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to our Doctors, Nurses, First Responders and all those on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19!



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DELEGATE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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The President's Report

By Dave Israel

COVID-19 Testing Facility Coming to Century Village

COVID-19 testing, its importance, its availability, and its efficacy is perhaps the most talked about aspect of coronavirus among Americans. And while various community transmission mitigation tactics are being employed in regions across the country, including stay home mandates, bans on public congregations, and travel restrictions, many public health experts and scientists agree that widespread availability of testing for COVID-19 would aid efforts in more accurately tracking the virus' spread.

However, COVID-19 testing efforts in the U.S. are still in their early stages. This means most healthcare organizations are actively navigating the current challenges faced by providers who want to test the most high-risk populations.

There is little disagreement that senior citizens, especially those with certain pre-existing conditions are amongst the most important to be tested. There are, however, complicating factors such as: limited test supplies, limited lab capacity to process testing, and limited quantities of personal protective equipment, such as masks, gowns and gloves which are required when caring for potential coronavirus patients, and when engaging in laboratory operations where the virus may be present.

In consideration of the current Pandemic, your United Civic Organization (UCO), in close cooperation with WPRF Management, is setting up a testing facility at the Anshei Sholom parking lot.

The companies who will be orchestrating the testing are as follows:

PHOENIX HEALTH and ALLIANCE LABORATORIES

We are working with Patricia Brand, coowner of Phoenix Health and Joseph Rodriguez, VP of Alliance Laboratories and co-owner of Phoenix Health, to provide a safe, fast, quality approved testing station within our community.

Phoenix Health and Alliance Laboratories currently have three testing stations set up in New York and New Jersey. They are getting many requests from communities in various states to set up their drive through testing stations. We are extremely blessed to have the opportunity for them to work with us to provide this type of testing

Alliance Laboratories is a respected, independent full-service laboratory founded in 2000 and specializes in testing for respiratory panels and now Covid-19. They are working with medical professionals, phlebotomists, and doctors in your area to accomplish this much needed testing.

Some of the details are as follows:

- The lead time from our approval until the testing station is up and running is approximately one week.
- The testing station will consist of two tents. The first tent is for confirmation of registration and the second for swabbing to get the sample.
- The swabs are via the nasal cavity and can be self- performed or performed by an on-site medical professional.
- The registration process will take about 3 to 5 minutes. The swab test will take 2 to 3 minutes.
- The number of tests that can be performed on a daily basis to assure quality and logistical consistency is about 200.
- The results will be returned, via mail, in three days.

- If negative, no further action is required. If positive, the senior patient can continue to work with the local physician brought in by Phoenix Health, or they may go to their preferred physician.
- * **Testing is free through Medicare.** (All required licensing will be provided).

There was a conference call on April 6, 2020 to discuss this project. The UCO Operations Committee approved the testing site to go forward.

There is a special Website set up: PHOENIXHLTH.COM

where residents will be able to pre-register. For those without computers, WPRF staff will aid them in registering at 561-640-3120, option o. Start date is the Week of April 20, 2020. We will disseminate the exact date once received.

The following is required on the day of testing:

Any Medical Insurance card
And
WPRF ID
Or
License showing CV address
Or
Utility bill with Resident name
and unit address
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EDITORIAL

April was a stressful month, but UCO managed to remain open with a skeleton staff to answer the questions and concerns of the residents. Our front desk was manned for telephone calls and visitors whose problems were handled, coming into the office on a one-at-a-time basis. All building association investigations were handled. Unfortunately, bar codes and gate passes could not be issued early on, due to lack of staff, until a volunteer was able to come and man that desk. The concerns of those volunteers who opted to stay home were honored. Each one of us makes his/her choices during this pandemic. Judging by traffic, both vehicle and pedestrian, the majority of people in our community are obeying both suggestions and mandated orders. The primary concern is social distancing – 6 feet from persons, and washing your hands often with hot soapy water for 20 seconds. If nothing else, do this for protection for you and others.

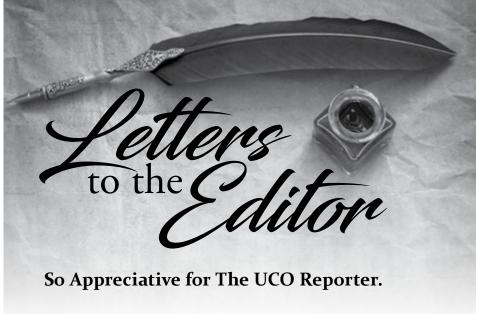
It is hoped that the UCO Reporter was enjoyed by all who were in the Village and we hope to continue to put out a monthly publication for as long as we are able. This newspaper is your best source of information about what is happening in the Village and we want you to stay informed.

Until next month, don't panic! It doesn't help your immune system. We are all facing the same inconveniences and learning to cope. Thank goodness for TV, the phone

and the Internet to keep our relationships ongoing.

And although you've heard it a million times, STAY SAFE AND STAY WELL!

by Ruth Dreiss



Past and Present volunteers of The UCO Reporter are the unsung heroes in our Village. Their unselfish dedication to producing a newspaper full of important information and guidelines from our elected staff and contributors define the meaning of "above and beyond the call of duty".

And, especially during this difficult pandemic, you all make a difference in keeping the "Villagers" informed and entertained.

Bravo!

Dianna Larissa Cambridge G

(Editor's Note: Thank you so much for your encouraging words. Those keeping the UCO doors open appreciate your kind thoughts.)

UCO OFFICER'S REPORTS



Stew Richland

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I am sure that many of my readers have heard the phrase, "And this, too, shall pass away." According to my research, the phrase originated in Persia in 1848. Its sentiment deals with the plight of human affairs. It expresses the perpetual condition mankind has confronted from bad to good, or good to bad. Right now we are in the "bad" phase. Nothing lasts forever! We have all gone through difficult times.

As a student and teacher of history, I am very familiar with the catastrophes that have impacted societies and its impact on the human condition. As we all know, "Man plans and God laughs." Every one of us living here in the Village is quite familiar with the uncertainties of life. Our lives here in the Village seemed to change over night. We are being asked to follow a new set of societal rules of behavior. We are being challenged to do those things that are best for us and our neighbors. We are being asked to dramatically change our daily routines, we are being challenged to show what makes us special.

We, here in the Village, will pass the test. We have lived through WWII, the Korean and Vietnamese conflict, the rebellions against the military, and the establishment elite in the 1960s. Our nation is on its edge. We are told that the elderly are most vulnerable to the virus.

I urge all of our residents to follow the advice of the professionals. "Hunker" down in your units, keep in the loop for all updates, keep yourselves occupied, for we know that "this, too, shall pass," and life will return to normal here in Century Village, West Palm Beach.





Dom Guarnagia

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With health issues and the recommendation from my Doctor, I have removed myself from daily tasks at UCO but stay connected for information that needs attention. The terms "Self Quarantine" and "Social Distancing" allows me to wish to fulfill the duties and comply with evolving mandates, living to fulfill my UCO responsibilities when good sense prevails, I provide the following.

The difficult change in daily behavior while fulfilling the need to separate ourselves from our neighbors, associations with relatives, neighbors and club members, becomes mentally costly since we are, by nature, social beings. The task at hand, as if you didn't hear and see it on TV, is too prevent exposure from others near by sneezing and disbursing the viral germs that have different effects on us in unknown ways as we return home and infect our loved-ones.

Soon, during mid May, you will be asked to join others taking a test by inserting a "swab" deep in one of your nostrils, as a test to evaluate whether or not you are asymptomatic (have the virus but not showing signs but capable of passing the virus to others) or not having signs of the virus, at all. If you are ill, you probably would be hospitalized and perhaps have infected someone close.

This test involves arriving at the MCH with two in a vehicle or six in a bus, handed a long swab, meant to collect a sample deep in your nasal cavity held in your hand, passing it back to the technician who will have it tested off site, with the results in several days. This may seem to make some of us queezy at the thought of self-providing the sample. Unless changed, this is what we will be asked to do. Those who use the buses; six (6) occupants will be transported with a required separation between those who wish to be tested.

Be judicous when going out during those times when food shopping or pick-up your prescriptions. When written on April 8, the death count from the virus was slowing down with fewer incidents than previously encountered. Even with proper social distancing and using a mask you should be careful and limit those trips. When appropriate to go back to the UCO Office, I will continue to serve.



David Boas

Coventry • Easthampton Norwich • Plymouth Sheffield • Stratford Waltham

Whatcha Doin? This was a popular phrase most all of us remember from a time in our past. Of course, the typical answer from where I grew up in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was, "This and That." Well, here's some of "whatcha doin" from me. I love to read, especially on my porch. Prior to all this mess, I borrowed several books from our library. I tend to read two or three at a time. Now I am an old newspaper guy. Yes, I delivered newspapers. I only get the Sunday paper now and look forward to it each week. On occasion, I'll purchase one of the scandal sheets. I mean who doesn't want to read about Harry & Megan, etc. I also pick up the local free papers and don't forget the UCO Reporter, and read them from end to end. Sorry, Internet users, there is nothing like sitting down and turning the pages. I also get a lot of catalogs, Carol Wright, Dr Leonard, Blair Sales and so on. Enjoy them all.

Of course, who hasn't gone through the closets, drawers, cupboards and storage areas and rearranged them, and disposed of un-

needed items? More time to clean, more time to do laundry and to get to those put off little jobs, such as fastening the screens. I also try to take a short walk in the early morning and shortly after sunset. It is also a good time to give friends a call both here in Century Village and also back in Pennsylvania. I have even called those I normally just email with. Just something nicer about talking to someone instead. I'm still a letter writer and card sender, so I've increased my doing of this. It's really neat when you get a reply in the same manner.

