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STAR-STUDDED:
Our Favorite Celebrity Moments

Editor's Note

Our memories of meeting celebrities have been lasting. While we have experienced these moments in very different ways, we remember them because they are singular events of pleasure, importance, fascination or even just surprise that they even happened. For some, it was being in the right place at the right time. For several of us, it was in a school classroom, a few were at social gatherings, through work-related activities, or on vacation…on a honeymoon, at sporting events, and even in a dentist's chair. Thanks to everyone who shared their favorite stories, starting on page 5.

— Stan Walker



WHO'S WHO? *Many years ago, our editor-in-chief was at a trade show for the publishers of Who's Who in America, when he was spotted with Michael Jackson, Jerry Seinfeld and Cher……oh, sorry, they are all impersonators—except Stan. And, small world, that Cher Look Alike is a current member of Hunters Run (see page 15)*

UPCOMING ISSUES:

Cats And Dogs

Never has it been more obvious than during these months when the pandemic has changed our daily lives, that the companionship and unconditional love of our pets can be so meaningful. Animal shelters report a huge increase in the number of dogs and cats who have been adopted or are in foster care. We want to share any experiences of Hunters Run members with their pets during the pandemic. Please send your response to Ann Forman at apforman2@gmail.com before November 30.

HR Women Breaking The Glass Ceiling

Are you one of the unusual Hunters Run women who has changed your world in some small way by shattering the glass ceiling—crack by crack? *The glass ceiling: a metaphor for the invisible barrier to the growth, advancement and actualization of women.

Your story might have been fueled by policies, rules, procedures, tradition and history. We really want to hear it. Please respond to Judie Spinner at jetspin@aol.com before November 30.

Puzzle Sharing---Missing A Piece?

We've been hearing about members working on large puzzles and sharing them with each other. Any interesting stories to tell? Send them, along with photos of the puzzles, to Susan Braitman, at Smbclara2@gmail.com. no later than November 30.

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Our Season Of Challenges And Progress



Dear Members,

The "Season" is upon us and we all welcome our returning members. At this writing no one can predict precisely what life will be in the coming months when this edition arrives to our membership. Hopefully, we should know who is the President-Elect and the names of other publicly elected officials.

Certainly, on our local level, questions persist regarding what we can expect in the coming season at Hunters Run. If we are lucky enough to have a Covid-19 vaccine distributed to our members, that certainly would be impactful. Such optimism is, of course, very problematic. If such a vaccine is not developed or available, then masks, social distancing and a reduced use of facilities will continue, as we do all we can to keep our members safe.

Our Food & Beverage and Entertainment Committees will have their ingenuity and creativity tested to provide us with outdoor dining and other events. Golf, pickleball and tennis regulations have recently been relaxed but caution must and will remain our guideposts. One way or another, I expect the Club to meet all challenges.

During the last several months the board has turned its attention to continuing to improve Hunters Run facilities. The North Course restroom has been completed, the club pool remediation is ongoing, conceptual drawings for a soon- to -be proposed new Congress Avenue entrance signage are near finalization and the Front Entrance/Main Guardhouse proposed conceptual plans are also nearing completion. If the Membership also approves our proposal, the current Tennis Center will be replaced with a new and reimagined facility including a new main building, a new pavilion, bleachers, and entrance way, and also including needed infrastructure improvements. Again, when proposals are ready for submission to the membership, ample opportunities will be given for membership input before any further actions are taken. In the coming months the details of these various exciting proposals should be ready for membership review and consideration.

The POA has recently renovated an apartment in Southport and it should be available for inspection by members in November. This renovation will give buyers a firsthand look as to the vast potential of many of the non-performing living units available at Hunters Run. Please tell your friends about how wonderful these newly reimagined units are. After all, members are our most important assets.

Even in the face of the pandemic Hunters Run remains committed to excellence. If we can remain optimistic, proceed with collective enthusiasm and remain cautious and healthy, our community's future will do the same. Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a new and healthy 2021.

Michael H. Soroka
President

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

In its ongoing efforts to help local organizations, Hunters Run has made donations totaling $40,000, according to a report by Jerry Chafetz, chair of the Community Relations Committee. The donations were distributed to:

Boynton Beach Police	$5,000
Boynton Beach Fire Dept Station 2	$5,000
Bethesda Hospital Foundation	$4,000
Delray Medical Center	$4,000
Boynton Beach Food Pantry	$5,000
Jacobson Family Food Pantry	$4,000
Albert Jewish Family Center	$5,000
The Caridad Center	$2,000
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	$2,500
Literacy Coalition	$2,000
Boynton Beach Library	$1,500





In July, after months of cooking meals at home due to the pandemic, Bethanie Gorny was running out of dinner ideas. She posted a request for recipes on the Hunters Run Fun Facebook page and over 60 people responded.

Rebecca Barth, the site administrator, noticed the interest and came up with the idea of writing a cookbook compiling recipes from Hunters Run residents.

A cookbook committee was formed, co-chaired by Rebecca and Heidi Rubin. Hunters Run members submitted their recipes for inclusion in the cookbook. All submissions were closed as of October 1st to enable the co-chairs time to get the cookbook ready to go into production. A contest was held to name the cookbook and the winner was ....Esther Kline..."*A Taste of Home at Hunters Run*."

Hunters Run residents will be able to pay for their cookbooks by charging them to their Hunters Run accounts.

Rebecca plans to have the book ready in January with preordering beginning on November 15. All the profits will go to the Adele Loeb & Les Nackman Meals on Wheels program, run by Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. The cookbook committee liked the idea of the food connection with this charity. They deliver 55,000 meals a year in our area, mostly to seniors. The project is a win/win for Hunters Run members and the designated charity.

For more information contact Rebecca Barth (516) 456-3772 or Heidi Rubin (774) 437- 9977.



ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER: When Hunters Run members received a $10 gift card from Publix for getting a flu shot, they in turn donated the cards to the Fitness Committee for a donation totaling $780 to the Jewish Family Services food bank.

Have You Ever Met Someone Famous?

OUR FAVORITE CELEBRITY MOMENTS

Important political leaders.... legendary Hollywood and Broadway stars...well known comedians and singers...favorite sports heroes...are among the famous celebrities we have met and never forgotten. Now, we share these special moments for all to enjoy.

Billy Crystal – A Friend

By Richie Sedlik

Growing up in Long Beach, New York, with Billy Crystal as a classmate provided a unique experience. I met Billy for the first time in seventh grade, junior high, as we went to different elementary schools.

That year we played on the same recreational softball team - Billy was shortstop and I played first base. For a kid with a small frame, he was a talented athlete, and we won the championship that year. Billy was always known for his quick wit and great sense of humor. He appeared in all the high school theater productions and talent shows. My favorite act was his Laurel and Hardy impersonation which had the senior class in tears from belly laughing. He was very special to his teachers and peers even at that young age.

Billy lost his father to a heart attack while in high school, and many students, teachers, and coaches took him under their wing to get him through this crisis. He later wrote and performed the award-winning play for Broadway, 700 Sundays, dedicated to the love of his dad, his family, and his formative years. Ellen and I were fortunate enough to see him in his dressing room backstage after a show to reminisce.

We taught at Long Beach Junior High School with Billy's brother, Joel, who happens to have the same comic genes as Billy. After Billy finished college, he was a substitute teacher in our school, and played basketball in the gym at the end of the day. He often left the games early to catch the train to New York City for a standup gig at the Improv. An agent noticed his talent, and he won a role on the TV show *Soap* as one of the first gay characters on the small screen. From there, it was *Saturday Night Live*, where he created some of the most memorable personas ever. Movies followed, and the rest is history.

The Long Beach community has a true love for their native son, and he has a strong bond with his hometown where he still has family. Billy has attended every high school reunion since graduation, and most alumni come due to Billy's presence.



Richie Sedlik is fourth in from right; Billy Crystal looks like himself.

When Hurricane Sandy decimated Long Beach in 2012, Billy returned to offer help and support. He organized a fundraiser and donated $1 million, much of which was his personal contribution. In addition to other projects, he made a commercial to help revitalize the Long Beach community.

The last time we saw Billy was a few years ago to celebrate his brother Joel's surprise birthday party in Delray Dunes, Florida. We caught up with each other and spent the rest of the evening watching the Giants' football game. Billy is known throughout the world for his comedic and acting talents, yet he has never forgotten his roots. I, and all those who truly know him, will attest to the fact that Billy Crystal is a Mensch!

Sharing A Lifetime Of Memorable Moments By Harvey Skolnick

During my long career in senior management positions at KPMG, one of the top accounting firms in the world, I had significant interactions with people like Ken Chenault, then head of American Express, Bill Marriott (where I got to visit his amazing house with its 18-antique car-garage). Bill Gates (to help conceptualize online travel in its infancy), Bill Friesell, chairman of Diners Club, and Isadore Sharpe, head of Four Seasons Hotels.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to five Super Bowls, two NCAA basketball Final Fours and participated in many Pro-Am golf and tennis events. I have played in the Diners Club matches many times (once with Tom Watson), at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill golf club with Phil Mickelson. Also, I was able to follow Phil when I attended several Masters tournaments.

Since I belonged to Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY, for 35 years, I had interaction with Bruce Beck (lead sports announcer at NBC in NY) and Jim Courier (tennis pro) who were members there and through that connection got to Marshall at the US Open at Wing Foot.

I started as a peanut vendor at both the Polo Grounds and Yankee Stadium in the mid -1950's while attending the Bronx HS of Science. I grew up a NY Giants baseball fan and have the program from the first game I attended as well as a picture signed by both Ralph Branca and Bobby Thomson when Russ Hodges screamed "The Giants won the pennant, the Giants won the pennant!"

My home office in The Estates serves as a display case to some of the memorabilia I have accumulated over the years. These have special meaning to me since each gave me a life lesson:



1 At the Ryder Cup in Massachusetts, in 1999, I was fortunate enough to play with the US team captain Dick Stockton and his son, as well as Donna Capone before the matches started and go inside the ropes with them during the tournament. The US was hopelessly behind but kept saying "never give up—just give us a mathematical chance the last day and we will do it."And they did.



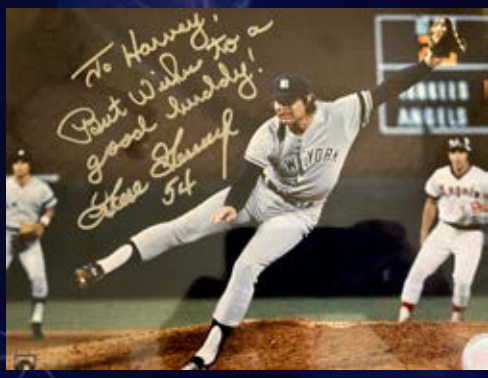


2 I did not meet Byron Nelson until he was an elderly gentleman, but in the times I got to spend with him, I marveled at how he could remember the particulars of a shot he hit against a particular opponent 30 years earlier while I could barely remember who I was with or what I had for breakfast yesterday.

