parliamentarian. If a senator has a point-of-order concern, he or she can first consult this expert at the parliamentarian’s office or at her desk inside the Chamber. The House has a Rules Committee, which functions as “the traffic cop of Congress.” When a Senator or Congressman decides to interrupt the business of government, he or she makes certain that this unusual action is checked out by someone who specializes in knowing the rules.

A similar solution may work for our delegate assemblies. There are almost certainly people in this Village who have served the “parliamentarian” function at some point in their lives; in corporations, service or fraternal organizations, or civil government. There is also no shortage of “condo commandos” around here; folks who have been active in their CV associations and have made it their business to learn the fine points of conducting a meeting. UCO should consider creating a small committee to function as our non-elected parliamentarians. This committee could select one of their number to sit at a fixed point in the theatre each month, receive and consider point-of-order requests, and if the concern is considered valid, the meeting could be interrupted by the parliamentarian, rather than just anyone in the theatre who gets it in their head to interrupt our business or turn our assemblies into tedious, unproductive marathons that serve no useful function.

In order for this solution to work, several points would need to be agreed upon. First, there would have to be at least three parliamentarians, to ensure coverage year-round. Second, these operatives would need to remain “non-political”; parliamentarians who choose to stand for office would need to resign permanently from their parliamentarian function. Last, we would all have to agree to permanently cede the “point of order” function to this committee; by partially giving up the “right” to directly interrupt assemblies with points of order, we could restore our meetings back to the productive sessions that they were meant to be. In any case, our assemblies would almost certainly be shorter, which would make just about everybody happy. If we never again have to hear “The buses are being held”, it will all be worth it.

OPINION

They Lost The Election

BY JOY VESTAL, UCO VP AND REPORTER COEDITOR

Am I wrong? Didn’t we have an election 11 months ago? The candidates who ran for the office of UCO Treasurer were Howard O’Brien and Ed Grossman. Howard was elected by a vote of 199 to 99. Election results aside, let’s go back to last year. Why? Just to refresh our memories.

Am I the only one who remembers the contentious discussions between our former treasurer Dorothy Tetro and Ed Grossman at the delegate meetings in 2014? It was a constant running confrontation, with each of them addressing the other as “Ms. Tetro” or “Mr. Grossman.” There were endless arguments, questions, complaints and requests to examine the books. Does any of this sound familiar? Sure it does, because we’re now experiencing the same scenario a year later. And now they’re on the same side! Strange bedfellows indeed.

In a recent flyer distributed by the Messenger Club (mostly posted on association bulletin boards without permission), part of their message was: “We must prepare a new and corrected budget!” Do you remember asking them to do this for us? The flyer goes on to say “How to Correct and Pass a New and Accurate 2015 Budget.” There’s more, including their proposal: “Reestablishing the proper banking and accounting!” Once again, isn’t this the job of the treasurer? The one that we elected? Who elected these

people to do anything?

If you don’t agree with the job that Howard is doing, vote for the candidate of your choice in the next (2016) election. In the meantime, let’s all support his efforts. After all, this man has been in the finance business most of his life. He has had many challenges this past year to deal with, including changing the date of the budget, to give our seasonal residents the opportunity to vote, improving our banking methods, and negotiating and approving new contracts.

The budget vote in January was not a victory for any group. The budget was defeated by a mere 15 votes, some of which, in my opinion, was caused by confusion on the delegate floor created by delegates and others opposed to the current administration. Some of this confusion was caused by trying to separate and vote on the reserves. There should have been an explanation of why the amount of the increase was changed and more detail on how this was determined. Also, as Howard has admitted, there was no recent town hall meeting to answer our questions. Hopefully the budget will have been examined and explained to the delegates’ satisfaction at the January 20 meeting. Did you attend this meeting? Or are you going to let a small group of dissidents run this village?

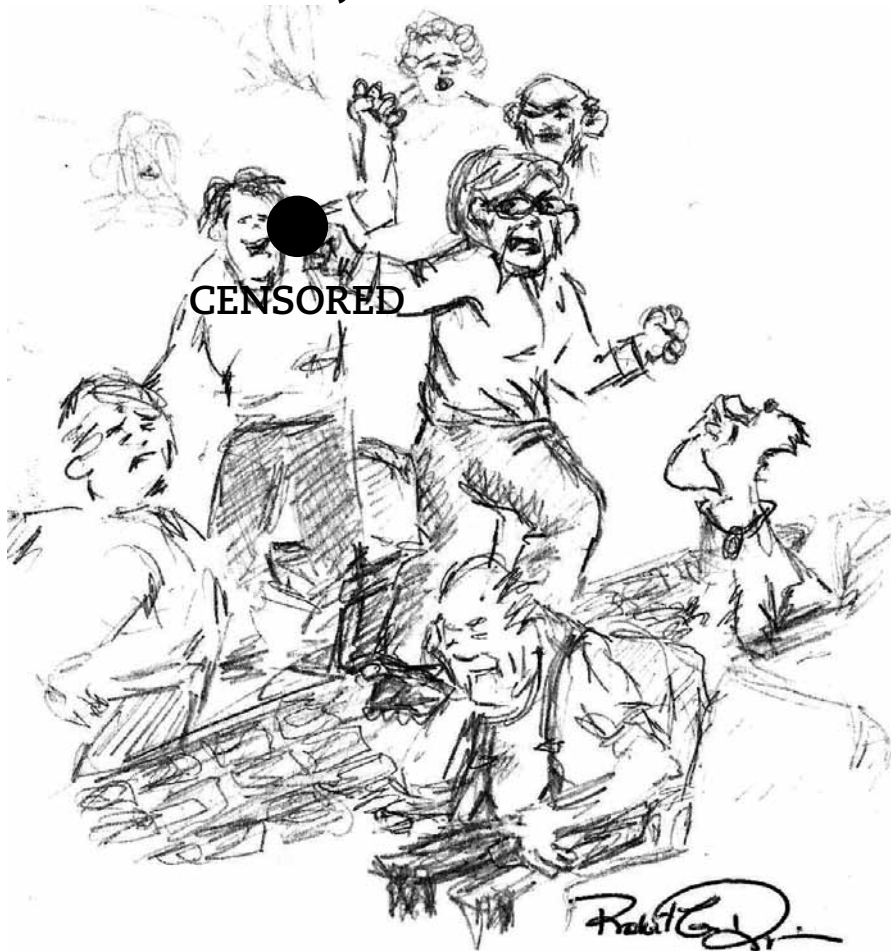
They lost the election.

Alert to Expired-Term Executive Board Members

BY RUTH BERNHARD

If you were elected to the Executive Board in 2013, your 2-year term expires this March. If you wish to become a candidate for 2015, you are requested to get your bio in by e-mail before the deadline of Feb. 6. If you are not sure whether or not your term is up, please contact me at ruthphild@aol.com and the records will be checked.

Sadie's World by Bob Rivera



Editorial

BY MYRON SILVERMAN & JOY VESTAL

We are approaching another UCO Delegate meeting on February 6, 2015. There will be another budget vote at that time. Can we all remember that we gather at these meetings to represent the residents of our associations? Do we represent them in a manner that makes them proud? Is our conduct exemplary? Do we vote in an intelligent and thoughtful manner? You are there to carry out their wishes. Delegates — have you asked those for whom you are casting a vote what they are supporting? Remember you are their voice. Are they satisfied with the amount of the increase in the budget? If they have questions, are

you able to answer them or have you made the effort to get a satisfactory answer? Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend the meeting. They don't have to be a delegate to attend. Who knows, maybe they'll become interested in becoming an officer in your building, and who knows, even some day become a delegate after witnessing what we all hope will be democracy in action.

Think carefully before you cast your vote. Remember this is your Village. Look to the future. Let's continue to make improvements. Let's make this the best of the best of all villages!

Carol Schermerhorn

UCO REPORTER COLLEAGUE

On Wednesday, January 21 the *UCO Reporter* was grieved to learn that our dear friend and colleague Carol Schermerhorn passed away.

Carol was the Advertising Finance Manager for the Reporter for several years. She was an industrious and devoted employee. But much more important, she was our dear friend.

Originally from Rochester, New York she was a long time employee of Eastman Kodak Company where some of her family still lives.

Along with her dedication to our newspaper Carol was also the Vice-President and a Delegate for her association, Canterbury F.



Channel 63 SCHEDULE

MORNING

- 7:00 *Laugh On*
- 7:25 *Meet Your Neighbors*
- 7:50 *The Village Has Talent*
- 8:15 *Sous La Palmiers*
- 8:40 *Who's Afraid of the Wolf*
- 9:05 *Out & About*
- 9:30 *What's Cooking*
- 9:55 *Tales From Here, There & Everywhere*
- 10:00 Various UCO Meetings (Delegate Assembly for the first week following the monthly meeting)

AFTERNOON

- Noon *Laugh On*
- 12:25 *Meet Your Neighbors*
- 12:50 *The Village Has Talent*
- 1:15 *Sous La Palmiers*
- 1:40 *Who's Afraid of the Wolf*
- 2:05 *Out & About*
- 2:30 *What's Cooking*
- 2:55 *Tales From Here, There & Everywhere*
- 3:00 *Cam & Sam Sports Talk*
- 5:00 Throwback Thursday — *Our Miss Brooks* (Thursdays Only)

EVENING

- 6:00 Various UCO Meetings (Delegate Assembly for the first week following the monthly meeting)
- 7:00 *Cam & Sam Sports Talk*
- 7:00 Special Program (Sweetheard Ball) Beginning Feb. 20th
- 8:00 *Laugh On*
- 8:25 *Meet Your Neighbors*
- 8:50 *The Village Has Talent*
- 9:15 *Sous La Palmiers*
- 9:40 *Who's Afraid of the Wolf*
- 10:05 *Out & About*
- 10:30 *What's Cooking*
- 10:55 *Tales From Here, There & Everywhere*
- 11:30 Wayback Wednesday — *The Vanishing Shadow (Episode 4)* (Wednesdays Only)
- 12:01 Midnight Mystery Movie — *The Green Glove*

Schedule is subject to change. Delegate Assembly preempts regular programing.

33rd ANNUAL UCO INSTALLATION LUNCHEON SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2015 CENTURY VILLAGE PARTY ROOM

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Fill in this form, attach your check and bring to the UCO office to the attention of the Chair, Kathleen Guarnagia

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Four "Troubling Situations"

We are about halfway through our winter season. As in years gone by, we are enjoying temperate weather, sitting on the warm sand but not venturing into the cool winter Atlantic waters. We are attending daily gatherings at the heated community pools with the typical chat about where we dined last evening, where are we going to dine tonight and with whom. Unfortunately, long waits for a table and delayed golf tee times can sometimes test our patience, but when we think of the cold weather back home, South Florida is worth these minor inconveniences.

However, there are a few troubling situations worth mentioning:

One! We now have many residents who do not own a vehicle and resort to entering and exiting the Village on foot. Many of them walk on the grassy edge of the perimeter road or on the road itself. This causes vehicular traffic to swerve into oncoming traffic or brake unnecessarily to avoid hitting a walker. This could result in a motor vehicle accident or personal injury or even death. A notice placed on your association bulletin board alluding to the hazardous situation might prevent an unfortunate incident.

Two! Occasionally streetlight outages go unreported. Post Orders for our new Security provider, Kent Security, will soon be up to speed so their Rover's nighttime driver will record and notify FPL of the location and identifying pole number on a Streetlight Outage report form, resulting in relamping of the light.

Three! Side street lighting is somewhat dim. Those residential-grade lights along the walkways would provide significantly brighter light if, for far less operating expense, the existing 40- or 60-watt incandescent bulbs were replaced with 7- to 11-watt equivalent LED bulbs. The LED bulbs will cost more than the old incandescent bulbs, but the increase in illumination will be worthwhile. Too many residents walking behind parked vehicles within driving lanes go unseen with potential deadly consequences.

Four! When driving throughout the Village at night, be aware that though you see better with your high beams on, you are blinding oncoming drivers. Please, drive defensively and within the posted speed limits and watch for oblivious pedestrians.



Joy Vestal

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The start of a new year always brings new thoughts, suggestions and problems as well. Some of these problems we can solve, some we try to work on until we reach a satisfactory conclusion and others -- well they may never be resolved.

One of the concerns that has been brought to my attention several times during 2014 and already in 2015 is the issue of pets and service animals in the association. Most buildings have a "no pet" clause in their bylaws. However, it seems that many residents have sought a doctor's certificate allowing them to be accompanied by their emotional or medical service animal in their units, or their pleas not to be parted from their furry companions have been effective with their boards causing conflicts among the residents.

I have heard from both sides. On one hand, there is the pet or service animal owner and on the other side, neighbors who may be angry with the board's decision to allow the animal. Sometimes residents tell me these owners have been allowed to have their pets without their board getting the proper documentation from the animal's owners. Most times I try to explain that if a resident has the necessary medical documentation, the board may have to recognize this and allow the service or support animal, or they have made a decision to make an exception to the rules, after hearing the owner's request. If the conflict can't seem to be resolved I suggest that they may want to consult with their attorney on the decision. I do point out that we here at UCO are not attorneys and therefore are not able to render an opinion.

In the meantime, if you do bring a animal into your building, there are certain responsibilities that you should try to adhere to. Try to be a thoughtful owner and take the proper responsibility for your pet.



Howard O'Brien

UCO Treasurer

The proposed 2015-2016 budget failed. The Delegates voted down the 2015-2016 Budget by 15 votes on January 2, 2015.

Appropriate revisions has been made to the budgeted amounts to reflect the new security contract, the estimated excess of revenues over

expenses in 2014, and other items.

The revised budget will now reflect a monthly fee of \$68.68. This is \$2.40 less than last year's \$71.08.

Our audited financial statements for 2013 were issued on May 1, 2014, showing that aggregate cash from all sources was \$1,796,000. UCO ended fiscal 2014 with aggregated cash balances from all sources of \$2,603,000 for an increase in cash of \$807,000.

I would like to apologize to the owners for not having a "town hall" Budget Meeting to brief the seasonal residents on the components of the 2015-2016 proposed budget. A town hall budget meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 at 9:30 AM and all budget related questions were answered.

Please approve the budget when it will be presented to you for a vote on Feb. 6, 2015.

2015-2016 Budget Highlights Monthly Budget of **\$68.68** per unit, compared with \$71.08 in 2014

Reductions in Transportation – down \$0.54

Reduction in Security – down \$1.98

Reduction in General and Admin. Costs – down \$2.07

Reduction in WiFi – down \$2.00

Other expense reductions – down \$0.14

Increase in Revenue – up \$1.60

TOTAL DECREASE ITEMS = \$8.33

Increase in Comcast Cable – up \$1.60

Increase in the Infrastructure Reserve – up \$4.33

TOTAL INCREASE ITEMS = \$5.93

NET DECREASE IN MONTHLY DUES = \$2.40

The budget for 2015-2016 represents a net cost of \$6,473,000. This is a \$226,011 decrease from 2014. The monthly amount is \$68.68 or \$2.40 less than last year.

The proposed budget supports all owner focused activity where UCO has entered into contractual arrangements for Security, Transportation, and Cable which amounts to approximated \$5.5 million or 85% of the net budget.

The maintenance of the roads, irrigation, pumping stations are

also provided for in this budget. Their associated costs add another \$931,000 of 11% of the proposed budget.

Reserves of \$700,000 are included in this \$931,000. Reserves provide for the future, just like insurance. The need for reserves is assessed regularly. The pooled reserve is supported by hard cash in an FDIC insured bank account.

At Dec. 31, 2014 UCO's reserves amounted to \$1,822,000.



Marcia Ziccardy

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The new year has begun and the look of the Haverhill entrance is much improved. We will soon begin to improve the Okeechobee entrance as well. Some of our sidewalks have

been fixed and we will continue these improvements.

When I drive around the Village, I see things that maybe other people do not notice. One of these thing is the bushes around the dumpsters and recycle containers that need to be replaced. If everyone does their part the Village will look even better.

The UCO office is always in need of volunteers who can give us a day or two during the week. If you feel you would like to help out, come in and see me personally and I will give you an application to fill out.

What To Do In An Emergency

What Is AMR and How Does It Work?

BY LANNY HOWE

WHEN THERE IS AN EMERGENCY AND YOU NEED HELP, CALL 911 FIRST. THAT’S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER.

Beyond this there has been some confusion in the minds of some of our residents. What is the difference between the red truck that comes out (Fire-Rescue) and the AMR (American Medical Response)

hospital appropriate for your current condition.

If AMR is Called In

If the situation is assessed by the Fire-Rescue personnel as NOT life threatening, they will call AMR, and AMR will transport you. AMR usually arrives within 15 minutes of the call by Fire-Rescue to them and

needs to be transported to a hospital, the decision to go by the Red Truck or AMR is made in the same way by the Fire-Rescue personnel. If AMR transports, however, it is NOT free. AMR must be paid later either by the guest or his insurance or by a combination of the two.

What if you are transported by the Red Truck? Who pays?

Transport by the Red Truck is NOT covered by your UCO dues. Fire Rescue will first try to collect from any insurance you have—through an employer, your own insurance, through Medicare Part B (Part A does not cover ambulance service), through a Medicare Advantage program such as Humana, and/or through a Medicare supplemental (“Medigap”) insurance policy. You are responsible for whatever is not covered by the insurance(s) you have.

Answers to Some Other Questions

- 1. Return from the hospital:** This is not covered by AMR under our present contract with them.
- 2. Transfer from one hospital to another:** This is done only by ambulance and is paid for by AMR only if you are a covered CV resident (full-time owner or renter) and are going to a higher level of care hospital. If you were taken to

much as a thousand, which does not include the portion paid for by your taxes for the Red Truck. If you have Medicare Part B, 80 percent of the charge is usually covered. If you have a good Medigap supplementary insurance plan, the remaining 20 percent may be covered as well. If you have Medicare Advantage insurance (where you are limited to certain doctors and hospitals and must get approval in most cases from your primary physician to visit a specialist), check with them as

There are usually 2-3 paramedics-EMTs on the red truck . . . They make a determination as to whether the situation is life threatening.

to their ambulance coverage. It’s best in all cases to check with your insurance provider. Humana was charging \$200 and paying for the balance at the time of this writing.

- 5. How does Fire-Rescue get paid for coming out when they do not transport a person to the hospital?** Even if AMR ends up transporting you to the hospital, Fire-Rescue has first come out with at least two of their personnel and assessed the situation. How are they paid for this? You will not be double billed (by Fire-Rescue and AMR). Fire-Rescue is paid for



Transport by the Red Truck is NOT covered by your UCO dues.

vehicle that sometimes comes out a few minutes later? What are the procedures that follow? Assuming you are transported to a hospital, which service will be used and to what extent is it covered by your UCO dues? What might you or your insurance provider be billed for? And who in the Village is covered: Owners? Renters? Guests? The purpose of this article is to answer these questions. Thank Sarah Kirkwood, of AMR, and Bob Marshall, our UCO vice president and liaison with AMR, for most of the following information.

The Procedure to Follow

Always call 911 first. This is Fire & Rescue. They usually come out in a red truck from the Okeechobee

AMR is the largest ambulance provider in the nation, operating in 42 states. Their vehicles have paramedics-EMTs on board just as Fire-Rescue does.

Fire-Rescue Station, which has direct access to the Village via their back gate and Glencoe Street, which leads to our perimeter road. They can be here in about five minutes from the time they get the call from their dispatch center.

There are usually 2-3 paramedics-EMTs on the Red Truck. Paramedics are a step above EMTs in that they can give life support and medications. They make a determination as to whether the situation is life threatening. If it is, they stabilize you to the extent feasible on the scene and transport you to the nearest

will take you to the hospital of your choice provided you are medically stable enough to go there.

AMR is the largest ambulance provider in the nation, operating in 42 states. Their vehicles have paramedics-EMTs on board just as Fire-Rescue does. If while in transit a person should *become* life-threatening, their personnel are equipped to handle this.

Who is Covered by the UCO Contract With AMR?

Any Village condo owner or renter who is here on a full-time basis is covered under the UCO contract with AMR. You pay AMR nothing. A portion of your monthly condo dues (the portion marked “UCO ambulance,” amounting to only about \$1.50) pays for AMR coverage. “For the money, it can’t be beat,” Bob Marshall says.

At this point, I should mention a snag that occurs occasionally and which Bob Marshall and Sarah Kirkwood can set right for you. AMR is a very large company and *sometimes they will mistakenly bill a covered Village resident for their transport service. Do not pay the bill!* Contact Bob at UCO, and he will in turn contact Sarah, who will correct the error. It is best you visit Bob so he can see all your paperwork, so make an appointment with him by calling the UCO number: 683-9189. “You don’t mind doing this?” I asked Bob. “It’s what we’re here for at UCO,” he explained.

What about guests?

If a guest needs emergency care, you still call 911, and if he or she



AMR ambulance.

the wrong hospital initially, you are not covered on that account, although AMR may offer you a discounted charge.

- 3. What is “Medics”?** Medics is a sister company of AMR (American Medical Response). You don’t usually see Medics in the Village, but if Fire-Rescue should call AMR and a Medics vehicle arrives, everything is handled just as if it had been an AMR vehicle.
- 4. How much does ambulance transport to a nearby hospital typically cost?** The cost can run several hundred dollars, even as

out of everyone’s taxes. You pay them nothing for their assessment of the situation or any treatment they provide at your condo.

I hope this answers the questions some readers may have had concerning 911 and AMR. My thanks especially to Bob Marshall and Sarah Kirkwood for providing information for this article.

Remember: In an emergency the first thing to do is what? **Call 911! Don’t call AMR directly.**

To the best of our knowledge, the above information is correct. It is of course subject to change.

UCO Finance Committee Town Hall Budget Meeting

BY JOY VESTAL



Attendees at town hall budget meeting study details of the budget.



A question is posed to Finance Committee from an attendee.

On January 20, 2015, UCO Treasurer Howard O'Brien conducted a combined Town Hall /Finance Committee meeting to present the 2015-16 UCO Revised Budget for the consideration and vote of the committee. There were approximately 65 residents in attendance, many of whom presented their comments and questions relevant to several elements of the budget.

It was apparent almost from the beginning that most of the speakers in the audience were from the Messenger Club. O'Brien commented at the beginning of the meeting that he had called this meeting because the original budget that had been presented at the UCO Delegates meeting on January 2, 2015, had failed by 15 votes. There had been 174 votes cast, 79 yes and 94 opposed with one abstention. He said the budget presented today was a revised version, and the new cost to residents would be \$68.68 per unit. He said this was a reduction amounting to \$2.40 per month from the 2014 budget (of \$71.08 per unit in 2014). A copy of the new budget was distributed as well as portrayed on a large screen.

