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President's Message

By Fred Francis



I certainly want to wish all a healthy, happy new year.

Hollybrook has experienced many fond memories from 2015, Hopefully, we will build and move forward from what we experienced. There were positive motions made by the Board and acted upon.

There is a full schedule of events occurring in the year 2016.

These events need your participation and this will let us know if you want Hollybrook to schedule them in the years to come.

Since this is the Holiday Season, I will keep this message short and to the point. Keep smiling, have fun and enjoy life. Make the most of your opportunities. Volunteering is one way to assure your interest in what takes place here and will be much appreciated.

Check the bulletin boards, channels 92-93 and VOH to take advantage of all that Hollybrook has to offer.

This will be the last year of my Administration and I will do the best to fulfill your desires and interests.

Some of the current items we have been busy with are:

Changing the fiscal year calendar.

Implementation of the SPC recommendations.

The Reserve Study and financial aspects associated with this study.

Preparing two budgets, one for the transitional period and the full budget for 2017.

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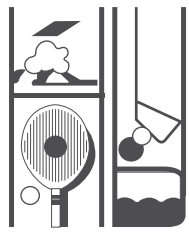
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from the editor's desk

By Coralie Crodgen



First, I must wish you all a very HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR. Some of us were waiting impatiently for

the last year to be over...hoping for better health, both financial and physical. Personally, I was amazed at the speed with which each day sped by. It's like the toilet paper roll that goes faster as it gets closer to the end.

Say "HI!" to Sandee Buganski 27/110 who has joined the VOH crew for Phase 5. She's a bubbly lady who I'm sure will do a great job IF you give her the news ! Her introductory column is waiting for you to read and enjoy.

This is from the pool captains: Attention Unit Owners, Full Timers, Snowbirds, and Visitors: Please! Our pools do not come with maid service, Please close and secure all umbrellas when you leave the pool area. BBQs should be left on after cooking to burn off the food particles. Cooking grates should then be rubbed with crumbled aluminum foil or stiff brush. Let's keep it all nice and shiny!

THEY HAVE FINALLY CRACKED DOWN ON THE PERPETRATORS WHO GAMBLE ON THE PREMISES. Some 'snitch' ratted out the 80+ gram'mas in the Escondido Condominium, for playing

Mah Jongg for money!!!! Can you imagine the faces of the four grandmothers, when the Altomonte Springs police gave up looking for terrorists and invaded their 'lair' and broke up their every Thursday game?

The probe was prompted by a complaint to STATE authorities about gambling at the condo complex, including penny-ante poker; \$5 bingo and Frank Muscarella's poker games. "We play for pennies," he said; and the Mah Jongg games.

The condo board, unnerved by the police visit, closed the clubhouse to all games. "It was just until we were sure we were doing everything right," they said.

The state law says penny-ante games are legal as long as the

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From the Desk of the Vice President

By Carl Mack



First of all and most importantly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We had a very productive Board of Directors meeting December 9th.

Now the business news of Hollybrook. We will continue to use the same C.P.A. accounting

firm to conduct our certified audits, which we have been using for the last 30 + years.

We will be buying new umbrellas for all the pools. The price will remain the same for the clubhouse locker rental fees which is \$5.00 a year. We have purchased new chairs for our restaurant. Some of them will have arms to accommodate our residents that need a little extra help when they are

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winning pot doesn't exceed \$10. "It's hard enough trying to keep a game like this together, Zelda King says, laughing. "Someone's always going to the doctor, or always sick. We're old! We're all on the brink."

As it turns out, the grandmother's game was legal and the controversy made them feel young again.

In the same vein...is anyone interested in a PAN game? This 8 handed game seems to have disappeared. Call me.

I'm curious about two new and different ads we have running. Is anyone taking advantage of the shopping offers? They shop where you want them to, and deliver the packages to your door. Sounds good to me.

I'm going to put a book on the front desk for those of you who wish to volunteer in the office. Take a moment to tell us what you are capable of doing/wish to do/or would be interested in learning to do. I don't guarantee a job, but let's try it!

As always at this time of year, the Joint is jumping with shows and holidays, games and future plans. Enjoy the pools, tennis & golf. Hey, we're a golf and tennis club. The TV can wait until it's too hot to go outside/ or for the northerners, too cold...so get moving!