3 Gary Carter - He was from West Palm Beach. In 1996, he drove across the state to play in the TPC Prestancia in Sarasota, which was sponsored by Amex, for the Baseball Assistance Team charity, to help former major leaguers who fell on hard times. Gary was a Hall of Fame catcher and a terrific golfer who just up and hit the ball no matter who was moving or talking, rather than the usual "golf quiet please." I asked him how he was able to do it and he said if he stepped out of the batter's box every time someone yelled, did I think he would have hit so many home runs? Also, I will never forget when the announcer announced him and my pro Walt Morgan. Gary took the mike and said the ones you should be announcing are the amateurs who are playing with us...and he did.



4 Goose Gossage - Believe in yourself. I met a young Yankee pitcher who gave me an autographed picture of himself saying: "Someday when I am famous, you will be glad I gave you this." as he wrote "Best Wishes to a good buddy." Fortunately, I do not throw many things out and I found it once he made the Hall of Fame.



← *Golf pro Walter Morgan Sr., Harvey Skolnick, and Gary Carter at TPC Prestancia, Sarasota, FL*



An Evening with Aly

By Diane Soroka

I have always been a huge sports fan. I could often be found cheering for my teams whether it was baseball, basketball, football, hockey or college sports. For me though, the ultimate sports competition was the Olympics. Little did I know that after watching both the 2012 and 2016 summer U.S. women's Olympic gymnastics teams, I would be sitting in the backseat of a car next to Aly Raisman, a six-time Olympic medal winner!



In November of 2018, Aly was the featured speaker at Boca Raton's Congregation B'nai Israel. I was invited by Hunters Run resident Marty Raisman, (Aly's Papa) and Margie Fishman, to be their guests at this event. While riding in the car with Marty, Margie and Aly, I had the privilege of sitting in the backseat and talking with Aly. After taking a deep breath and calming myself down, I spoke with Aly about her hectic book tour ("Fierce") and speaking engagements throughout the United States. She was determined to be a voice in the "MeToo" movement. She was so grateful to have some family time and "downtime," with Papa Marty and Margie here at Hunters Run. We spoke about several restaurants in the area where she could get a good healthy meal and her intentions to look for a waterfront condominium in downtown Boston. What struck me most about Aly was her maturity, her high energy spirit and clear long-term goals. These are qualities of a true Olympic champion.

After her speaking engagement and a meet-and-greet reception, we drove back to Hunters Run. We talked about her wonderful question and answer presentation by local news moderator Ashleigh Walters and, like any 24-year-old lady, we spoke about her social life. This is an evening I will truly remember.

Aly continues to be a spokeswoman on many issues concerning mental health, PTSD, sexual abuse and prioritizing the safety of athletes due to COVID in the upcoming 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics. She is a woman to be admired.

AN HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE

By Shy Kramer

It was 1969 and Yitzhak Rabin, who had been Chief of Staff during Israel's 1967 six-day war, was then Israel's Ambassador to the United States. The men's club of our synagogue, Beth Judah of Ventnor, New Jersey, sponsored a lecture series and invited world renowned speakers to address members of our Atlantic County community. Since I was president of the men's club at that time, I was not only privileged to meet Ambassador Rabin – and to spend time with him at the after -event reception – but I also had breakfast with him and three other members of our congregation the following morning in his hotel suite.

What impressed me the most was the extent of the security process demanded by the Israeli security team. They required a floor plan of the hotel suite – the elevator the ambassador would be using – and the entire route plan from the hotel to the synagogue and private residence of the reception host. Also, the private home floor plan was submitted so that every minute detail of the Ambassador's movements was outlined and researched.



Ambassador Rabin, who became prime minister in 1974, spoke in a deep somber voice – and remained very serious throughout his brief visit. Rarely did he smile or seem in any way gregarious. It was an historical experience for me and the congregation and a memorable happening from the time he arrived until his limousine departure which took him directly to the tarmac at Philadelphia International Airport for his return flight back to Washington DC.



MEET & GREET

I was on a golf trip with a group of guys and one of the golf courses we played was Arnold Palmer's "Bay Hill." One of the golfers on our trip is in the book publishing industry and he reached out to a friend who had a personal relationship with Arnold Palmer. After playing the course, we were met by Mr. Palmer for a "meet and greet" and a photo op. It was truly a once- in-a -lifetime opportunity to get to speak with one of the greatest golfers of all time.

—Jeff Babich



I shared an evening with Burt Lancaster...

he was seated next to me at a Broadway show, *No, No, Nanette*, in 1971. My dad invested in the show and Donald and I were asked to join them, my parents, Edith & Mike Osoff. By coincidence, Burt was seated next to me and I asked him for his autograph, but he declined (not wanting attention drawn to himself.) After the lights went down, I asked once again and he finally agreed. It was a special night on Broadway, Opening Night... Burt Lancaster, Mayor John Lindsay, Governor Connally of Texas, astronauts Alan Shepard and Ed Mitchell, a memorable evening at the Broadway theater. I also have a picture of Jerry Herman, composer-lyricist of *Hello Dolly*, *Mack & Mabel*, *La Cage aux Folles* and *Mame*. And, we also have a thank you note from Jerry Herman to Donald's parents, Bea & Herman Saferstein, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.

I also went to junior high school in Englewood, New Jersey, with John Travolta and his older sister, Ellen Travolta, who was a friend.

—Judy Osoff Saferstein



A Honeymoon to Remember



It was on my honeymoon in Puerto Rico that I met Robert Goulet, who I had the pleasure of seeing in the Broadway show, *Camelot*. I asked if he would take a picture with me and he graciously did. I also introduced my new husband and Mr. Goulet couldn't have been more charming! Needless to say, I was thrilled!

—Mona Kahn



Left to right: *Gail Epstein, Controller at GCDS, Jason Lewis, former teacher at GCDS, Jen Donnalley, current teacher at GCDS, Frank Gifford, Richard Epstein*

"PLEASE CALL ME FRANK"

Ever since I could remember, I have always been an avid New York Giants football fan. I never thought I would ever meet a former star. However, one Saturday morning in October 2000, I volunteered to help at a fund raiser, a Walk-a-thon, at the private school, Greenwich Country Day School (GCDS), in Greenwich, Connecticut, where my wife Gail worked as the Controller. I agreed to give out popcorn. Since it was slow I was sitting on a bench next to the popcorn machine. Then, along came a gentleman and he asked if he could join me on the bench. He sat down and said, "Hi, my name is Frank Gifford, but please call me Frank."

Then in 2011, at a dedication for the Performing Arts Center on the campus of GCDS, Frank was present with his wife Kathie Lee Gifford. She was the mistress of ceremony. I saw them and I asked my wife if she could arrange for me to have a picture taken with Frank. I told Frank that I was at Giants Stadium the weekend his name was put up in the Ring of Honor. He then told me about a dinner the night before that he attended for all the honorees. He said he was the oldest of all the honorees, but he was in the best shape of all of them.

–Richard Epstein

FAMILY CONNECTIONS



My father, and before him, his father, were Democratic powerhouses in Brooklyn and Albany - I met JFK (end of October 1960 at Utica Avenue and Eastern Parkway, where he told me he hoped he and I would be friends as our fathers were;) RFK (in 1964 at Nathan's and other campaign stops after my dad got him to run for the Senate) and their brother Teddy (at least in 1992, who told me the JFK story was memorable. I also met LBJ and Jimmy Carter but most loved advancing a campaign stop for Hubert Humphrey in 1968 in West Virginia; the next day Humphrey skipped other pols meeting him at LaGuardia to go straight to my father to recount our meeting.

BUT, although I like recounting those above and others, I most often regale any listener with my two encounters with the GOAT, Muhammed Ali – any friends or strangers at HR are welcome to hear them.

To complete the circle I would like to meet (and get to know) Barack Obama and Bob Dylan.

–Ted Steingut

Old Times - Good Times! By Dianne Honig

Quite a Memory!



Toby and Norman Isaacson - In the late 1980's, Norman and Toby Isaacson vacationed at The Conquistador Hotel in Farjo, Puerto Rico. At the same time the hotel was hosting a Sports Gala and many famous sports figures were there to play golf and vacation. Norman ended up playing golf with Johnny Bench, the famous baseball player, and both Norman and Toby ended up having dinner that night at Johnny Bench's table along with many of his friends, one of whom was Joe DiMaggio! The following four days they saw and mingled with many of these famous sports figures. Quite a memory!

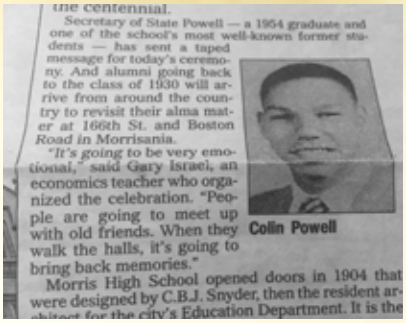


Norm Isaacson with Joe DiMaggio

You Don't Even Know Me!



Marcia and Michael Gold - The Golds always loved Jerry Orbach, the wonderful Broadway star and, of course, leading man on many *Law and Order* programs. When Jerry Orbach starred on Broadway in *42nd Street*, the Golds couldn't wait to go. After the show they waited a long time outside the theater until Jerry Orbach emerged. Michael threw his arms around him and told him that he loved him and that he was his favorite performer. Mr. Orbach was totally surprised - he took a step back and said - "You don't even know me!" Michael just told him that he and Marcia adored him and were thrilled to be so close to him and meeting him. They were rewarded with Jerry Orbach's big smile and laugh - something they never forgot.



the centennial.
Secretary of State Powell — a 1954 graduate and one of the school's most well-known former students — has sent a taped message for today's ceremony. And alumni going back to the class of 1930 will arrive from around the country to revisit their alma mater at 166th St. and Boston Road in Morrisania.
"It's going to be very emotional," said Gary Israel, an economics teacher who organized the celebration. "People are going to meet up with old friends. When they walk the halls, it's going to bring back memories."
Morris High School opened doors in 1904 that were designed by C.B.J. Snyder, then the resident architect for the city's Education Department. It is the

Colin Powell

Remembering Old Times



Philip Honig - Phil graduated from Morris High School in 1957 along with a school friend named Colin Powell. They would walk to school together, trade stories and enjoyed each other's company. Phil went on to City College Downtown and Colin Powell went to City College Uptown, where he joined the R.O.T.C. and eventually became the first Black Secretary of State in U.S. history. Phil communicated with him at that time and still has the very lovely letter he sent back, remembering old times in the Bronx neighborhood when they were both young and starting out in life.