He then invited the audience to comment and to ask questions. Barbara Cornish, a former UCO vice president, questioned the terms of the new Security contract dealing with the monthly rental for the cars and expenses for fuel. O'Brien replied that he would get back to her after he reviewed the contract.

There were many more questions and comments ranging from the change in accounting for investigation fees; classification of utilities as security rather than general; a change in the accounting method from fund accounting to a hybrid system; and a long discussion on the road reserve life and cost. Other matters discussed included the number of bank accounts UCO had and the aggregate bank balance, transportation costs, laundry issues, beautification and the need for a new Century Village sign at the

Okeechobee gate.

One speaker said O'Brien's answers to his questions were "very honest but he didn't get any answers." Ed Grossman, a CPA, commented on and questioned at length O'Brien's method of accounting. O'Brien said more than once that an audit being conducted currently and which should be completed in March 2015 should answer many of Grossman's and others' questions. Former UCO Treasurer Dorothy Tetro questioned the laundry room expenses and the UCO bank accounts. She was told there was \$2 million in BB&T Bank and \$250,000 in TD Bank, all FDIC insured. Resident Marilyn Pomerantz questioned O'Brien on his credentials as an accountant. He said he had been a licensed CPA in New York since 1972 but didn't renew his license after moving to Florida.

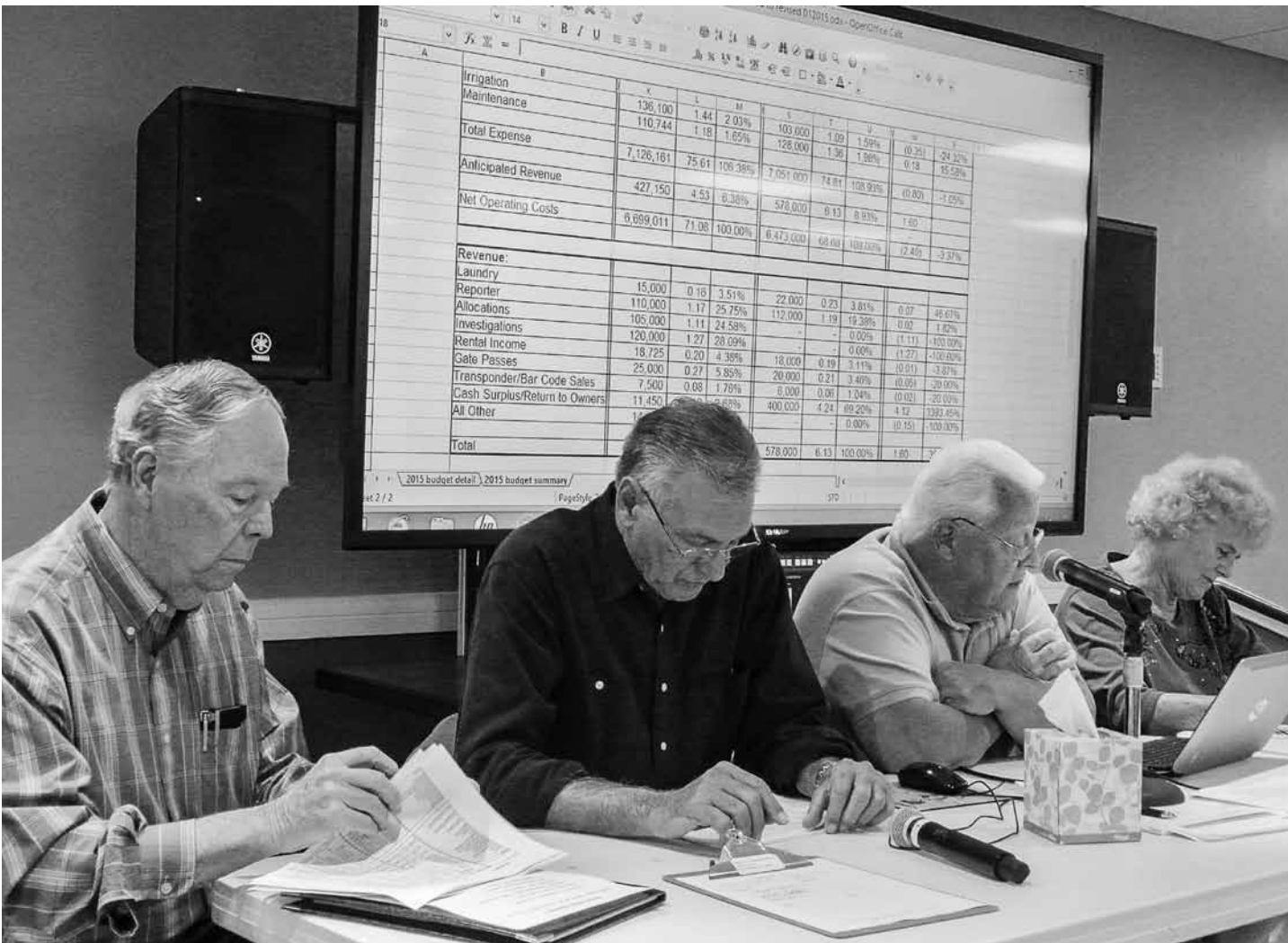
At one point O'Brien apologized to the audience for being abrupt with his answers. He attributed it to his "New York attitude." This comment drew considerable comments from the audience, many of whom were obvious in their support of the speakers and were questioning and commenting negatively on the treasurer's answers and accounting methods.

Near the end of his appearance at the microphone, Ed Grossman chastised UCO President David Israel, who had made a comment while Grossman was speaking. He told Israel he was "Out of Order," and that he would be removed from the meeting if he continued his remarks. (This was obviously a replay of UCO delegate meetings where Grossman himself had been warned in this manner on his behavior.) It was at

this point that O'Brien decided to call an end to the discussion. Then Grossman announced that he had a petition of approximately 50 names that he was going to present to UCO from residents who supported an offer from members of the Messenger Club "To aid in helping to review and prepare a UCO budget." Grossman said if this offer were refused, "I believe we're going to turn it (the budget presented at this meeting) down."

Then a motion was made and seconded by members of the Finance Committee "To accept the budget as presented." It was passed by a unanimous vote.

A resident who said he was the president of his association was asked at the conclusion of the meeting for his impressions and thoughts said, "This group that was here today wants to take over and be in charge."



Treasurer Howard O'Brien and the Finance Committee review line items on budget at town hall meeting.

In Their Own Words

Why People Run for UCO Offices

BY ANITA BUCHANAN

*This is where I live.
I want to make this community
the best it can be.
We have to do the best we can.*

These are simple but compelling answers to three questions posed to UCO officers and executive board members about 1) why they want to serve in UCO, 2) the single most important goal they would like to achieve in their term in office, 3) what they've learned from their experience in UCO.

Serving as an officer or executive board member is daunting. Unending lawsuits against UCO never go anywhere but continue to cost money and cause frustration. A new, credentialed Treasurer gets attacked by the candidate he defeated in the last election. Delegate Meetings erupt because of a small group bent on attacking everything current UCO leaders want to do without ever proposing positive initiatives. Why in the world would someone commit time, energy and intelligence to what too often is a thankless job?

Thankfully, people do choose to serve. What it comes down to, from the several responses we received to our email survey, is that officers and executive board members who run for office love this community. They feel responsible to do what they can to make sure Century Village is run well, and they don't want to leave to others the decisions that affect the budgets they pay for and the programs they rely on.

Here are a few more of the responses to the survey (we agreed to publish results but not the names of the respondents).

On why officers/exec board members choose to run:

- When there seems to be something wrong it is easier to work the problem from the inside rather than trying to hammer away from the outside.
- If people do not get involved, things remain the same and lag behind. If you get involved you can make a difference; would you rather be part of the problem or part of the solution? I prefer to be part of the solution.
- I want to make sure our money is spent wisely.
- I want the village to look beautiful when people come in looking to buy a condo here.
- Since I was absent from CV for a number of years (2002-2012), I wanted to become a candidate again for the Executive Board after learning about what changes had been made over the years since I left.
- After becoming a Delegate from my building I decided to attend certain UCO committee meetings where I actually learned about the village, where our money was going and how we interacted with WPRF. The more meetings I went to the more I felt the need to have a say in the direction CV was heading. This position allowed me to vote on issues not just offer my opinion.

On their goals for their time in office:

- I do not and have not had an agenda of self-satisfaction. The need here was and is to help unit owners understand what is happening and how to deal with these things.
- To do anything I can to create an environment where new ideas are not met with automatic criticism.
- To make a difference.
- To make a contribution to the place I live.

On what they have learned from their time in office:

- I have learned that there is a hard core group here who don't know how to attend business meetings and who don't want to do for the general good of the organization but would rather rabble rouse to satisfy their own egos.
- Since I was a former VP and Executive Board member

years ago, I learned that later administrations had made many changes in how the community now operates.

- I've learned that I had a choice of whether to avoid the negative environment or jump in and do my part. The cards aren't in on whether I made the right decision!
- I learned that I need to get involved if I want to have any control at all, even if it is hard to accomplish.

What impresses most about the survey results is that people take on the challenges in the Village understanding how hard it is to solve the problems here. They want to be where the action is. They don't want to relinquish control of the Village to others.

UCO unit owners, take heed. Run for office, make your presence felt in your community. Submit you bios for the March 2015 election to RUTHPHILD@aol.com by February 6, 2015.

Century Village Needs You: A Call for Candidates

BY ANITA BUCHANAN

If you care about having a say in the direction of your community, please stay involved in your associations and take the next step: Submit your bio and run for UCO office.

Here's what you need to know:

- 2 VP positions and 10 Executive Board positions are open.
- Candidates are expected to serve on at least 2 UCO committees once elected.
- Brief bios (250-words max for Executive Board, some flex for VPs) should be submitted to Ruth Bernhard (ruthphild@aol.com) no later than the Feb 6, 2015 Delegate Meeting.
- Nominations from the floor can be

made at the February 6 Delegate Meeting

- Photos will be taken and candidates asked to sign a statement of at least 9-months residency in the Village
- Bios and photos will be published in the UCO Reporter issued at the end of February 2015.
- The Delegate Meeting/Election will be held March 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Please get involved! Protect your interests, property values and priorities for Century Village. Send your bio to Joyce Reiss at joyceflma@gmail.com.

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LEGAL: Discrimination in Housing

BY MARK FRIEDMAN, ESQ.

In January 2014, we held a seminar regarding discriminatory practices in housing in order to help Board members better understand the best practices to use when screening potential applicants. While we cannot include everything from that hour-long presentation in this column, I am including some of the highlights.

While there are no absolutes in the law, if you take the steps outlined below, it should help you avoid potential lawsuits for discrimination. Please note that your Directors and Officers liability insurance, while it may provide you an attorney to defend the claim against you, it will not pay a monetary judgment which could be tens of thousands of dollars or even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In Palm Beach County, Florida, individuals may not be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, age, marital

status, and gender identity or expression. A prospective purchaser or tenant generally does not have standing to sue the Association if they are disapproved unless the lawsuit is based on an act of discrimination in housing practices. What usually occurs, whether or not discrimination actually took place, is that discrimination is claimed by the prospective purchaser or tenant because the individual is a member of one of the protected classes. For those that were at the seminar, I advised you that if you do not know that the protected class exists with regard to a particular applicant, it will be more difficult for those types of claims to be made and prosecuted. The only way to ensure this is to conduct your approvals without any knowledge of whether the applicants fit into one of the protected classes.

In order to conduct such a screening, I recommend that UCO, which actually does the background investigation, be given the personal identifying

information such as drivers' licenses (photo identification) and names and then issue the Association an anonymous identifying number for the individual or individuals. Upon conclusion of the investigation the Association can be given an outline of what the investigation uncovered and the Association can make its decision based solely on that information. Then, once that decision has been made, if a claim of discrimination results, the Association Board can honestly state that the Board had no knowledge that the person is a member of one of the protected classes. You cannot discriminate against someone if you have no knowledge that they are a member one of the protected classes. That was one of the suggestions that came from a recent discussion with the Office of Equal Opportunity due to an allegation of discrimination in Century Village.

If you do become aware that a person is within a protected class, you must never refer to them in

any other manner other than as "the prospective tenant" or the "prospective purchaser". Never refer to them by race (e.g., "the African American applicant") or by national origin (e.g. "the Brazilian couple") or by any other protected class reference. When you are a Board member you should never make disparaging remarks in anger or in jest about any protected class (think Paula Deen and the comments she made about African Americans that ruined her career).

Screening authority should be reviewed as well. Your Declaration should be amended to provide very clear and precise screening authority. Such authority should list specific "good cause" reasons for denial, which are clear, concise, and objective.

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What Buildings Do For and To People

BY DON CONWAY

Did you read the article in the January Reporter on Don Conway, whose story won first prize for creative writing in the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival? Don is a storyteller whom you may have seen on channel 63, but we learned he had also done extensive architectural research into "What Buildings Do For Us and To Us." The subject sounded interesting so we asked him if he would write a short article on this for the paper.

We humans spend 85% of our lives inside. Think about that for a moment. 85% of your entire life is spent inside something: a crib, a school, an office, a nursing home, etc., etc.

Most of the places we spend our lives in are the result of the design thinking of some other human being: an architect, an automobile designer, a builder — someone, somewhere, who made a series of design decisions that are affecting your life.

About forty years ago light bulbs went on in the heads of architects, psychologists and sociologists at

almost the same time, when they started to ask themselves "What are we doing? Do we know what we are doing to people in the places we design for them?" The answer came back as a resounding "No, we don't really know how we are

In the 1970s there was a movement towards windowless classrooms. It didn't take long for research to show that this well-intentioned movement was a learning disaster.

affecting people. So we'd better start finding out." And so the field of Environmental Psychology (EP) was born with the central question: "What do places do FOR people and what can places do TO people?"

The initial research on these questions was centered in the U.S. and Canada. Today, EP is a worldwide field of study and what has been discovered over the past decades is both frightening and encouraging.

Studies of children's environments from daycare centers to elementary and high schools

have shown that children's social development and learning abilities can be profoundly influenced by architectural design. In the 1970s there was a movement towards windowless classrooms. It didn't take long for research to show that this well-intentioned movement was a learning disaster.

We now know that prisons can literally drive you crazy. Nursing homes with views to trees and lawns lead to a better resident sense of well-being and satisfaction. High-rise apartments usually limit the play activity of children and their social development. When the children have to go down to ground level to play, the stress levels in mothers go up.

It wasn't long before geographers, landscape architects, interior designers and city planners began to look to EP for answers and help in their work. Geographers, for example began to develop concepts of mental maps (what you store in your mind to help you get through the world) and way-finding (have you ever gotten lost in a building and had to ask for directions to a

particular office or the exit?).

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A recent survey of the available research seems to indicate that the greatest predictors of responsible actions by a community are (1) knowledge of the issues facing the community; (2) knowledge of the possible actions and strategies available for addressing the issues; (3) some entity of governing or control of the actions; (4) general attitude of the residents; (5) verbal commitment of the residents for some course of action; and (6) an individual's sense of responsibility.

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Why Was Wi-Fi Important to Century Village Residents?

BY HUGH GREEN

Now that the Delegates in the recent Delegates Assembly did not vote to proceed with the Wi-Fi initiative, it is important for all Century Village residents to understand what we have lost. **Wi-Fi** is a trademark name. It is a name for a common wireless technology that has existed for many years. Wi-Fi is a wireless network technology that allows computers and many other devices to connect with each other into a Local Area Network or LAN, and to the Internet without wires and cables. Today, Wi-Fi is available in many different locations. This includes university campuses, schools, offices, warehouses, hospitals, government facilities, private care facilities, home networks, mobile phones, and many other places such as your local restaurant or coffee shop. What all of these have in common is that many people need to gain mobile access to information.

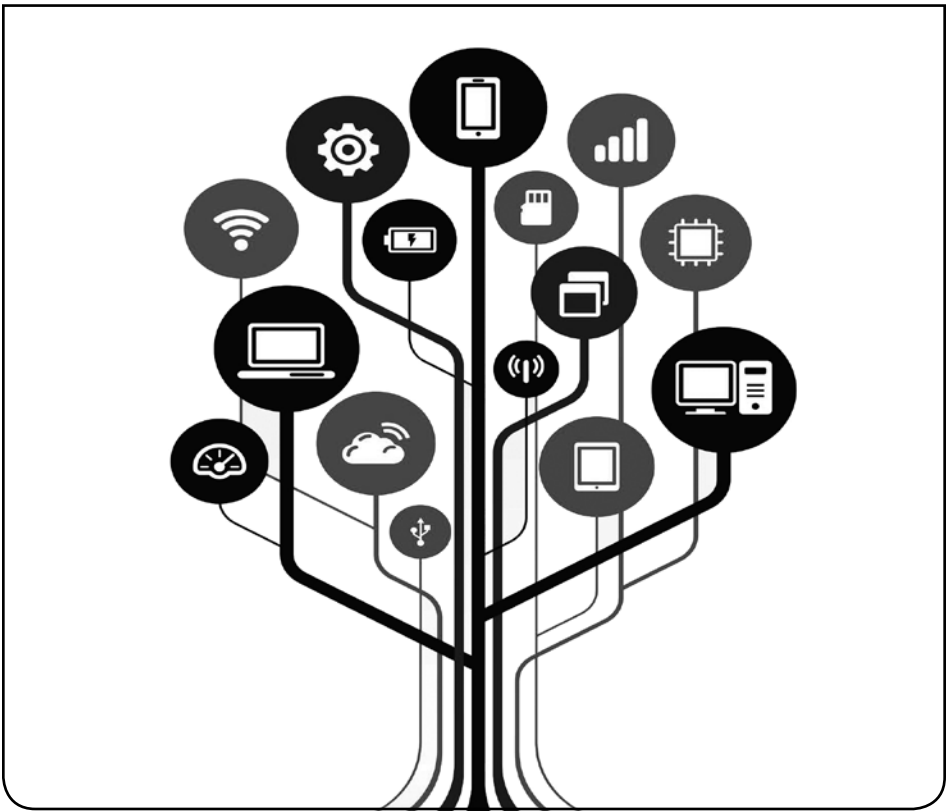
Benefits

People will gain many benefits by using Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi provides wireless connections not only for computers, but also provides access to deliver voice, other data services such as music, and video streams with no cables attached. The benefits of Wi-Fi include:

- Enables any member of the Wi-Fi community to carry portable Wi-Fi handsets such as smartphones, giving them the ability to take calls anywhere, anytime and to use their smartphones via the Internet without interruption.
- Wi-Fi networks can support roaming. This allows all mobile users with PDA's and laptops to move from one point on the network to any other point within the geographical supported network area without the need to log in more than once per day. Users on the Wi-Fi network will continue to have quick and easy access to information

Last year, I was using the Comcast voice telephone option. I was paying them around \$50.00 per month. To cut my monthly costs, I made a decision to transfer my existing phone to a VoIP service. I'm now paying \$9.99 per month, a savings of \$40.00 per month, and I continue to use my old telephone number.

- Eliminate many cellular usage charges
- Eliminate all external cabling and internal wiring for PC's and other products such as Smart TV's that can use Wi-Fi to access the Internet



- Eliminate the need for individual switches, adapters, plugs, pins, and other connectors
- When looking to implement a Wi-Fi (sometimes referred to as a WAN) system, it is important to ensure that the system has a few important features, which include:
- Secure networking using the latest protected networking conventions
- Simplified network management software
- Simultaneous Dual Mode radios allowing fully segmented voice/ data/ video traffic across the entire network
- Radio Frequency (RF) sweeping technology that disables unauthorized and unplanned wireless devices not relevant to or authorized for the network
- Quality of Service or QOS

A wireless LAN (WAN) system needs to have the ability of delivering high-quality voice, multi-media and other applications while meeting stringent security requirements. It must also deliver continuous mobility functionality, easily, and cost effectively. It must also be quick to install and simple to operate.

- By using numerous specialized access points throughout the village the Wi-Fi system will support various degrees of encryption to protect all traffic from interception by unauthorized persons
- The use of devices such as smartphones is one of the largest areas where Wi-Fi is making big inroads. It enables those devices to connect wirelessly to the Internet using radio waves instead of using your cellular minutes. Connecting to the Internet, using Wi-Fi requires a hot spot or Access Point, which is

what the new Century Village Wi-Fi project was planning to provide throughout our village. Wi-Fi is always faster than the 3G cellular networks smartphones can also use to connect, and occasionally faster than 4G. In addition to the speed increase, by using Wi-Fi when it's available can also prove to be cheaper. In the end, it can also make your phone run more efficiently than simply relying on cellular networks.

Many call Voice over IP, abbreviated to VoIP, or Internet Telephony and IP Telephony. In a word, Voice over IP is a technology that allows you to make local and international calls free, and if not free, at a very small cost. It is also interesting to note with VoIP, you can transmit more than voice – you can transmit all multimedia data types including video. You can also send and receive a fax using VoIP.

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The use of a VoIP provider as a replacement for the traditional residential phone service (without having to depend on a computer) continues to grow. There is a handful of this kind of VoIP service providers around. They provide you with a phone adapter that you connect to your Internet router and then to a phone set. They charge for this kind of service monthly. Some residential VoIP providers sell you another type of device, which you can use to make free calls – that is without a monthly bill. That is a big advantage, but the disadvantage is that some of these free services charge a significant amount for their hardware.

If you don't mind changing your telephone number, another option exists. All you need to do is download one of the VoIP software

applications, like Skype or one of the many other services offered by several other vendors. Once you download it, you simply install the program, register to obtain a new telephone number, find someone you want to talk to, even on the other side of the globe, and you immediately will have free unlimited talking. Note that the other person must be using the same service for the call to be free, otherwise Skype will charge you for the call, but the cost will be very low-priced.

One other aspect of the proposed Wi-Fi initiative was to eliminate the need for your Comcast Internet Access. This would have saved each resident who currently has that access anywhere from \$39.00 to \$60.00 per month, depending on his or her current level of Internet connectivity. All of these savings would have cost each condominium owner around \$2.00 per month. Somehow, I believe that many of our residents did not fully appreciate the total amount of savings that the Wi-Fi initiative would have created.

The outlook of Wi-Fi Internet access is boundless. What we see is that it is set to provide greater and longer connection ranges with faster transfer speeds. This will allow users to freely surf on the web, check and send emails, make free voice over IP phone calls, play online games, update your blog, and IM with your friends more efficiently with stabilities. Just imagine sitting anywhere in our village and using Skype to talk and see your children

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or grandchildren. In addition, Wi-Fi will provide users with access to Smart TV's functions. We could have done all of this without the need for a wired connection.