Television, thank goodness! If a John Wayne, William Holden, Katherine Hepburn, or so many other great stars movie is on, I'm watching. Of course, we all have our favorites. Some of mine are Law & Order, Seinfeld, and American Pickers, to name a few. I have recently watched two documentaries. One was titled, "Where is My Roy Cohn." Interesting revelations of politics. The other was the story of Streit's Matzo Company. This was so interesting that I watched it twice. I called several friends and suggested they watch it, as well. This was interesting to me in two ways. First was the factory itself. It was mechanical in nature and not of the high tech era. I used to sell industrial supplies for quite a while and could just envision myself calling on them as a customer. I wish I had the opportunity to do so. Secondly, and most importantly, it was the way that the company was run. A family run business that adhered to the notion of quality first. An employer who is loyal to their employees, and employees who are just as loyal to their employer. A true American success story.

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Property Manager's Report

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newspaper (morning, 4/25), over 1400 CV residents had registered for testing, and the first 200 residents were tested on 4/23 and 4/24. Registration will remain open, and testing will continue, until all registered CV residents have received service.

on Thursday, 4/23. At the print deadline of this

Our thanks to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Of-**Bv** Donald Foster, LCAM fice, which stationed Deputies to help maintain traffic flow and security, and THANK YOU, CONGREGA-TION ANSHEI SHOLOM, FOR HOSTING THIS MOST IMPORT-

ANT EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

For residents driving to the test site, please arrive at the time given to you by Phoenix Health; please do not arrive earlier. There can only be two patients to each car, and patients may not leave

The drive- through COVID-19 testing site opened their cars. Drivers should follow the instructions of the Platinum Security staff, who will direct cars to the entrance of the testing site, which is at the rear of the Synagogue, through Hudson Street. Remember, you must have an appointment to be tested.

> Residents should use the restroom before leaving home, as there are no restrooms available at the testing site. If you gotta "go", you gotta go home, but you can return, and your appointment will still be honored.

> For residents who do not have cars, and cannot get a ride to the testing site, please call 640-3120, option o. A special bus will be scheduled to bring "no car" residents to the testing site. The bus cannot accommodate wheelchairs or scooters, and riders must be able to board the bus without assistance, as the bus drivers are not allowed to have physical contact with riders.



FIRST PATIENTS ARRIVE FOR TESTING, 4/23. FIRST TENT IS FOR REGISTRA-TION, TESTING HAPPENS AT SECOND TENT.



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Dorchester	Coventry J
Andover H	Chatham Q 2 BR / 1.5 BAWaterfront \$62,500
Sheffield N	Dorchester A 2 BR / 1.5 BA \$62,900
Hastings C	Coventry B
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Dorchester G 1 BR / 1.5 BA	Northampton N 2 BR / 1.5 BA\$1,200
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What our customers say:



$\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \star \star \star$ - Highly likely to recommend

Sold a home in Florida.

"Very professional, and knowledgeable about the market, pleasure doing business with him. My agent went out of his way to accommodate this sale and help facilitate the move out of Century Village. He got the job done!" - D.K.*





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Sold a Single Family home in 2015 for approximately \$25,000 in West Palm Beach, FL. "He helped sell my condo for the price we discussed and delivered, would use him again. The condo had a lot of restrictions making it hard to sell. He got a buyer and got them through the condo boards." - B.C.*





$\star\star\star\star\star\star$ - Highly likely to recommend

Rented a condo home in 2014 in West Palm Beach, FL.

" My Agent was a life saver in a long distance transaction. Her communication, attention to detail and just plain caring made the impossible happen. A MILLION thanks!" - L.A.*



$\star\star\star\star\star\star$ - Highly likely to recommend

Bought a Condo home in 2014 for approximately \$50,000 in West Palm Beach, FL.

"My agent helped me find and buy my Florida residence. She was most helpful explaining and answering all my questions and concerns. She was always available to show me listing and helped gain access to all homes I wanted to see. I wouldn't hesitate to use my agent, both buying and selling. I have recommended her to others who have been very pleased." - G.G.*







*Names available on request.



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Delegate Vote Postponed Until Next **Delegate Assembly**

The coronavirus has delayed the vote on the last proposed amendment before publication of the 2020 Bylaws. The urgency to finalize bylaws pales in comparison to the enormity of the crisis we are living through and the need for precautions to protect our safety. The Advisory Committee sends best regards to all residents. Above all, let's be well and take care of each other.

We are providing the following information on the amendment in advance of the vote at the next Delegate Assembly, whenever it is scheduled:

Bylaws currently use "present," "present in person" and "seated Delegates" when referring to votes taken at Delegate Assembly or Executive Board. We use the number seated at the beginning of an Assembly to determine the number of votes required for a majority vote. Even though we monitor to be sure quorum is maintained (117), we don't adjust the number "seated" if some Delegates leave before a vote. As a result:

- A recent bylaw motion failed by a vote of 91 in favor, 40 against and 3 abstentions out of 134 votes cast.
- Based on a required 2/3 majority of seated Delegates at the

- beginning of the Assembly (158), 91 votes in favor amounted to 58% (less than 2/3), and the motion failed.
- However, 24 Delegates had left the Assembly before the vote was taken, so that
- if the number of seated Delegates had been counted before the vote was taken and adjusted to 134, a 2/3 majority would have been 88 and a vote of 91 in favor would have passed.

Recommendation: Amend language in UCO Bylaws to include where appropriate, "Delegates present when a vote is taken* such that the number of Delegates present at the beginning of a meeting can be adjusted to account for those who may leave before a vote. All votes assume that a quorum is present when a vote is taken.

*in some cases, "present when the vote is taken"

The Advisory Committee proposed the amendment with unanimous approval by its members. Officers and Executive Board also approved unanimously.

See boxed item for specific wording of each Article and Section as proposed.

Proposed Amendment for Delegate Vote at May 1 Delegate

Amend language in Bylaws as specified below to include, "Delegates present when a/the vote is taken such that the number of Delegates present at the beginning of a meeting can be adjusted to account for those who may leave before a vote." Executive Board meetings applicable where appropriate.

Edits are <u>underlined</u> and deletions crossed through:

- 1. Article III, Meetings of the Delegate Assembly, Section F 1, **Quorum and Voting.** "Unless otherwise provided herein or in other governing documents, if a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Delegates present is the act of the Board of Directors. every act or decision by a majority of the Delegates present when a vote is taken at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Delegate Assembly."
- **2.** Article III, Meetings of the Delegate Assembly, Section H, Majority Vote. "When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of a majority of the Delegates present in person when a vote is taken shall decide..."
- *3.* Article V, Delegate Assembly, Section A 3. "A Delegate or seated Alternate Delegate may be removed or suspended from further participation at any given meeting by a vote of two

thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present when the vote is taken."

- **4.** Article VII, Executive Board, Section E, **Quorum and Voting**. "The affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Board members present when a vote is taken shall be considered the decision of the Executive Board unless a different vote is required by the Act, applicable law or the Articles of Incorporation..."
- **5.** Article VIII, Officers, Section J 5, **Removal from Office**. "... the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present when the vote is taken at a duly called meeting of the Delegate Assembly, provided a quorum is present, shall be required to remove an Officer or member of the Executive Board."
- **6.** Article XII, Section C 2, **Amendment**. "Approval of the proposed amendment requires an affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 (two-thirds) of the seated Delegates present when the vote is taken."

Anita Buchanan, Advisory Committee, Chair

TREASURER'S COLUMN



By Ed Grossman

Treasurer on the 15th March, I by the limitations imposed by the Corona Virus response. As of this date April 6, 2020, I work can be expedited.

Originally I found it difficult

to sign into the UCO computer system which made it difficult to move forward., However, I have made progress in some areas.

I spent a great deal of time conferring with Kim Juda, CPA. Kim is the senior partner with Juda - Eskew and Associates, P.A., the UCO. auditors for the last several years who are responsible for producing the certified annual statements. Kim informed me of areas in the financial statements that need to be corrected before a completed report can be produced. She advised me that the 2019 financial statements are behind schedule due to the failure of receiving all the information she would need to conduct and complete the statements in a timely fashion. Now the full financial report for 2019 will be delayed even

Since being sworn in as further, due to the problems associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. I am assisting Kim Juda have been somewhat hampered in order to facilitate the completion of the 2019 Annual Report..

In reviewing various items in the bookkeeping system, it soon became apparent that the am hoping the situation will system needed to be fine-tuned and upgraded, improve shortly, so that the in order to produce both monthly and year end statements more efficiently. Since I am not a computer Guru, I enlisted the help of Frank Wesolowski, a volunteer who has those skills, to assist me in improving the system. Frank is a wonderful guy and a lot of help in this endeavor. Workflow processing is another component that needs attention, in order to more readily produce comprehensive, easily understood reports. Kim Juda suggested these improvements in her 2018 financial report. However, these changes have not been instituted into the system as-of-yet. Until the shortcomings in the system are addressed, it will be difficult to formulate an accurate report that complies with the AICPA standards. We also discussed various technicalities regarding reporting for "Not for Profit" corporations such as UCO.

It is my intent to produce and distribute

monthly financial reports, at least five days before the monthly delegates assembly. This will give delegates ample time to read the reports.

I announced in the last edition of the UCO Reporter that I would be forming a Finance Committee. I am happy to report that some willing, qualified volunteers, possessing the skills I mentioned in my last report, have stepped forward to serve on the committee and great progress is being made in accomplishing that goal. I would like CV residents with a background in accounting, business or finance to contact me to round out the committee. Hopefully, the virus threat will diminish so that the committee can commence operations.

As I stated before, my office door is always open, but due to the shelter in place restrictions imposed by the government, it is not appropriate to conduct face to face meetings. However, feel free to contact me on my private phone at 631-742-1300 for any questions or concerns.

Stay safe and be well my friends.

God bless America and God bless Century Village.