Night of a Thousand Stars



Have you ever met someone famous? Well it's hard to determine who is famous. However, we have met many celebrities. Did you ever hear of a "Night of a Thousand Stars?" One of Jules' roommates at Cornell Law School became an entertainment attorney in Los Angeles after graduation. When he was 50 years old, he received a heart transplant. On Valentine's Day 1991 he threw himself a one-year birthday party for his new heart and invited us to attend. The party was at a trendy restaurant on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. We were about to have an experience of a lifetime.

At 7:00 PM in walked Dolly Parton who came over to us to say hello. And then it began. Bette Midler came next followed by Richard Dreyfus. Next, we met Jon Bon Jovi, Neil Sedaka and Bert Convy. Later it was actresses Victoria Principal, Connie Sellacca and Rene Russo. Then the comics arrived: Howie Mandel and Bob Goldthwait (better known as Bobcat) and on and on. This was a party with dinner and dancing. It was fabulous and a night we will never forget, A night of 100 stars.

In addition, Jules met many celebrities during his legal career, some more famous than others. Many of such celebrities went on to be Jules' clients. The first of the celebrities who became a client was Ralph Lauren. Jules represented Ralph when he established his Polo shop on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. When Tyra Banks, super model, TV personality, actress and businesswoman, moved her business from Los Angeles to New York, Jules was retained as her lawyer. Academy Award- winning actress, Anne Bancroft, became a client. As a result, Jules had the pleasure of meeting with her husband, The Two-Thousand-Year-Old Man, Mel Brooks, which was a fun experience.

In the early 1980's, Jules represented Jack Nicklaus and his Golden Bear organization which was building a substantial condominium development in Westchester County, New York. Jules was retained as condominium counsel and he met Jack several times.

Jules had the opportunity to meet Winston Churchill; although he was not famous in his own right, he had a very famous grandfather, Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain. Jules was retained to represent Winston's mother, Pamela Harriman, the Ambassador to France, in connection with the disposition of her real estate in New York. Other clients of Jules were Jon Bon Jovi, Ridley Scott and Barry Bostwick.

—Randy and Jules Levy



A Former First Lady and Me

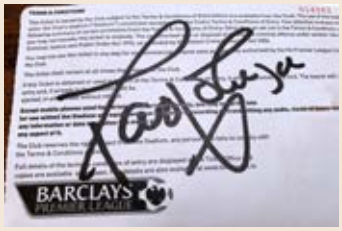
By Michael Soroka

In 2000 while serving as President of the Mid Island JCC in Plainview, New York, I received a phone call from a staff member of **First Lady Hillary Clinton**. Mrs. Clinton had embarked upon a "listening tour" after entering the New York State Senate race and she was interested in talking to an audience of invited New York women in a small-group setting. I was confident that all of the details of her visit could be worked out. The event would not be open to the public or press.

In the afternoon of Mrs. Clinton's tour, I was given the opportunity to spend some time with her in an informal atmosphere. I remember her asking me about my presidency and speaking about the call to "serve" for both of us. We spoke about the importance of children's and women's rights as well the importance of family. I told her about our emphasis on providing a full range of programs for all ages of those in our communities.

I was most impressed by Mrs. Clinton's kindness and willingness to spend time with many of our maintenance staff after the meeting. In her hectic and harried world of campaigning, she was willing to talk to and listen to all. It was her pleasure to take a picture with all that wanted to. A First Lady, now a candidate for the Senate, and a group of smiling women surrounded me that afternoon.





In the spring of 2010, my daughter, grandson and I went to Liverpool, England. We were invited to watch the Liverpool Football Club play Sunderland. My grandson had met some counselors at his summer camp and they coached him in soccer. We went to the soccer game and met some of the older premium players who, at the time, gave out tickets to visitors and wanted to take pictures with prospective donors. This one player liked my daughter and me, and we were delighted to have our picture taken with him.

---Nancy Atkins

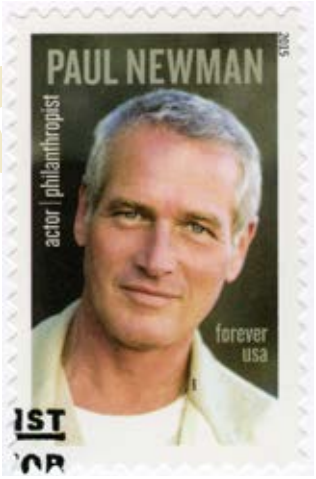


In the late 1960's I was working for Grey Advertising. While going to a business meeting, I was early for my flight and ended up killing time at the Eastern Airlines member Lounge. Upon entering, I realized there was only one other person in there and didn't pay any attention to that individual. I ordered a drink which came with a bowl of peanuts. Soon I heard someone asking if they could share the peanuts. I told him to take as many as he liked.

I hardly looked up, but when I did I realized I was face to face with **Paul Newman**. He was very friendly and went on to tell me he was traveling on behalf of the McCarthy political campaign. We chatted until I heard my flight being called.

I never once talked about his stardom, but I will never forget those "famous blue eyes."

—Arnold Annex





Burt Reynolds and Me

By Lenny Pravda

The year was 1966. I was employed at Columbia Pictures Corporation headquarters in Manhattan as Director of Management Information Systems. I was responsible for *Systems* analysis, programming, and computer operations. A very exciting building to work in as a 25 –year- old. I very much enjoyed seeing, and meeting, movie and TV stars and recording artists in the elevators, dining rooms, and hallways. Kim Novak was my favorite elevator fantasy.

I was called into one of Columbia's VP's office one day and asked if I wouldn't mind working a few nights. It seemed that some scenes of a new TV series were going to be filmed by Screen Gems (a Columbia affiliate) in our building. In fact - in my computer center. And… I was asked to provide technical assistance for the filming. Of course, I jumped at the chance.

The very first night, at midnight, a group walked in, led by Burt Reynolds. Other cast members and production staff followed him in. While the lights, cabling, and cameras were being set up, Burt introduced himself to me and started explaining what I was to do. He said that his character, Hawk, was a detective and to find the criminal, almost every week, I was to have all the tape drives spinning, the printer printing, and then upon his cue, have the criminal's name be ejected on an IBM card so he could read it on camera. So… during many of the episodes in that first, and only season of *Hawk*, I was hidden behind the room-sized computer that I was controlling.

As the season's filming progressed, Burt and I talked often, both in my computer center, and every once in a while, at lunch. Only once did I join him for dinner, with his agent, at the old 21 Club. He obviously remembered what I drank that night because at the conclusion of the season he sent a case of Jack Daniels to my home with a lovely thank you note.

The Burt Reynolds I remember was really good-looking, very funny, and extremely polite. I always enjoyed reading stories about his bad traits, but all I remember was good. Great memories for me.



Dinner With An Icon

Bea and Lenny Michaels were guests at a dinner party in Beverly Hills, LA, in 2005 when they were told there would be a special guest. Imagine their reaction! The iconic American singer of pop standards, big band show tunes and jazz, **Tony Bennett**, was the surprise dinner companion for the ten diners.

Bea enthused, "Tony was charming, really nice, down to earth and you know what, we had his music playing in the background. Tony spoke with fervor about his founding of a new high school in Astoria, Queens, The Frank Sinatra School of the Arts."

Why Astoria? Bennett was born and bred there. He never completed The High School of Industrial Arts, and guess what? He dropped out to be a singing waiter.

—Judie Spinner

My Tennis Match with Bobby Riggs By Charles Ross



I was attending a major shopping mall developer convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in the early 1970's, when I was asked a question I was not expecting: "How would you like to play tennis against Bobby Riggs this afternoon?" I hesitated but the thought went through my mind – ***"How many opportunities will I have to play a world-famous tennis player."*** In 1939 he had swept Wimbledon by winning the Men's Singles, Doubles, and Mixed-Doubles Tournaments. Known to place wagers, Riggs later claimed he bet on himself to win all three events earning a payout of more than $100,000.

I was pleasantly surprised to find a warm and friendly tennis star greeting me at the court and saying, "let's take a photo together." We played one set and I quickly learned a few things:

I could not handle his slice serve.

He could not move much but he sure knew how to place his shots. He liked to drop the ball just over the net, and I pleaded with him to give his shots "more lift" because when I got to the net the ball was already on the ground.

If I hit an angled shot winner, he did not run for it but would say "nice shot."

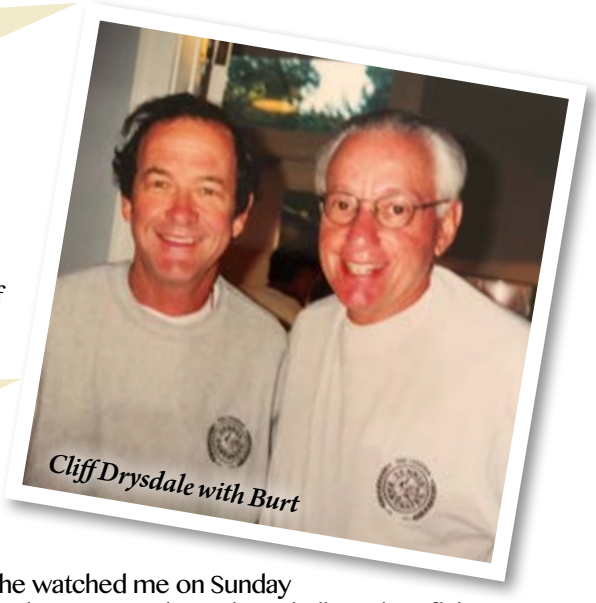
I got close to winning one game, which was my goal, but I lost 6-0.

Riggs was known to lack power but compensated with quickness, ball placement, and tenacity. In 1973, at the age of 55, he lost to 29-year-old Billie Jean King in the Battle of the Sexes in a $100,000 winner-take-all match.

I still look back favorably to that May date when I played the World's top ranked tennis player (1946-1947.)

TENNIS FANTASIES By Burt Skolnik

In October of 1999 I went to the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, TX, to participate in an annual event called Tennis Fantasies with John Newcombe and The Legends. As it was my first year attending the event, I was considered a rookie and had to go out and hit with the other first year attendees and be rated by several of the Legends which besides Newcombe, included Roy Emerson, Tony Roche and Cliff Drysdale. That evening after dinner the rookies were put on one of the four teams that would play singles matches in the morning and doubles matches in the afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.


Cliff Drysdale with Burt

Thursday night after the closing dinner, various awards were presented to individual players as well as to the winning team. My team, The Musclemen, was captained by Cliff Drysdale and Tony Roche. On Thursday afternoon we had to win seven of the nine doubles matches to clinch the overall week's team victory. As fate would have it, I was in the last match to finish and was very much part of "The greatest comeback in Tennis Fantasies history."