As Wi-Fi continues to evolve, it will become more difficult to justify making an investment in wired technology. Why? Wireless technology will provide everything you need for less money, increased flexibility, with as good, or even better security than existing or future wired systems. It is too bad that so many residents within Century Village will not, cannot, or are just too stubborn to accept the future. One thing is for sure. Without the installation of a Century Village Wi-Fi solution, the newer crop of over fifty-five persons who plan to come to live in Century Village will be dismayed that we cannot offer this type of service.

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Love is In The Air

True Stories for Valentine's Day

BY ROBERTA HOFMANN

There are many good reasons for people to come to Century Village, and love is one of them, although you won't see it listed in any real estate ads.

Wolf Eisenberg and Ellie Palmisano met in Century Village, after moving here, Wolf in 2007 and Ellie in 1996. Wolf joined the Merry Minstrels group where Elli was already a member. She took him under her wing, so to speak, and they performed together in shows and sang for nursing homes, which they continue to do today. It was a match made in heaven: Together since 2007, Wolf and Ellie have a great deal in common – their music, enjoying cruises and Karaoke.

The two are full of life, Wolf expressing his joie de vivre in his style of dress. He arrived for the interview for this article dressed in red shoes and red hat, ready to celebrate Valentine's Day with his dear Ellie.

Connie Neville and Bernie Steinberg are another great example of ageless love. Connie arrived in the Village from New York State after a varied career in the area. A friend told her about the Village, and soon after she moved in, she went to a dance in the Clubhouse, and voilà, Bernie asked her to dance and the rest is history. Each one owns a unit in the Village and they also spend time at Connie's home in New York.

Bernie, originally from Detroit, moved here 18 years ago when friends recommended Century Village. "Connie is the love of my life," he says, and they love garage sales, travel, backpacking (once in Ecuador) and river cruises; Bernie collects old cameras and games.

These two second-act love stories are very appropo of Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14, a special day that grew out of old beliefs and customs, a celebration of love and friendship.

The holiday goes back 1800 years ago to St. Valentine, a kind man who was jailed because of his religious beliefs. As the legend goes, Valentine

befriended a prison guard who had a blind daughter. Before Valentine died, he sent a message to the guard's daughter, and when she opened it, she could see. The message read: "From your Valentine." Valentine died on February 14 and was later made a saint.

Valentine's Day is about more than heart candy and greeting cards, as much fun as those are. Our two sets of lovebirds found love in an unexpected place (they didn't come her with any illusions of finding partners). The day is about love at any age and in many varieties. We wish continued happiness to our lovebirds and Happy Valentine's Day to all.



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Food is Love

Chow Mein

BY DONALD FOSTER

As far as Chinese food goes, no dish is more American than Chow Mein. The Internet is crawling with different theories and stories about the origins of this dish, but I believe that Chow Mein has its roots in the Chinese restaurant staff meal. When I was in the fish business, I spent a lot of time in the chaotic kitchens of Chinese restaurants, and lunch for the cooks was often a version of Chow Mein that included pretty much whatever was lying around, including fish from my van if it was cheap and fresh, or maybe tomatoes, or fried eggs.

The simple recipe that I use was taught to me by an Italian-American caterer, and is adapted to western style kitchens; the vegetables are blanched instead of stir-fried. I used ground pork this time around, but any cooked and chopped up meat will work, including leftovers, or just make it vegetables only.

Ingredients:

1 pound cooked ground pork
1 pound each: chopped carrot, celery, onion, cabbage
Garlic powder, white pepper, powdered soup base (any), cornstarch

Preparation:

Bring a big soup pot of water to a boil. Blanch vegetables in batches, using the same water for each batch to create a broth. Pull the vegetables out while they are still a little crunchy, drain well and set aside.

Bring the broth to a boil, season with garlic powder, white pepper and powdered soup base. Mix three tablespoons of cornstarch into two cups of cold water: slowly add this mixture to



the boiling broth with one hand while whisking broth with the other. Optional: beat up three eggs and whisk into boiling broth.

When the gravy is thick enough, add in meat and vegetables and mix well. Serve over white rice with crispy noodles and soy sauce.

Hot Spiced Szechuan Beef

BY ROBERTA LEVIN

I grew up in a predominately working class, Jewish neighborhood in a suburb of Boston. It was a special treat to eat in a restaurant. The biggest treat of all was going to eat in Ding Ho's, the tiny, dark and mysterious little Cantonese restaurant on our corner. For a youngster used to eating chicken soup and corned beef sandwiches with family members who spoke with heavy European accents, this journey to the Orient was always exciting. The restaurant's red and gold décor made me think I had entered a grand palace so I was always on my best behavior. Particular to Boston Chinese restaurants of that period, the first thing to appear on our table was always a half loaf of French bread with butter and a pot of hot tea. I don't know how exotic Ding Ho's menu was but my parents always ordered beef chop suey, white rice, and on special occasions, egg foo yong. (Were they put off by the description of pork fried rice or was chop suey the least expensive item on the menu?) I poured soy sauce on everything except the fortune cookies that I devoured with pineapple chunks at the end of our feast. Periodically, mom would try to recreate this menu at home. The rice was always good and the tea was always hot. Unfortunately the chop suey, prepared in a pressure cooker, was a disaster - limp vegetables and grey beef swimming in a colorless, bland sauce.

When I moved to New York, I discovered Chinatown and the Asian area of Jamaica, Queens. I graduated from chow mein to moo shu, fried dumplings, scallion pancakes and on occasion, jellied sea urchin and Peking duck. With the help of teachers at night school cooking classes, I refined my palate and now have a recipe box filled with interesting recipes from various provinces in China. Here is one of my favorites.

Preparation:

1. Partially freeze 1 lb of round steak. Slice into matchstick sized pieces.
2. Marinate sliced beef in a mixture of 2 tsp. water, 2 tsp soy sauce, 2 tsp oil, 2 tsp corn starch.
3. Prepare vegetables: 1 tsp chopped garlic, 1 cup chopped celery, 1 cup shredded carrot, 1 cup shredded onion, 4 scallions cut in 2" pieces.
4. Heat some oil in wok or frying pan. Stir fry meat and remove from pan. Stir fry the vegetables.
5. Return meat to wok.
6. Add sauce : 1/3 tsp. salt, 4 tsp soy sauce, 2 tsp vinegar, 1 tsp hot chili garlic sauce, 2 tsp sesame seed oil, 2 tsp sugar, 2 tsp sherry (optional).
7. Serve over white rice with crisp noodles.

Note: Watch out for the chili garlic sauce — it can be very potent.

LOCAL DINING

Grand Lake Dim Sum

BY DONALD FOSTER

When I was growing up on Long Island, we mostly had what we called "regular Chinese," Cantonese-American food that came in two classes--full-service, sit-down restaurants ("one from column A, two from column B") and open-kitchen or take-out places which delivered and stayed open late. Occasionally we would travel into the city for "Chinatown Chinese," more authentic fare but still heavily adapted for American tastes, since we ordered from the English language menu, which was apparently different from the one in Chinese. All-you-can-eat buffets came later.

As a young adult living in Queens, I watched "regular Chinese" and "Chinatown Chinese" slowly creep toward each other until both classes of food came to occupy the same zip codes. We had a take-out place for lightning-fast home delivery, a really good, kind of fancy, glatt kosher sit-down (only in Queens!--probably in Brooklyn too, I never checked), and, as more recently emigrated Asian people moved in, real-deal Chinatown-style restaurants with the cooked ducks hanging in the window and my favorite Asian food of all, Dim Sum.

Dim Sum is basically the appetizer menu of a regular Chinese-American restaurant, with many more choices of small dishes. On Sunday afternoons, my wife and I would go to Ping's on

Queens Boulevard, sit at a big round table with other diners that we didn't know, and wait for a lady with a stainless steel cart to come by with small plates of dumplings, steamed or fried chicken wings, or stewed oxtails, which we washed down with cups of hot tea.

When we found Grand Lake Dim Sum on Okeechobee Boulevard, we finally had our "Chinatown Style" restaurant in West Palm Beach. Dim Sum is served every day and on weekends, the lady with the stainless steel cart delivers the selection to the table. The beef stew noodle soup, a late night favorite of mine from the days when I actually ran around late at night, is just as I remember it, along with barbecued duck and pork. If you like your fish to be fresh, eat here; the cook will scoop a live tilapia or sea bass out of a tank with a big net and cook it however you like. Standard Chinese-American dishes fill out the menu, and all that we have tried has been first rate. I love Wor-Shu Duck; I order it here because it is the best that I have had anywhere.

Grand Lake is located on the south side of Okeechobee Boulevard, just east of Golden Lakes. They offer delivery, but I have never tried it.

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Recently I was involved in an accident. I didn't have the yellow dot brochure but I had a typed list with all the same information folded in a pill bottle in my purse. The pill bottle kept the paper from being damaged by spills or tearing. I was aware enough of my surroundings that I was able to instruct the first responders to get the pill bottle. The officer that opened the bottle and the EMTs made multiple statements as to how wonderful it was for them to have all that information and not have to rely on me remembering it.

Afterwards, I was talking with Jordan Seibert, Palm Beach County Firefighters and Paramedics. who I know fairly well. In our conversation, I said jokingly that I should have had a yellow dot on my purse or possibly on the back of my wheel chair where I could also place a similar bottle. He didn't think it was a joke. He actually liked the idea because had I been unconscious, it would have told them where to look.

Jordan Seibert is available to come and talk to any club about the Yellow Dot Program or a variety of other topics such as Smoke Alarms, Home Safety, Emergency Preparedness, etc. He can be contacted at 954-448-1509

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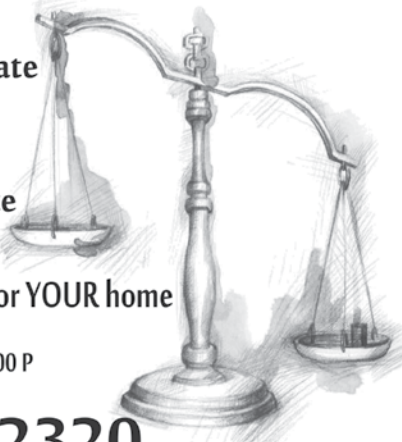
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129	SOMERSET G	2/1½	RENTED	\$900/mo.	129	HASTINGS F	1/1	RENTED	\$650/mo.
469	WELLINGTON J	2/2	SOLD	\$56,000	106	WELLINGTON D	2/2	SOLD	\$62,500
105	GREENBRIER A	2/2	SOLD	\$65,000	203	STRATFORD O	1/1½	RENTED	\$800/mo.
124	DORCHESTER F	1/1½	SOLD	\$36,000	382	WELLINGTON K	2/2	SOLD	\$47,000
258	SOUTHAMPTON C	1/1½	RENTED	\$800/mo.	129	SOMERSET G	2/1½	RENTED	\$900/mo.
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124	DORCHESTER F	1/1½	SOLD	\$26,000	256	ANDOVER J	1/1½	SOLD	\$21,000
202	WELLINGTON A	2/2	SOLD	\$68,500	227	WINDSOR K	2/1½	SOLD	\$67,900
314	WELLINGTON B	2/2	SOLD	\$67,250	208	WELLINGTON A	1/1½	SOLD	\$36,500
50	CAMDEN B	1/1½	SOLD	\$30,000	132	BEDFORD F	1/1½	SOLD	\$28,000
245	CHATHAM L	2/1½	SOLD	\$38,000	96	HASTINGS F	2/1½	SOLD	\$38,500
267	SHEFFIELD K	1/1½	RENTED	\$675/mo.	101	GREENBRIER A	1/1½	SOLD	\$57,500
206	CHATHAM J	1/1½	RENTED	\$650/mo.	311	WELLINGTON F	1/1½	SOLD	\$33,000
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Candlemas (Ground Hog's Day) History

Groundhog Day is February 2nd. This holiday isn't just about shadows and winter weather predictions, as most of us believe. This observance, also known as Candlemas goes way back in history to biblical times.

The Law of Moses stated that parents were obligated to bring their first born son to the church and make an offering to God on his behalf. This took place (usually) after the baby was 40 days old. This is based on the biblical teaching that Mary also presented Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem following his 40-day period of purification after he was born. So, Jesus was born on December 25, add 40 days and you get February 2nd!

When Jesus was presented, an old, devout Jew named Simon, held the baby in his arms and said that He would be, "A light to lighten the Gentiles." (Luke 2:32) This is how February 2nd became known as Candlemas (or Candelaria); and, since the 11th Century with the blessing of candles.

It is also called the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, in the Eastern church. But, it's called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Western church. No matter what it's called, the celebrations both have the same format and are significant for the blessing of candles and candlelight processions.

There are those, however, who feel that forming a procession with candles really originates back to the Romans who had a custom of going around the city in February with a candle procession. (see more below) So the candle procession wasn't created by Christians at all.

But when the Christians attempted to Christianize the Romans, they borrowed this custom of using candles in religious services. So, in 494 C.E. Pope Gelasious I created the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary. Ironically, it was also used to kindle a "brand" left over from the Yule log at Christmas.

As I mentioned above, the Romans had a tradition known as Lupercalia, which took place on February 15 to honor the corn goddess Ceres and her daughter Proserpine (who was carried to the underworld by Pluto). This observance called for a torchlight parade, to represent Ceres' attempt to search for her daughter all over Sicily. Torches were lighted from the flames of Mount Aetna at night so she could continue searching. So, this is where some scholars feel the candlelight processions of Candlemas originate from.



Traditionally, candles and lamps are a symbol of rejoicing. Candlemas in the Middle Ages was the day in which the church blessed candles for the entire year. (Remember, there was no electricity. Candles were necessary for lighting your home in the dark of winter.) During this blessing, a procession of worshippers would hold candles in their hands. It was believed that wherever these candles were then used, they would chase away the devil. The unused candle stubs were saved because they were believed to be good luck charms.

Today, in many Roman Catholic countries, the candles that are blessed on Candlemas are believed to have special powers, often being lighted during storms, illness, christenings, funerals etc. In Sicily they are brought out when there is an earthquake or when someone is dying.

The candles that are "purified" or blessed on February 2 by the church are also used to bless people's throats on St. Blaise's Day (February 3) to protect them from colds and getting fish bones stuck in their throats.

So what does all this blessing of candles have to do with groundhogs and shadows you ask?

There was a medieval superstition that all hibernating animals (not

just the groundhog) came out of their caves and dens on Candlemas to check on the weather. If they could see their shadow, it meant that winter would go on for another 6 weeks (and they could go back to sleep.) A cloudy day meant that spring was just around the corner.

In England, France and Canada, the farmers used to watch for the stirring of the "Candlemas Bear" as a sign that springtime was coming. In Ireland, it was the hedgehog. In German it was the badger. The return of hibernating animals meant nature was giving them a sign. A change in seasons was being announced! And, anyone whose livelihood or survival depended on the changing of seasons paid very close attention to all signs.

The early German settlers, known as the Pennsylvania Dutch, brought this custom to the United States. They chose the groundhog as their hibernating animal to watch as a sign of spring. Another name for the groundhog is woodchuck (*Marmota monax*). It's a member of the squirrel family. Groundhogs that live in the wild eat succulent green plants, such as dandelion, clover, and grasses. Those that are pampered, like Punxsutanwney Phil, eat goodies like dog food and ice cream. (More

on him later!)

So why February 2? No one really knows how that day got chosen as the one for weather predictions.

But, good weather meant a prolonged winter and a cloudy day meant an early spring. The tradition rooted in America and gave rise to the legend of Punxsutawney Phil, a groundhog in Pennsylvania believed to be a century old.

This is located in Pennsylvania. Let's go back to 1793 when the Delaware Indians settled in this area. The name Punxsutawney in Indian means "town of sandflies." The name woodchuck is also derived from the Indian name "Wojak" which was a groundhog and believed to be their ancestral grandfather.

There is a club in Punxsutawney where the members hike up to Phil's burrow up on Gobbler's Knob, on February 2 and wait for him to emerge. Phil lives in a heated burrow underneath a simulated tree stump in a stage area. Phil's a chubby little groundhog, averaging 15 lbs. Why did they name the groundhog Phil? According to Groundhog.org, he was named after King Philip. Before that, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

Some of you may wonder what Phil does when it's not February 2. He gets around! Of course he always supports his area sports teams. But, he's also made an appearance on the Oprah Show (1995); met President Ronald Reagan (1986); and, even gone a bit political by wearing a yellow ribbon in support of the American hostages in Iran (1981). Phil went high-tech when in 1996 he got his first website and in 1998 his forecast was sent live over the internet.

Phil is loved so much, that after September 11, 2001, troops were assigned to guard him on February 2, 2002.

So is Phil very accurate? Professional weather researchers have determined that the groundhog has been correct only 28% of the time.

Some of you may feel that February 2nd is a bit early to expect springtime signs; but, remember that BEFORE the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, Candlemas fell on February 14th. So, (some) farmers in Mississippi and Arkansas observed Groundhog Day on the 14th because it was closer to the arrival of springtime.

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A Snowbird’s View of Century Village

Regard d’un Snowbird sur Century Village

BY ANDRÉ LEGAULT

PAR ANDRÉ LEGAULT

I haven’t seen much snow in the past few years, and that’s okay. I like the “bird” aspect because it allows me to either see things up close or to fly way above, where the perspective is different.

I am a French-speaking Canadian, grateful for being able to spend five months a year in the USA as a visitor. Government regulations on both sides of the border have set that time limit. And it’s a good thing. I’m also an *American*, an American from the North because I was born and raised in North America.

I have a natural tendency to see things that unite people, commonalities, values that we share. I see cultural differences as complimentary qualities that enrich us, a pool of external resources from which I can borrow to become a better person. Languages have helped me in this endeavor. I must admit that I have a hard time understanding people who hate differences.

Having sailed for many years, I tend to see Century Village as an idyllic anchorage area where I long to drop the anchor and spend quality time. It’s not my home port. But neither is my anchorage area in Quebec. In my heart I feel that the combination of both places is my home. Distances and borders matter very little.

If I were to live in Century Village all year long, aspects of its beauty would probably fade. People and

activities that I appreciate so much could become routine. I could lose some perspective. If I looked at the Great Wall of China with my face close to it, I would not be able to appreciate its grandeur. Some distance is required.

The vast majority of our community is composed of retired people. I can’t help but see the “*tired*” in “retired,” as in having worked hard, and in the big book of our life, turning one more page and starting a new chapter at a slower pace, while realizing that the book is not closed. But the reality is that there are fewer pages to read. Many of us are in our last chapter and will run out of pages before too long. For some of us, our children have taken over the family farm or the family business with updated technologies.

Maybe it’s time for the Village, the image of its population, to look at a younger generation to manage the parade. A small group of efficient young people to do the administrative work under the guidance of a few wise senior volunteers, a structure similar to some of our Associations. This would not be abdicating our responsibilities but rather, matching the lifelong experiences of our dedicated volunteers with the skills and stamina of the next generation. There is a time to be in the parade and a time to watch and appreciate the parade.

La neige s’est faite rare pour moi depuis les dernières années, et c’est bien ainsi. J’aime la partie du qualificatif “bird” parce que cela me permet de voir les choses de près ou bien de voler bien haut pour saisir une perspective différente.

Je suis un Canadien français reconnaissant de pouvoir passer cinq mois par année aux É.U. comme visiteur. Les lois gouvernementales des deux côtés de la frontière ont fixé ce terme. Et c’est une bonne chose. Je suis aussi Américain, un américain du nord parce que je suis né et que j’ai grandi en Amérique du Nord.

J’ai un penchant favorable vers le partage des valeurs humaines. J’apprécie pouvoir piger dans un bassin diversifié de ressources culturelles complémentaires pour m’aider à devenir une meilleure personne. Les langues m’aident dans l’atteinte de cette ambition. Il m’est difficile de comprendre les gens réfractaires à la différence.

Après avoir expérimenté la voile pendant plusieurs années, Century Village m’apparaît l’endroit idéal pour y jeter l’ancre et y vivre du temps de qualité. Tout comme le Québec qui est aussi un excellent endroit pour y jeter l’ancre, l’un ou l’autre, ne pourrait être mon seul port d’attache. C’est l’amalgame de ces deux endroits qui font mon chez-moi! Les distances et les frontières ont peu d’importance.

Si je vivais à l’année longue à Century Village, certains aspects de sa beauté pâliraient. La routine pourrait s’installer diminuant ainsi mon

appréciation des gens et des activités. Je manquerais de perspective. Il est difficile d’apprécier la magnificence de la Grande Muraille de Chine si on la regarde de trop près. Un peu de distance est requis.

La population de notre Village se compose majoritairement de personnes retraitées. Or, être retraités ne signifie aucunement être retirés. Après une longue vie active et laborieuse, le grand livre de la Vie nous invite à tourner la page pour débiter un nouveau chapitre plus en harmonie avec notre rythme. La période bénie pour re-traiter (traiter différemment) notre vie est arrivée. C’est ainsi que certains ont confié la responsabilité de la ferme familiale aux enfants, d’autres ont transféré leurs actifs commerciaux et technologiques aux plus jeunes, alors que d’autres entament avec sérénité leur dernier chapitre et toutes les pages qu’il contient sont précieuses et se savourent lentement.

À l’image de sa population, il est peut-être temps pour notre Village, de réquisitionner la vitalité des jeunes pour diriger la parade. Appuyés par quelques sages résidents expérimentés, le transfert des connaissances et du savoir-faire, associé à l’efficacité et l’énergie de la jeunesse, s’avèrerait sans doute une formule gagnante pour tous... Bien sûr, il n’est pas question d’abdiquer nos responsabilités mais de partager notre expérience avec la nouvelle génération. Il y a un temps pour diriger la parade et un temps pour regarder et apprécier la parade.

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Visit to Key West

BY NICOLE BOULANGER

If you spend some time in Florida this winter, a visit to the magical island of Key West is a must. To reach Key West from Miami you cross 42 bridges passing through the archipelago which includes Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, Big Pine, and the Lower Keys. What a voyage on the sea while keeping your feet on terra firma!

Key West has been an island location favored by many well-known writers such as **Ernest Hemingway** and **Michel Tremblay**.

Did you know there was a brief period when **secession of the Keys from Florida** was considered because it had become a drug and contraband corridor? A border that slowed down tourism lasted only a few hours. Changing the name of Key West to **Conch Island** began a legal battle which the local inhabitants won. You will see this name posted as a souvenir of this rocambolesque event.

Key West is unique in the attitude of the residents and their dress. Everybody wears a Bermuda shirt and sandals, and they are well tanned by the sun and the wind.