SAFETY

(B 3)

By George Franklin

Hi folks. Hope everyone is still hunkered down in their air conditioned units. This reminds me of waiting out a Cat 5 hurricane. HOWEVER, it has come to my attention that a person was out back of one of the buildings SHOOTING a handgun at birds. Now of course, the Sheriff was called and after an investigation, they THINK that this was a pellet gun, NOT a regular

handgun! The Deputies on the scene gave a case number and interviewed persons in the area. It appears that the actor got into his van and took off before he could be interviewed. The Sheriff's deputies have a very good idea of who this was, as this case boiled down to one of two individuals. Now, first the shooting of a pellet gun is extremely unsafe and dangerous. However, shooting at animals IS illegal and you can be arrested for animal cruelty, if you injure or kill an animal! I don't know, at this time, how far this investigation will go and if the actor will face any charges when and if spoken to. Also a pellet gun caliber is #177 and is very painful if a human is hit with one. On the other hand, it is very dangerous and CAN kill or mame another, or break a window, or damage anything it hits. Remember the movie "Christmas Story" where Ralph wanted a BB gun and everyone told him he would shoot his eye out? The pellet is much larger than a BB and much more dangerous.. If anyone wants to have a little fun shooting any type of firearm try Gator Guns on Zip Code Place right down the street. They have a nice gun range. DO NOT EVER shoot any type of firearm in this Village! You MAY be arrested and prosecuted if caught!! This all said, PLEASE be safe and use common sense when doing things here! Be safe and secure! If anyone wishes to discuss anything I have written here, please call the UCO Office at 561 683 9189 and I will be glad to sit and discuss this with you.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance tips for efficiency while staying at home

With little time to cautiously make purchases at Home Depot or Lowe's in the past



By Dom Guarnagia

several weeks, to continue a reasonable modicum of existence, we have probably outstripped our supplies of cleaning products, but have a mountain of rolls of toilet tissues. Using the ceiling fans and air conditioners, the microwave instead of warming left-overs

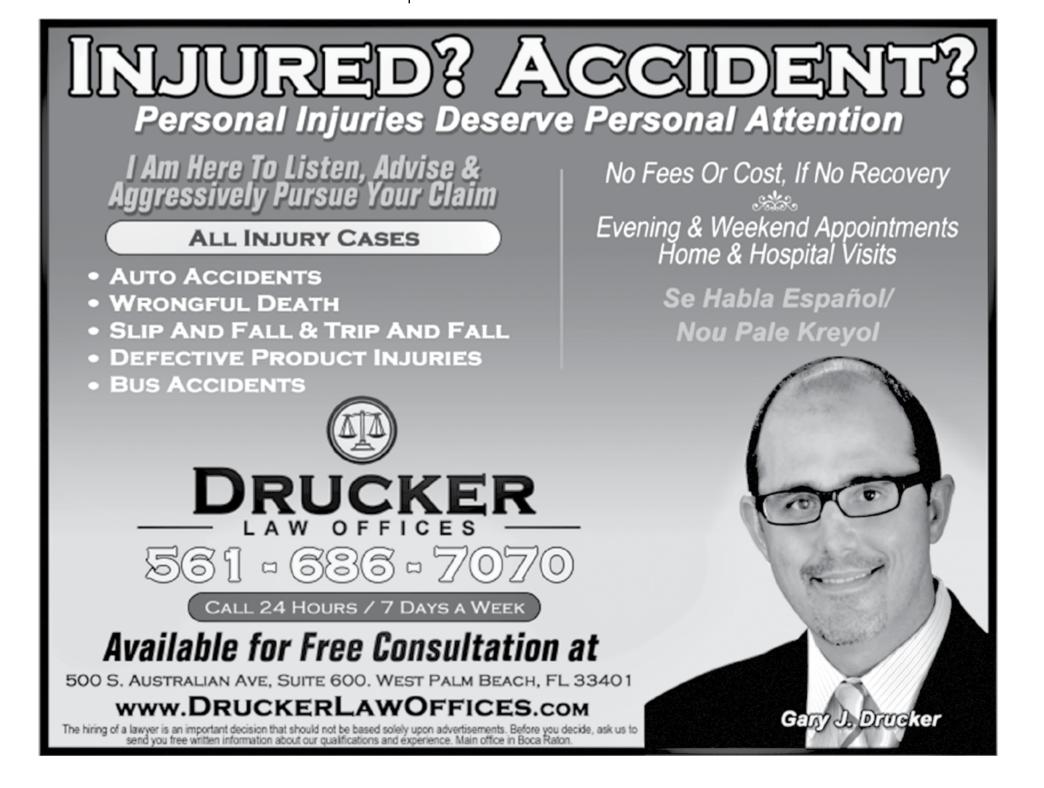
and washing our hands twenty times a day. The cooking appliances, toilets, sinks and lighting have received much more use, since we have attempted to 'socially distance' ourselves and reluctantly become bored with television.

In the meantime, your water and electric utility bills will be higher, since you are reluctantly spending more time at home. Pay attention to the following.

1. Washing your hands frequently promotes more efficient wastewater flow. However, rinsing your cups, saucers, plates, cooking utensils and pots and pans, results in the accumulation of food scraps and peelings when mixed during discharge. Perhaps once a month, if you have it in your pantry, run hot water for one minute, add some plumbing clog-removing liquid, wait 15 minutes

and then run the hot water for about one (1) minute to break-up any residue.

- 2. Likewise, more frequent showering will increase the hair-soap material. Again, follow the instructions on your Clog Buster and run hot water to flush away the debris.
- 3. The microwave oven has two (2) filters, one on each end under the unit. With soapy hot water in a basin, soak the filters, allow them to dry and reinsert them in place.
- 4. Your air conditioner will run more efficiently if you remove the cloth filter (for under the window units), rinse in warm water to remove trapped dust and fine debris and return it to the unit.
- 5. During warm weather, when AC's are running longer, corrugated filters should be changed every four(4) to six (6) weeks.
- 6. In conjunction with the "Under the Window AC units, especially, your ceiling fans should be running, so that the "heavy" air blown onto the floor is directed up rather than along the floor. To achieve the correct air flow, hold a tissue below the fan while it is operating. If the tissue is pulled upward, the circulating air is being elevated, where it should go. If the tissue blows downward, flip the small switch on the side of the motor to reverse the flow, in the opposite direction.... upward.
- 7. Spray the locks on the entry door... wind-driven rain removes the lubricant, making turning the key(s) more difficult than necessary.





LEGAL

Selective Enforcement and Life Estates

BY MARK FRIEDMAN, FLORIDA BAR CERTIFIED AS A SPECIALIST IN CONDOMINIUM AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LAW

I hope this article finds everyone well. I can only hope that by the time this is published we will almost be finished with Covid-19. As such, I thought I'd cover a few regular Condo issues this month.

Selective Enforcement

Selective enforcement is a situation when the Association allows one unit owner, tenant, or resident to violate a rule or provision in its governing documents but forbids the same violation by another owner. It must be the same type of violation. So, for example if you have allowed unit owners to do activity "X" and now seek to enforce activity "X", as a violation against the next transgressor, that is where a selective enforcement defense may be viable. However, if you have allowed unit owners to do "X" and there is a violation of rule "Y", the defense will not work as these are two separate types of violations.

realize that the previous Board has let things go? Is there a way to hit the reset button? The answer is yes. The Board, working with its attorney should craft a carefully worded resolution to draw a line in the sand; grandfathering past transgressions and putting everyone on notice that henceforth and forevermore the Association will evenhandedly enforce the currently unenforced provisions. By doing so, at least according to the arbitration decisions on the topic, this should breathe new life into an otherwise unenforceable rule or provision of your Declaration. I strongly recommend never doing this on your own as you do not want to inadvertently grandfather everything that has occurred in the past.

Life Estates

In the case Sauls v. Crosby, 258 So. 2nd 326 (Fla. 1 DCA 1972), the Court held that "in this jurisdiction What if you are a new Board and a tenant for life or a person vested with an ordinary life estate is entitled to the use and enjoyment of his estate during its existence. The only restriction on the life tenant's use and enjoyment is that he is not permanently to diminish or change the value of the future estate of the remainderman [the person who will receive the property after the life estate ends]." This case was cited by the Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums and Mobile Homes and put into a condominium context in the arbitration decision, Spevack v. Plaza Del Prado Condominium Association, Inc (Arb case 04-00-2794). The Association's governing documents required an individual to be a unit owner, as defined by the Condominium Act, in order to be eligible for a seat on the Board. Section 718.103, Florida Statutes, defines unit owner as the "record owner of legal title to a condominium parcel." The arbitrator, citing to Sauls v. Crosby, held that in his capacity as a life estate hold-

er the individual was entitled to the use and enjoyment of his unit, which included rights provided to the unit owners via the governing documents, including the right to vote on association matters and eligibility as a board member. The arbitrator pointed out, however, that this did not hold true for the remainderman who had no right of possession until the life estate terminates.

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TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE

Monday and Thursday: Andover, Bedford, Camden, Chatham, Dorchester, Greenbrier, Kent, Kingswood, Northampton, Somerset, Southampton, Sussex, Wellington and Windsor.

Tuesday and Friday: Berkshire, Cambridge, Canterbury, Coventry, Dover, Easthampton, Hastings, Norwich, Oxford, Plymouth, Salisbury, Sheffield, Stratford, Waltham

Monday, Thursday and Saturday: Golf's Edge

Bulk Pickup: Friday for all areas. It is not a pleasant sight to see the bulk trash out all week, so please remember to put your bulk trash out late Thursday evening or very early Friday.

Recycling: Wednesdays and Saturdays for all areas.

The Atlantic Broadband dedicated Customer Service number for Century Village residents is 844-489-7509. Please use this number for any inquiries regarding service, billing, or technical support.

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Consumer Alerts From the Federal Trade Commission

Avoiding SSA scams during COVID-19

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION BY JIM KREIDLER CONSUMER EDUCATION SPECIALIST

While some of you are home, practicing social distancing and frequent hand washing to avoid the Coronavirus, remember that scammers are still busy trying to take advantage of people. Some scammers are pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and trying to get your Social Security number or your money.