At the awards presentation when Cliff presented me with my trophy, he said when he watched me on Sunday he wasn't in favor of putting me on his team but Tony Roche convinced him because he saw me chase down balls and go flying all over the court.. I won five of the six matches I played and received an MVP trophy that year and enjoyed a very nice relationship with Cliff Drysdale.

Interesting/Famous People That We Have Met

By Gary & Milly Wolff

We were invited to a black-tie celebration of President Ronald Reagan's 83rd birthday party. The event was held at a museum in Washington, DC, and the guest speaker was British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. We were fortunate to shake the President's hand and wish him a happy birthday.

We were invited to a black-tie dinner in connection with the Bob Hope Golf Tournament, held in the desert in California. Gary's company did business with Bill Fugazy, of Diners Club fame, and Bill asked us if we wanted to meet Bob and Dolores Hope. At the same table were seated Gerald ("Jerry") and Betty Ford and Frank and Barbara Sinatra. We were introduced to all of them.



For all of you old Brooklyn Dodger fans, Gary was playing in a golf tournament in the desert in California and was riding in a golf cart with Charlie Hough who was, at that time, a pitcher with the LA Dodgers. In the course of talking about the old Brooklyn Dodgers, Charlie asked Gary if he wanted to meet Duke Snider. Gary's response was, "Does a bear s—t in the woods?" He got to meet and talk with the Duke and it was a great moment for him.

LARRY, RINGO AND MIRIAM

Larry is a Beatles fanatic, having a roomful of memorabilia in our New Jersey home. So, we were fortunate to meet him in Atlantic City at an art show... He's very nice, tiny, and just wants Peace!!!

Made Larry very happy to meet him.

—Miriam Hirsch





I've known Larry David for 56 years. As a matter of fact, we lived together.... in the TEP fraternity house at the University of Maryland. And to be quite honest, he wasn't all that funny. Who would have imagined his comedic brilliance? We just thought of him as one of the guys. Over the years, in spite of his fame, Larry took time to attend several reunions. In 2015 he wrote and starred in a show on Broadway, *Fish In The Dark*. Fraternity brothers from Washington, Baltimore, New Jersey and New York traveled to see the show. After the show Larry joined our cocktail reception. Jason Alexander also stopped by. The next evening we hosted a dinner party and "roasted" Larry David. It was a weekend we will remember always.

—Lawrence Spector

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FAMOUS

By Judie Spinner

New York City is a wonderful city for encountering celebrities. On my NYC celebrity encounter list there are 20 well-known persons which beats out LA where I can only count four! Of course I lived in NYC and was only a visitor to LA.

At the 92nd Street Y auditorium in NYC, an exciting premier ballet was on the program. As the houselights dimmed, the two vacant seats next to me were finally taken. I glanced at the late arrivals and was astonished to recognize **Rudolph Nureyev**, the incomparable ballet dancer and choreographer, dressed in a fashion forward red leather suit. Next to him was the pioneer mother of modern dance, **Martha Graham**, totally covered up, draped in all black with an elegant veil and wearing long black elbow-length gloves.

Somehow the rest of the audience got wind of their royal presence and the atmosphere was electric. At intervals, different autograph seekers rushed over to our aisle and asked, not Nureyev, but my husband, attired all in black, to sign their programs. I guess they thought the red leather pant suit could not house the world-famous ballet star. It gave us all a good laugh.

★*There are some advantages to waiting in line at a movie theatre in NYC.* ***Calvin Klein*** *was friendly and talkative to me until someone asked him for fashion manufacturing advice. Calvin replied he had none, snarled "You have nerve," at the questioner and then clammed up.*

★***Pete Sampras*** *stood behind me in line at another NYC movie theater and said he didn't know who would win the current US Open as there were so many excellent players. He was humble, tall, handsome and charming. Everyone on the line was cool and respectful...no one asked for his autograph.*

★***Meryl Streep*** *sat next to her young daughter and I sat next to mine at a movie theater on the upper east side. Both girls were teens and aspiring actors. Meryl's daughter, Mamie Gummer, is a very much up-and-coming actor today, and my daughter, Jennifer, had a two- picture movie career, had acted in commercials and moved on. We all talked like old friends.*

★***Arthur Miller*** *and* ***Marilyn Monroe*** *seemed very lovey-dovey as they sat in front of me one night at a Broadway theater. I mentioned a recent film of Marilyn's and they were enthusiastic and seemed happy to discuss it. Also in the audience was O.J. Simpson's lawyer, Johnnie Cochran. He didn't get much attention that night.*

★***Jackie Mason*** *enjoyed "working the room" and sat down uninvited at my table in an upper west side restaurant and stayed more than ten minutes just shooting the breeze.*

★***Charlie Rose*** *surprisingly invited my husband and me to dinner as we sat talking and waiting for our flight at JFK airport. We couldn't make dinner but we did have a good chat.*

★*I was introduced to Vice President* ***Walter Mondale****, as Larry's wife. Of course, I had something to say about that. He was gracious and friendly.*

★*I encountered* ***Jackie Kennedy, Joel Grey*** *and* ***Bobby Kennedy*** *walking on Fifth Avenue on different days. Joel, especially, had a spring in his step.*

★***John Kennedy,*** *marching in a parade on Fifth Avenue, broke off to meet with some on- lookers. He somehow made a beeline to my son and me, shook hands and chatted away.*

★***Joyce Randolph,*** *Trixie, from the Jackie Gleason Show sat next to me on the Central Park bus and started talking. When I got off the bus, I was surprised to see her walking next to me and she walked me all the way home.*

★***Betty Davis*** *tops the LA encounters. I met her in a ladies' room in an indelicate position. Of course I apologized. She replied, "It's certainly my fault. I left the door open."*

★*Rodeo Drive has its share of celebrities. I met* ***Barbra Streisand*** *in a shop and she was friendly and warm and extraordinarily attractive.*

★*On the other hand, in another Rodeo Drive store,* ***Zsa Zsa Gabor*** *was rather aloof. I couldn't help noticing her peaches and cream complexion.*

★*In LA,* ***Jonathan Winters*** *was shooting a commercial for Tetley Tea. I was introduced and he told story after story, joke after joke. It was difficult to escape from this brilliant comedian's self-imposed monologue.*

Not all meetings with celebrities are A memories. Here are a few B's of mine.

★***Jane Brody****, NY Times health writer, was introduced to me at a NYC party. She nodded her head, turned around and abruptly walked away without saying one word. Goodbye Jane!*

★***Bill Moyers*** *started up an intriguing conversation at the airport in Mexico City. He was talkative, interesting and suggested he would call us to meet after his planned interview with John Huston. Hmm!*

★*Playing tennis in Central Park in New York proved to be embarrassing. My ball repeatedly bounced into the next court where* ***Jeff Goldblum*** *and* ***Tony Roberts*** *were playing. I swear it was completely accidental. They didn't appear annoyed and tirelessly returned the ball.*

★***Bill Murray*** *sat at the next table at an upper west side kosher restaurant. Tables were close so talking to other diners was inevitable. Bill and I agreed the food was unforgivable and vowed never to return.*

★*Big, powerful* ***Rosey Grier****, the famous Giant and Rams footballer who was also adept at needlepoint, skated into me at a private LA ice-skating party we were both attending. Rosey didn't seem too concerned. As a bodyguard to Robert Kennedy, he was the one who eventually restrained the assassin, Sirhan Sirhan. He was also an actor, singer, politician and minister.*



My "Chagall Story"

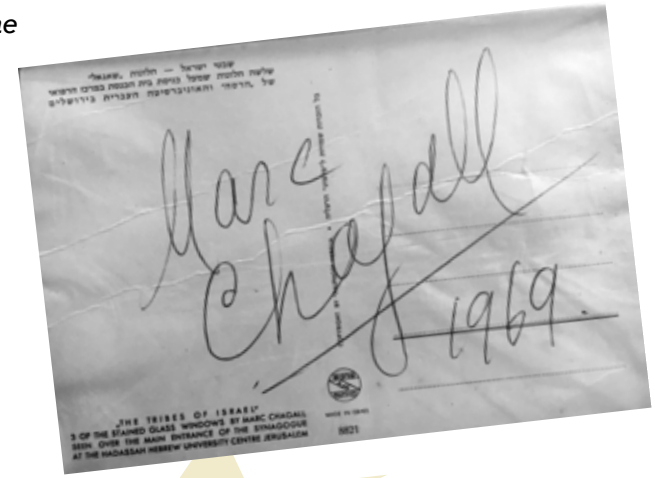
By Elena S. Babich

In 1969, *my parents took my brother (8) and me (11), on a trip to Israel. We were in Jerusalem staying at The King David Hotel. It was Saturday evening and we went downstairs to eat. As we waited to order, three older couples entered and were seated nearby. My mother looked at them and excitedly said that one of the men in the group was* ***Marc Chagall****. Of course, I knew the name! We had just seen his famous stained-glass windows the day before. My mother sent us to the lobby to buy a post card of his famous windows. Upon our return, she told us to go ask for his autograph. My brother didn't want to ask, so I said I would.*

I had no idea which of the three men was Marc Chagall. I went up to the first man, who was indeed Marc Chagall, and politely asked for his autograph. He replied that he was not Marc Chagall, and pointed to one of the other men. I went up to him, repeated my request, and once again was told I had the wrong man. So, I went to the third man. and received the same reply. Frustrated, and in a tearful voice, I asked, "Will someone please tell me which one of you is Mr. Chagall?"

The first man called me over, and asked to see the post card I was holding. He took it from me, and turned it over. Upon seeing his stained-glass windows, he said, "You are smart, you picked the right post card." He signed it and said, "Gey gestunt a heit" (Go in health).

I returned to our table with a big smile on my face. It was an experience that 51 years later, I remember vividly!











CELEBRITY DENTIST

As a dentist near Atlantic City, NJ, I had the pleasure to work on many stars and sports people. I worked on Sid Caesar, Jerry Lewis, Rodney Dangerfield and my favorite Elke Sommer, whom I worked on and drove her to and from the casino! I met boxers Mike Tyson, Leavander Johnson and Mike Rossman (the Jewish bomber) as patients. Laura Davis, the well-known English golfer, was also a patient. Golf has afforded me the pleasure to play with Bernie Parent, Brian Propp and the great Oscar Robertson.

I also met Jack Nicklaus with my father one-on-one as we cornered him for 20 minutes in the men's locker room at Broken Sound! At 11 years old I had lunch with Wilt Chamberlain and Luke Jackson of the Sixers. I also had the opportunity to take part in a private book signing and dinner with Mayor Koch of NYC and the Israeli diplomat and politician Abba Eban. My good friend in life is Seth Justman, the organ player and music writer for the J. Geils Band. And my good friend Cris Morris of Hunters Run co-produced Fleetwood Mac and has two platinum albums, making him famous in his mind!