All cafes, restaurants, boutiques and bars stay open well into the night. There is a true holiday atmosphere, with music from the Caribbean, Cuba and Jamaica. At sunset residents gather on Mallory Square where cruise ships dock. With eyes set on the horizon, people meet on terraces to sip a good glass of wine, a fresh beer, and take pictures while the last rays of the sun set slowly in the sea.

A tradition in the Keys, which

we followed, was to enjoy and compare the famous key lime pies in various restaurants. This pie was Hemingway's favorite and became the official pie of the state of Florida.

If you enjoy seafood you can treat yourself with humongous breakfasts, even lobster! Certain restaurants, like the El Meson de Pepe, located in a place where Cuban cigars were made, have the Cuban touch.

A visit I highly recommend is the Ernest Hemingway house and museum. Dave Gonzalez is a highly popular guide there. His parents' house was next to Hemingway's. He will tell you some interesting stories.

Architecturally the houses and side streets of Key West are charming. They are protected by carefully selecting what is being built and what is sold. If your preference is for a small home or condo, prices range from \$600,000 to a few million dollars.

A visit to the **Butterfly and Nature Conservatory** with children is also recommended. Butterflies from all over the world are to be seen.

Renting a bicycle from Eaton Bikes in Key West, you can easily visit historic sites such as the Harry Truman Little White House, where many US presidents have stayed, the Audubon House, the Key West Lighthouse Museum, and the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum. You can end your trip with fish and chips or fresh fish at the Conch Republic Seafood Company, an open-air restaurant with music and a superb view on the Key West port and marina.

Un écriin d'Îles relaxantes... les Florida Keys

PAR NICOLE BOULANGER

Si vous séjournez cet hiver en Floride, il faut visiter les Keys et se rendre jusqu'à Key West, l'île magique, l'île fétiche de plusieurs écrivains reconnus tels notre auteur à succès **Michel Tremblay** et le renommé **Ernest Hemingway, qui y résida dans les années 1930**. L'archipel des Keys comprend Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, Big Pine et les Lower Keys et Key West.

Saviez-vous que Les Keys ont failli le temps d'un instant **se séparer de la Floride** parce que qu'on craignait le passage de la drogue, et de contrebande. On voulait même maintenir une frontière ralentissant ainsi énormément la circulation et la venue de touristes, ce processus ne dura que quelques heures. Cependant on avait même pensé changer l'appellation pour les **Conch Islands**, toute une bataille juridique et des moyens de pression de la part des locaux sont venus à bout de ce différend. **Le trajet est d'une durée de 4 heures** pour se rendre de Miami à Key West et traverser 42 ponts mais quelle belle ballade en pleine mer, mais les deux pieds bien sur terre!

Key West est une île vraiment unique, l'attitude des gens, la façon de se vêtir... tous en bermudas, sandales aux pieds, teint basané par le vent et le soleil. Tous les cafés, les restos, les boutiques, les bars sont ouverts tard le soir, véritable atmosphère de vacances, on entend un peu partout de la musique des Caraïbes, de Cuba, de la Jamaïque.

Le rituel des Keys au coucher

du soleil, touristes et résidents de Key West se réunissent sur le quai à Mallory Square, là où accostent les beaux navires de croisière. Le regard rivé vers l'horizon, on se retrouve dans les cafés terrasses, pour siroter un bon verre de vin, ou une bière fraîche et prendre de superbes photos en admirant les derniers rayons de soleil s'éteindre doucement dans la mer.

Une autre tradition dans les Keys, et ce fut notre cas, est de déguster dans différents restos la renommée **Key Lime Pie** et les comparer, à l'unanimité nous avons élu la **Key Lime Pie du Parrot Key's Café Blue**, de Key West, la meilleure des Keys mais les autres étaient pas mal non plus. Cette tarte était le dessert préféré d'Hemingway, depuis désignée la tarte officielle de l'Etat de la Floride

Dans les Keys, l'environnement est une priorité, the Turtle Hospital, de Marathon ouvert en 1986 traite les tortues blessées et malades et si possible les retourne à leur vie en mer, également on peut voir ce qui est fait pour protéger et restaurer le corail au **Coral Restoration Foundation à Key Largo**, la plus longue des îles de l'archipel. On sent l'importance de protéger cet écriin d'îlots très fragile dans l'extrême sud de la Floride. C'est d'ailleurs à **Key Largo** que j'ai fait une charmante excursion à bord l'historique **African Queen**, du célèbre film mettant en vedette Humphrey Bogart.

Les Florida Keys, un paysage enchanteur à inscrire à votre agenda cet hiver.

WPRF NEWS



Eva Rachesky
V.P., WPRF

Dear Residents,

Did you know that Century Village WPB has 7854 apartments? Taking into account that not every apartment houses two people, the rough estimate of the number of residents living in the village at the height of season is approximately 14,000. It is a staggering number..... we are a small city!

This wonderful lifestyle provides

many amenities at very affordable costs because the expenses are shared by 7854 unit owners. Thousands of residents converge on the pool areas, 10 of which come under the care of WPRF. These "shared" areas are used by some as if it is the resident's personal backyard. More and more residents are coming to the pools with different electronic devices i.e. cell phones, iPads, iPods and Laptop computers. The problem arises when more than one person in the same pool area wants to listen to their music "out loud". This has become such a contentious issue that I am having new pool rule signs made stating that everyone must bring and use earbuds and

headphones when listening to any electronic device. Judging by the number of complaints I receive regarding "music wars" at the pools, consideration for others seems to be a thing of the past. Although I am a big proponent for common sense, it seems to be in short supply which leaves me no choice but to add great detail to the new pool rule signs.

Another big issue is that of "No Smoking" and "No E Cigarettes" at any of the WPRF properties. From a distance they can look the same and confuse and anger people. E Cigarettes have a scented vapor which can be irritating to some. As a result, when wanting to smoke at any WPRF property, please exit the clubhouse/pool (s) and go to the

nearest designated smoking area.

Many rules are born from resident behavior which causes management to sit up and take notice, thus creating a new rule to guard against such future behavior. Once the new signs are up, Kent Security will be helping to police all WPRF recreational areas. Please make note of their phone number on the Pool Rules sign should you feel the need of their intervention.

Additionally, it has finally come to pass that security cameras are being added at all WPRF recreational areas. You are on notice that Big Brother is watching, so please govern yourselves accordingly!

Rumors vs. Facts

The following is a statement from the Proactive Resident Projects Committee Inc., an organization of Century Village homeowners that is opposed to the development of the former Century Village golf course:

Recently, inaccurate information and provocative rumors regarding the golf course spread through the Village. The Board of Directors of the Proactive Resident Projects Committee, Inc. (PRPC) want you to know that:

**THESE ARE THE FACTS.
THIS IS THE TRUTH.**

A year ago, some residents in Southampton C filed a lawsuit (Writ of Certiorari) against the current owners of the golf course and Palm Beach County in opposition to the actions taken by the County Commissioners on the rezoning of the golf course property.

On December 22, 2014, the plaintiffs' lawsuit was ruled on by a panel of three

Circuit Court judges (Oftedal, Brown, and Hafele) and "denied without sanctions." Since there was no explanation given for the denial, the attorney for the plaintiffs filed a motion for "written opinion, clarification or certification of question." At this time, the plaintiffs are awaiting a reply to this motion.

The plaintiffs have also directed their attorney to "perform research, prepare and file appropriate complaints in Circuit Court to enforce existing deed restriction between the private parties." This refers to the perpetuity issue.

Residents of Century Village should not be swayed by inaccurate rumors. The legal issue of the golf course is still ongoing. Legal motions have been filed and additional pleadings are being explored

by the attorney for the plaintiffs. PRPC continues to provide vigorous support to the plaintiffs in opposition to the development of the golf course.

The plaintiffs and the PRPC remind all Century Village residents that:

**IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL THE
FAT LADY SINGS — AND WE
AIN'T SINGING!!!!**

PRPC meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Classroom B at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Committee welcomes input from concerned residents and is considering running a fundraiser soon, possibly another casino night.

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bright, updated, furnished. \$32,500

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Florida Statute 718 — *Part 6*

BY ANITRA KRAUS

Many comments and questions are coming into the UCO office in regards to Chapter 718 rules and regulations for condominium associations. By publishing sections each month in the UCO Reporter, everyone will know exactly what is written in the Florida laws. Breaking the law into small portions should make it easier to read and understand. We are not lawyers and cannot make comments about what is written. Any questions for clarification should be directed to a lawyer.

The law in its entirety can be viewed at <http://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/Chapter718/All>.

Anything in Italics is the comments of the staff putting the article together and not part of the actual bill.

718.104

(4) (n) The creation of a

nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress over streets, walks, and other rights-of-way serving the units of a condominium, as part of the common elements necessary to provide reasonable access to the public ways, or a dedication of the streets, walks, and other rights-of-way to the public. All easements for ingress and egress shall not be encumbered by any leasehold or lien other than those on the condominium parcels, unless:

1. Any such lien is subordinate to the rights of unit owners, or
2. The holder of any encumbrance or leasehold of any easement has executed and recorded an agreement that the use-rights of each unit owner will not be terminated as long as the unit owner has not been evicted because

of a default under the encumbrance or lease, and the use-rights of any mortgagee of a unit who has acquired title to a unit may not be terminated.

(o) If timeshare estates will or may be created with respect to any unit in the condominium, a statement in conspicuous type declaring that timeshare estates will or may be created with respect to units in the condominium. In addition, the degree, quantity, nature, and extent of the timeshare estates that will or may be created shall be defined and described in detail in the declaration, with a specific statement as to the minimum duration of the recurring periods of rights of use, possession, or occupancy that may be created with respect to any unit.

(5) The declaration as originally recorded or as amended

under the procedures provided therein may include covenants and restrictions concerning the use, occupancy, and transfer of the units permitted by law with reference to real property. However, the rule against perpetuities shall not defeat a right given any person or entity by the declaration for the purpose of allowing unit owners to retain reasonable control over the use, occupancy, and transfer of units.

(6) A person who joins in, or consents to the execution of, a declaration subjects his or her interest in the condominium property to the provisions of the declaration.

(7) All provisions of the declaration are enforceable equitable servitudes, run with the land, and are effective until the condominium is terminated.

Chapter 617 — *Part 5*

BY ANITRA KRAUS

Even though the Condos are under the statutes of Chapter 718 of the Florida Statutes, UCO operates under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. By reading through the statutes, it will help everyone to see the difference in the the running of a Condo association and the running of UCO. We will place a small section of these statutes in each month's edition so you can become familiar with the laws involved. Even though the first sections deal with setting up a non-profit business, they are also instrumental in understanding the operations of UCO. Anything in italics is not a part of the actual law and only an explanation of how the bill is actually being placed in the paper set-up for you to read. The bill can be seen in its entirety at <http://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2012/Chapter617/All>. Since the entire bill is 35 pages long, it was felt that breaking it into smaller sections would make it easier to read.

617.01301

(3) The Department of State may, based upon its findings hereunder or as provided in s. 213.053(13), bring an action in circuit court to collect any penalties, fees, or taxes determined to be due and owing the state and to compel any filing, qualification, or registration required by law. In connection with such proceeding the department may, without prior approval by the court, file a lis pendens against any property owned by the corporation and may further certify any findings to the Department of Legal Affairs for the initiation of any action permitted pursuant to s. 617.0503 which the Department of Legal Affairs may deem appropriate.

(4) The Department of State shall have the power and authority reasonably necessary to enable it to administer this act efficiently, to perform the duties herein imposed upon it, and to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this act conferring duties upon it.

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Okeechobee Branch Library News

BY CHARLES WAUGH

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The Okeechobee Boulevard Branch Library is located next to Dunkin' Donuts. The hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All Village residents, including seasonal residents, are eligible for a free library card with proper I.D. Visit the library today!

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Tue, Feb 10, 8:30 a.m.	Mousing
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Tue, Feb 24, 8:30 a.m.	Browser Basics

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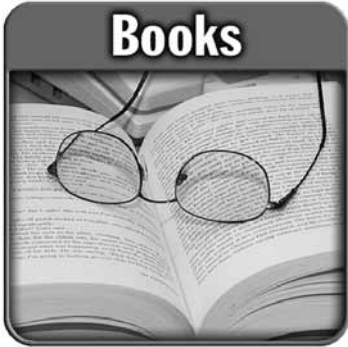
The Reader's Corner

BY LENORE VELCOFF

The Silkworm

The Silkworm by J.K. Rowling (under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith) is the second adult novel by the author of the Harry Potter series. Her hero is Cormoran Strike and his secretary Robin. Robin is Strike's young personal assistant who could definitely contribute to mystery solving but mostly answers phones, schedules appointments, makes coffee, and provokes male gazing. To me, Robin is much more fascinating than Strike.

Strike has the task of solving the mystery of the disappearance and murder of an egotistical writer. His investigation puts him in the middle of the incestuous world of writers, their agents and groupies, and publishers. The beginning



was rather slow-moving, but once it picked up and I started connecting the dots, I was totally HOOKED. Once the author takes on the familiar-to-her world of writing and publishing, she brings to light the petty conflicts, backstabbing attitudes, hurtful gossips and inflated egos. The very end of the book has detective Strike and Robin searching for the murderer of the author who is killed in a horrendous manner that is quite gruesome to read.

The author is a master

of the red herring because I was firmly convinced I knew who the killer was for two thirds of the book, only to have it turn out to be someone I never even considered suspecting. There were several twists that were surprising and intriguing. I have to say that Rowling knows her mythology, though, just as she showed in the Harry Potter books.

The characters are the best part of this novel. They are so vibrant that they leap off the page. Rowling is talented at creating characters that are so well crafted you feel as if you know them. The Silkworm is one of those too-rare mysteries in which all the clues necessary to solve it are there for you, the reader, to put together on your own.

See if you can solve the mystery.




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2 11:30am-1pm Medical Monday LUNCHEON	3 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the office for a free check. 12noon Presentation and Luncheon With Certified Home Care of the Palm Beaches "Which Therapy is right for you?"	4 <div>We are your onsite neighbor in the Century Medical Care Center, Suite 200</div>	5 2pm-3pm Senior Living Options with Eric from Palm Beach Senior Placement.	6 10:30am-11:30am Were you a Veteran or Surviving Spouse? How Can Veteran Aide & Attendant Benefits Help you?	
9 10:30am-11:30am Area Agency on Aging Preventing and Responding to Elder Abuse.	10 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the office for a free check.	11 2pm-3pm Amavi Nutrition with Seraina Quit Feeling like a Balloon! Why do we get bloated and what we can do about it?	12 10:30-11:30am Bring your long term care policy for a free review. 2pm-3pm Vitas Innovative Hospice Modern Dating for the not so Modern. SWEETS FOR VALENTINES DAY PROVIDED.	13	
16 11:30am-1pm Medical Monday LUNCHEON	17 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the office for a free check. 10:30-11:30am Homecare 101, Who needs it, When you Need it, We have the Program for you!	18 2pm It's Social Media time. Come learn all the skills needed to enjoy social media with Nancy Brink.	19 2-3pm Ask the experts with Steve and Tia. Bring your questions regarding Independent Living Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.	20 12pm-1pm Lunch with Trustbridge Do you have your Five Wishes in Order?	
23 10:30am Continental breakfast provided. Presentation by Dignity Memorial - Pre planning of funeral, cremation and cemetery. 2pm "Practicing Consciousness for the Rest of Your Life" with Harvey Newman.	24 9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic Come by the office for a free check.	25 12noon LUNCHEON with TENET and Manorcare with Orthopedic Surgeon.	26 2pm-3pm Turning Pointe Medicaid Planning with Elizabeth Katz, Bring your Questions regarding how Medicaid works?	27 10:30am-11:30am Alzheimer's Community Care - What Causes Alzheimer's Disease? What are the changes that occur in the Brain?	

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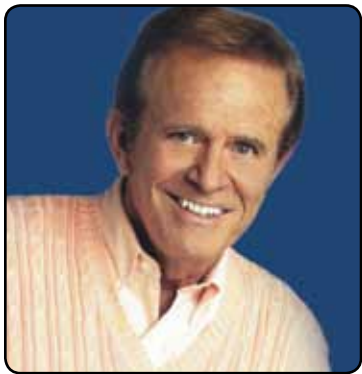
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FEBRUARY 2015 MOVIES

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| 2/01 | Sun | 1:45PM | AND SO IT GOES (PG-13, 94 min.) Michael Douglas, Diane Keaton, Frances Sternhagen, Frankie Valli. A real estate agent wants to sell one last house and retire in peace and quiet, until his estranged son Odrops off a granddaughter he never knew existed who turns his life upside-down. Little by little he learns to open his heart to her and to life itself, in this uplifting omedy from acclaimed director Rob Reiner. |
| 2/02 | Mon | 6:45PM | DOLPHIN TALE 2 (PG, 107 min.) Harry Connick Jr., Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Nathan Gamble, Kris Kristofferson. The team of people who saved Winter's life reassemble in the wake of her surrogate mother's passing in order to find her a companion so she can remain at the Clearwater Marine Hospital, in this sequel of the audience favorite 2010 film directed by Charles Martin Smith. |
| 2/03 | Tues | 1:45PM | |
| 2/05 | Thur | 6:45PM | |
| 2/08 | Sun | 1:45PM | |
| 2/09 | Mon | 6:45PM | |
| 2/10 | Tue | 1:45PM | GET ON UP (PG-13, 139 min.) Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis, Dan Aykroyd. chronicle of James Brown's rise from extreme poverty to become one of the most influential musicians in history. |
| 2/15 | Sun | 1:45PM | |
| 2/16 | Mon | 6:45PM | |
| 2/17 | Tue | 1:45PM | Directed by Tate Taylor. |
| 2/22 | Sun | 1:45PM | |
| 2/23 | Mon | 6:45PM | THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU (R, 103 min.) Rated R for Adult Situations. Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, Jane Fonda. When their father passes away, four grown siblings are forced to return to their childhood home and live under the same roof together for a week, along with their over-sharing mother and an assortment of spouses, exes and might-have-beens. Directed by Shawn Levy. (continued next month) |
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We didn't have to go very far for this week's adventure - just to the historic 1916 Palm Beach County Court House located at 300 N. Dixie Highway, WPB.

In its heyday, the original 1916 Court House was considered one of the great public buildings of the South and as we approached the front staircase, it is easy to see why. Although dwarfed in size by the New Court House across the street, the Old Court House is impressive and imposing. Its Neoclassic Revival exterior imparts a feeling of strength, stability and permanence. In fact, the columns supporting the portico roof weigh more than 30,000 pounds each and the imposing eagle over the main entrance is 11' wide and



Old Courthouse entrance

the original institutional pale green and massive light fixtures hang from the ceiling. Hard, wooden benches, reminiscent of church pews, fill the body of the courtroom. Reflecting the social attitudes of the time, this area was reserved for white visitors while black visitors were confined to the upper balcony. In the ten years the courtroom was in use, no historically important trials took place. But, after sitting at the prosecutor's table, it was easy to visualize real attorneys like Clarence Darrow and fictitious attorneys like Atticus Finch sweating in the packed, non-air-conditioned room passionately pleading on behalf of their clients.

The Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum is located on the first floor of the Courthouse. Divided into three galleries it holds permanent and special exhibits

that reflect the diverse history of the County and the State. "Courage Under Fire" is currently on exhibit in the Special Gallery and it will run through June 2015. The 120 year old history of the West Palm Beach Fire Rescue Department is told through historical artifacts and vintage photos. We were drawn to the photos of the 1903 inferno that gutted The Breakers, then called the Palm Beach Inn. In 1925, after being rebuilt, The Breakers was once again destroyed by fire. The "Unsinkable Molly Brown", a survivor of the Titanic, was staying at the hotel and helped rescue other guests. Fueled by winds, embers from The Breakers ignited the roof of the nearby Palm Beach Hotel which also burnt to the ground.

In the People Gallery, a wonderfully informative 7 minute film narrated by Palm Beach High School graduate George Hamilton highlights a timeline of Florida milestones from 1513 to 2004. We learned about the original Indian tribes that inhabited the area as well as the real estate boom in Palm Beach County that began in 1925 and ran through World War II. Artifacts range from personal mementos of early settlers to early computers to a voting booth and "hanging chad"

ballot from the infamous 2000 Gore-Bush presidential election.

The Places Gallery describes the geographic zones in Florida. Dioramas detail the life and richness of the swamps and marshlands, Lake Okeechobee, the Barrier Islands with its mango trees that provide fertile grounds for fish, and our sandy

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beaches that provide nesting areas for turtles and shore birds.

Mr. Marconi, a friendly and engaging gentleman, encourages Century Village residents to visit the Historic 1916 Palm Beach County Court House and the Palm Beach County History Museum. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there is no charge. If you call in advance, he will schedule a docent tour for ten or more people.

In January, The Downtown Development Authority and the Historical Society of Palm Beach County have partnered to bring History Trolley Tours to the Downtown! The 45 minute tour takes place in the 1945 era just as World War II is ending. The tour is lead by "Evelyn Chapman", a character who is a West Palm Beach native and engaged to a serviceman returning home from the war. She takes patrons on a journey through the Clematis District's vibrant development and distinctive architectural styles, from the pioneering days of the early 1900s and the real estate boom of the 1920s, to the continued revitalization present today. Tours are \$5 per person and reservations are required. For details, please call the DDA at 561-833-8873.

For those of us who are newcomers to West Palm Beach, a few leisurely hours spent touring this museum is time well spent. It makes local history "accessible, interesting, and meaningful."