Here's what to know:

- **Do not trust caller ID.** Scam calls may show up on caller ID as the Social Security Administration and look like the agency's real number, but it's not the SSA calling.
- Your Social Security number is not about to be suspended. And your bank accounts are not about to be seized.
- Don't verify your Social Security number or any other personal information to anyone who calls out of the blue. If you already did, visit IdentityTheft.gov/SSA to find out what steps you can take to protect your credit and your identity.
- SSA will never call to threaten your benefits or tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer. Every time.
- Talk about it. If you're getting these calls, chances are your friends and family are too. Please talk with them about it.
- People who know about scams are much less likely to fall for them. So by discussing them you are helping protect people you care for and people in your community

CERT CORNER 2020 HURRICANE SEASON PREDICTION

While all the attention is focused on Covid-19, be aware that you still need to be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season. We all know the importance of emergency supplies. Start building your emergency supply kit and making your Hurricane Plan **now**. Each time you go to the store, pick up one or two essential items that are available. Start early to avoid empty shelves and frantic shoppers, like we just experienced with COVID-19.

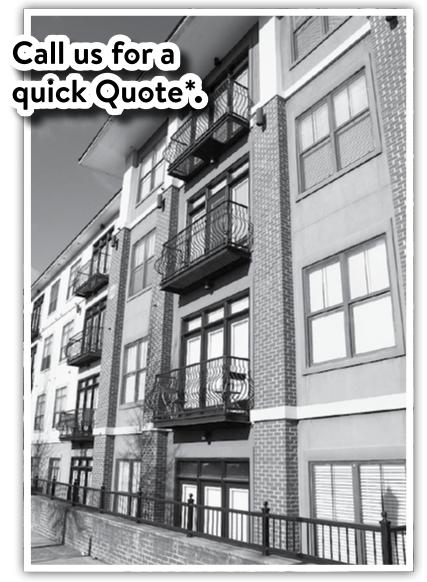
Early 2020 predictions are for 12 named storms. Six of these are predicted to be hurricanes, three of Category 3 strength or higher. (A Category 3 hurricane has winds between 111 and 129 mph). It only takes one storm to create an **"active"** hurricane season.

We are all aware that many weather variables come together to create a hurricane. None of these are under our control. However, we can control how prepared we are and we have the ability to assist one another in time of need. **Neighbor** - **Helping - Neighbor!**

Everyone should have a **HURRICANE PLAN**, whether that plan is leaving town, staying in place or with a friend, or going to a shelter. Part of that plan could include making sure you are not alone during the storm. Get together with your friends or neighbors who may also live alone and make a plan to be company for each other. Knowing you have prepared your supplies and having friends with you should help you through the storm.

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Message from John Hopkins Hospital

- The virus is not a living organism, but a protein molecule (DNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular, nasal or buccal mucosa, changes their genetic code. (mutation) and convert them into aggressor and multiplier cells.
- Since the virus is not a living organism but a protein molecule, it is not killed, but decays on its own. The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.
- The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat. That is why any soap or detergent is the best remedy, because the foam CUTS the FAT (that is why you have to rub so much: for 20 seconds or more, to make a lot of foam).
- By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down on its own.
- HEAT melts fat; this is why it is so good to use water above 77 degrees Fahrenheit for washing hands, clothes and everything. In addition, hot water makes more foam and that makes it even more useful.
- · Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ANY FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.
- Any mix with 1 part bleach and 5 parts wa-

- ter directly dissolves the protein, breaks it down from the inside.
- Oxygenated water helps long after soap, alcohol and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein, but you have to use it pure and it hurts your skin.
- BACTERICIDE OR ANTIBIOTIC SERVES. The virus is not a living organism like bacteria; antibodies cannot kill what is not alive.
- NEVER shake used or unused clothing, sheets or cloth. While it is glued to a porous surface, it is very inert and disintegrates only between 3 hours (fabric and porous), 4 hours (copper and wood), 24 hours (cardboard), 42 hours (metal) and 72 hours (plastic).
- But if you shake it or use a feather duster, the virus molecules float in the air for up to 3 hours, and can lodge in your nose.
- The virus molecules remain very stable in external cold, or artificial as air conditioners in houses and cars.
- They also need moisture to stay stable, and especially darkness. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade it faster.
- UV LIGHT on any object that may contain it breaks down the virus protein. For exam-

- ple, to disinfect and reuse a mask is perfect. Be careful, it also breaks down collagen (which is protein) in the skin.
- The virus CANNOT go through healthy
- Vinegar is NOT useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.
- NO SPIRITS, NOR VODKA, serve. The strongest vodka is 40% alcohol, and you need 65%.
- LISTERINE IF IT SERVES! It is 65% alcohol.
- The more confined the space, the more concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the
- You have to wash your hands before and after touching mucosa, food, locks, knobs, switches, remote control, cell phone, watches, computers, desks, TV, etc. And when using the bathroom.
- You have to Moisturize dry hands from so much washing because the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better.
- Also keep your NAILS SHORT so that the virus does not hide there.
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Staff Stats

BY RICHARD HANDELSMAN

In March, 2020, the Maintenance Crew completed 384 job assignments, requiring 586.5 hours. Jobs included restarting pool heaters, replacing fallen molding in the Clubhouse Party Room, and, beginning March 21st, disinfecting amenities closed by COVID-19. Maintenance is continuous: pool filters, air conditioning, lights, etc. cannot be turned off; carpets, windows, furnishings need to be cleaned.

Platinum Security for UCO dealt with 171 Incidents, including confiscating 58 expired passes, as well as 6 active resident passes: 5 due to guests using the resident pass; 1 due to resident continuing to use the barcode lane with non-working barcode. Other incidents included a water leak necessitating telephoning the absent owner; a PBSO deputy asking a guest to leave the unit, per the owner's request; and a Comcast technician pulling Atlantic Broadband wiring (the wires were put back). Perhaps the most interesting: "Rover dispatched to West Drive, regarding unknown male walking on property without stopping to be checked in. Individual was profusely sweating, aggressive and refusing to cooperate. (PBSO) Deputy was contacted and escorted individual off property."

Platinum Security for WPRF dealt with 30 guests without valid C.V. ID's using the pools; 6 children without adult supervision at pools; 3 ID confiscations and 17 expired ID confiscations. In addition, Security dealt with 87 traffic violations, including wrong way driving or exiting the Clubhouse parking lot, handicap parking but no tag, and parking in the bus lane.

Altogether, our security personnel confiscated 84 ID's. A valid guest ID costs \$5/week, so that's a minimum of \$420 lost in CV income.

Sources:

Facebook

Maintenance: Closed Work Order List from WPRF office, Clubhouse:

Platinum Security: Monthly Security Report March 2020.







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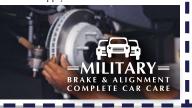
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May Property News

DOROTHY JACKS PBC PROPERTY APPRAISER

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe during these uncertain and unprecedented

times.



As you know, our offices have been closed since early April, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic and Flori-

da Governor Ron DeSantis' statewide 'Stay-At-Home' executive order requiring all businesses and organizations that do not provide "COVID-19 Essential Services", to limit movements and personal interactions outside the home.

During this period, many of our staff have been working remotely from home, busy completing preparations for the 2020 estimated taxable property values, which will be released to all Palm Beach County taxing authorities later this month.

Through the Property Appraiser Public Access (PAPA) website: www. pbcgov.org/PAPA and our general office email: PAO@pbcgov.org, we have been able to maintain commu-

nication with the taxpayers of Palm Beach County and offer our online services, 24/7. We are answering close to 100 emails a day, so we are busy and happy to continue our public service to you.

The safety and well-being of our employees and the public remains a top priority. We are actively monitoring the situation and will announce our reopening as soon as it is deemed safe to resume normal operations.

For updates, be sure to check the PAPA website: www.pbcgov.org/PAPA or our social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Value Adjustment Board Hearings for Final Certification of 2019 Tax Roll

Each tax roll year, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office works in conjunction with the Value Adjustment Board (VAB), (administered by the Clerk & Comptroller's Office), providing property owners the opportunity to appeal an assessed value or denied exemption, listed on their Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (or TRIM Notice).

There are two options available for property owners – contact our office for an informal review of the matter or file a petition for adjustment with the VAB, or both.

On average, the number of petitions filed in Palm Beach County is low, typically less than 1% of the total parcels in the county.

Once all VAB hearings have been conducted, the final tax roll is then certified which includes all changes approved by the VAB. The final tax roll for 2019 was certified on March 31, 2020.

It has been a priority of this administration to tighten the petition hearing schedule year to year, which then allows our staff to focus all their efforts on the next tax roll.

For more information on the VAB, go to www.mypalmbeachclerk.com

Tangible Personal Property Tax Return Filing Deadline Extended to May 18, 2020

To help Palm Beach County businesses who may be on a reduced work schedule, our office has granted an automatic 45-day extension to Palm Beach County business owners who file a Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax return. The new deadline to file is Monday, May 18, 2020. TPP consists of assets used in a business such as furniture and equipment, and are valued at more than \$25,000. These are subject to ad valorem tax-

es.

Please note that while you are not required to submit a request for the extension, all TPP tax returns and supporting documentation must be submitted to our office by Monday, May 18, 2020.

You have three options to file your TPP tax return and submit supporting documents:

- • E file at www.pbcgov.org/PAPA
- Complete the TPP tax return form online and email to mytpp@ pbcgov.org
- • Complete the TPP tax return form online, print it out and mail to:

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, Tangible Personal Property Department, 5th Floor, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Office Closed in Honor of Memorial Day

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office (including all of our Service Centers) will be closed in honor of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2020. This Memorial Day, we honor those who died in military service for our country with distinction and courage. Let us remember their sacrifice for our freedom and prosperity, we so gratefully enjoy.

April Tax Talk

ANNE M. GANNON CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR

As this issue of Tax Talk goes to publication, I remain focused on ensuring the Constitutional Tax Collector's



Office continues to provide essential services to our county as we face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please take a few min-

utes to read my latest COVID-19 update related to tax collector services. • Renew your driver license (if you have not already used Florida's

I also want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. Whether you are a grandparent, a father, a guardian or other trusted caretaker filling this important role – it makes no difference to the child who looks to you for love, guidance and protection. Thank you for all you do!