—Murray Borman

On a Dare

By Audrey Mortman



On a dare, I entered the *National Enquirer* "Cher Look Alike Contest" in 1988. To my surprise, I won, beating out the entire United States. An agent saw my photo in the *Enquirer* and I started a 25-year career as CHER.



My name is Audrey Mortman and I have lived in Northwoods for 23 years. What would soon become my career as a Cher impersonator took me down many roads. I became an entertainer, performing shows for private and corporate events nationwide; I was a talent agent of "Look Alikes," was booked on every major talk show on TV, was on *Saturday Night Live* with major stars and starred in many TV commercials.

When I was working at a huge party in New York, "Tony Soprano" (James Gandolfini) was standing by the door when I walked in and thought I was the real Cher. He asked if he could take a photo with me and started complimenting me on my acting career, so I stopped him and told him I was a Look Alike. He was so shocked that he had been fooled, and so excited to meet me that he gathered up all "the boys" to take photos so he could fool his friends. Of course, it was in all the papers the next day.



At another event where I was working, Fabio walked in, (you know the "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" actor). He came over to me, nuzzled into my neck, whispering, "Cher, I have such dreams about you." Then he scooped me up into his arms and the cameras started flashing. By the time I got to tell him the truth, he was not at all interested…he was simply in lust.



I got an opportunity to be on *Saturday Night Live* with Nicholas Cage. He was working very closely with Cher in the movie *Moonstruck* and my job was to fool him and then do a scene from the movie with him. When I walked into the room I saw him ask his agent, "Is that Cher?" and the agent nodded yes. I swiftly approached Nicholas and gave him a kiss on his cheek. He turned red and said he was so happy to see me again. Of course, I had to tell him the truth. Then he really turned red! He was so embarrassed and uncomfortable after that. I think he thought I was a man! We ended up doing the piece together and it aired that Saturday night. It went so well, I was invited back several more times to do skits with Michael Keaton and Dana Carvey.



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I started doing the talk show circuit and was asked to appear on *The Geraldo Show*. Since Geraldo already knew I was a Look Alike, I had to think of something to do with him on the air that would get everyone's attention. So I walked onto the stage with a Sonny Bono wig, put it on him, shoved a microphone in his face and told him to sing "I Got You Babe" with me. He caught his breath, and then jumped right into the song. The crowd went wild. He was a really good sport. I appeared on *Geraldo* five more times, as well as appearing on all the other top talk shows.



One of my most exciting TV experiences was when NBC hired me to fool Sonny who was going to be on the 6 PM News talking about his new book. Now, no one knows Cher better than Sonny, so I knew this was going to be a tough one. They started interviewing Sonny, asking him questions like, "Is it true, Sonny, that Cher had an affair with the pool boy while you were in the house?" and when he answered yes, they cut to another screen where I was and I shook my head no. Sonny took one look at me on the screen and froze. He moved closer to the screen and said "Cher!!" Sue Simmons, the TV anchor, finally told him who I was and he invited me to take some photos with him. Of all the people I've met in the industry, Sonny Bono was the nicest kindest gentleman…really down to earth. My young son was with me and he invited him to be in the picture too.

Fundraisers were a big part of my life, especially Juvenile Diabetes and the Breast Cancer Foundation. At those events, working as Cher, I met tons of stars—Phil Donahue and his wife Marlo Thomas, Tito Puente, Yogi Berra, Rusty Staub, and Frankie Valli (who told me that my breasts were smaller than Cher's and that's how he knew I wasn't Cher) among many others.

What I found was that people were almost as excited to meet a Look Alike as the real star. They would besiege me with questions and would grab me to take tons of photos with them so they could go home and fool their friends. Meeting Cher was a big deal.

I had an incredible career for 25 years. It fell into my lap, and I ran with it. I found people to be genuinely excited to meet me, and since I've met Cher several times and did double work for her, I was able to tell them some stories about this amazing icon. She is really a very shy woman—but tough, strong, says it like it is, and very funny. I was honored to portray her and I thank her for a wonderful career!



You won't see me in my Cher wig and costume walking around Hunters Run. Actually, I'm really a blonde so it will be hard to find me. But if you do catch me walking around, I'll be happy to tell you even more stories.

MY 10 FAVORITE "FAMOUS" MOMENTS

By Stan Walker

During my long career in Marketing and Public Relations, I had the opportunity to meet and interact with famous men and women in the entertainment field, the arts, the publishing industry, and in politics. Some of these moments were planned, a few were through happenstance. Here are my 10 favorites:



1 It was May 18, 1962, when I was working for a New York public relations firm. My boss had been asked to help handle the publicity for a special event at Madison Square Garden—the 45th birthday of President John F. Kennedy. I was responsible for keeping the photographers organized down by the front row as the President arrived and sat in a special chair brought in because he had a bad back. As I watched him smoking a cigar across a silhouette from the backlight projected toward the stage, Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" in the slowest, sexiest version ever heard. (You can still watch it on YouTube.)



2 About a year later, I was responsible for public relations and promotion at Famous Artists Schools, the home study organization, and traveled to NYC with Norman Rockwell—one of the famous faculty members—for his appearance on the *Today Show* to talk about his April 6, 1963 painting of President Kennedy on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post*. He showed the preliminary sketches leading up to the cover, along with comments he wrote to the art director of the *Post*. On our drive back to Westport, CT, I mentioned that I was admirer of the President. Norman turned to me and said: "I want you to have this"—and gave me the canvas with all the sketches and comments, signed by him.



3 Some time later, I was with Rockwell in the offices of Senator Ted Kennedy, where we were displaying paintings by Famous Artists Schools' students from Massachusetts. This was just one of a series we did with over 20 senators, with either art or photography exhibits. The Senator was nice enough to autograph a photo for me of the three of us. Then he had to go to the Senate chamber for an important vote—and took us there to watch the proceedings.



4 The 26th Annual Grammy Awards was held on Feb. 28, 1984, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, to honor musical achievements for the year 1983. Michael Jackson set the record at the time by winning eight Grammy awards—"*Beat It*" won Record of the Year and Thriller took Album of the Year. I had launched The Franklin Mint Record Society to offer high quality collections by direct mail and had been thrilled to have two of the five nominations in the Best Historical Album of the Year category. Stephi and I were excited to be there, surrounded by all the celebrities. But the highlight was when it was announced that I had won the Grammy for producing a collection of previously unreleased recordings by Arturo Toscanini and the New York Philharmonic. And then backstage afterwards, we were all in the interview room having photos taken…but everyone seemed to be in one area, not near me. I guess I needed to be wearing a sequined glove!



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5 When Eugene Ormandy, the renowned conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, announced his retirement, it was an opportunity to produce a retrospective collection of his favorite recordings. I spent the weekend at his summer home, along with consultant Martin Bookspan, working on the collection.



6 "One Thousand Points of Light" was a focal point of President George H. W. Bush's commitment to volunteerism and community service. When my publishing company decided to produce a reference book on volunteerism, we created a deluxe edition for the President. We were invited to the White House where we presented the book to First Lady Barbara Bush.





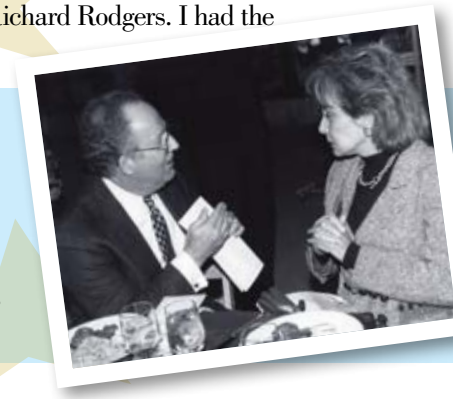
7 When the Italian tenor, Sergio Franchi, was discovered singing on a television show in London, RCA Records signed him to a contract. At that time, I was responsible for classical music publicity, and was given the assignment of helping to launch his career in the United States. Sergio was a charming and talented singer who became a good friend as we traveled around the country to introduce him to the media and the general public in advance of his first album, an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show, and a concert at Carnegie Hall. I wrote the liner notes for that album of *Romantic Italian Songs*. Sergio went on to have a great career; one of the highlights was starring on Broadway in *Do I Hear A Waltz*? by Richard Rodgers. I had the pleasure of attending several of the performances.

8 I had a special relationship with another RCA artist, Anna Moffo, "one of the leading lyric-coloratura sopranos of her generation." The daughter of a shoemaker in Wayne, PA, Anna was studying on a Fulbright scholarship in Italy when she sang Madame Butterfly on television. The joke was that she was too tall to play the lead… but no one could tell on television. In addition to her opera recordings, RCA decided to produce an album called *The Dream Duet*, with Anna and Sergio Franchi and I wrote the liner notes. Just before the album came out, Sergio was appearing at the Waldorf Astoria and I escorted Anna to the performance… she and Sergio sang a duet for the much surprised and delighted audience.

Anna and I got to play tennis in Central Park on one memorable day—another highlight moment for me, and we remained friends long after I left RCA.



9 The LMP Awards recognized achievements throughout the publishing industry and I had the pleasure of spending time with, and introducing, the hosts of this annual event, including Barbara Walters, Peter Jennings, Katie Couric and Cokie Roberts.





↑*Stan Smith actually visited Hunters Run in 2006---but no rematch.*

10 When Stephi and I were set up as a blind date to play in a tennis tournament in Rosemont, PA, the first thing she said to me was "Stan Smith is my favorite player, and your name is Stan, so we should be fine." Many married years later, we were with a friend at Hilton Head in South Carolina, who had arranged for Stan Smith, a former world #1 tennis champion, to surprise Stephi and play doubles with her; afterwards, I got to play singles with him. He won…but I won Stephi!

HONORABLE MENTIONS: Walking down Fifth Avenue in NYC with Arthur Fiedler, famed conductor of the Boston Pops, as he admired all the pretty women we passed on the way to a photo shoot; going to the studio of the famous photographer Philippe Halsman, well known for making celebrities jump in his "Jump Book," and watching him play ping pong with Kim Novak; sitting in on the original cast album recording session of the Broadway show *Little Me*, and listening to Sid Caesar play the saxophone during the breaks; having lunch with television star Rod Serling at the Oak Room of The Plaza Hotel; haggling on the telephone with the legendary pianist Vladimir Horowitz and his wife Wanda (the daughter of Arturo Toscanini) about how much royalty we would pay to license a few of his recordings.