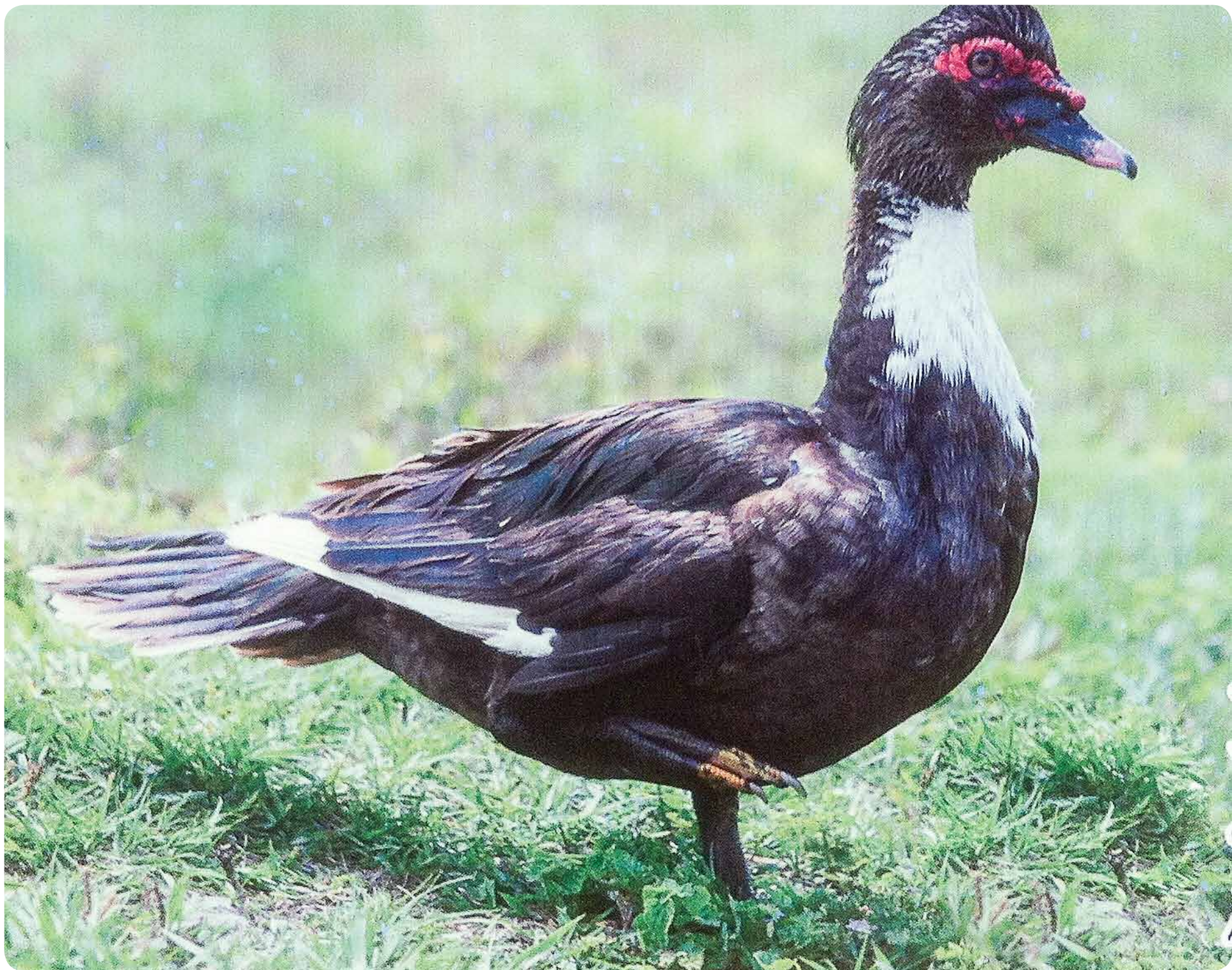


County History Museum

weighs 8 tons. Reopened to the public in 2005, the interior of the building is graced with beautiful mosaic tile floors, original windows, ornate plaster ceilings, and classical woodwork. Visitors immediately understand that important work was done inside this building.

Tony Marconi, the Curator of Education for the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, graciously showed us through the building and the beautifully mounted exhibits.

He mentioned that the courtroom on the third floor was the only courtroom in the County in 1916. Faithfully restored using archival photos, the large room is painted



Ducks: Part Two

BY DONALD FOSTER

Last month, I wrote an article about the resident Muscovy Ducks of Century Village, in which I indicated that I "had no interest in finding out" how these creatures might taste.

That was last month.

Recently, in preparation for the February "Chinese New Year" edition of the *UCO Reporter*, I visited New York Mart, a new Chinese supermarket in Broward County, accompanied by my wife, who, truth be told, is being a very good sport about these trips. Large Asian supermarket chains have become quite common in New York City and Long Island, taking over old Waldbaums and Pathmark stores in many places, and are spreading to other parts of the country as well. I expected to take a few pictures of some of the strange produce and groceries, and maybe stock up on a few Asian food items that we like to have in the house and can't get at Publix. Before we entered the store, the visit took an unexpected turn.

The front windows of the store were plastered with posters featuring sale items. I can't read Chinese, but the pictures and prices were enough for me to figure out what was on special, and one of those items was a Muscovy Duck, identical to the ones that live behind my house. I grabbed

my wife by the arm and dragged her over to see the poster. She was not amused.

"Enough with the damn ducks! You have ducks on the brain!"

We went into the store, walked over to the meat counter and, sure enough, there was my old friend, *carina moschata*, dressed and packaged for sale looking not that much different from a Perdue oven stuffer roaster at Publix, except for the still-attached head and feet. I did not buy one; they were kind of expensive and I have never cooked a duck in my life. Also, my wife said no. I muttered about ducks a few times in the car during the trip home until she told me to cut it out, but I was still thinking about eating one.

A few days later, I shared my discovery with my friend Lanny, who, like my wife, has been a pretty good sport about the various things that I get enthused about at any particular time. In November, he ate my over-peppered pot roast and didn't complain despite the fact that his eyes were tearing and he drank a half gallon of water with his lunch. This time, though, when I suggested that I might purchase, cook and feed him a Muscovy duck, he didn't seem to be one hundred percent on board. Maybe

his reticence was linked to memories about the nuclear pot roast, or maybe he just didn't like duck. After a couple of days though, he seemed to warm up to the idea, and even paid for the duck! Now I was committed. I smoothed over my wife by combining the duck procurement errand with a visit to the nearby Sawgrass Mills Mall. I hate malls, but I can play the game when I have to.

Before cooking this thing, I did some research on the Internet. Turns out, our Muscovy ducks are something of a gourmet item; there are lots of articles praising the culinary qualities of this species and in particular its low fat content compared to the more common Pekin variety. This taste test needed to mostly be about the duck, so I didn't want to get involved with any elaborate sauces that I would probably screw up anyway; I opted for a simple roasting with salt and pepper.

Our duck dinner was somewhat anti-climactic. Internet research tends to have that effect; there are no surprises any more. The duck, as promised, was truly lean, like white-meat-turkey lean; even the bottom of the roasting pan had hardly any grease in it. The meat, while dark,

had a mild flavor and was not gamey tasting at all. If I were ever to cook one again, I would serve it with a sweet sauce or savory gravy. I probably will never cook one again.

After dinner, I walked Lanny back to his car and threw out the garbage, which contained the Muscovy duck carcass. While returning from the dumpster, I ran into Fat Blacky, the duck that lives outside my house. I felt like I had just committed a gangland-style dead body disposal of one of Blacky's relatives, and I could hardly look him in the eye. I fed him a whole sleeve of Ritz crackers and half of a stale donut to make myself feel better.

Footnote by Lanny: The duck was very good, and Donald and Christine even gave me some to take home for sandwiches. While at their home, I glanced around to see if there was a shotgun in some corner. I didn't find one, and I did not bite into any lead pellets during my meal, so I am confident that our entree was indeed purchased from a supermarket. As delicious as our Muscovy duck dinner turned out to be, we, the UCO Reporter staff, strongly discourage residents from regarding our avian neighbors, and particularly Mr. and Mrs. Blacky, as a potential food source.

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Valentine's Day Shopping

in Lake Worth and on Worth Avenue is Worth The Trip

Let's Shop!

Now that we have put the year 2014 behind us and are going forward in 2015, what do you think is one of the favorite things people will be doing this year? You guessed it...shopping! With all the new malls and shops all over the county popping up like spring flowers, we really have a large selection of retail, making our shopping experiences a happy pastime. Not to mention the economy is on its way up...Thank goodness! Let's shop!

Lake Worth

If you prefer a village-type shopping trip, one where you can lollygag along, enjoying a full day of shopping, you must shop Lake Worth. Like my hometown, Sag Harbor, Lake Worth is a unique charming village with a coastal persona. You will love the artistic landscape and calmness of the area, as well as the amazing variety of shops, art galleries, antiques, dining spots, bed and breakfasts, and nearby hotels, not to mention the welcoming residents and shop owners. If you are an antique lover as I am, you will find very unique and rare, yet affordable items that you may have been searching for. Mark your calendar because every Saturday the Lake Worth Green Market should be first on your list with a never-ending array of arts and crafts, local produce, delicious home-baked goods and other locally-grown products. A traditional walk on the Avenue offers visitors a view of this lovely village as well as an eclectic choice of local restaurants where you can stop and have some light fare or a delicious dinner. Live music is perfect right after dessert, as the village offers many musical venues including jazz, big band and steel drums on stages that are open,

allowing the different sounds of music to fill the streets.

Worth Avenue

With Valentine's Day on the horizon, I am reminding you of what a girl loves the most on her favorite day of the year...jewelry, in any shape or form. Stop in at **East Coast Jewelers**, 323 Worth Avenue, for an exquisite selection of "a girl's best friend"! Also on board are timepieces, giftware and the ECJ Luxe Collection. This magnificent two-story gallery offers an uncompromising selection of beautiful jewelry. And if you are looking for unique, you will find it here with Audemars Piquet, Hublot, and Ulysse Nardin, to name a few. The shop also specializes in appraising and purchasing estate jewelry, vintage and modern high-grade watches. There is always a GIA-certified gemologist on premise.

Let's not forget the flowers. Since 2000, **Flowers Of Worth Avenue**, a professional local florist, has been sitting pretty at 205 Worth Avenue. It is an authentic European flower market, offering fine, fresh flowers and tropical plants, orchids imported from around the world, fresh-cut flowers, silk arrangements and blooming plants. The shop also offers hostess gifts, greeting cards, gourmet gift baskets, and gifts for all ages and occasions, including plush stuffed animals, balloon bouquets, candy, chocolates, baby items, home décor, scented candles and more. You will find a friendly, knowledgeable staff ready to assist you, and they will deliver flowers locally as well as anywhere in the



MARIA TENNARIELLO

world. They can also help you plan an event, formal or casual.

MacKenzie-Childs, 238 Worth Avenue, is a wonderful source for gifts, furniture and

home furnishings, garden, décor, table and kitchen, and accessories both personal and home. New this year are their Kaleidoscope furniture in a rainbow of rich hues with classic stripes. Check out their eclectic enamelware in black and white check. You will love it!

Established in 1923, **Kassatly's**, one of Worth Avenue's oldest shops, is located at 250 Worth Avenue and specializes in domestic and imported linens, designer lingerie, both men's and ladies' sweaters and selected menswear. I'm sure there is a special Valentine's gift waiting for you here.

Roberta Roller Rabbit, 150 Worth Avenue, launched in 2003 with a collection of hand-block printed kurtas, the relaxed-resort inspired line that includes handsome clothing for men, beautiful clothing and accessories for women and children, and home furnishings and accessories. Roberta Roller Rabbit drenches you in a world of colors, prints and textures...each shop offering you a range of hand-blocked print pieces created and produced by Roberta with artisans in India. Other interesting prints offered are fish, elephants and monkeys. This is a very special shop, one you should not pass by.

For that lovable man in your life, step into **Brooks Brothers**, 225C Worth Avenue, for men's apparel--as well as women's and children's,

believe it or not! Makers and merchants, Brooks Brothers was born in 1818, almost 200 years ago, making them the oldest clothing retailer on the planet. Their tradition continues with their lifestyle collections for everyone. It is a truly a unique shopping experience.

Vineyard Vines, 305 Worth Avenue, is owned by two brothers that had a dream that came true...starting with ties, their vision was "Not to get bigger, but to get better," and they did. The shop is filled to the rafters with an eclectic collection of men's women's and children's clothing, not to mention the preppy clothing, cashmere, accessories and gifts. I am willing to bet you will find something for that special person in your life at this happy shop.

A stop at **Jennifer Miller Jewelry** is just what the doctor may order...Jennifer Miller travels around the world to assemble a new collection of fine and faux jewelry, handbags, clothing, and home accessories. Located at 5 Via Mizner, it is worth the trip...Jennifer Miller's boutiques are also located in my hometown, Southampton, East Hampton and New York City.

These are only a handpicked few; there are many, many more shops to choose from. See you there!

Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Keep shopping, it's healthy for you.

Until next time, Ciao and Happy Shopping!

If you have any comments or questions, please email me at: Shoptil@Hamptons.com

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Presidents' Day

(Washington's Birthday) in the United States

BY RUTH BERNHARD

Washington's Birthday, also known as Presidents' Day, is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of February. The day honors presidents of the United States, including George Washington, the USA's first president. In past years, two holidays were celebrated separately -- February 12 Lincoln's Birthday and February 22 Washington's Birthday. Today we celebrate one holiday on a Monday which gives some working people a three-day weekend. Like most holidays, this one has gone commercial and is a great day for shopping. Read on...

What do people do?

Washington's Birthday officially honors the life and work of George Washington, the first president of the United States. The day commemorates past presidents of the USA. Washington's Birthday is sometimes known as Presidents' Day. The reason is that while most states have adopted Washington's Birthday, some states officially celebrate Presidents' Day.

Some states pay particular attention to Abraham Lincoln, as his birthday

was also in mid-February. In the weeks or days leading up to the holiday, schools often organize events and lessons for students about the presidents of the United States and George Washington in particular. It is a popular day for stores to start their sales.

The US federal holiday is on the third Monday of February each year, but records show that George Washington's birthday is on February 22. As a federal holiday, this gives banks, government offices and post offices the day off.



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The Next American President?

BY IRV RIKON

With the Presidential election roughly two years away, politicians and the media speculate on who will run. I asked myself, "Who would you like to be the next American President?" I share my thoughts with you.

I do not favor current front-runners Jeb Bush or Hillary Clinton. With 300,000,000 Americans to choose from, someone new, with fresh ideas, is needed to move our country forward. The "dynasty" thing, as some refer to it, is more than one man or one woman. It includes the candidate's campaign advisors. Chances are both Mr. Bush and Mrs. Clinton will rely upon some of the same people

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who advised former Presidents bearing their name. What advice will they give? Who will be in the newly elected President's Cabinet? Conditions that prevailed earlier are different than they were. The country is now divided, stagnating, engaged in battles at home and abroad.

Fundraisers for the former Presidents will be called upon again to help the 2016 candidates. Why not? They were successful the first time around. But who controls the billions of dollars — the "PACS" and "Super-PACS" — that are poured into Presidential and Congressional

campaigns? Donors can spend unlimited amounts of money on campaigns. Who are they? They do not have to be named. What are their agendas?

At election time in America, money talks. Among other things, it buys advertising to allege wrongdoing by opponents. That poisons the political system, for no matter who wins, voters tend to remember evils the ads say have been done. And the donors? They expect to gain influence from their political investments, influence poorer people cannot afford to buy.

Looking beyond the dynasty label, Jeb Bush as Florida Governor was average. His father, a good man, as President was unexceptional. Future historians will assess the merits of the second Bush presidency. This country is still trying to extricate itself from wars he and his advisors began. If Jeb runs, he'll carry his brother's baggage. Former First Lady Hillary Clinton earned high marks as a Senator. As Secretary of State her record was flawed. It will be held against her.

Several 2012 Presidential candidates are reported to be considering a rerun. Mitt Romney would need new advisors to win. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie still seems too gruff. Governor Rick Perry still seems too Texas. Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee is also a Baptist preacher. In a heated Presidential campaign, he might be questioned about the separation of church and state.

Among newcomers, Florida Senator Marco Rubio has written

a book on "Restoring Economic Opportunity," yet his primary concern appears to be immigration/ Cuba, a highly divisive topic. Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, an unconventional Republican, challenges his own Party on military intervention abroad and its overall approach towards minorities. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat, chastens big banks and would offer a liberal platform that might not meet with broad approval. Others rumored to be joining the race do not yet have national exposure.

So who would I like to be the next American President? Bill Gates. I do not know Mr. Gates, have never met him or even attempted to correspond with him. I don't know what political Party affiliation he has or, indeed, if he has any. I do know that he is a unique, extraordinary individual.

Bill Gates is a self-made billionaire who co-founded Microsoft. That he made his fortune by his own efforts is a quality most Americans admire. Then with his wife he co-founded the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, probably the greatest private philanthropic organization yet created. In both endeavors, he has worked with other wealthy businessmen and women and met with heads of State. Respected at home and abroad, his talents and caring have drawn others to him in his philanthropic efforts, most notably Warren Buffett.

The Foundation globally seeks to reduce extreme poverty and enhance healthcare. It has strived

to eradicate such communicable diseases as polio, malaria and aids. Much of the work has been in "black" Africa. For Mr. Gates, race is not an issue. In America, the Foundation has dedicated itself to expanding educational opportunities. It helps youngsters to gain access to information technology. Bill Gates recognizes that an educated America is a strong America.

Sometimes in his business practices, Mr. Gates could be a tough competitor. But that's not a bad quality should our country find it necessary to face a hardened enemy.

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Occasionally he has misjudged a rival. I don't think he realized that Steve Jobs and Apple would cut hard into his business. But to make mistakes is to be human.

Bill Gates, in short, works hard. His goal is to improve peoples' quality of life. He attracts to himself others: businessmen and women; world leaders; ordinary workaday folks, who are willing to help. His technological expertise and the fact he speaks with some of the world's wealthiest and some of its most impoverished people are wonderful assets. At this time in American history, I think he would be a fine President.

Play Review: The Wiz Electrifies Jupiter

BY IRV RIKON

From the story *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum comes *The Wiz*. With music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls and book by William F. Brown, this version of the tale is told in the context of African-American culture. The year it debuted on Broadway it swept the Tony Awards, winning as Best Musical and Best Score, among others. Directed by Producing Artistic Director Andrew Kato, this production at THE MALTZ JUPITER THEATRE in Jupiter has added some electrifying special effects, "enchanted illusions" and amusing puppetry.

The basic story involves Dorothy, a young girl, whose home in Kansas is hit by a tornado. (Interesting special effects are here.) She is

swept away to a place called Oz, where she meets good and bad witches, a scarecrow who lacks a brain, a tin man who needs a heart, a lion who has no courage. And of course she meets the Wizard, (who is surrounded by electronic gadgetry).

The cast is fine. I particularly note David Lamarr as Scarecrow, Tyrick Wiltez Jones as Tinman, Trevor Dion Nicholas as The Lion, Kingsley Leggs as The Wiz and Destinee Rea as Dorothy. Mr. Kato's direction is fluid: Everything is kept flowing. Jennifer Werner's high-voltage choreography fits the concept perfectly. Leon Dobkowski's costumes are meritorious.

Comparison with the 1939

motion picture is inevitable because that became one of the most popular movies ever made. Young, wistful Judy Garland's performance and Harold "Over The Rainbow" Arlen's score linger in the minds of older folks. They will prefer the film, because I think preference between these two versions may well be a generational thing.

A more fair comparison perhaps is between *The Wiz* and *The Book of Mormon*, which I reviewed several weeks ago when it played at The Kravis Center. In both shows, young people journey to a far-off place where they face trials and tribulations even as they attempt to help strangers. In the end, they return home safe and happy and having accomplished their

missions. Both shows even have the same messages: Doing good is a joy, and the things you want most: intelligence; feelings; courage; returning home, are with you all the time if you properly look inside yourself to find them. Truthfully, it's not at all a bad message.

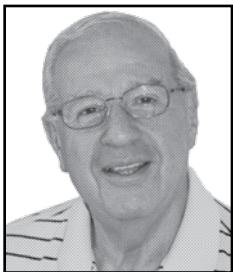
Anyway, there's a lot to see and hear at the Maltz's *Wiz*.

You have until February 1 to visit the Jupiter Theatre. David Mamet's *Glengarry Glenross* plays February 8 - 22. Real estate agents' profane attacks on their associates in their fights to stay on top is the subject of this drama, which won for Mr. Mamet a Pulitzer Prize. For reservations and additional information phone 575-2223 or online: www.jupitertheatre.org.

S E R V I C E S

New Water Heaters and Smoke Alarms, Some Observations

by Dom Guaragia



As time goes by, there are changes that occur in both the manufacturing and modernization of most commodities: black and white television, the rotary-dial telephone, incandescent light bulbs and Kodak film, to mention a few.

Water heaters and smoke alarms:

Currently, a new higher-insulated water heater and a new type of smoke alarm/fire detector have come onto the market. Both the water heater and the smoke alarm have a life expectancy of ten (10) years. The new higher-insulated water heater will be the standard type sold beginning January 1, 2015, and the smoke alarm – currently, ionization and/or photoelectric, both operated by dry cell batteries or hard-wired into the electric service, may be the next innovative change.

Information regarding the ceiling-mounted smoke/fire alarm will be revealed at the January CERT meeting. It will also be included in next month's *Reporter*. It is rumored that some people remove the battery when the alarm reacts to burnt toast or beeps when that battery reaches the end of its usefulness. The new model will have a sealed battery that cannot be removed. The new model batteries, such as lithium-ion, will last up to ten (10) years.

Neither your present water heater nor your present smoke alarm needs to be replaced at this time. When they are replaced, the newer model will be the only one available. Propaganda pushing immediate replacement has been posted on many association bulletin boards in the hope that you will opt for immediate replacement, fattening the wallet of some handyman looking for additional work.

Some observations:

Most of us spend several hours every day watching cable TV. Have you noticed that there is nothing to *learn* on the Learning Channel, absolutely nothing to *discover* on the Discover Channel, and more and more *crime* on "Law and Order"? Special Victim's Unit, reruns of NCIS, Duck Dynasty, Pawn Stars, Breaking Bad and other such shows have overtaken a medium intended to *entertain* those of us who don't get out for other forms of entertainment.

Safety

by George Franklin



I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Healthy 2015. Thank you to everyone that helped me and showed concern while I was down and out. I am healing nicely now. Many thank you's!

By now you all know we have a new security company, KENT. It appears that the transition has been done well.

I do ask that we all take part in keeping this Village safe and secure. Again, I will go over a few items that cut down on crime:

- Keep your building lights in working order at all times.
- When leaving your car, be sure the windows are up and doors are locked!
- Take all your electronics OUT of the car and or lock them in your trunk or glove box. Don't leave any attachments that tell that you have these items. These are all signs for the bad guys to break into your vehicle. They are called crimes of opportunity.
- See anyone that does not belong in your area? call the PBSO: 911. THEN call Security.
- See anyone acting in a suspicious manner? SEE IT, HEAR IT, REPORT IT! The Sheriff would rather come out and find nothing than not be called and a crime occur!

That's about it for now. Be safe and secure out there, and if there are any questions, please feel free to call me at UCO, and I will be glad to meet with you!

Security

by Ed Black



The contract with Kent Security began December 22, 2014. Whenever we change vendors there is a transition period

that helps refine each side's point of view on just what the new vendor's responsibilities are. We have been having weekly meetings to cover items that need some adjusting, guided by some of your interaction with their team.