Please follow recommendations from state and local leaders to stay healthy and decrease the spread of illness in our community.

COVID-19 Update

As we publish this newsletter, we do not yet know when we will reopen our offices to the public. We do expect longer-than-normal wait times due to high demand for in-person service. We encourage you to

complete your transaction online or by mail to avoid long wait times – and stay healthy!

Pay Online or Mail Your Payment These common transactions can be completed online at www.pbctax. com:

- Pay delinquent tangible personal property tax
- COVID-19 pan- Pay Local Business Tax
 - File and pay Tourist Development
 Tax
 - Renew your driver license (if you have not already used Florida's one-time complimentary online renewal service)
 - Renew your vehicle or vessel registrations

You may also mail your payment to Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, P.O. Box 3715, West Palm Beach, Florida 33402-2715. Remember to make payable to Tax Collector, Palm Beach County.

Emergency Order 041320 Extends Expiring Driver Licenses and State ID Cards

Under the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, Emergency Order 041320 has been executed by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes.

- 60 Day Extension: All Florida driver licenses and identification cards set to expire between March 16, 2020, and April 15, 2020 will be granted a 60-day extension beyond their current expiration date.
- 30 Day Extension: All Florida driver licenses and identification cards set to expire between April 16, 2020, and April 30, 2020 will be granted a 30-day extension beyond their current expiration date.

This executive order does not remove any stops or holds on a driver license.

REAL ID Deadline Extended to Oct. 1, 2021

If you do not yet have your REAL ID driver license or state ID card, I have some good news. The Department of Homeland Security extended the REAL ID deadline by 12 months. The new deadline is Oct. 1, 2021. As more information becomes available, I will share it with you.

Protect Yourself from Coronavirus Scams

I encourage you to remain wary of scammers looking to take advantage of others following an emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Be on the lookout for these scams:

Email Scams – Be aware of emails that look like they are sent from reputable organizations. Scammers may send health alerts that look like they are from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or World Health Organization (WHO). Never complete a questionnaire that asks for your personal information.

Phony Vaccines or Testing Kits – There is no vaccine for COVID-19. Health officials are not selling athome testing kits. Rely on your health care provider or local public health officials for the facts.

Phony Health Officials – Criminals wearing hazmat suits or lab coats are showing up on doorsteps pretending to represent local health departments or other organizations. Don't fall victim to these unscrupulous con artists! Don't let them in your house and do not give them any personal information.

Expedited Financial Assistance – The federal government is providing economic relief to many people impacted by the pandemic. These financial help measures are coming... but none can be expedited by paying a fee to anyone. Calls or emails offering expedited financial assistance is a scam!

Important Dates & Deadlines

May 10 Mother's Day
May 25 Memorial Day,
Offices Closed
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Statement regarding the recreational facilities in Century Village, West Palm

April 15, 2020

The prevalence of the novel illness of COVID-19 throughout the world has created unprecedented challenges in how every person interacts with one another on a daily basis. As a result and pursuant to advisement of health officials, the government has mandated the closure of all non-essential businesses in the State of Florida, including the recreation facilities at Century Village. The closure by the government was necessary to encourage everyone to stay home in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Since the closure, a portion of our clubhouse staff has been successfully working from home thanks to technology and IT staff. The clubhouse staff whose on-site presence is essential to recreation facilities operations are implementing social distancing instructions and meticulous hygiene as directed by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health. All our staff, even those working from home, continue to provide services to the residents of Century Village; in fact, some of our staff find themselves busier than before as they answer questions from and provide "virtual" services to our residents. Maintenance staff has taken advantage of the empty clubhouse and satellite facilities caused by the government-mandated closures to conduct intensive cleaning and preventative maintenance. We are very proud of how all of our employees are proactively and reactively ensuring that the necessary operations of the recreation facilities continue and the functionality of those facilities is preserved. We appreciate your consideration of our inability to have personal face to face contact and hope you continue to utilize the alternative methods we have available when necessary.

The 2020 budget for the recreation facilities includes expenses for the entire year which are required to be incurred despite the fact that the prevalence of COVID-19 has forced changes in our resident's daily life. Landscaping, irrigation, tree trimming, pool maintenance, administration and staff services, utilities and trash removal, ongoing property maintenance, janitorial services, identification cards, and security are just some of the expenses still being incurred during the pandemic. Expenses related to insurance coverage are also being incurred and given the fact that hurricane season is less than two months away, preparations are already underway. The business of the Century Village community must continue, and COVID-19 has not resulted in a change in how or when unit owners are required to make payments to W.P.R.F., Inc. under the applicable documents, including the Declaration of Condominium and the Long Term Leases. When it comes to the recreation facilities, there are no alternatives for payment to W.P.R.F., Inc., such as an owner might have with forbearance of payments of their mortgage. Any realized shortfall in payments rests on the neighbors to carry the delinquency. Having said this, at the end of the current budget year, to the extent that there may be a surplus between the actual expenses and those budgeted, that surplus will be used to reduce the monthly payments for the 2021 budget.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and/or concerns you may have so that we may assist you further. We hope everyone remains healthy and safe during this very difficult time. There will be an end to this crisis and together, we can all do our part to stay home and stay safe.



My friend, Alice and I boarded the Coral Princess on March 5th. The next day we traveled through the Southern Patagonia Ice Field, the Amalia Glacier in Chile.

The ship navigated through Chile's narrow fjords. Standing on our terrace, we marveled at the sight of the glacier's magnificent blue ice. (blue ice is made when ice absorbs all the other colors in the spectrum and reflects primarily blue. Amalia Glacier is a treat for the senses.

The next day we visited Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Ushuaia is situated in a bay by the southern coast of Argentina. Ushuaia has a subpolar oceanic climate. It was forty-nine degrees when the ship docked. We saw towering mountains, Mount Olivia and Mount Escapando. Tierra del Feugo was a former penal colony. When the prison closed its doors in 1747, the population was 3,000. It has grown into

most southern National Park in the world. Driving through the park, we saw beautiful forests, lakes and waterfalls. The park ends in an area which is the world's southernmost National Park.

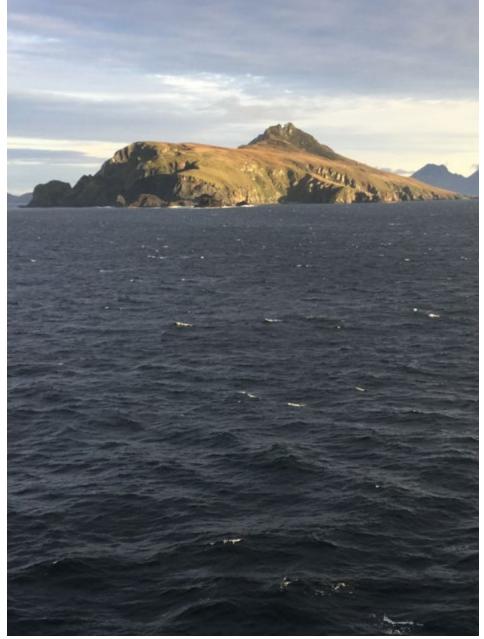
Our next stop was Puntas Arenas, Chile. This is the world's southernmost city. It is just twenty-six miles from the Strait of Magellan. The area remained isolated from the world, until 1520 when the Portuguese navigator, Ferdinand Magellan sailed through the strait which now bears his name .We walked through the town and stopped at the famous square, Plaza Muunoz Gamero. There is a beautiful monument of Ferdinand Magellan in the square. We also visited the Sara Braun Mansion. She was one of the most powerful women in the 19th Century. As I wandered through this mansion, I saw antique furniture and paintings and chan-



a city of 70,000 residents. It was the prison inmates who built the hospitals, railways and ports. We took a chartered bus through the Tierra del Fuego National Park, the

deliers. So Beautiful!

The next day, the ship sailed around Cape Horn. From my terrace, I saw very high waves and



felt very high winds. I could barely stand on the terrace. It was a beautiful sight to see.

Our last stop was the Falkland Islands, Port Stanley. We boarded a four-wheel drive vehicle for the one hour ride to see the orange footed Gentoo Penguins.

We drove thru Port Stanley, a tiny village lined with Victorian style homes and passed sandy beaches, grassy fields and rolling hills. We parked and walked toward the water to see the penguins. We watched in awe, as the penguins wobbled up from the water and came near us. It

was a cold, windy and rainy day, but certainly worth the trip to see the penguins.

When we left Florida on March 3rd, the Coronavirus was only in China, so we decided to go on the cruise. As we traveled each day, we heard about the spread of the virus, but it had not reached Chile and Argentina. A day before we were to disembark in Argentina, our tem-

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LUNCH WITH LENORE



VELCOFF

I visited this restaurant just

before the corona-virus scare.

BY LENORE

Please keep it in mind when all this is behind us.

This Japanese buffet is the cleanest and nicely decorated place I've seen. Last week, I went out to lunch with 20 ladies. We took over one section of the restaurant and what a feast we had.

If you like sushi, this is the place for you. One whole section of the buffet was devoted to it. They had California roll, avocado and crab roll, cream cheese and crab, cucumber and avocado, eel, edamame and so much more.

They also had sashimi. Sashimi is thinly sliced raw meat—usually fish, such as salmon or tuna—that is served without rice. Sushi is not raw fish, but rather vinegared rice that is mixed with other ingredients, which may or may not include raw fish. The only ones I eat are edamame, California roll and Gyoza dumplings (A pocket of dough that is stuffed with minced pork or shrimp, and steamed). Five different soups and Japanese salads are also offered.

The next section of the buffet offers both hot and cold entrees. They had fried calamari, steak stir-fry, grilled bourbon chicken, wings, veggie tempura, cocktail shrimp, mussels, Mongolian grill, salmon, broccoli and veggies and several more that I couldn't try because two full plates worth was all I could stuff in.

The third section held desserts. There were fresh fruits, dessert cakes (cannoli and elephant ears, to name just two), eight different ice creams and so much more!