The NEW SEASON is now upon us

NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF GOLF

By John C. Oyler
Director of Golf

and the Staff and Tournament Committee are already well into our "wrap around" Season, as we've been able to successfully facilitate numerous events since the early summer months, and have a full schedule of Golf Events prepared for the 2020-2021 season!

In September we had a **Play with The Pro** event on Friday, September 11. Three professionals, nine members, and a lot of fun!!

October was a big month with two Mixed Member events which both included over 220 participants. We had our 2nd Sunday Fun Day on October 11th, and followed this with our Annual Halloween Frenzy on Sunday October 25th.

November…the **Annual Turkey Trot** event is scheduled for Sunday, November 15th, so be on the lookout for the online registration in early November!

December will be another action- packed month as we prepare for the first Major of the season with the Hunters Run Classic, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th. The following weekend will include our annual Welcome Back Mixed Member Event on December 13th, and our annual season- long Match Play event will also begin in December.

Swing for Pink… November 1st will feature a fun competition on the South Driving Range for this great charity, so please mark your calendars and be a part of a brand-new event!



Please be reminded that ALL of our current Event information with details can be found on the Hunters Run *website* (calendar). Additionally, ALL events will continue to include an Official Online Registration Process throughout the 2020-2021 Season. As always, please contact the Golf Shop if you have any questions, and a member of the Professional Staff will be happy to assist!

Scheduled Demo Days and Fun Friday Golf Clinics

With the start of the new season, we are pleased to announce the return of our Friday Free Clinics! All Free Clinics are first come, first served and start at 4:00PM on the North Driving Range. Here is the tentative list for November and December:

Friday, November 6 – Drivers
Friday, November 13 – Fairway Woods
Friday, December 4 – Hybrid Clubs
Friday, December 18 – Hitting the Irons

We have two **Demo Days** with XXIO planned for early next season:

Saturday, November 14,
9:00AM-1:00PM, South Driving Range
Saturday, December 5,
9:00AM-1:00PM, South Driving Range

As more Free Clinics and Demo Days are planned, they will be posted on the Golf Calendar on the Hunters Run website.

Please note: We will follow existing coronavirus protocols for ALL golf-related events until further notice. Masks are REQUIRED for Free Clinics and Demo Days; demo clubs will be wiped down and sanitized after each use and proper social distancing will be followed.

Golf Shop

The Golf Shop remains open daily and NEW merchandise has been ordered and is on the way for the new season! Please be reminded that we can Special Order many items from different vendors if you do not see your size or style, and the Staff will assist you with any questions regarding Special Orders. We appreciate everyone continuing to abide by the necessary Social Distancing guidelines set forth, and we'll continue to update everyone as needed with regard to any and all changes.

League Play Update

Each of the three golf courses re-opened for the season on Sunday, October 25th and each League is officially back in full swing! (tee times only until further notice.) Ray Nalbandian is once again overseeing the Monday Ladies' League, Penny Hammel continues to oversee the WTD18 on Tuesdays, and Henry Bannwarth has officially taken over for Gary Tschaepe as Golf Operations Manager and will oversee the MTD on Wednesdays.

Golf Carts

We're working hard to ensure that everyone has a golf cart to use as we begin the season under the "single rider" policy, and will continue to update everyone on any changes needed to this current policy. We began with 11-minute tee time intervals at the time of re-opening the golf courses back on May 4th and will be moving back to 8-minute tee time increments this season in an effort to safely accommodate everyone with additional "prime time" tee times.

We have 130 Yamaha Fleet Carts in our possession to use each and every day, and the Staff continues to work extremely hard in making sure that all carts are properly cleaned and sanitized prior to each use. We will need everyone's assistance with ONLY using a Fleet Cart when playing an actual round of golf OR taking a golf lesson with one of our Golf Professionals on Staff. Otherwise, we're asking that in the event you are ONLY going to practice, that you please park and walk to the South Driving Range, Short Game Area, or Putting Green – thank you!

Bag Storage

We are certainly prepared to receive ALL golf bags in the Bag Storage Room for the season, as needed. For those of you who store your golf bags with us, we'll have the golf bags out and ready each day prior to your round of golf and appreciate your assistance with continued updates and protocols which will be provided on a continual basis throughout the season.

For those members with their own golf carts – in the best interest of everyone--when possible we are asking that you keep your golf bags in your possession to assist with less "crowding" in and around the Bag Room as we enter into the busy months ahead. Golf Carts will continue to be parked outside for those of you who need to drop off a spouse/significant other when the two of you are NOT playing golf in the same group.

Weekly Golf News and Notes

Please continue to be on the lookout for our bi-weekly News and Notes email from the Golf Department, highlighting all "current" information with regard to the Golf Operation, Rules, Golf Events, and more! We also post the most current version of each of these emails on the Club's website.

New Restroom – North #6

The NEW restroom has been constructed and is ready for the season! Thank you very much for your patience during this necessary process.

Driving Range Update

New golf balls have officially arrived and have been put into play in ALL practice areas – 1,700 new Titleist golf balls! Brand new mats have been placed on the South Driving Range from Turfhound and will be utilized as needed throughout the course of the upcoming season.

Play with the Pros Event

JARED BEAR – the team consisted of:

Jared Bear, PGA Apprentice; Richard Moskow, Jerry Schaffer and Chuck Shapiro





RAY NALBANDIAN – the team consisted of:

Ray Nalbandian, Head Golf Professional; Mark Cantor, Barbara Heintz and Susan Kreps





JOHN OYLER – the team consisted of:

John Oyler, Director of Golf; Steve Bzura, Mike Weingast and Joanne Shapiro





MTD

The new season is upon us. We welcome back those who spent the summer season elsewhere and we thank those who enjoyed the competition during these past few months.

With sadness we bid a final adieu to Gary Tschaepe who retired effective October 31st to pursue some new adventures. We thank him for his service to the MTD, the entire golf operations, Hunters Run and our country (United States Coast Guard.) And, we thank him for his friendship and clever wit!

But, with sadness comes joy in the form of PGA Professional Henry Bannwarth who has transitioned into the role supporting the MTD over the past couple of months and who has set up a schedule of exciting and challenging weekly tournaments for this 2020-2021 season. The MTD Season runs from November through October every Wednesday starting normally either at 8:00 AM with assigned tee times or at 8:45 AM with a scheduled shotgun start. The MTD has proven to be a great way to meet golfers of all skill levels and play in games outside your regular groups. The weekly tournaments are fun and challenging. In order to accommodate the various ages and golfing skill levels of our members, we have three divisions: 9-Holes, 12-Holes and 18-Holes. Each division plays weekly and Golf Shop Credits are awarded to winning teams in each division and to individuals who are "closest to the pin" on select holes. There is even a $100 award for any hole-in-one during league play. You may select which division you want to play in on the MTD registration form. The MTD Luncheon is slated for Wednesday January 13th (TENTATIVELY) following league play. A gift will be given out specific to the MTD.

If you have not done so already, please register online by logging into www.golfgenius.com, select Sign In, enter the passcode mtd2020-2021 (no spaces) on the "GGID" line, click on Register Now for the MTD 2020-2021 Season, click on New Registration and use the drop down menu to find your name.

Welcome to our League!

—Your MTD Committee

GOLF AND GREENS COMMITTEES

By Michael Rappaport, *Chair*

Welcome back to all our Hunters Run snow birds and snowflakes. We missed you. While you were away, we kept busy. Our golf program restarted in May and we have been averaging over 5,000 rounds of play per month. Tournaments restarted in August and we are pleased that we had over 228 players per event.

When you come back, you will notice:

1. We are still allowing only one player per golf cart-unless you are a couple
2. 90-degree rule is effect on all of our golf courses and for all players.
3. The bathroom on 6 North has been rebuilt and has reopened.
4. We have changed the disability parking locations on many of the holes –so please look for the posts.
5. No one has broken any of the course records while you were away—however, one of our members, Rick Barrow, did have two holes-in-one during the last six weeks.

Stay safe



2 Holes-in-One
Rick Barrow

Congratulations to these members for their aces during August and September:
Rick Barrow —8/12
Les Pedell —8/14
Steve Hinkis —8/16
Sherman Kroop —9/2
Robin Kaplan —9/5
Barbara Heintz —9/5
Marty Levitt —9/10
Jerry Schaffer —9/23
Rick Barrow —9/28
Wayne Pistoia —9/30

Monday Morning League

By Kristen Mendelsohn

Welcome back to the Monday Morning League 2020-2021 Season. By now, you should have received an email application for the League. If you haven't received your application, please call our Golf Professional, Ray Nalbandian, at 561-735-4061.

This year our League will be playing in individual carts, as we have been playing during the summer. There will be tee times rather than the shotgun that we all enjoy. All of this is due to Covid-19 recommendations that are strictly adhered to by our Golf Professional. Everyone is looking forward to being together.

Don't forget we will be starting off the season with our collection for the Soup Kitchen for Thanksgiving!

If you are interested in joining any of our committees please contact Co-Chairs:
Dee Altman 561-336-2959
Stephanie Kreiner 717-649-0663

WTD-18

By Bethanie Gorny

On the first week of November we will start playing 18 holes when all three courses are available once again. On Wednesday signup will be available on Golf Genius. Notices about the signup will be sent out to all the members. There is no in-person signup sheet due to social distancing requirements. Tee times will be between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

There will be some version of the Welcome Back Breakfast that observes Covid-19 rules. The dates for the large tournaments are tentative but hopeful. They are:

Welcome Back Breakfast	12/1/20
Presidents Cup	2/23/21
Member/Member	1/5/21 & 1/12/21 Rain Date: 1/19/21
Membership Luncheon	3/23/21
Play for Pink	3/7/21 (not a WTD tournament but strongly supported by WTD18)

There will be a collection of nonperishable food for the Alpert Jewish Family Services Food Pantry on November 10.

If you did not register for WTD18, you can still do so and join the fun

FROM THE COURT

By Dave Cordrey, *Director of Tennis*



GREAT to see you BACK!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT SUMMER. We have been busy here at Hunters Run. Thanks to all of you who have been putting in your games, it has made the transition much smoother. The tennis pool will be starting in November and will continue through the season. If you are making private games, please continue doing it via e-mail.

We are offering some new events, including an Intraclub League in men's, women's and mixed. We will form four teams in each Intraclub League. Teams will be picked by a draft from players signed up for the league. Format will be three doubles matches —2 out of 3 sets, third set will be 10-point tiebreaker.

Women's teams will play on Wednesday, men's will play on Thursday and mixed will be on Saturday. Matches will start at 10:30 AM

Teams will play each other twice during the six week season. The top two teams at the end of the season will play a championship match.

A coed pickleball intraclub league is also being offered. Play will be Friday afternoons at 4:00 PM.