The new security team has been very responsive to our requests and continues to seek out items that might be improved on. We have even found two new team members that have excelled during this initial period and we have passed along our praise of their performance to their managers.

2014 INVESTIGATIONS

MONTH	SALES	RENTALS	OCCUPANTS	TOTAL
JANUARY	56	37	12	105
FEBRUARY	124	84	23	231
MARCH	63	34	12	109
APRIL	81	42	12	135
MAY	48	54	11	113
JUNE	47	46	5	98
JULY	52	33	2	96
AUGUST	48	41	8	97
SEPTEMBER	48	42	7	97
OCTOBER	52	37	14	103
NOVEMBER	57	58	9	124
DECEMBER	59	45	10	114

I encourage everyone to be patient and permit the team to find its footing. It will take some time for this very large Village's somewhat unique procedures to be clear to all of the new staff, but everyone's approach should be to recognize that the many rules that are specific to West Palm Beach Century Village will be uniformly implemented by all staff in due time.

We have one new procedure: all phone calls to the Rover must now be placed to the East Gate security booth, 686 – 0961. The Security Officer on duty will list those calls in priority for the Rover to attend to and ask residents to call PBSO when the problem exceeds our security staff's responsibilities.

We will be receiving a magnetic sign for one of the three Kent vehicles indicating Director of Security, so that the stationary vehicle will not look as though the Rover driver is not completing his rounds.

The Rover vehicles have a dash-cam to monitor the vehicles' activities remotely, as do the lapel-cams for each employee. Supervisors now have the ability to electronically observe real-time security activity from the point of view of the vehicles and the individual security officers. Many police departments find that the use of cameras helps reduce the tension between the officer and the person speaking to the officer. However, the best benefit of the camera use is that we may review the action of both parties, so we will see just what has occurred.

Transportation

by Tori Torres



The Publix Supermarket on Village Boulevard will be closed for a year for renovation. The committee realized that our

residents would like an alternate site to the Community Drive store, and they voted for the Publix on Okeechobee Boulevard near Jog Road. The new stop will be on the shuttle bus after the Walmart Supermarket on Jog Road, running on an hourly basis.

There is an ongoing problem with residents who sign up for the

excursion bus. Many riders who sign up for the trip change their minds and are not canceling well in advance. Instead, they are cancelling on the day of the excursion, or not at all. This inconsiderate behavior is excluding potential riders who were unable to sign up because the list was full. Our courteous volunteer committee members will save your seat until 15 minutes before departure, when it will be given to someone on the waiting list. On Sat. Jan 4 there were 40 no-shows. The transportation committee orders the appropriate size bus as indicated by the number of signed-up riders. We pay for that bus and gas whether it is full or not. If you can't keep your commitment, you can call UCO, the guard desk or you can remove your name in person, and the guards will initial your cancellation. We have retained the previous sign-up sheets and will be discussing a solution for this problem at our next meeting.

The transportation committee meets the first Tuesday of the month from 9:45--10:45 in the clubhouse card room B.

Channel 63

by Kitty Gragg



My column this month is actually a Help Wanted Ad. With an eye on the future of Channel 63 we are looking for

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There is no experience necessary for these volunteer positions. But you will learn by on the job training.

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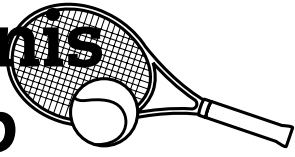
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RECREATION

Tennis Club



By Christine Mohanty

With most of our snowbirds having flown down to roost, our courts have been very busy with many also taking advantage of our new pickleball court located on what used to be our practice area. League play will also be starting up soon. A reminder—all team players must also be members of the Tennis Club. Dues have been kept down to \$10 and include our season-end picnic and election breakfast. JOIN NOW! The more members we have, the more political clout the club will have.

Our election was held January 7 at the Somerset patio with about 60 in attendance—a very good turnout. All positions for the board were open. We want to thank Alan Cutler, Rhoda Nadell, and Christine Mohanty for their long-time service to the club. Former treasurer, Les Rivkin, was elected as our new President, Yvan Poulin Vice-President, Irma DeMarzo Treasurer, and Les Lerman, Secretary. In addition, David Advocat was invited to join the board as Member at Large. We wish our new board every success.

We were fortunate to have W.P.R.F. Vice-President, Eva Rachesky address the club. She indicated that the pétanque courts will be moved to the clubhouse grounds once construction is completed on the resident pool site. At some point, the tennis courts will have to undergo a total overhaul since fissures have overtaken them. Eva fielded questions and suggestions from the membership, two of which involved benches for players waiting on pickleball along with streamlined rules for play. We thank Ms Rachesky for her support and concern. We invite new residents to come down to check us out and get involved. HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

Snorkel Club



By Kate Odoardo

The holidays being over, most guests are back home facing Winter gloom. Luckily for us the sun is shining and our outlook for the coming months is more fun.

We attended a talk at River Center in Jupiter given by Ann Dupont about the intriguing creatures that inhabit the Lake Worth Lagoon. We saw slides of the biodiverse estuary that included upside-down jellyfish, sea slugs, anemones and ten-legged sea stars. All of these can be found right at Phil Foster park.

This encouraged many of our braver members to plunge in during a cold snap, only to find the mighty winds had stirred the sand making visibility poor.

Not to be daunted, wearing wet suits and beanies to keep our heads warm, a group headed to Peanut Island. A very new member of our club, this being his initial snorkel with us, was the only one to spot and swim with a manatee.

As always Peanut Island did not disappoint. What was different was that we went there in the late afternoon to catch high tide and were thrilled to see things in a different light. Twilight gave the ocean an ethereal feeling of calmness.

Back to River Center for our first adult field trip: The lecture was on oyster reef restoration. This involves the placement of fossilized shells, coral or other similar materials produced by living organisms designed to proved points of attachment for oyster beds. The health of estuaries depend on oyster habitats that filter nutrients, sediment and toxins from the water column. One oyster can filter up to fifty gallons of water a day.

Our New Year's Day potluck was met with tremendous enthusiasm. There were more than fifty members enjoying good food and good company and wishing all a healthy and therefore happy New Year.

We invite any aquatic enthusiast to join us at our meeting on the third Friday of the month in the Clubhouse.

Shuffleboard



By Edward Wright

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. By the time you read this our second tournament of the season will be half over. It will end around the middle of February. The third will start immediately and end near the end of March. The time is going fast. The winners of the first tournament are as follows:

Singles

First Place: Jan Wright, Jack Fahey

Third Place: Charmaine Nienaber, Archie McKay

Doubles

First Place: Jan Wright

Second Place: Archie McKay, Helene Giroux, Ed Wright

Bowling Pin

First Place: Ed Wright

Second Place: Archie McKay

Third Place: Jack Fahey, Jan Wright

It was good to see so many ties so that we could have more winners. We welcome newcomers to join us at any time. We play every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. You do not need experience. Come and learn the game. Equipment will be provided. We play singles on Tuesdays, doubles on Wednesdays, and my favorite, “bowling pin,” on Thursdays. It is always good to get outside, have a little exercise and meet people. By the time you read this many more of our people will have returned from the north. We welcome you back.

Sailing Club



By Christine Mohanty

Our winter season races started January 6 and will run for five consecutive weeks weather permitting, 9 in A class and 3 in B. New this year is a 3-week “Learn to Race” mini-camp geared for certified sailors who have never raced before. It will be held on Wednesdays beginning the third week of racing. On Fridays, navigation races will take place with A and B racers running together although trophies/medallions will be awarded separately for each class. All racers are reminded that the number one goal of the events is to have fun and that good sportsmanship is expected from everyone involved.

At our December meeting, the following officers were elected: Commodore Dave Forness, Vice-Commodore Kathy Forness, Rear-Commodore Ken Campbell, Purser Howard O'Brien, and Scribe Helga Lieb (who is also our chief dock attendant). All meetings are held the second Friday of the month at 10AM in Room C of the Clubhouse. Come down to check us out and perhaps get involved in all our activities.

On our social calendar, January's potluck was a huge success with about 60 in attendance. The meals take place the first Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse guest pool patio. Thanks again to Alex Herman who led the entertainment on his guitar.

Our installation breakfast held 1/23 was appreciated by a large contingent. As always, the cheerleaders directed by Gail Fei regaled everyone with boundless enthusiasm. Mark your calendars for our 50's dance to be held March 1.

While we have a lot of fun on land, we invite all those curious about the true focus of our club to come on down to the dock and learn to SAIL AWAY!

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Golfs Edge H unfurn, newer appls. near pool, courtyard gardenview	\$26,000
Easthampton G carpet, linoleum, fully furn., rentable, new A/C, east gate	\$35,000
Coventry G rentable, furn., tile, stall shower, encl. patio, new fridge & D/W	\$29,000
Cambridge B partly furnished, tile, C/A, rentable, fitness	\$45,000
Camden B carpet, A/C four yrs. old, water view, near west gate, bright	\$22,000
Waltham A real beauty, rentable, near East gate, fitness center	\$27,000
Windsor O tenant in place, unfurn., tile, new H2O heater, toilets & sinks	\$35,000
Camden J unfurnished, tile, dishwasher, newer range, C/A, encl. patio	\$29,900
Camden I furn, decorators delight, wood flrs., lots of upgrades	\$28,000
Chatham A fully furn., corner unit, carpet	\$29,000
Salisbury B tile, rentable, furnished, east gate	\$22,000
Camden G rentable, unfurnished, near west gate & pool. Beauty!!	\$26,000
Sussex B bright, furn., carpet, new C/A, outside crnr., new guest bath	\$31,500

UPPER FLOOR 1 BED/1BATH

Andover E unfurnished, very attractive, super clean	\$25,000
Northampton B carpet, water view, rentable, drive right up to, furn.	\$21,000
Coventry J tenant in place, well taken care of, near clubhouse & fitness	\$18,000
Andover I garden view, pet friendly, wall units, unfurnished	\$18,700
Windsor B tenant in place, water view, furnished, new kitchen	\$25,000
Andover F unfurn., rentable, new appls., fresh paint, upgraded baths	\$25,000
Salisbury E rentable, East gate, carpet, taken care of, shows great	\$19,000
Norwich E rentable, wall units, fully furn., near east gate, fitness	\$19,900
Sussex L new windows front & back, pergo floors, french doors, updated kitch.	\$35,000
Dorchester J fully furn., tile, stove/fridge 1 yr. old, lagoon view, near pool	\$20,500
Andover G unfurnished, near west gate, new kitchen, upgrades	\$22,000
Waltham G beauty, nu kitchen, rentable, nu bath, tile, shutters	\$24,900
Sussex F rentable, ultra clean, unfurn., carpet, new A/C, cul-de-sac	\$18,000

UPPER FLOOR 2 BED/1½ OR 2 BATH

Somerset C beautiful condo, great water view, tile, well taken care of	\$68,000
Golfs Edge furn., newer appls., 2 full baths, pool view, washer, newer kitch.	\$49,900
Coventry D furn., tile, newer range, cul-de-sac, well taken care of	\$29,900
Norwich O furn., carpet, tile in bedroom, 2 A/C units, east gate	\$27,900
Kent J carpet, furn., near Kent pool, great building, garden view	\$35,000
Cambridge F furn., C/A, tile, rentable	\$37,000
Dorchester F fully furn., carpet, tile, excellent condition	\$37,000
Chatham J carpet, vinyl flr., part. furn., garden view, C/A/H	\$49,300
Oxford 200 carpet, C/A, lift, dog friendly, W/D can be installed in unit	\$52,000
Oxford 200 new kitchen, lift, not rentable, new A/C, new porcelain flrs.	\$75,000
Norwich E furn., taken care of, garden view, tankless H2O heater, rentable	\$32,500
Norwich L unfurn., tile & carpet, linoleum in screened patio, fitness	\$25,000
Southampton B elevator in building, part. furn., linoleum, carpet	\$28,000
Somerset C part. furn., tile & wood, C/A, water view, lift, 2 full baths	\$69,900
Greenbrier B furn., tile, 2 full baths, desirable area, negotiable	\$62,000

GROUND FLOOR 1 BED/1½ BATH

Northampton B water view, rentable, unfurn., carpet, drive up to	\$25,000
Hastings D tile floors, beauty, W/H and A/C apprx. 2 yrs. old, near fitness	\$26,000
Windsor H unfurnished, cable, near east gate, fitness, pool	\$24,000
Windsor I new kitchen & carpet, updated bath, immaculate	\$24,900

UPPER FLOOR CORNER 2 BED/1½ OR 2BATH

Canterbury I W/D, newer kitchen, furn. neg., wood floors, community patio	\$49,000
Oxford 200 new kitch., lift, not rentable, new A/C, new tile flrs., new fridge	\$75,000
Windsor G inside crnr., West gate, furn. neg., move right in, newer A/C	\$38,000
Norwich K tile, turn key ready to move in, upgrades galore!	\$35,000
Coventry L carpet, tile, furnished, near east gate, lift	\$35,000
Oxford 500 beautiful, lots of closets, newer A/C, updated baths, tile	\$59,900
Oxford 200 pet friendly, new master bath, tile, W/Dryer allowed, new C/A	\$56,500
Windsor K rentable, carpet, C/A, cable, tennis, clubhouse	\$31,000
Norwich H carpet, tile, unfurn, near east gate, C/A, rentable, garden view	\$32,000
Coventry E furn., tile, pretty garden view, rentbale, pet friendly	\$33,000
Chatham P new everything, models delight, quality, ceiling to floor redo!!	\$96,000
Sheffield E unfurn., tile, C/A, redone kitchen & baths, tenant in place	\$37,000

GROUND FLOOR 1 BED/1BATH

Bedford G waterview, fully furn., upgrades galore, new kitchen, berber crpt.	\$18,500
Andover F tile, 2 A/C units, newly enclosed patio, rentable, unfurn.	\$19,900
Andover L tile, newer kitchen, water view, drive up to back door,	\$18,000
Waltham I tile, newer kitchen, near east gate, well taken care of	\$21,000
Kingswood A tile flrs, drive up to, rentbale, near east gate & clubhouse	\$23,000
Andover F unfurn., rentable, tile floors, newer bath, newly encl. patio	\$19,900
Kent I beauty! tenant in place, tile, new kitchen, near pool & west gate	\$25,000
Coventry L furn., rentable, near laundry, garden vu, tile, new kitch. & bath	\$25,000
Camden H carpet, tile, furn., rentable, 2 A/C units, near pool, furn.	\$18,000
Sheffield I near Hastings fitness, near laundry & mailboxes	\$18,000
Camden O gardenview, encl. patio, unfurn., tile, 2 new A/C's, stall shwr.	\$28,500
Kingswood A tile, drive up to, rentable buislding, near both gates	\$18,000
Norwich A 2 A/C units, new stove, carpet & H2O heater, serious only	\$21,500
Coventry I plantation shutters, newer appls., beautiful, well taken care of	\$29,000
Northampton L beauty! new kitchen, drive up to, Kent pool, motivated!	\$25,000
Windsor R tile, new kitchen, new everything! furn., east gate & fitness	\$38,000

GROUND FLOOR CORNER 2 BED/1½ OR 2 BATH

Kingswood A decorators delight, fully renovated, tile, rentable	\$57,000
Bedford E inside corner, new A/C, lots of light, well kept, owner motivated	\$39,000
Sheffield H carpet, outside corner, near fitness, tenant in place, small pets	\$39,900
Dorchester D lots of upgrades, new kitchen & baths, carpet, linoleum	\$42,000

GROUND FLOOR CORNER 1 BED/1½ OR 2 BATH

Windsor P new kitchen, tile, furn., enclosed patio, upgrades galore	\$34,900
Coventry J tile, wood flrs. in bedroom, rentable, new kitchen, updated	\$24,900
Norwich A tile, garden view, tenant in place and would like to stay, C/A	\$29,000
Sheffield F pretty as a picture, tile, gorgeous carpet, near fitness	\$29,900
Windsor F absolute beauty!, newer everything, outside corner, bright	\$35,900
Windsor P C/A, new kitchen & baths, rentable, unfurnished or furnished	\$37,000
Waltham A beautiful, fully furn., rentable, tile, new kitchen, C/A	\$39,900
Camden H rentable, furn., near pool, Pergo floors, west gate	\$33,000
Camden L tenant in pace, carpet, west gate, fitness center	\$25,000

GROUND FLOOR 2 BED/1½ OR 2 BATH

Norwich J east gate, tenant in place, carpet to be replaced, garden view	\$38,000
Northampton M tile, waterview, unfurn., newer appls., rentable, drive up to	\$39,900
Chatham L furn., C/A, carpet & linoleum, sold as is	\$39,000
Stratford M beautiful, redone, tile, unfurn., new kitch & baths, rentable	\$65,000

UPPER FLOOR 1 BED/1½ OR 2 BATH

Windsor P beautiful, furn., carpet, linoleum, newer appls., turn key	\$27,000
Andover E fully furn., beautiful, ceramic tile, bike path	\$24,000
Coventry G stainless appls. less than 4 yrs. old, berber crpt., tile, rentable	\$32,500
Sheffield C waterview, carpet, tile, unfurn., rentable, great build. & people	\$21,000
Northampton B furn., waterview, near pool, open kitchen to living area	\$23,000
Dover B spectacular water view, largest patio in CV, high rise building	\$46,900
Chatham F carpet, prettiest water view, furn., near Kent pool	\$32,000
Southampton B tile, pool, elevator, trash chute, laundry each floor, C/A	\$22,000
Dorchester K unfurn., waterview, berber carpet, 2 A/C's, rentable, laundry	\$25,000
Cambridge H unfurn., garden view, rentable, motivated, new plumbing	\$23,000

ANNUAL RENTALS

Kingswood A ground floor, 1/1, unfurnished, tile, beautiful unit	\$675
Kingswood A ground floor, 1/1, unfurnished, tile, near laundry	\$700
Norwich J upper corner, 2/1½ Pergo floors, roll up shutters, furnished, C/A	\$800
Chatham D upper corner, 2/1½, beautiful water view!, furnished, brand new	\$800
Easthampton G upper corner, 1/1½ carpet, linoleum, furnished, new A/C	\$675
Windsor P upper corner, 1/1½, unfurnished, tile, C/A, upgrades	\$680
Waltham B ground corner, 2/1½, tile, washer, outside corner	\$800

SPECIAL FEATURES

Chatham J upper floor, 2 bed, 1½ bath, partially furnished, carpet, vinyl flooring, garden view, central A/C \$38,000

Oxford 200 upper floor, 2 bed, 2 bath, new A/C, new water heater, pet friendly, D/W, new fridge & stove, new front bath, new toilets, large spacious rooms, tile floors, beautiful garden view \$75,000

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

Do not resubmit dates for events already appearing unless there is a correction. There is no charge for listings.
*ALL SUBMISSIONS ADDRESSED TO ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com
(All meetings are in the main Clubhouse unless stated otherwise.)

ACT II COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS

Meets every Wednesday 7PM. Production has started on a new show. "Murder at the Clubhouse?" to be presented in April.

ACTORS STUDIO OF CENTURY VILLAGE

Meetings 7 pm every Monday Classroom B. No experience necessary. Info: Chuck 688-0071 or Neil 214-4955.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB

Meets 4th Sunday each month. Members across all ethnicities and cultures. Game Night every Tuesday from 6Pm - 9PM Card Room. Chess players wanted. Info: Reggie @ 596-2135. Bid Whist & Spades Players wanted Thursday nights. Info: Armelia James 561-682-9848.

AITZ CHAIM

Daily services 8:00 a.m. Mincha and Maariv at Sundown, Jewish Music Festival February 4th 7 p.m,. For info call 686-5055. Sisterhood 3rd

Monday of month 10:00 a.m. Charlotte 917-815-7711 Charlotte 478-8756 Anita 686-9083.

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Upcoming Events: Men's Club Sunday February 1: Dinner honoring Rae Spitalnic Sunday February 8: Men's Club with speaker Sunday February 15. Sisterhood Meeting: Tuesday February 17. Hadassah Meeting: Wednesday February 18. Card Party Wednesday, February 25. Purim Thursday March 5 Cantor Bell Concert Sunday March 8.

BABY BOOMERS CLUB

Meetings 3rd Wednesday each month at 3:30 pm. Contact Lynn at Lynn Sevan@aol.com for further information.

BALLROOM DANCE GROUP

Meets Mondays 2 - 4 pm Party Room, except 2nd Monday is Art Room. No charge. Info: Herb at 471-1888

BIBLE STUDY GROUP — 'TASTE & SEE'

Non- denominational group. Meet every Sunday, 5 pm, Classroom A. Info: Leonore 478-9459

B'NAI BRITH CENTURY UNIT #5367

Annual Membership Fee \$25. Breakfast Meetings fourth Sunday of month at Congregation Anshei Sholom with entertainment and speakers.

BROOKLYN/QUEENS CLUB

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of every month at 2 pm. until April, 2015. Coming Events: - Gulf Stream Casino Feb 19, 2015 .Annual Luncheon & Dance February 22. Miami Day Trip March 12 includes Boat and bus tour. Les Miserables March 29 with dinner at Waterway Cafe For further information call Harriet @ 684-9712 or Estelle @ 478-0900.

CLASSIC MEDITATION

We meet Monday and Thursday from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Classroom. A or B. Everyone is welcome.

CENTURY VILLAGE ARTISTS

We welcome all Century Village residents to view our artwork on 1st and 2nd floor of main clubhouse. Info about purchase or display -- Beth Baker @ 684-3166.

CENTURY VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Meet 1st Thursday of month 10 am Classroom B.. February Book -Dancing on Broken Glass by Ka Hancock. For more information call 640-6944 or email ARZJ@HOTMAIL.COM.

CENTURY VILLAGE CAMERA CLUB

Any questions, email Ken Graff at cameraclubcv@gmail.com.

CENTURY VILLAGE COMPUTER CLUB

Meet 1st and 3rd Thurs. Nov. - Apr. (1st Thurs. only May through Oct.) 1 pm in Classroom C i. Annual Dues are \$12. Call Kathy @ 252-8495 or visit our website at: cv-computerclub-wpb.com.

CENTURY VILLAGE CRAFT CREATIONS KNITTING-CROCHETING CLUB

Meets every Tues. 9:30 am-12 pm Craft room (104). We create items donated to - The Teacup Preemie Program & Veterans.

CENTURY VILLAGE GUN CLUB

Meets every 2nd Tuesday 7 pm in Classroom C. Every meeting has a guest speaker. For information call George at 471-9929.

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Next meeting will be Thursday February 26, 2015. at 1:30 pm in Party Room. Refreshments will be served. \$8.00. For info call: Mae Duke @ 687-0238 or Sam Oser @ 689-3974. THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE FEBRUARY 26 PAID-UP MEMBER LUNCHEON WILL BE THE MAYOR OF WEST PALM BEACH, JERI MUOIO.