As one reviewer wrote, "-- topnotch in most areas, especially the fresh seafood department. The Sushi's innovative with many varieties, not just 4-5". All this delicious food for \$12.99. The 20 ladies really enjoyed this restaurant.

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Nutrition and Health Nutrition and Menopause

BY JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N

Sound nutrition is important throughout our lives. Not only would we feel better, but our bodies would function better as well. Our nutritional knowledge has increased significantly in the last few decades. Now we know that by watching what we eat, we can help reach or maintain a healthy weight and stay healthier.

Did you know that the food choices you make could also help ease some common symptoms of menopause? While menopause can occur earlier, it usually happens in a woman's 50's. You may know someone who is experiencing menopause. Healthy eating can help women make those life changes a little easier to deal with.

Like other life changes, menopause is another important stage for women. For some, it is a bittersweet time, marking the end of menstrual cycles and the reproductive years and at the same time, some sense of greater Hormonal changes freedom. lead to the symptoms typically experienced during menopause like night sweats, chills, and sleeping

difficulties. This natural loss of estrogen can weaken your bones. Some hormones are also important to regulate weight. With decreased levels, unwanted weight gain can especially be a problem for many women. In addition, as we age, our metabolism can slow down while we are less active, and as a result, extra pounds can add up easily, making weight management even harder to control after menopause.

The extra weight can increase one's risk of diabetes, as well as cholesterol and blood pressure problems. Having either diabetes or heart issues can increase your chances of kidney disease.

HEALTHY HABITS DURING MENOPAUSE

Limit Spice and Caffeine

For some people, spicy foods and caffeine can bring on hot flashes. If you notice this occurring, it is best to limit your intake or avoid them.

Hydration

Ample hydration may help with hot flashes. Water keeps your body

moving regularly. Water is an ideal beverage since it does not contain any sugar or calories.

Choose Healthier Choices

Healthy food choices should include plenty of fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy, whole grains, and lean protein. Monitor how much sodium you are taking in

Physical Activity

Aim for at least 30 minutes of activity every day. membership, which can be useful for exercise and social time, is not required to be active. Implement activity throughout your day. Dancing, cleaning house, parking a little farther when you're at the store, and taking stairs instead of the elevator are all ways to add more activity easily. A pair of hand weights can be purchased for exercises at home for strengthtraining. Not only would this help with managing weight, but also with increasing bone strength.

Always, remember to check with your doctor before beginning any



exercise or diet program.

Menopause is only a temporary, transitional stage in life, although it may not feel like it when you are in the midst of it.

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My Cruise on the Coral Princess I from Page 17

perature was taken. Both staff and cruisers did not have a temperature. We were concerned that Argentina would not let the ship dock on March 19th. We were to fly home to Miami on that date. Over the loudspeaker at 4:00 A.M., the Captain announced that Argentinian medical staff were coming on board to take our temperature. We were told to stay in our rooms until called. They never came on the ship. Argentina permitted the ship to dock, not at the regular port, but where ships loaded food and supplies. The ship had to leave Argentina at midnight At 11:30 A.M., we heard flight numbers being called. We took our carryon luggage and went downstairs. We disembarked at 2:30 P.M., picked up our luggage and were herded into vans to take us to the main port. At the main port, we were herded into what looked like corrals.

Large air conditioned buses took us to the airport. Behind the buses was a jeep full of Argentinian police. Our temperature was taken before we were able to get on the 7:30 flight to Chile. We were concerned that we would not make the plane to Miami, since our first plane left Argentina one hour late. They held the plane and off we went. We arrived in Miami on March 20th.

Thank G-D we got home.

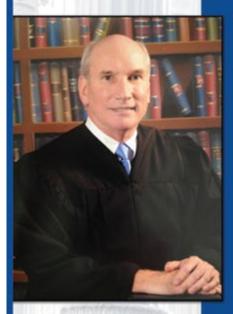
Several of our dinner companions had morning flights on the 19th. They missed their flight and had to stay on the ship. I was able to communicate with them via email. Several passengers had the virus, so all passengers were quarantined in their cabins. Daily menus were given to them. They were shoved under the door. Stewards knocked on doors and placed the food near the door. Those passengers without a terrace were moved to these rooms. As the days went by and it seemed that they would not be able to dock in Fort Lauderdale, they became very depressed. Two people died on the ship and 108 people contracted the virus. I'm so glad my friends were not alone in their cabins. They communicated with other passengers when they were on their terrace (I must say that when I disembarked everyone was well). I'm so glad they were able to get off the ship in Miami. It took them three days to get off the ship. Charter planes flew them home. Princess hired limos to drive them to their homes. Florida residents were driven home.

Why was I "lucky "to get off? Is it because my friend Kathy G. sprinkled me with holy water and said a prayer. I don't know.





KEEP JUDGE JEFFREY GILLEN



"I have been a public servant for over twenty years, and for the last seven-and-a-half, it has been my honor to serve the residents of Palm Beach County, and all of Florida, as a circuit judge. As your circuit judge, I have handled thousands of cases in civil, family and criminal divisions.

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- Judge Teffrey Gillen

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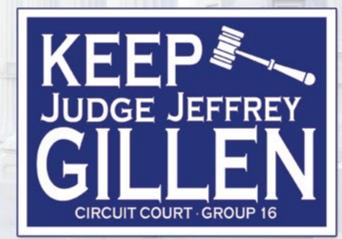
- · Born in Syracuse, NY and earned law degree at Syracuse University
- Over 3 decades of experience as an attorney
- Experienced in civil, criminal and family divisions as a judge for over 7 years for Palm Beach County Circuit Courts
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Century Village Leaders; Act One, Creating New Bylaws

This year Century Village will finally acquire a new set of bylaws. Though they are based on our prior declarations and laws, this renewal was badly needed to clarify definitions and verbiage throughout the document and add bylaws where needed.

As this important undertaking finally comes to fruition, there are a couple of people who will heave a huge sigh of relief—Anita Buchanan, who served on this committee over six years time, acting as chairperson since 2017, and Richard Handelsman, who joined the committee in 2019 and helped ensure that the language in the final version was consistent throughout the document and that it said what delegates voted for it to say. Both of these tireless advisors came well-prepared for this work—both taught English and know first-hand how important concise language usage is to clear understanding.

Anita was born in Peabody, Massachusetts. She was the middle child of three, with an older brother and a younger sister. Her childhood appears to have been a peaceful one, with two caring parents, and a large, extended family in attendance every holiday, where she listened and observed people with diverse opinions argue their points in long discourses that went on late into the night. She claims these 'discussions' shaped her views as an adult. Certainly they contributed to her ability to listen to others' opinions carefully and patiently.

Asked about a favorite childhood memory, Anita provided a descrip-

tion of one of her fondest..."Ice skating at dusk by myself on an empty pond, never feeling the cold, never feeling afraid and my parents never doubting I was safe." She captured so much in that memory—her sense of faith in her own body to transport her out of discomfort (like cold) by immersing herself in the power of that moment, and to know that the people who mattered most to her recognized her as a person with sound judgment. This is how children become confident adults.

When young Anita was asked what she wanted to be, she knew—a ballet dancer. But her father told her he wanted her to be 'the best educated dancer you can be.' And so she attended Boston University. After graduation, Anita taught English for four years and married her high school sweetheart, Tom Buchanan. She remembers that time as some of the best years of her life, happily married and raising two children. Tom, their children, and now their grandchildren, are still the cornerstone of her life.

When the children were older, she re-entered the workforce, making her way up to vice-president of marketing, investor relations, and corporate communications for three high tech companies. Through these experiences she gained the knowledge that language held power, and that how we present ourselves leaves an impression on others that can advance our ideas, or cause others to dismiss them. Ultimately, she co-founded Roberts Buchanan Associates,

a public relations firm focused on media relations for high profile clients

Anita's work on the Advisory Board has been ably assisted by a committee of CV residents dedicated to creating a document meant to serve us all until laws or the needs of the Village change.

To polish the bylaws, she received excellent editing help from the committee, including members who joined before she came on board and officers serving ex-officio. Former chairs of the committee were also generous with their support. One committee member who has been especially helpful is Dr. Richard Handelsman.

Also an English teacher, 'Dr. H.', as he is called by friends at UCO, began life in Pennsylvania in August of 1945, the day after the Japanese surrendered at the end of WWII. His father was a scientist and Professor of Engineering, while his mother was skillful at social engineering. Long before the term 'social distancing' was put in place, she was able to stay close to friends who didn't always get along with each other, which accounts for Dr. H's forbearance in many heated committee discussions at UCO.

He was the oldest of three sons, growing up in a fairly small geographic circle including Red Bank, N. J., Rome N. Y., and Princeton, N. J. That last location may have influenced his choice of 'institutions of higher learning,' for he received his B.A. at Princeton University. He did travel further afield for his advanced degrees, gaining his

M.A. at the University of Chicago, and his PhD from the University of Illinois.

Most of his professional life was spent teaching Literature and Composition in colleges and high schools in Georgia. He rates helping students in rural sections of Georgia to achieve success on a national scale by being accepted by top universities as his personal 'achievement award.' It is gratifying for any teacher to be able to help students realize their dreams—it is the major motivation for most people who enter the field.

He lists reading opposing views, and listening to lively debate by 'forceful' personalities as interesting aspects of his volunteer work at Century Village on various committees (six to be exact), and he also acts as delegate for his association. Reading is his primary avocation, though his personal code (a sound mind in a sound body) is important as well. But so avid a reader is he, he once aspired to be a night watchman in a book factory thinking that would be the perfect occupation—with little to do, and thousands of free books to read.

If you see Dr. H. cycling around the Village, give a wave. And if you're ever stuck on whether that participle is dangling, or decently ensconced in the sentence you're constructing, who ya gonna call?

We are a very lucky community to have such talent in our midst, and people willing to share their skills with us.



Do you want to know what's going on in Century Village during the summer?