A new Pyramid Singles Ladder is being offered for our singles players. Play will start in early November and run for 12 weeks. The objective is to reach the top of the pyramid within the 12-week period. Challenging can be made to the line above. If you win, you move up one line and your opponent moves down. If you lose to the line above, your next challenge must be against a player that is on your same line. If you win, you can challenge up again. You can only challenge one row above your position to climb the ladder. New players entering the ladder will have the opportunity to challenge anywhere. Players must organize matches with the other players and play their match within 14 days. If the match does not get played, the challenger wins.

Spring Interclub league may be played, but we won't know until we get closer to the start time.

Our special events this season are being put on hold, including our mixers, Tennis Under The Lights, member-guests, opening and closing dinner dance, and junior clinics. If things change, decisions will be made to put them on the calendar. But as it stands right now, they are on hold.



BRIDGE COMMITTEE

By Marilyn Ross

The last duplicate game I played was in March. Now I sit in front of my computer seven days a week playing bridge on the website: Bridge Base Online (BBO). I miss seeing my bridge friends and look forward to the time we can resume normal playing.

As many of us discovered, BBO tends to lend itself to more cheating. With up to 50,000 players at one time, it is not unusual. If you see any suspicious bidding or playing, collect any proof and report it to: BBO Abuse Help: abuse@bridgebase.com

Hunters Run Continues Duplicate Bridge Online

HR continues to offer BBO bridge online events using the name **Best Clubs of Palm Beach** every Tuesday evening at 7 PM and Thursday, and Saturday at 12:30 PM. The Virtual Number assigned is 202671. There is a fee of $5.00 per player in each game. If you need help, e-mail Hank Fuld at hrbridgecomm@aol.com.

Zoom Learning Sites

Now is a good time to improve our bridge. Three helpful sites are:

- learnbridge.nyc - You can also join Rob Barrington and Gavin Wolpert free for their Wednesday morning tournament live.
- larryco.com - This is Larry Cohen's site. He also lists lessons given by Michael Berkowitz and Robert Todd.
- play-bridge-from-home.square site - Lists lessons from the Bridge Professors and Think Like an Expert.

Sunshine Bridge News

The ACBL magazine for our district (9), Sunshine Bridge News, with a circulation of nearly 20,000 is published six times a year. They have announced that they are now all-digital. The latest issue (Sept-Nov 2020) is posted and can be found at https://district9acbl.org/sunshine-bridge-news/. We are unit 128. The new format contains all the same great bridge information you're accustomed to with tournaments, articles, and Unit news, but now also allows us to open links from the magazine itself, and emails that are connected to your email editor, so just click on any hyperlink you see, and away you go! You can get the most recent tournament information from district9acbl.org or acbl.org as well. Currently the ACBL has cancelled all face-to-face tournaments through February 2021. New issues will be posted on December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1.

Saturday Bridge Quiz Fun Contest

Meanwhile our Chairperson, Hank Fuld, continues to have a weekly bridge contest using the Saturday Sun-Sentinel bridge column written by Bob Jones. The prize is a free game at HR. Duplicate game once we are able to restart duplicate. Afterwards, a rigorous critique of one of the hands by Bob Lurie and Bob Friedman is emailed to all participants.

Miss you all. Hope to See Ya soon at the Bridge Table. Stay safe.

Hunters Run Featured



Bob Lurie

My bridge life began in 1957 in upstate NY when my aunt and uncle taught my cousin and me to play, and it continued during high school. We played almost every day during lunchtime. Then, after graduation, one of my partners introduced me to duplicate, and we played weekly at the most popular Boston club. I became hooked. I continued playing in college and grad school, often with my regular partner, Ben. He and I kept playing in Regionals and Nationals on occasion, even after he relocated from Boston to Central New Jersey. At that time Ann and I were married and my bridge playing time reduced accordingly.

One Fall weekend in 1969, Ben and I agreed to meet at a Duplicate Bridge Regional in the Catskills. During the last round of the event I started feeling exhausted and woozy. I was declarer on the very last hand and had to lay down on the cement floor while the others passed me my hand to play 3NT. After all, nothing can interfere with the game! The other players called out their cards from the table and I passed my cards to them. It turns out that we got a top score on the Board and won the session. Alan Truscott, then Bridge editor for the New York Times, found out about my episode and wrote it up for publication.

Shortly thereafter, our children were born and I "retired" from competitive bridge for a decade. I had already become a Life Master.

Ben and I met again in New Orleans for the Nationals in 2004. Ben decided to sign up for a Bridge Teachers' course run by Audrey Grant. As he was leaving our hotel room, he urged me to come along. She invited us to join her teaching staff on cruise ships. Ann and I enjoyed cruising and teaching on cruise ships about one month a year for seven years. Then about seven years ago I "retired" from teaching to play more.

I have always been disappointed by the acrimony at the bridge table and decided to do something about it. At the Nationals in Toronto I began to introduce myself and my partner when facing new opponents. We shocked many people as this was not the norm. So, we were surprised when one opponent turned to us and asked, "are you new at this game?" Bridge is a fun game with mostly nice and engaging people – when we take the time to get to know them.

I retired from work seven years ago and relocated to HR shortly thereafter,where I decided to focus more on playing at the local, regional, and national levels. I now only play two or three sessions per week (except at Nationals,) preferring a more balanced life.

Bridge Players

I always enjoy the game and don't get tired competing six to eight consecutive days at Nationals.

I met Bob Friedman several years ago. We shared our bridge and other life backgrounds. Bob explained that he used to play on a workplace team at Johnson & Johnson in New Jersey over 50 years ago. His partner was the team captain, an outstanding player. My ears perked up. I knew that team captain – Ben, my long-time partner. **What a small world!**

Bob Friedman



I played bridge all through college. After graduation, I joined Johnson & Johnson, a company with two active bridge teams in the New Jersey Industrial Bridge League. I was partnered with a young man named Ben Feinswog, the captain of the stronger team. He was a most amazing bridge player. Every lunchtime our team would meet in his office, and we would play duplicate style bridge. When the hand was over, we would re-construct our hands, lay them out on the table, and Ben would go over the bidding and play, teaching us how to bid and play better.

He and I would play four nights a week in the local games, usually winning or finishing second. We would always post-mortem the evening, looking at what we could have done better. And we did get better - we were a force in any game we entered.

Ben and I played together from 1967 to 1973. Those were the best years of my bridge life - a genius for a partner who was also a great and willing teacher. But playing bridge four nights a week was stressful on my home life. My wife suggested I could either become a Life Master, or stay married, so in 1973 I stopped playing competitive bridge entirely. For the next 30 years my wife and I played social bridge only.

Then I retired and had the time to play competitive bridge again. But of course, I was playing 1960's bridge - I had to learn two over one and all the new conventions and the new more aggressive styles of bidding.

Today I am playing four sessions a week on BBO, playing with my Florida and New Jersey partners. And occasionally, Bob Lurie has a free time slot, during which he is nice enough to play with me. So far, we are averaging over 70%.

It is a wonderful way to get through the pandemic, and to keep my brain sharp.



By John Freeland, *Director of Fitness*

Fit & Trim

This fall I have been playing a lot of Monopoly with my family (remember the days of board games?) The game of Monopoly is about investing in properties and getting positive pay back. Having one property is nice, but the more you build upon it, such as homes and hotels, the more your investment pays off. In one game I kept landing on Chance which prevented me from getting much property. Although, in the beginning, I didn't spend much money, I ultimately lost because I didn't invest and had to keep paying to others as I just kept going round and round the board.

How are you doing in the game of life? How much, if any, have you invested in your strength, stamina, endurance, balance and flexibility? Or are you just going round and round without taking the time to invest in your health?

Coming into the gym once a week is nice, but the more you invest in your health the more you'll benefit from it. We are talking about investing as little as 30 minutes a day, three days a week. When you realize that there are 10,080 minutes in a week, committing 90 minutes is the equivalent to penny stocks with guaranteed returns. Great health is something you'll never forget and get bored with.

I am sure you had a favorite game growing up. And just like there are countless games, there are so many ways you can exercise and see the pay off. We have a great variety of classes, strength machines, cardiovascular equipment, and balance equipment. There is no doubt we can find an exercise modality that you would enjoy that fits your needs.

Don't chance it.

Results start when you do.

New Members, New Friends

By Deirdre Kline

We are so pleased to present some of our newest members. With them comes new energy, new ideas and new friends. Please welcome them to our community.

John Epstein



Being able to attend Hunters Run's member-guest golf tournaments several times a year with his brother, Andy Epstein, was the initial lure for John. He always thought this would be a great place to live but it took a conversation with Andy which ended with "Take care, I am off to hit some golf balls" that clinched it for him. To be able to decide on a moment's notice to hit golf balls was too good to pass up any longer.

John has joined us full time, having most recently lived in Plainview, NY. He grew up in Manhasset, Long Island, where he attended Schreiber High School and then Boston University, graduating with a degree in finance. He continues to work for Actionable Learning Corp., a company he founded as an independent contractor, facilitating learning programs in consultative sales, negotiations and presentation skills. His clients span a variety of industries and continue to captivate his interest.

John's profession has afforded him the opportunity to travel the world and witness some of the most magical places on earth. Among them, the Taj Mahal, The Great Wall of China, Dubai, Switzerland and many Asian destinations--Shanghai, Beijing, Malaysia and Singapore. While in Shanghai, John had a truly memorable experience. Having spent a long work-day ending with an evening enjoying the sights, he discovered that the path he thought would lead him back to his hotel was not, in fact, the correct one. Since no one spoke English, nor could they read the information about his hotel that was printed in English, he knew he was in a serious bind. Upon spotting a group of police officers, he instinctively approached them. Realizing that rules are quite different in Asia, his approach was slow and deliberate, lest he aroused any suspicion. He removed the hotel information from his backpack and, as expected, none of the officers spoke English, but fortunately knew a few key words like TAXI.


Travel Arrangements for JOHN A EPSTEIN

One officer was able to translate the hotel information for the taxi driver when John managed to find the taxi stand and ultimately got back to his hotel. The next day, when he relayed the story to his clients, they were horrified. Apparently, one NEVER approaches the police and they were mystified that it is common practice in America. The photo is the actual letter that saved the day and John's trip from disaster.

Given that his wanderlust is curtailed by the current travel situation, when not working, John will be out hitting those golf balls or reading the next great book. He resides in Stratford.



Steven and Mila Mondre

Steven and Mila were frequent guests of members Rich and Sherry Glass and really enjoyed their time spent here. When asked what was the deciding factor to finally purchase their own home in Hunters Run, the answer was "it just felt right," an answer I suspect applies to many current home owners.

The couple live and work in Manhattan, where Mila teaches swimming at Columbia Grammar and Steven is a dentist. Both are from Long Island--she grew up in North Woodmere and Steven in Hewlett. They attended Hewlett High School, but at different times. Mila Greenberg graduated from New Paltz with a degree in economics while Steven is a graduate of Boston University and NYU Dental School.