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The Streets Are Paved With Gold!

A Not-So-Brief Tour of Immigration History

BY STEW RICHLAND

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.*

*"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

“The New Colossus” is a sonnet by American poet Emma Lazarus(1849–87) written in 1883. It is attached to the base of the Statue of Liberty.

The title of the poem and the first two lines refer to the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The poem talks about the millions of immigrants who came to the United States (many of them through Ellis Island at the port of New York).

The Statue of Liberty was not connected to immigration, but as the ships passed it on their way to Ellis Island, it became a symbol and an unofficial greeting to those who arrived on our shores. The statue became a symbol of hope to those who came to America where they thought that “the streets were paved with gold.”

“We are a nation of immigrants!” A

relatively modern phrase has been used over the years to describe the multicultural nature of those who populate the United States. When reading the history of the United States, we find that historians deal with the topic of immigration as a sequence of events, very often connected to major historical upheavals taking place in other continents, as well as in the United States.

Every day I read the “Letters to the Editor” column in which people are imploring the US government on strictly humanitarian grounds to provide a safe haven for children of Central America. News and cable networks have dredged up experts offering solutions to this problem. Their remedies range from offering total amnesty to rounding the illegals up and sending them back to their home nation. On one end of the spectrum we have the “humanitarian” faction: those who support the transportation and care (on the taxpayer’s dime) of the illegals. In contrast, many favor sending them back to their homeland posthaste because they broke our laws and have no legitimate standing.

History tells us there are no easy solutions for complicated problems. Those who support the various humanitarian-style solutions don’t understand that theirs is a temporary solution, heartfelt but perhaps misguided--a solution that makes people feel good. One must understand immigration history first in order to bring this issue to a somewhat satisfactory resolution. Probably no person will be entirely satisfied with the end result.

A nation or state is defined by its borders. The United States borders range from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada in the north to Mexico in the south. Like many other nations of the world, our borders were defined by war, economic expansion, adventurism, treaty and purchase.

The story of immigration to the Western Hemisphere really begins thousands of years ago when, it is theorized, the Bering Sea was frozen over and the roving hunter gatherers from Asia crossed over the ice bridge to the new world. These hunters moved south following the animal herds which they killed for food. At some point in time, there was a transition period in which these hunters became farmers and realized that by domesticating livestock, life was much safer and more stable than it was hunting wild animals. Thus a native American population began to grow and expand throughout the continent.

The history of the Western Hemisphere is inextricably connected to the events that were developing in Europe. European involvement in Africa, Asia and the Western Hemisphere was a result a series of connected events: the development of scientific navigation tools (compass and map making). the improvement of ship design, and the Crusades, in which Europeans were introduced to wonders of Asia and the Middle East. Silk and cotton cloth, exotic foods and spices were in demand by Europeans. To fill this demand, Italian trading cities became economically powerful

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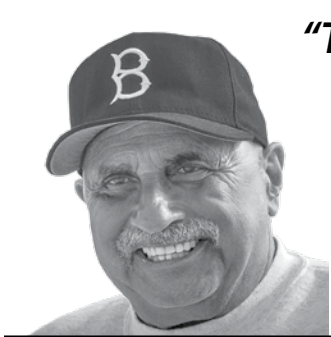
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"Take Two and Hit To Right"

Sports of The Century—Village Sam Milham



Around the Bases with Irwin Cohen

Last month's question:

What Yankee player hit the ball that hit Herb Score in the face?

The answer: Gill MacDougal

Football

As of this writing, the NFL playoffs are four days away, and my prediction to win the Super Bowl is the Dallas Cowboys. I pick them to beat New England. Yes, this is Tony Romo's year—if he doesn't throw the big interception he's become famous for—and he won't!

With only 9 interceptions in 435 attempts and 34 touchdowns, Romo had an MVP-type season, as have teammates Dez Bryant with 86 receptions, 1320 yards, at 15 yards per catch, and DeMarco Murray with 1843 yards at 4.7 yards average per carry. Also in the running for MVP are Aaron Rodgers of Green Bay, Tom Brady of New England and defensive end J. J. Watt of Houston.

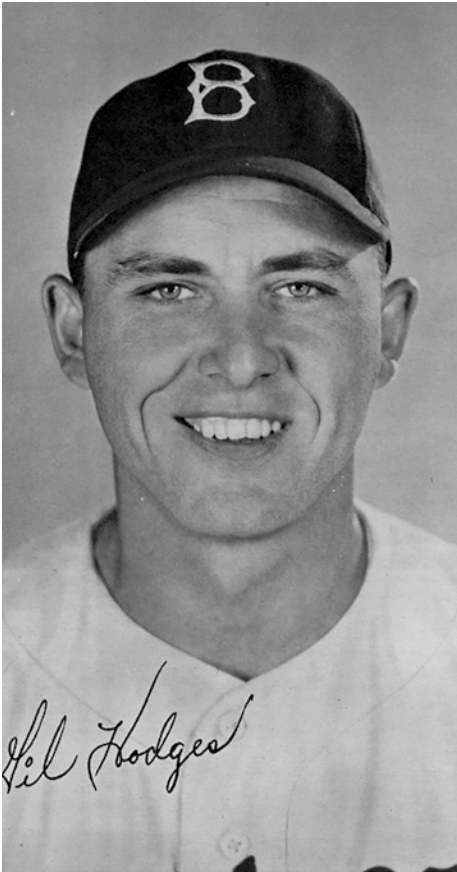
The playoffs look to be very interesting. The Carolina Panthers, probably not worthy of a division title. with a 7-8-1 record, won their division! And guess what, they are a four-point favorite to defeat the 11 and 5 Cardinals in their wild card game! My guess here (in late December) is, give the points.

The NFL is really in need of a great playoff, even if only to take the sting out of a year filled with child and woman abuse by many of its stars, as well as the way Commissioner Goodell has handled it. But give them credit; they are starting to get it right. Let's hope the players start to realize they are not above the law and human decency.

The Commissioner fined Detroit's Ndamukong Suh \$70,000 for kicking Green Bay's quarterback Aaron Rodgers on the foot. In doing so he was able to let Suh pay a fine and yet not penalize all his teammates for Sunday's wild card game against Dallas. I would like the Commish to issue a warning to Suh: "Do it again and you will be suspended again for a full season." This is the eighth major fine on him; it's time he learned that football is a game with rules.

Baseball Hall of Fame

Brooklyn Dodger great Gil Hodges failed to get the required 12 of 16 votes from the Golden Era Committee. This was no surprise to



me despite the fact he is an eight-time all-star who holds three Gold Gloves and hit 370 home runs, (which was a lot in his day). The great Ralph Kiner had only 369.

Being a Brooklyn Dodger fan, I'd like to see Gill make it, but what bothers me most of all is that the L.A. Dodgers have failed to retire his number 14. For shame! The Dodgers have ten retired numbers: Reese (1), Lasorda (2), Snider (4), Gilliam (19), Sutton (20), Alston (24), Koufax (32), Campanella (39), Robinson (42) and Drysdale (53). Please don't that say #14 doesn't belong there—I just won't buy it!

A note to Tommy Lasorda, who claims to bleed Dodger blue: Please rectify this injustice. Although briefly, you played with Gil Hodges and should know he was part of a million-dollar infield, batted in the middle of the order for a team that was the best of the era (1949 to 1957 in the National League) and hit 100 RBIs for seven straight years! Tommy, are you aware that Gill is not in? Because I wasn't till last year!

Question of the Month

Whose home-run record did Babe Ruth break with his 60th home run?

Till then, "Take two and hit to right!"

Sam Milham has a computer radio show, Mondays at 5:00 p.m. on the WEI Network, plus he appears on Century Village TV channel 63 nightly at 7:30.



Sid Sherman — Century Village Resident and Lifelong Yankee Fan

The United States entered World War I in 1917 and Century Village resident Sid Sherman entered the world.

You've probably seen Sid around the Village, as he's a careful driver and friendly fellow. Born in Philadelphia, Sid was four when the Shermans moved to the lower east side of Manhattan.

When his father's bank account went north, the family went north to Harlem, then a mixture of Jews, Italians, Negroes and others. The senior Sherman opened a second-hand furniture store in the neighborhood which led to Sid's knowledge of the industry and his own furniture business.

Besides furniture, Sid grew to love baseball, movies, and other important things in life. Sid could talk before movies could and fondly remembers taking his brother and spending a day in the movie theater.

"It helped us to read, too, as we had to read what the actors were saying through the words on the bottom of the screen," Sid recalled. "It was ten cents for all day and you could see four movies and a serial. The serial made you want to come back the following week to see how the good guy would do. Tom Mix was my favorite of the cowboy stars."

Sid was driving by the time he was 14, in 1931, and six years later owned his first car, a Packard. Sid followed New York politics and voted for Fiorello La Guardia for mayor.

Married in 1941, he used a popular neighborhood teenager Edie

Gormezano to babysit his daughter. She later became famous as singer Edie Gorme and married singer Steve Lawrence.

As the years flew by, one thing remained constant in Sid's life--the New York Yankees.

Sid was going to ballgames at Yankee Stadium before the "Roaring 20s" ended and often sat in the bleachers behind rightfielder Babe Ruth.

"I can still see him in my mind," Sid recalled. "The big flannel uniform above his knees flapping in the breeze, and the high white stockings showing his thin legs. The Babe was real small from the waist down and real big from the waist up."

Sid lived at 168th and the Grand Concourse within an easy walk to Yankee Stadium, a few blocks south. Joe DiMaggio came to the Yankees after Ruth's career ended and he quickly became Sid's favorite player.

"DiMaggio was like a ballet dancer playing on grass," Sid stated softly. "He was so graceful and it seemed as if he glided along on the grass after fly balls. Of course, it was great to see him hit, too."

It's great to see Sid with his Yankees cap. Not only an expert on baseball, but you can talk current events with him, too. And, of course, past events.

CV snowbird Irwin Cohen headed a national baseball publication before working for a major league team earning a World Series ring. The author, columnist and lecturer may be reached in his dugout at irdav@sbcglobal.net.

What's In A Name?

BY DONALD FOSTER

My wife and I have two different last names. This is not something that either of us put a lot of thought into. We were married fairly late in life, have no kids, and my wife didn't want to cause confusion at her job. For the most part, this decision did not pose any difficulty for us. We traveled abroad, purchased property, filed joint tax returns, made out our wills, simply using our birth names. Occasionally, in formal situations, or when it otherwise seems appropriate, we will introduce one another like so:

"I would like you to meet my wife, Christine Perry." Or, "This is my husband, Donald Foster." I cannot remember anyone ever questioning our marital status or our decision to retain our birth names. Then we moved to Century Village.

Our first interesting encounter was at UCO, where there was some confusion among the volunteers about our "status" and whether or not we would be required to produce a marriage certificate to prove that we were legally married. As we got to know our neighbors, several asked us if we were "really" married, and one person asked my wife why she did not hyphenate her last name. It became clear to us that the curiosity and uncertainty about our names is a generational thing: people who are older than us seem to attach a higher significance to married last names, perhaps because they serve as an indicator of legal marriage, as opposed to couples who are merely cohabitating. People who are younger than us seem not to care one way or the other.

We also found that where a person is from sometimes matters, and here at Century Village, pretty much everyone is from somewhere else. For instance, women from Quebec retain their birth names for life, regardless of their marital status. Conversations with our *Québécois* neighbors confirmed this: A 1981 law makes it illegal for a woman to take her husband's last name. Again, age matters; couples married before 1981 may use the husband's last name.

My wife and I are friends with a couple who live in a conservative rural area, where last names and, more important, parentage, are still a big deal, despite the fact that about forty percent of American children are now born to unmarried parents. Since our friends were planning to have children and the wife was already a published author, the husband took the wife's last name, an uncommon solution that required a legal name change. This points to an inconsistency in name-related law and custom: A married

woman may assume her spouse's name simply by using it. A married man must go to court to do the same thing.

The only entity that seems completely unconfused over this issue is the Government. As far as the IRS and Social Security are concerned, we can call ourselves whatever we want. To the folks in Washington DC, we are all "just a number", the nine-digit social security number that most of us received when we were born or took our first jobs. Unfortunately, this is the "name" that causes many of us the most worry; discussion about identity theft is a particularly hot topic around here, and our social security numbers, the "names" that the Government knows us by, are guarded like state secrets.

I'm not sure what to make of all this. Shakespeare said, "What's in a name?" and went on to say, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Perhaps W. C. Fields had it right. "It ain't what they call you," he said, "it's what you answer to."

The Streets Are Paved with Gold!

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as middlemen for goods coming from the Middle East to European cities. A byproduct of this trade led to the European Renaissance of the late 1300s. Scientific advances during this period, coupled with the development of the printing press, spread this new knowledge across Europe.

One nation that took advantage of these developments was Portugal. A school for navigators was established. Quickly Portuguese ships were sailing down the African coastline, mapping their way around the Cape of Good Hope. The first modern rounding of the cape in 1488 by Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias was a milestone in the attempts by the Portuguese to establish direct trade relations with the Far East. By establishing trading outposts in the Far East, Portugal could now import the goods that Europeans

demand, thus making the Atlantic trade routes highly profitable at the expense of the Italian city states. The king of Spain soon realized the potential of this type of trade and encouraged his sailors to seek out new lands that would provide his nation with the wealth needed to become the most powerful empire in the world.

In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue, resulting in the discovery of the Western Hemisphere. The motivation for sailing west was to discover a short route to Asia. None of the Spanish or Portuguese explorers expected to find a huge land barrier blocking their way to the riches of Asia.

End of Part 1. Part 2: the settlement of the Western Hemisphere; the English land system; the introduction of slavery to the New World.

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Stained Glass - Beginners	2/9	1pm-3pm	\$20		5	Stained
Memoir Writing	2/2	1:30pm-3pm	\$5		2	Craft
Duplicate Bridge — pay instructor in person	2/2	7pm-10pm	\$5		1	Card A

TUESDAY

COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Ceramics	2/3	9am-11am	\$36	****	6	Ceramics
Tap Dance - Beginners	2/3	10am-11am	\$24	****	4	Party
Tap Dance - Intermediate	2/3	11am-12pm	\$24		4	Party
Mah Jongg	2/3	1pm-3pm	\$20		4	Card B
Watercolor with Humor	2/10	1:30pm-3:30pm	\$24	****	4	Art
Painting for Beginners	2/10	4pm-6pm	\$20	****	4	Craft

WEDNESDAY

COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Bridge Fundamentals — Beginning	2/4	9am-11am	\$10		2	Card A
Lecture Series with Myrna	3/4	10am-11:30am	\$25		6	Meeting C
Breathing, Visualization & Meditation	2/25	1:30-3pm	\$25		6	Class A
English — Beginning (Wed & Fri)	2/11	4:30-6:30pm	\$40		8	Art
Jewelry Making	2/4	1:30pm-3:30pm	\$40	****	4	Craft

THURSDAY

COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Bridge Lessons — Intermediate	2/5	9am-11am	\$20		4	Card A
Senior Civics	2/5	9:30am-11am	\$24	****	4	Card A
Painting Workshop (Advanced)	2/5	9:30am-11:30am	\$20	****	4	Art
Yiddish Conversational	2/19	10am-11am	\$7		6	Class A
Tai Chi	2/5	10:15	\$25		5	Hastings
Watercolor / Oil / Acrylic (Tues.)	2/17	10:15-11:15am	\$36	****	6	Art
Drawing for Beginners	2/12	1:30pm-3:30pm	\$20	****	4	Craft

FRIDAY

COURSE NAME	STARTS	TIME	COST	MTRLS	WEEKS	ROOM
Ceramics	2/20	9am-11am	\$36	****	6	Ceramics
Canasta - Beginners	2/13	1pm-3pm	\$20		4	Card A
English for Beginners (Wed. & Fri.)	2/11	4:30pm-6:30pm	\$40		8	Art
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Tai Chi – Learn ways to maximize your energy, balance and stability. Practiced under leadership of an expert certified instructor. Classes held at Hastings.

Tap Dance – Intermediate – Brush up on your tap dancing. Lessons will be given by Joan Maret, choreographer to the Residents Show.

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Paulette Burdick Palm Beach County Commissioner



Paulette Burdick

This month, we celebrate Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 14 and President's Day on Monday February 17th. Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to remember our loved ones and all those who have been important in our lives through the years.

Palm Beach County and the City of West Palm Beach are negotiating the possibility of putting a baseball stadium on the north side of 45th Street between Haverhill Road and Military Trail. This would be convenient to the Village if you would like to attend a baseball game, but it could create traffic issues on Haverhill Road. I will keep you informed.

In the coming weeks and months, a number of important changes and issues will be coming before your county commission. On February 1st, Palm Beach County's Palm Tran Connection which provides shared ride (door-to-door paratransit service for disabled and elderly residents of Palm Beach County) will undergo a major change. Three vendors will replace Metro Mobility whose contract was terminated for poor service. There will be 231 new vehicles which were purchased by the county for \$17.5 million and the scheduling will now be handled by county employees. The county will pay over \$120 million over five years for the new service. If any of the new vendors are unable to meet their obligations, the county will transfer the service to the other vendors. Citizens should notice a dramatic improvement in service immediately.

The issue of safeguarding the county's future water supply revolves around a proposed \$1.3 Billion reservoir project. Proponents want to use a former rock pit in western Palm Beach County as a reservoir. Most of the land in eastern Palm Beach County is much too porous to have a reservoir of this size. The proposed reservoir would be developed in two phases. Phase One would produce 35 MGD (million gallons a day) while Phase two would produce 140 MGD. The water would be pumped from the reservoir into canals which would deliver water to utilities in Palm Beach and Broward counties. Palm Beach County is actually in pretty good shape, but many municipalities in Broward County are facing a huge shortfall. First, however, we must resolve several issues. I will leave the engineering issues to the engineers, but the county commission will have to address the issue of governance and cost. Proponents would create a 501c(3) non-profit corporation, but I am concerned that water be owned by and operated for the benefit of the public, not profits. I will keep you

informed on these important issues. 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.

Ted Deutch US Congressman



Ted Deutch

The federal tax credits established by the Affordable Care Act to help Americans buy health insurance have proven enormously successful in Florida, where consumers are using the online Marketplace at healthcare.gov to shop for coverage. Indeed, more than 90 percent of the Floridians who bought a Marketplace plan for 2014 received some form of financial help made available by the law. Yet few Americans are aware that a case currently pending before the Supreme Court, *King v. Burwell*, could eliminate this financial assistance for consumers in the 36 states - including Florida - that opted to use a federally-run marketplace on healthcare.gov instead of create their own system.

The Affordable Care Act's tax credits help middle-income Americans earning up to \$95,400 for a family of four afford coverage, but, with a negative ruling in *King v. Burwell*, these tax credits would be unavailable to consumers in states like Florida. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a Supreme Court decision eliminating assistance for consumers in these 36 states could jeopardize up to \$65 billion in combined tax relief for more than 13 million Americans across the country.

The loss of financial assistance to help keep health premiums low would be especially devastating in Florida. A recent report from the House Energy and Commerce Committee revealed that by 2016, more than 2.5 million Floridians could lose a staggering \$12.2 billion in financial assistance toward their health insurance should the Supreme Court rule against the Administration in *King v. Burwell*. In Florida's 21st district alone, nearly 116,000 consumers could lose the tax credits that put affordable coverage within their reach.

The tax credits established to help Americans everywhere find affordable health coverage are a cornerstone of the 2010 health care reform law. Should the Supreme Court issue another partisan, 5-4 ruling against the Affordable Care Act, millions of families across the country may find health insurance once again out of reach.

As we await the Supreme Court's decision in *King v. Burwell*, please know that I will continue to support solutions that improve, rather than weaken, how the Affordable Care Act works for the people of Florida.

Mark S. Pafford State Representative



Mark Pafford

Re. Pafford to Host Town Hall Meeting

Rep. Pafford will host a town hall meeting to discuss the upcoming legislative session. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for constituents to hear first-hand about the critical issues facing our state. Rep. Pafford will also provide an overview of how to follow bills through the legislative process and ways to be a better advocate. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

The meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015, at the Village of Wellington Village Hall Commission Chambers, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL.

The town hall is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Gary Nikolitis PBC Property Appraiser



Gary Nikolitis

February is a good month to review your Homestead Exemption status to determine whether you might qualify for additional property tax savings benefit. Or if you bought a new home in 2014, now is the time to apply for your 2015 Homestead Exemption.

The usual deadline every year is March 1 but this year because March 1 falls on a Sunday, the deadline to file for 2015 exemptions is Monday, March 2, 2015.

You can take a look at your property's current status on our award-winning website, pbcgov.com/PAPA. Click on Property Record Search and just add your name or address. You can also call our Downtown Service Center at (561) 355-2866 in West Palm Beach for more information about your property.

If you file in person, the deadline is 5 p.m., Monday, March 2. For those who choose to file online, the E-File deadline is 11:59 p.m., Monday, March 2.

Permanent residents of Palm Beach County who have legal title to their residential property and live there permanently are eligible

for Florida's standard \$25,000 Homestead Exemption. For example, if your home has a market value of \$100,000, and you qualify for the standard \$25,000 exemption, then its assessed value, or taxable value, would be \$75,000.

An additional exemption amount up to \$25,000 may also apply to your property. Residential property owners who currently receive a Homestead Exemption and who continue to qualify for the exemption automatically receive the additional benefit. No further application is necessary.

A few of the more common exemptions are listed below. Call our office at (561) 355-2886 to discuss your options.

Florida grants an additional \$500 exemption to widows and widowers. The approximate annual savings is \$8 to \$12.

A Legally blind resident may qualify for an additional \$500 exemption. The approximate annual savings is \$8 to \$12.

Several exemptions relate to disabled military veterans. You must be honorably discharged to qualify for these additional exemptions. Check with our office at (561) 355-2866 for more information.

John A. Carey PBC Inspector General



John Carey

Greetings from your Palm Beach County Inspector General and Happy New Year!

This Update is to provide some information on our plans for 2015 as your

advocate to promote efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity in government.

Before discussing our 2015 plans, here is a little on my first six months as your IG. Our office has a big task in overseeing the activities of the County Government, the 38 municipalities, the Solid Waste Authority, and the Children's Services Council. In looking at the work we have done and meeting with numerous government officials, I have found a lot of dedicated public servants doing their best to be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. We are contributing to this effort by continuing to identify many ways to improve operations and save money. We also have an important role to play in promoting integrity in government. In that regard, we have been hard at work rooting out fraud, waste, and abuse. Where potential criminal activity has been discovered, we referred these matters to the State Attorney's Office and in some cases assisted in their investigations.