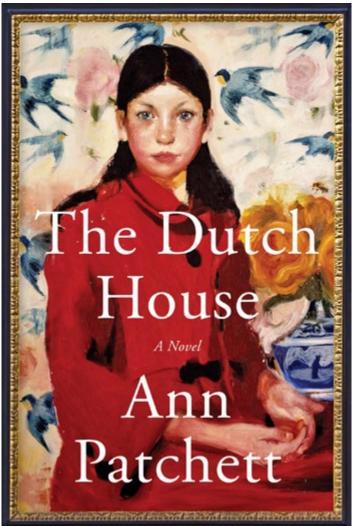
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The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

This is a story of siblings, Danny and Maeve Conroy, their obsessive connection with the iconic family house they lived in as young children and how their lives unfolded over the years. The Dutch House is a



slow moving family story, a sad family story. The house that seems to be in the background, in fact, plays a major role in the characters' lives. This castle-like house seems to affect each character differently, as though living inside these walls appears to create an entirely different relationship between the house and each character.

Patchett follows a family for five decades, a family that is broken apart, for reasons that I cannot share without spoiling the story. Abandoned by their mother at an early age, brother and sister are extremely close, not unexpected since they are the only ones that are there for each other through thick and thin. Everything changes when their emotionally distant father marries the evil stepmother and the children are cut out of their inheritance. The pain, bitterness, and anger shapes their personalities and their future.

I thought it was very interesting to observe the different ways they reacted to their lost mother. Maeve, who had known her for some of her childhood, longed for her return. Danny, who never really knew her, ended up being very like his father and repeated many of his faults. What happens to his mother is a mystery that unravels over time.

While this isn't a suspenseful book, there are a few surprises that unfold as you read it. Patchett fans and those who've never read her work will enjoy this, especially those who like stories of family relationships gone awry. Is a house really a home? Does karma exist? At what point, if ever, does forgive and forget happen?

Though this book is told through the eyes of a man, I feel that this is a book that women would enjoy more.



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May Fun Facts & Events

BY RUTH BERNHARD-DREISS

In the Northern Hemisphere, May is the season of spring. With it comes Cinco de Mayo 5/5; Mother's Day 5/10; Armed Forces Day 5/16 and Memorial Day 5/25.

Symbols for May are:

Birthstone – Emerald Flower – Lily of the Valley Zodiac signs – Taurus and Gemini

In Other Languages:

Roman – Marius Saxon – Thrimici Germanic – Wonne-mond

Fun Facts:

It is the 3rd and last month of the season of spring.

The emerald birthstone symbolizes success and love.

May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to November in the Southern Hemisphere.

It was once considered bad luck to marry in May. There is a poem that says, "Marry in May and you'll rue the day."

The Indianapolis 500 car race is turtle.

held each year during this month. The Kentucky Derby, the world's most famous horse race, is also held the second Saturday of this month.

The month of May is devoted to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church.

The United Kingdom celebrates May as the National Smile Month.

The last week of May is Library and Information Week.

The most popular holiday in May in the U.S. is Memorial Day, the national holiday that is also known as the unofficial start of summer.... when you can wear white shoes.

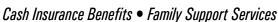
World Turtle Day – Every year since 2000, May 23 is World Turtle Day to bring awareness to turtles and tortoises around the world that need human help to stay alive and prosper. To celebrate the day, you can dress up as a turtle, wear green, or volunteer in a turtle or reptile rescue. Schools around the world plan craft projects for youngsters to teach them about the plight of the turtle.

World Telecommunications

Day (Information Society Day) – If your mobile phone could have its own special day, then May17 is the day to set it on a pedestal (not just for charging) and give it its due. World Telecommunications Day was renamed in 2005 as World Information Society Day, in order to recognize the prominence of the internet in everyday life, since it encompasses telecommunications, too. To mark the day, maybe it's time for a new case, screen protector, or phone?

Holidays – Although everyone remembers Mom on Mother's Day, the most memorable in May is Memorial Day, May 25th when we honor our veterans. This year, remember to honor our First Responders, doctors, nurses and all medical staff workers. They are going above and beyond the call for us during this crisis time. Never forget their importance in dealing with Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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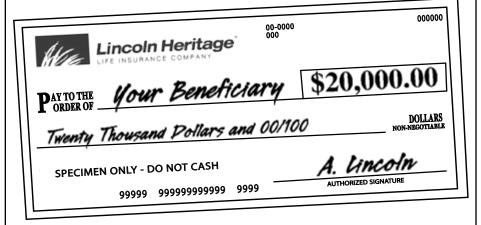
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Notables Born in May

BY LENORE VELCOFF



JOHN F. KENNEDY was the 35th President of the United States. Born in an elite, politically involved Catholic family of Boston, Kennedy was elected as President at the age of 43. Before taking up the office of the President, Kennedy served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the US Senate. He defeated Vice President and Republican candidate Richard Nixon to become the President. He was the youngest President. He was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald when he was 46 years old.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE is popularly known as the Lady with the lamp. Born in 1820, she was a British social reformer who founded modern nursing. Her biggest contribution to humanity was when she volunteered to help in the Crimean



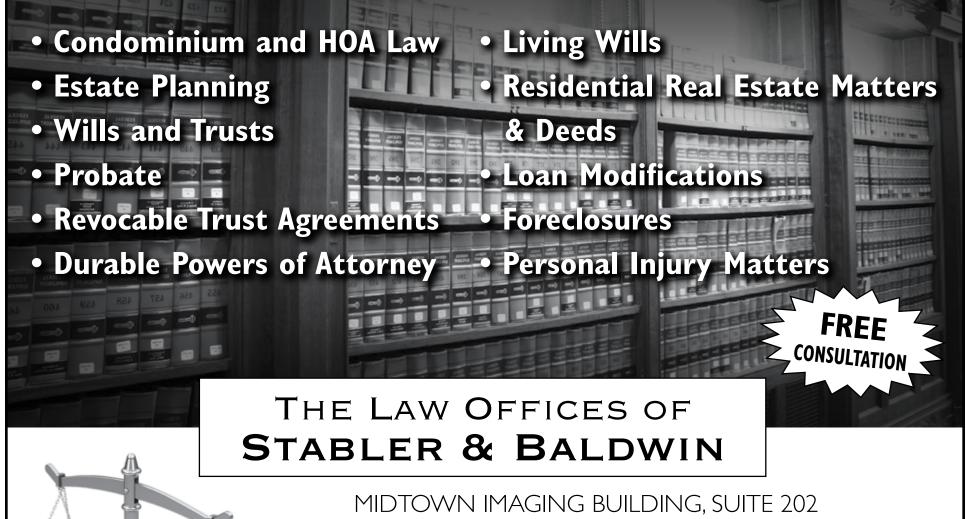
war to tend to wounded soldiers. Later in life she tried to bring about reforms regarding the hygiene problems of the Army hospitals. The Nightingale pledge in her honor is taken by new nurses promising to fulfil their duties as care-givers.

BOB HOPE was a British-born American entertainer, actor, radio personality and comedian. No other person in the history of the entertainment industry has traveled so far tirelessly across the globe to entertain service men at war other than Bob Hope. The media named him 'America's No. 1 Soldier in Greasepaint' and the US Congress conferred him the title of the 'first and only honorary veteran of the U.S. armed forces'. He lived to be 100 years old.

In Memory of **Bob Marshall**

Bob Marshall passed away recently. Century Village knew him as a UCO President, Vice President and Association President, always knowledgeable, capable and helpful to residents. His wife, Mollie remembered that everywhere they lived, Bob would go to meetings in the town to decide which committee he wanted to join, then go to the Chairman or meeting, ask a lot of questions to be sure how he could best help, then go for it. The process took time, but he made sure he was prepared for the work he needed to do. He was always that thoughtful and thorough in his roles at UCO.

Bob was a true community leader, and he graced us with his contributions, always delivered with patience, sound advice and an occasional joke to lighten the situation. To those who knew him he was a very special man. May he rest in peace.



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Around the Bases with Irwin Cohen

One hundred years ago in 1920, Babe Ruth began his playing career as a New York Yankee.

Ruth broke into the Major Leagues as a pitcher with the Boston Red Sox in 1914. He soon proved that he was one of the best pitchers in the American League and one of the best hitters.

The Red Sox moved Ruth full-time to the outfield in 1919 after leading the league in home runs as a part-time player the year before. Even though he starred as a pitcher, Management wanted to see how the Babe would do playing every day. Ruth rewarded the decision-makers by hitting 29 home runs in 1919, a record for one season at the time.

Prior to the 1920 season, Red Sox team owner Harry Frazee, whose first love was the Broadway theater and financing hit shows, took some heavy losses on performances he backed. Frazee sought and found new financing by selling Ruth to the New York Yankees. Yanks owner Jacob Ruppert, who made his fortune in the beer business, rewarded his

new star by doubling his salary to \$20,000 for the 1920 season.

The Yankees played in the shadow of the popular National League New York Giants, led by legendary manager John McGraw who oversaw a team of famous superstars. To make matters worse for Ruppert, the Yankees were tenants in the Giants home famous ballpark, the Polo Grounds and struggling to be interesting enough to lure fans.

Babe Ruth soon became the main drawing card and most popular man in New York. Ruth batted a whopping .376 and blasted 54 home runs in 1920, breaking his own single season record for round-trippers. Owner Ruppert soon started planning his own ballpark built around his superstar player. Yankee Stadium--which would be known as The House That Ruth Built--wouldn't be open for business until 1923, but the money started rolling in for the project in 1920.

Many feel Babe Ruth saved professional baseball. Fans were shocked that several players on the American

League pennant-winning Chicago White Sox of 1919 were bought and paid for by gamblers to purposely lose the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. Late in the 1920 season, eight players on the White Sox were banned from playing professional baseball for life by stern, new commissioner Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who would rule with a stern hand in the post for the next 24 years.

The only time a player lost his life by a pitched ball in a Major League game happened in the 1920 season. In a game between Ruth's Yankees and the Cleveland Indians at the Polo Grounds, Cleveland shortstop Ray Chapman was hit in the head by Yankees pitcher Carl Mays. After being struck, Chapman staggered out of the batters' box and fell to the ground. Taken unconscious to a New York hospital, Chapman died early the next morning. At the time of his death, Chapman had a .303 batting average and was one of the

most popular players in the game. Mays was not a popular person in the game and even among his teammates. Many thought he often threw too close to batters on purpose.