Mila's love of water sports is a lifelong pursuit and includes an 18-year stint as waterfront director at Camp Pontiac in Copake, NY. Steven and their two daughters love to join in, as you can see from the photo. Steven will be spending his time on our three beautiful golf courses while Mila also enjoys pickleball, mahjongg and canasta. They will be joining us as often as possible, when travel restrictions ease up and they can enjoy their new home in Hampshire.



Daniel and Lysa Saltzman

Dan and Lysa found their way to Hunters Run in a somewhat unusual fashion. A more common scenario is kids following parents to the land of sunshine, but in this case, their kids precipitated the move. Being very involved parents and grandparents, upon learning that their children would be relocating from Vermont to Palm Beach Gardens, Dan and Lysa made the decision to sell their home in Vermont and follow the kids south. After exploring several neighboring communities in Boca and Delray, they came to Hunters Run and said "it felt comfortable from the moment we pulled in the gate." It was a leap of faith for sure to purchase a home when they did, because they had not yet seen much of the community due to the Covid-19 shutdown, but a house that fit all their needs came available in Sutton Place and leap they did.

Dan and Lysa will be snowflakes, making frequent trips back and forth between here and their home in Dix Hills, NY. Daniel grew up in Jericho, Long Island, graduated Jericho High School, and went on to attend several colleges. Lysa Goldring grew up in Roslyn, attended Herricks High School and Syracuse University. Summers for Lysa were spent at Tyler Hill sleepaway camp while Dan enjoyed the lazy days of summer at Landsman's bungalow colony in Woodburn, NY. It is because of that very bungalow colony that the two would meet many years later.

The story goes like this: Lysa's best friend in Roslyn was Karen who had spent many summers at Landsman's and remained friends through the years with her camp buddy, Dan. Fast forward to New York City in the early 80's. Dan happened to be at Karen's apartment as she had scheduled a blind date for him with one of her girlfriends. Fate stepped in the door when Lysa made an unannounced visit on her way to meet her boyfriend. She took one look at Dan and couldn't stop thinking how cute he was. His blind date suddenly called to cancel and Lysa, smart girl that she is, decided to cancel with her boyfriend. They went out to dinner together that evening and that led to a very happy ending to this story.

Dan will continue working at Sam Tell and Son Restaurant Supply, a company he owns and operates. Lysa is retired from 20 years managing a dental office on Long Island. Dan is very much looking forward to playing our three golf courses and also will be pursuing his other interests of cooking and gardening in their totally renovated home. Lysa is a beginner golfer and plays mahjongg and canasta.

Special Interest Clubs

By Doris Hirschhorn

Who would you want to invite to lunch (excluding family and friends) and what would you serve? Would it be Shakespeare, Martin Luther King, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg? Would it be Queen Elizabeth, Harriet Tubman, and Doris Kearns Goodwin? Or would you want to invite Jesus Christ, Moses, and Abraham Lincoln? This was the topic for discussion at a Zoom meeting of the Hunters Run **Women's Discussion Group** facilitated by Karen Feinblatt. Each woman shared her choices and the reasons for her choices. At other meetings, the group has discussed systemic racism, the future of journalism, euthanasia, stress, what they have learned during the pandemic, the greatest inventions of all times, friendship, and the pros and cons of criticism.



The **Women's Discussion Group** meets every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11 AM—virtually. At the start of each meeting, the group votes on the topic for the next meeting. Karen comes prepared with a list of topics, some suggested by the members. Between meetings, the women do research, draw on their experiences, and come well-prepared. As a result, the meetings are always informative, thought-provoking, and exciting. Karen makes sure that everyone gets a chance to talk and has helped the group become good listeners. She often supports the discussion with a news article she has read or statistics she has looked up.

On September 16, the **Yiddish and Jewish Culture Club** opened its '20-'21 season with a virtual meeting. Malya Scher and the Planning Committee—Jay Bacher, Barbara Breslow, Helen Bloom, Charlie Gruber, Doris Hirschhorn, Rhoda Medow, and Lois Plansky—presented an exciting program which focused on Yiddish, Cooking, and Rosh Hashanah. Beginning with a video clip of the Purim Schpiel, the group had performed live in the Palms in February, the audience—about 40 Hunters Run members on Zoom—learned where Yiddish came from, heard a comic tell about his bubbie and the police, and listened to the Andrews Sisters sing *Bei Mir Bistu Shein*. Other video clips included a countdown of the top eight favorite Jewish foods, Barbra Streisand singing *Avinu Malkeinu*, and a glimpse of a Rabbi and his family celebrating Rosh Hashanah. During the hour, the audience participated twice—first, they shared their favorite Jewish food, and second, they shared their wishes for the New Year.

Thanks to Zoom and brave Hunters Run members, several other Special Interest Clubs—Current Events, Yiddish Conversation, Fran Gordon's Book Club, Politics and More—have been able to adapt from meeting in the Men's Card Room or the Courtside Café to meeting on Zoom. If you are interested in joining a club, check out the weekly Special Interest Clubs email blast. If you would like to facilitate a Zoom meeting, contact Doris Hirschhorn at 561-732-9601 or doris.hirschhorn@gmail.com.

Adding to our members' "Record of Resiliency," long-time resident and renowned bird-watcher Sandy Komito made the best of the situation by documenting all the birds flying over Hunters Run.

THIS PANDEMIC IS FOR THE BIRDS!

By Sandy Komito


Solitary Sandpiper, spring and fall visitor

I've tried to heed the advice of experts on protecting ourselves from the dangers of the coronavirus and Covid-19. We've all had to change our accustomed behavior. I've managed to enjoy the outdoor activity of bird-watching and have done so for most of my life. As a result, I've made just minor adjustments to my familiar activities, thus allowing me to continue my somewhat quirky hobby of bird-watching.

For the months of April, May, and June, I decided to document for myself, the birds I saw and where I saw them.

THE LOCATION: the southeast part of Hunters Run, which includes the southeast portion of the Isles, the southeast portion of Eastgate, the southeast end of Southport going west to the canal separating us from Delray Beach, and the South golf course from holes 13 to 16. Also, I did stay near the south security gate and birded the land and waters to the north of Summit Road, keeping off the South Course, but seeing birds through my telescope.


Pileated Woodpecker, year-rounder

While my body has always been within the confines of Hunters Run's property, I have been able, with the added use of a telescope, to see some birds outside the Hunters Run land limits. I count any bird I see flying in the sky to be within the bounds, if I can accurately identify it by sight or sound.

STATISTICALLY, during April, I recorded 72 different species of birds. a number of them were birds that had spent the winter here and hadn't yet left for their more northern nesting grounds. a few others had migrated here from Central and South America.


Red Shouldered Hawk, year-rounder

The month of May continued to provide a goodly number of our resident birds, plus eight new species of migrating birds not seen in April. With the eight new species, May's total was 64 species. These now totaled 80 different species of birds seen for the two-month period. June, the third and final month, found 59 species, three of which were new for our Spring time list.

IN TOTAL FOR THE THREE MONTHS, I DOCUMENTED 83 DIFFERENT SPECIES OF BIRDS AT HUNTERS RUN.

I hope this will be of interest to all members.


Laughing Gull, a winter visitor

Sandy Komito's fascination with birds started when he was eight years old and has continued to this day. He twice held the record for identifying by sight or sound the largest number of species of birds on the American Birding Association list within a single calendar year—748 in 1998. The ABA's competition that year was the subject of a best-selling book which was then adapted in 2011 for a movie, "The Big Year." Sandy has been a resident of Hunters Run since 2001.

Sharing life lessons with a Granddaughter… and The Ducklings!

By Stan Walker



There is nothing unusual about a grandmother sharing life lessons with her granddaughter. But this time, the inspiration was the true story of the ducklings—a story "which had been bouncing around at least for a decade in our family," says Elspeth Lodge, granddaughter of long time Hunters Run resident Roberta Melman.

Elspeth, a storyteller with experience in journalism, had decided to write a children's book based on the ducklings. Who better to illustrate it than her grandmother, an artist well known in the Hunters Run Art Show, who has a studio in her Northwoods home and has been practicing art since she was five years old. Roberta's work has been shown in solo and juried exhibitions "It was the perfect time to put the project into action. I had full access to her talents," says Elspeth.



The Garden Ducklings is based on the experiences of Elspeth and her brother when they came upon some duck eggs and how, after seeing them hatch, getting to play with the ducks and taking care of them, they had to let them go back to nature. "The story focuses on learning about life both literally and figuratively," says Elspeth. It's one that my grandmother and I have wanted to tell for quite some time. The simple, fun, illustrations are ones that both children and adults can appreciate."

This was the first book that Roberta Melman has illustrated. "I had so much fun doing it," she says. "And, to be able to collaborate with my granddaughter and work so closely with her, made it even more special for me," she says.

Sharing that sentiment: "It was a special experience working with my grandmother," says Elspeth. "We're both very creative people with strong opinions, and so, it was interesting to see two such similar minds at work on one project."

THE GARDEN DUCKLINGS is available on Amazon.



The Great Escape

By Judie Spinner

IZZIE an iguana or isn't he? Ask photographers Diane Soroka and Janet Thaler. These intriguing photographs were taken at Mounts Botanical Gardens in West Palm Beach.

Diane and Janet escaped during this difficult COVID time , from the confines of our gated Hunters Run community into a dazzling world of nature.

Janet admits. " It is my great escape. It's a different world without COVID and without politics."

Diane says, " If you 've never been to Green Cay Nature Center, Wakodahatchee, Mounts Botanical Gardens or Johnny Mangos Garden Center, go! It's chicken soup for the soul."

More photos on back cover.

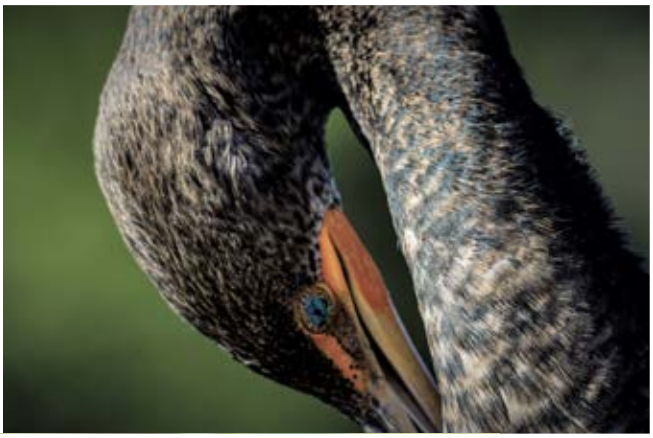




















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