Looking ahead, I plan on continuing the county-wide risk assessment we began in 2014, to better focus our audit, investigative, and proactive contract oversight activities.

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You can view our 2015 Audit Plan enclosed in our 2014 Annual Report available on the IG website (<http://www.pbcgov.com/OIG>).

To enhance our proactive initiatives in promoting best practices and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse, we will increase our communications/awareness efforts. To supplement our six month updates to the IG Committee (open to the public and on County Channel 20), I will hold public forums to update citizens on our activities and discuss any issues of concern. In addition to my periodic "Updates," my office will issue quarterly "Tips and Trends" to highlight lessons learned from our projects, things to avoid, and best practices to consider. I will publish a quarterly Newsletter to summarize our activities and present special topics of interest. We will continue to conduct presentations to those in and out of government on our projects, trends, lessons learned, and recommendations for better governemtn. If you would like me to speak to your organization, please contact us at inspector@pbcgov.org.

Good government is everyone's business. If you have ideas to make our government better, please share them with us. If you know of or suspect wrongdoing in government, please report this to my office. I look forward to continuing to serve as your IG in 2015.

Anne Gannon PBC Constitutional Tax Collector



Anne Gannon

The weather is magnificent and love is in the air here in Palm Beach County!

If you visit an office, you may notice an employee taking photos of new drivers. That's how we help them celebrate getting their first license. Photos are posted to our Twitter page @TAXPBC. For Valentine's Day, we take photos of newlyweds who come to an office for driver license or state ID card name changes. I invite you to join in on the fun!

February is your last chance to receive a discount on 2014 property taxes. Payments received in our office by Monday, March 2nd receive a 1% discount. Payments received after March 31st are delinquent. Delinquent taxes include a late fee and interest. Our online payment center is always open at www.pbctax.com.

Do you want quarterly payments for 2015 property taxes instead of one lump sum? Then our Installment Payment Plan is your chance to catch a break. It's easy. Just complete a brief online application at www.pbctax.com by April 30th. If you are already enrolled, you do not need to reapply.

Homestead Exemption

Speaking of 2015 property taxes, there's another deadline you need to know about if you recently purchased a home. If you want a Homestead Exemption, you must submit the Homestead Exemption Application to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser by 5:00 p.m. on March 1st. You can e-file directly on the Property Appraiser's website at <http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/papa/FileExemption.htm> or download and mail an application.

In the Driver's Seat

Issuing driver licenses is one of our most popular services. We recently updated our free mobile app, "In the Driver's Seat." Features include:

- Quick access to Florida's driving laws and recent changes
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- Tools for first time drivers, including updated study materials, the official practice test, and driving logs
- Calendar of important dates and deadlines

Whether you're preparing for your first license or you've been driving for decades, In the Driver's Seat is a helpful tool. It's available for Apple and Android smart devices and can be downloaded in the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Amazon.

Are You Renting?

Whether it's an apartment, a single family home, or even a room in your home, property owners renting or leasing a unit for six months or less must pay Tourist Development Tax. The Palm Beach County Commission has increased this tax rate to 6% beginning this month. Revenue is used to promote tourism, convention centers, and sporting facilities and fund cultural arts and beach restoration.

Knowingly evading taxes is a felony in Florida. If you have been renting and were not aware of this responsibility, contact us as at (561) 355-3547 or bedtax@pbcgov.org. We will work with you to bring your property into compliance.

Want to Learn More?

Did you know that our office is not funded through property tax dollars? Or that we distribute unexpended revenue from collected fees to local taxing authorities like public schools and cities?

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CV residents Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz will be honored with the 2015 Voice for Equality Award.

Century Village Residents to Receive Award

EQUALITY FLORIDA will honor Century Village residents Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz with its 2015 Voice for Equality Award. The presentation will be made at the EQUALITY FLORIDA PALM BEACH GALA on February 12.

EQUALITY FLORIDA is the largest civil rights organization in the State dedicated to securing full equality for Florida’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities.

The organization is particularly thrilled at this time to honor Ruthie and Connie for their leading role in the fight for marriage equality and

for their unwavering and tireless commitment to achieving equality for all.

Ruthie and Connie were early activists in the American LGBT civil rights movement. In 1988, they and two other couples sued the New York City Board of Education for domestic partner benefits. They won the landmark case in 1994.

The widely acclaimed documentary film “Ruthie and Connie – Every Room In the House,” which chronicles their story, will be presented in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 11 at 1:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this free screening.

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Happy Chinese New Year!

BY BOBBI LEVIN

2015 New Year celebrations have officially ended in the United States. Americans watched the glittering, crystal ball drop in Times Square. Huge fireworks displays were seen in Australia's major cities. In Bermuda, revelers watched a paper-mache Bermuda onion covered in Christmas lights drop at midnight. Spaniards ate a grape with each bell strike at midnight on December 31 to ward off evil and to welcome prosperity.

However, New Year celebrations continue around the world well into the calendar year.

When Christmas trees were banned in accordance with Soviet anti-religious legislation, the tradition of a New Year Tree began. Now many Russians purchase a spruce tree late in December, decorate it and display it well into January.

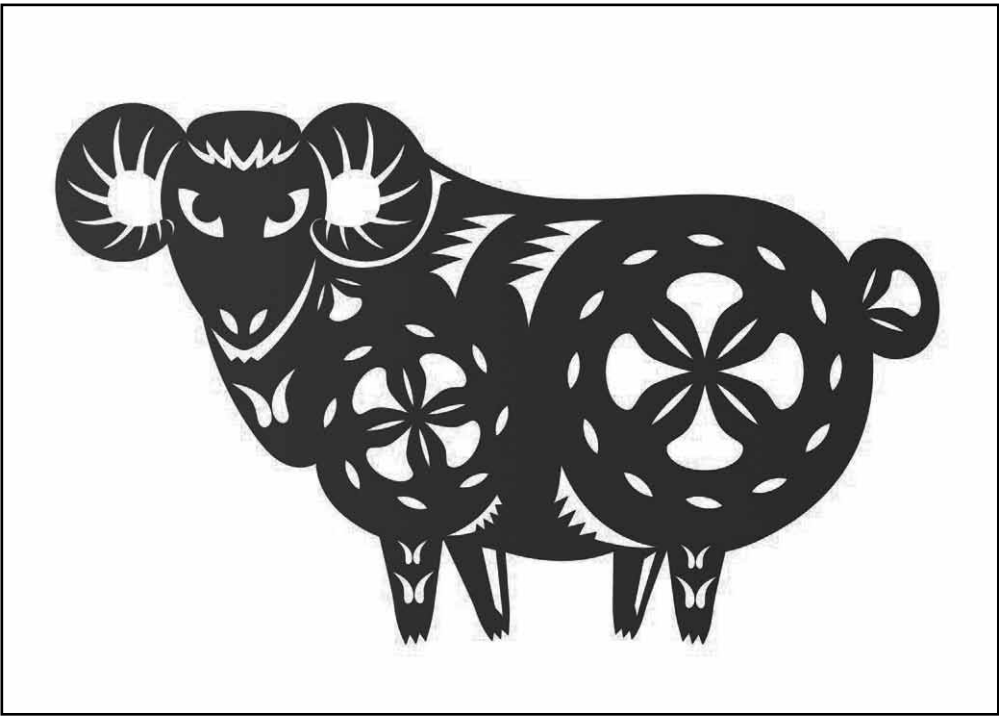
Tet, or Vietnamese New Year, falls between January and February, and celebrates the arrival of spring.

In Thailand, a special 3-day water festival on April 13-15 marks Songkran, the Buddhists' celebration of the new year.

Jewish tradition celebrates Rosh Hashanah in late summer/early autumn.

Chinese New Year for 2015 begins on February 19 and marks the start of the Year of the Sheep.

In the Chinese lunar calendar, each of the 12 years is named after an animal. According



to legend, Lord Buddha asked all the animals to come to him before he left the earth. Only 12 animals came to wish him farewell so to favor those 12 animals, each was given one of the 12 years of the Chinese zodiac. People born during one of the animal's years are said to inherit the distinctive characteristics of that animal. The signs repeat every 12 years.

People born under the sign of the sheep (ram) are tender, polite, clever, and kind hearted. They have a special sensitivity to art and beauty, and a fondness for quiet living. Sheep year people are often worriers, indecisive, and puzzled by life. They like flattery and usually have interests in strange theories.

Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival and celebrations can last for

about 15 days.

Most people clean their homes and make offerings to household deities to welcome the Spring Festival. Homes are decorated with red lanterns (the color red symbolizes happiness, good luck, success, and good fortune) and red posters with poetic verses are placed on doors. It is also a time to reunite with relatives so many people visit families and host large banquets for family and friends. The evening of the Spring Festival Eve, firecrackers are set off to cast away bad luck. Children often receive "lucky" money in

red envelopes. People wear new clothes, usually red, and participate in dragon and lion dances that feature acrobatic demonstrations, beating gongs, and clashing cymbals.

Various Chinese New Year symbols express different meanings. For example, an image of a fish symbolizes "having more than one needs every year." A firecracker symbolizes "good luck in the coming year." Lanterns symbolize "pursuing the bright and the beautiful." Two flowers often associated with Chinese New Year are the plum blossom (courage and hope) and the water narcissus (good luck and fortune). Tangerines and oranges are also displayed in many homes and stores as a sign of luck and wealth.

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The 3rd annual Century Village 5K Walk will be held on Monday, February 16th, at 9:00 AM. Walk will begin and end at the

Clubhouse. Applications will be available at the UCO office, the Clubhouse, Century Village Real Estate, and the Hastings Fitness Center. Entrants may register at the Clubhouse on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM beginning on 1/20 and ending on 2/12.

Donation will be \$10 before

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Tee shirts will be donated by Century Village Real Estate. Water, fruit and bagels will also be provided. Proceeds will go to West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. Please bring nonperishable food items to feed our homeless veterans

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Congregation Anshei Sholom Men’s Club Presents “Jews in India” Guest Speaker Shari Daniels

Bio of Mrs. Shari Daniels

Shari Daniels is a retired teacher with degrees in Education, Midwifery and a Masters in Psychology. She has traveled the world and has become interested in 1986 when she lived there for 6 months. Returning 4 years ago in 2011, she began working in a slum teaching English, running a program called “Stepping Out” and organized trips for the children to historical sites in New Delhi. (This was following her 6 month stint in Somalia where even being Jewish is illegal)

During her stay in India she became active in the Jewish Community and began to unravel the various immigration of Jews to India and their most recent return to Israel.

Mrs Daniels has studied with several well-known historians about the Jews of India. She will speak about her experiences and about the Jews in India, exploring an interesting group of Jews in “Saris”, their life in India, the most recent finding of one of the lost tribes, and the current status of Indian Jews and Israelis living in a country of 42 million Muslims and 80 million Hindus.

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Shuttle Bus Route External				Perimeter Run at 12:45 PM				Effective February 1, 2015				<div>Excursion Trips</div> <div>Wednesday February 4 Gardens Mall</div> <div>Wednesday February 11 Flea Market</div> <div>Wednesday February 18 Wellington Mall</div> <div>Wednesday February 25 City Place (10:00 to 3:00)</div> <div>EXCURSIONS DEPART CLUBHOUSE AT 10:00 A.M.</div> <div>AND RETURN ABOUT 3:00</div>					
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00	10:00	12:00		1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00						
Morse Home Drop Off		9:07			10:00	Lunch											
Imaging Center		9:15	10:15	11:15	10:00			1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15						
Library		9:18	10:18	11:18	10:00			1:18	2:18	3:18	4:18						
Humana		9:21	10:21	11:21	10:00			1:21	2:21	3:21	4:21						
Walmart / Jog		9:22	10:22	11:22	10:00			1:22	2:22	3:22	4:22						
Publix (Home Depot Plaza - Jog Road)		9:28	10:28	11:28				1:28	2:28	3:28	4:28						
Century Plaza		9:31	10:31	11:31	10:00			1:31	2:31	3:31	4:31						
Emporium Shoppes		9:37	10:37	11:37	10:00			1:37	2:37	3:37	4:37						
Good Will (When Open)		9:42	10:42	11:42				1:42	2:42	3:42	4:42						
Morse Home Pick-up					10:00			1:48									
Post Office Drop off / Pick Up		Tuesday & Thursday Only						2:47	3:47								
Perimeter Drive		On Request						On Request									
Clubhouse		9:48	10:48	11:48	10:00			1:45	2:55	3:55	4:55						
Mall Bus Route																	
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00	10:00	12:00		1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00					
Dr. Sapenoff		9:09	10:09	11:09	10:00	Drivers		1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09					
Pine Trail		9:14	10:14	11:14	10:00			1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14					
Walmart / Military ONLY Mon, Tue, Wed		9:23	10:23	11:23	10:00	Lunch		1:23	2:23	3:23	4:23	5:23					
Nana's Diner ONLY Mon, Tue, Wed		9:28	10:38	11:38				1:28	2:28	3:23	4:23	5:23		TUESDAY - President Market			
Winn Dixie / Kmart - No Friday Service		9:34	10:34	11:34	10:00			1:34	2:34	3:34	4:34	5:34		Departs: 11:00 Pickup 1:35 pm			
Dollar Tree - No Friday Service		9:38	10:38	11:38	10:00			1:38	2:38	3:38	4:38	5:38		FRIDAYS - Palm Beach Outlet Mall			
Church		9:41	10:41	11:41	10:00			1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41		Depart: 10:00 Pickup 2:15 pm			
Village Commons		9:48	10:48	11:48	10:00			1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48		Depart: 11:00 Pickup 3:15 pm			
Clubhouse		9:55	10:45	11:45	10:00			1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55	4:55					
					10:00			Monday thru Fridays including Holidays									
Publix's Express		Publix's Express															
Perimeter Drive		8:45															
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00	10:00			1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00						
Publix		9:15	10:15	11:15	10:00			1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15						
as Requested						12:00								All riders MUST show			
POINT OF SERVICE					10:00	Drivers								The Century Village ID			
Clubhouse		9:45	10:45	11:45	10:00	Lunch		1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45						
Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays Bus Route (Combo)																	
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00		12:45	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00						
Pine Trail		9:07	10:07	11:07	10:00		1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07	5:07						
Walmart / Military		9:15	10:15	11:15	10:00	12:00	1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15	5:15			Combo Holiday Bus will run on:			
Nana's Diner		9:20	10:20	11:20			1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	5:20						
Winn Dixie		9:26	10:26	11:26	10:00	Lunch	1:26	2:26	3:26	4:26	5:26			New Year's, Thanksgiving			
Church		9:32	10:32	11:32	10:00		1:32	2:32	3:32	4:32	5:32			and Christmas Day			
Village Commons		9:47	10:47	11:47	10:00		1:47	2:47	3:47	4:47	5:47						
Emporium Shoppes		9:53	10:53	11:53	10:00		1:53	2:53	3:53	4:53	5:53						
Lowes		9:54	10:54	11:54	10:00		1:54	2:54	3:54	4:54	5:54						
Good Will (When Open)		9:56	10:56	11:56	10:00		1:56	2:56	3:56	4:56	5:56						
Perimeter Drive		On Request			10:00												
Clubhouse		9:58	10:58	11:58			1:58	2:58	3:58	4:58	5:58						

Internal Bus Schedule

Internal Bus Route # 1				Perimeter Run @ 8:45 am & 11:45 am						Effective February 1, 2015							
Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00		
Dover	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	Drivers	1:02	2:02	3:02	4:02	Drivers	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02		
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		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		6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12	10:12		
UCO office(when Open)	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13		1:13	2:13	3:13	4:13		Except Saturdays and Sunday						
Wellington L & M	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:15		1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15		6:15	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:15		
Andover	8:19	9:19	10:19	11:19		1:19	2:19	3:19	4:19		6:19	7:19	8:19	9:19	10:19		
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		(Upon Request)															
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	8:40		10:40			1:40		3:40			6:40						
Clubhouse	8:50		10:50			1:50		3:50			6:50						
Internal Bus Route # 2																	
Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00		
Plymouth	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	Drivers	1:02	2:02	3:02	4:02	Drivers	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02		
Sheffield E	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		
Chatham	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		
Kent	8:08	9:08	10:08	11:08		1:08	2:08	3:08	4:08		6:08	7:08	8:08	9:08	10:08		
Northampton	8:11	9:11	10:11	11:11		1:11	2:11	3:11	4:11		6:11	7:11	8:11	9:11	10:11		
Sussex	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13		1:13	2:13	3:13	4:13		6:13	7:13	8:13	9:13	10:13		
Canterbury	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:15		1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15		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		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		6:18	7:18	8:18	9:18	10:18		
Oxford	8:21	9:21	10:21	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	10:22	11:22		1:22	2:22	3:22	4:22		6:22	7:22	8:22	9:22	10:22		
Sheffield	8:23	9:23	10:23	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		
Medical Plaza		(Upon Request)															
Clubhouse	8:28	9:28	10:28	11:28		1:28	2:28	3:28	4:28		6:28	7:28	8:28	9:28	10:28		
Publix		9:35	10:35				2:35		4:35			7:35					
Clubhouse		9:45	10:45				2:45		4:45			7:45					
Internal Bus Route # 3																	
Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00		
Bedford B	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	Drivers	1:02	2:02	3:02	4:02	Drivers	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02		
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		6:06	7:06	8:06	9:06	10:06		
Bedford C	8:08	9:08	10:08	11:08		1:08	2:08	3:08	4:08		6:08	7:08	8:08	9:08	10:08		
Wellington Circle	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09		1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09		6:09	7:09	8:09	9:09	10:09		
Golfs Edge	8:12	9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12		6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12	10:12		
Coventry	8:14	9:14	10:14	11:14		1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14		6:14	7:14	8:14	9:14	10:14		
Norwich	8:16	9:16	10:16	11:16		1:16	2:16	3:16	4:16		6:16	7:16	8:16	9:16	10:16		
Salisbury	8:19	9:19	10:19	11:19		1:19	2:19	3:19	4:19		6:19	7:19	8:19	9:19	10:19		
Waltham	8:22	9:22	10:22	11:22		1:22	2:22	3:22	4:22		6:22	7:22	8:22	9:22	10:22		
Easthampton	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		(Upon Request)															
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		9:35		11:35		1:35		3:35					8:35				
Clubhouse		9:45		11:45		1:45		3:45					8:45				

Tu Bishvat/Tu B'Shevat in United States

Tu B'Shevat (Tu Bishvat) is the 15th day of the Jewish months of Shevat. In 2015, this is being celebrated on February 4th. This festival is also known as the "New Year for Trees" and is observed in Jewish communities in countries such as the United States

Many Jewish communities in the United States observe the festival by eating fruit on this day. The Torah praises seven "fruits", in particular grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Many Jewish people also try to eat a new fruit, which can be any seasonal fruit. Some Jewish communities plant trees on Tu B'Shevat.

Tu B'Shevat is not a public holiday in the United States. However, some Jewish organizations may be closed or offer a limited service to allow for festivities to occur on this day.

Tu B'Shevat is first referred to in the late Second Temple period (515 BCE to 20 CE) when it was the cut-off date for levying the tithe on the produce of fruit trees. When Jewish colonists returned to Palestine during the 1930s, they reclaimed the barren land by planting trees where they could. It became customary to plant a tree for every newborn child – a cedar for a boy and a cypress or pine for a girl.

According to some readings of

Jewish law, fruit that ripens in the first three years that a tree gives fruit is considered orlah. This means that it is not kosher and thus not acceptable for Jewish people to eat. Tu B'Shevat marks the "new year" or "birthday" of trees. Fruit that ripens in the third year on or after the 15th day of the month of Shevat is kosher. Traditionally, the fruit that ripened in the fourth year was taken to the temple as a tithe (form of taxation). This is now paid symbolically using coins.

Some Jewish people began to hold a symbolic seder (meal) on Tu B'Shevat after 1600 CE. This consisted of different types of fruit and nuts, each of which had a specific spiritual meaning. This custom is still alive for some Jewish groups.

Important symbols of Tu B'Shevat include different types of dried fruit arranged on a platter, flowering almond trees and the "seven species". These are barley, dates, figs, grapes, olives, pomegranates, and wheat. The seven species are associated with the Land of Israel in the Torah so they have an important place in Jewish culture

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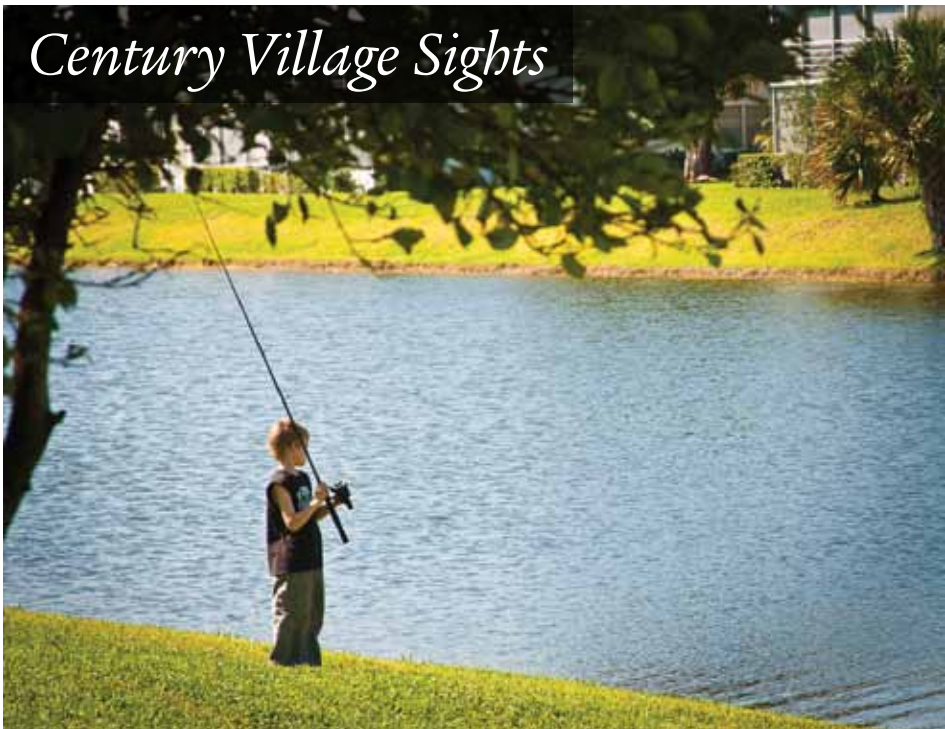


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