The dazed Indians rallied around rookie replacement shortstop Joe Sewell who batted 329 down the stretch helping the Indians to win the American League pennant and beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series.

Other memorable performances that year included Indians pitcher Jim Bagby, who won 31 games and St. Louis Browns first baseman George Sisler, who topped both leagues by batting .407 and set a record by recording 257 hits in a season.

Author, columnist, public speaker Irwin Cohen headed a national baseball publication for five years and interviewed many legends of the game including Joe DiMaggio and Hank Greenberg. Cohen accepted an offer from the Detroit Tigers for a marketing position in the front office and went on to earn a World Series ring.

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Recreation News



BY CHRISTINE MOHANTY

As has been the case with most of the activities in Century Village, all of our social gatherings, including our annual Memorial service and end-of-year picnic, were cancelled at the March meeting, probably one of the last gatherings before the Clubhouse was virtually shut down. Talk about bad news on Friday the thirteenth!

However, our sailors were still able to engage in competitive races since being on a Sunfish is a solo experience necessitating social distancing. Here are the results for Tuesday's championship races. For the inaugural fall season, Bart Snow placed first with Ron Helms, Marc Benson, and Kathy Forness in 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions. The winter season saw Jan Roszko in first position with Ron Helms, Marc Benson and Allan Twohig following behind. Coincidentally, the exact same lineup appeared for the spring series. Unfortunately, none of our sailors completed the mandatory five races to qualify for Friday's navigational competition in the fall, but Jan Roszko came in first with Ron Helms

second for winter and Ron Helms first in spring. Since many members have already dispersed to other climes, we may have to wait until next season to distribute trophies and celebrate our racers' accomplishments.

We are now floating in the Twilight Zone praying to steer clear of this unprecedented pandemic. Fortunately, we can still appreciate an invigorating walk in our paradise and enjoy rewarding family time. Besides, although much is canceled or cordoned off, all is not lost. You-Tube has numerous short videos about sailing the Sunfish sailboats. so there are plenty of opportunities for virtual sailing and getting tips for improving your racing for coming seasons. This venue has become even more important since our wonderful dock master, Bob Wilson, passed away suddenly April 2, though unrelated to this terrible virus. He will be sorely missed. One day the corona cloud will lift so we may emerge into the sun to once more SAIL AWAY!



TRANSPORTATION

BY RUTH BERNHARD-DREISS

With no meetings, no excursions and transportation making only its scheduled runs, we still recognize the importance of this valuable amenity in our community. However, the only last bus leaving the clubhouse daily is now 8:00 PM. This will be the last bus to take you home. It was scheduled in conjunction with the closing of Publix each and well.

day at 8:00 PM. If you have chosen to grocery shop late in the afternoon, please make sure that you are at the clubhouse by 8:00 PM, in order to get home.

It is hoped that at this time news since last month is that the next month, there will be better news regarding the Coronavirus and that we can resume our normal lives sooner than later. Until then, keep on staying safe

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What Might The Village Change After COVID19?

BY SRI VASUDEVAN

As we prepare for reopening WPRF operations, we have an opportunity to reorient the budget for WPRF and UCO after the global pandemic. Now is a good time to prepare for several positive changes.

Some residents feel they should be refunded for some of the WPRF fees given the closure of clubhouses, pools and other activities whose duration is unknown. Hopefully, UCO can build some reserves, as well, in order to make some important improvements to the Village.

Let me first repeat some of the suggestions I already brought up in previous Delegate Assembly meet-

- 1. Every bus stop must have a nice shelter for shade and protection from rain. Third World countries can afford this basic necessity for bus riders.
- 2. Thoroughfares should become more bicycle and pedestrian friendly with broad sidewalks on both sides of all roads, especially the inner circle and Haverhill exit. Sidewalks should be cleaned more frequently to avoid flat tires on bicycles from fallen branches of trees.
- 3. Speed bumps are an encumbrance to bicyclists. Instead, there should be more Speed Limit signs, perhaps painted on the roads so that more cars slow down inside

the Village. I continue to be scared when I bicycle within and outside the Village in Florida. Recently a car driver, after hitting me on a bicycle on a sidewalk, proceeded to lecture me about not bicycling in Florida, instead of promising to be more careful as a driver!!

4. Haverhill Road must have lighted sidewalks on both sides of the road. This is dangerous especially for pedestrians and bicyclists to Publix on Community Drive after sunset.

Here are some new suggestions for WPRF to consider, many of which are cost saving ideas:

- 1. Distance rules in swimming pools to avoid infections are difficult. Swimmers can plant the virus into the water which a different swimmer can take right into the lungs! An extreme idea is to close all swimming pools and maybe have hot tubs which can take one person at a time or a family, and then go through a disinfecting process with hot water probably for a few minutes.
- 2. What is the new distance rule in the gym, yoga room, dance room, bus and movie theater? What about more frequent cleaning practices in the clubhouses and buses?
- 3. What are new distance rules in sports like bocci, shuffle ball, etc?



Should we have more tennis courts in the evening? and badminton courts where distance is naturally longer when there is a racquet in the sport?

4. Instead of long excursion trips, can we have more local excursions such as City Place, Green Market, Museums and Parks in West Palm Beach with fewer people in the bus? Should we have a higher frequency of Publix buses with extended times

Hopefully, residents, delegates, association board members, WPRF and UCO will continue to think and solicit suggestions for a more environmentally friendly Village. Let us make this the best model village, thereby increasing values of our homes, as well as our lifestyles.

UCO notes that Myron Solomon, former UCO VP passed away in April.

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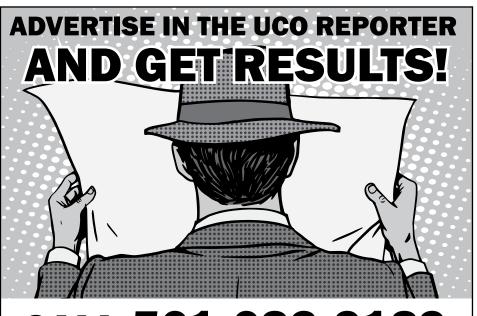
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A Corpsman's Legacy

BY STEPHANIE HANSON CAISSE

Hi Docs! thanks for the add to the group. I've been asked by a few to tell my story about my dad who was a Corpsman in Vietnam. Here is how I learned just how beloved Corpsmen are! Semper Fi.

Nearly 20 years ago, my life was completely changed by a man I never knew. At the time, I didn't realize the impact this would have on my life. But now, I couldn't be happier with the life I have.

In 1996, I became another victim of the Vietnam War when I discovered my birth father had been killed in Vietnam, two months before I was born. Adopted at birth, I grew up never knowing who my birth parents were. However, at the age of twenty-six, I was forced to find my birth family when my doctor diagnosed me with a congenital illness. The story I uncovered is amazing and has changed my life, as well as the lives of many others. It taught me more about myself, the legacy my father left me, and our country's war veterans than I ever thought possible.

Being forced into finding my birth parents because of a medical diagnosis wasn't really the ideal situation to begin my journey. In fact, I was rather annoyed at the fates that had forced me into these circumstances. Little did I know that this was the beginning of what I would

soon realize would become my life's tary, let alone dying for our country. I didn't know much about our ser-

So where to start? I decided to find my birth mother first, and the ease in which I found her should have provided a clue that this was something I was meant to do. The first conversation with my birth mother became a turning point in my life as I heard for the first time my father's name – Gary Norman Young. But immediately afterwards, she gently informed me that he had been killed in Vietnam before I was born. And that he never knew I was to exist. It was a crushing blow to hear these words.

All my birth mother had left in regards to my father was his obituary from the local newspaper. Looking at the yellowed piece of paper, I was stunned to see I looked just like my father – right down to his crooked grin. The details of the obituary stated that he served in Vietnam as a Navy Corpsman and was killed in a helicopter crash while on a recovery mission, but that wasn't enough information for me. I knew that not only did I want to know how he lived, but exactly how he died. And this began my journey.

Being adopted, one grows up creating imaginary lives for their birth parents. I did my fair share of dreaming, but never once did I picture my father serving in the military, let alone dying for our country. I didn't know much about our service members, although I staunchly supported each and every one of them. And I knew even less about the Vietnam War.

But I ended up having the best teachers possible - the men that served there. Even though I didn't know what I was doing, I started reaching out to Vietnam veterans, albeit cautiously at first. The tremendous response took me by surprise. In the first 18 months, I was stunned to realize I had received over 1,000 responses from veterans, and even more surprised because 99% of them did not know my father or any details about what had happened to him. But I quickly learned that the reason for the high number of responses was because of the remarkable bond between Marines and their Navy Corpsmen.

We've all heard, read, or seen movies about the bond of brother-hood that occurs during combat. I experienced it. Almost every email and letter I received spoke of this relationship and with such touching and poignant words. I was contacted by men who are stereotyped as tough old codgers, not men you would expect to show emotion – especially to a stranger.

While I was just looking for information about my father, it never

occurred to me that I was, in turn, helping these men. By opening up to me and sharing stories of their time in Vietnam – many that had never been shared before – a catharsis occurred, allowing many to expose their pain for the first time and therefore begin an emotional healing. I learned about the world of helicopter crewmembers and the remarkable relationships that formed during these turbulent times.

And this was only the beginning. It seems like every time I uncovered an answer, another question or piece of information to track down would be revealed to me. My journey has progressed into a life I never could have imagined, but also one I would never give up.

I've chronicled my journey in a set of two books which I wrote as a thank you to all those that have served and that have helped me. I hope that by telling the story of my journey and all the twists and turns that it has taken, it may touch even more lives who have been affected by war. Because we can never say thank you enough.

Welcome Home, Stephanie

(Editor's Note: This story was contributed by Bob Rivera, USN Retired)



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