Our first show, December 13th was a whopping success. The dance floor was full and we were all clapping and bouncing.

I hear the tennis tournament was a success. So much so

that they are thinking of having another one this month. Sheryl Fordin, 32/306 resigned from The Board of Directors as a Director from Phase 5, for personal reasons. Love you all and welcome to 2016!

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

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TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2015

by Rosalie Labate

Happy New Year to all! May this new year be filled with good health and happiness for all of our Hollybrook family.

During the past year our CEO, Paul Ray and CFO, Joseph Donnelly, have been preparing for the major transition of moving our fiscal year start from January 1 to April 1 which has been accomplished quite easily and without any noticeable impact to any of us. Additionally, we also have started on another major transition in the manner in which we structure our budget. Our Board of Directors, after an extensive workshop on the subject, has directed that we proceed with a reserve structure which advocates utilizing what is referred to as "less than adequate, 70 percent funded reserves". And so, when the budget for the new fiscal year is presented to you, you will see the precise structure itemized which accomplishes providing specific pooled reserves for the items listed in the budget.

Let's explain, once again, what these terms mean. Until this year, Hollybrook has operated on a cash flow system. We allocated funds for roofs, paving, painting, etc., but the money was maintained for separate allocations. However, if we need to borrow or use the

funds from those accounts, we can and may do so in order to satisfy our fiscal needs. This procedure has served us well for the past 38+ years. So, if it's not broken, why are we making this change? The answer is complex but logical.

First and foremost, Hollybrook has always looked forward and planned for the future. Changing to this new concept of reserve structure demonstrates our continuing efforts to plan for the future fiscal and structural well being of Hollybrook. Let us all be aware of the fact that we are forty years old and we must recognize and prepare for the needs of our aging community. Our infrastructure, which currently is still in pretty good shape, now needs to be scrutinized and kept sound. We must do our best to take active roles in safeguarding and improving these common elements.

Last year the Board of Directors requested that a reserve study be conducted to quantify the current and future costs of our common elements. The reserve study was conducted and the report established necessary criteria to be developed in order to set up a funding schedule to achieve the "less than adequate 70 percent funded reserves".

By setting up these specific pooled allocations to meet

the expected needs of our common elements, as outlined in our reserve study, we will be prepared to handle the anticipated funding needs our infrastructure will be facing and, hopefully, minimizing the need for special assessments to handle these situations. Of course, the reserve study and/or the new system of reserves cannot and will not eliminate any emergency or extraordinary events that may occur in the future, such as catastrophic storm damage or the like, but it will put us in a fiscally sound condition to address our essential needs. Implementing this system of reserve structure was recently endorsed by our accountant, Daniel Arty, CPA, of Arty, Cohen. CPAs, and he praised our efforts to accomplish this changeover as being a positive step in the right direction and in the best interests of our Hollybrook community.

I hope this helps explain our rationale for making this transition to "less than adequate 70 percent funded reserves. If you have any questions

or concerns, please feel free to contact me and I will try to address concerns with logical answers.

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Henry LePori, Chairman

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By Linda McHugh

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Happy New Year! Joe and I enjoyed the holidays. They are such a special time with all the celebrations while we are surrounded by such good friends to help us enjoy them. WOW, 2015 is gone and 2016 is brand new full of promise as well as good things. For those of you who make resolutions, Enhancement has offerings for your mind, body and spirit. We also have some new really fun activities. Here are some of what Enhancement has to offer:

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By Irv Crodgen
Chairman - Sales & Rental

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58-210	Benedetto to Pecacorp	2	\$56,000
70-610	Green To Feinberg	1	\$49,000

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finished with their meal.

We will be starting to address the planter boxes that are in distress in Phase 6. We will also plant and clean up the area opposite buildings 47, 48, & 49.

We had a wonderful tennis tournament on Sunday, December 13th with about fifty of our men & women tennis players. Everyone had a great time. I would like to thank Felix, our pro, and Dawn White, (Director Phase 1) for putting this tournament together and making it an overwhelming success. We are possibly having another tournament in January.

Keep your eyes open for that.

Sunday, December 13th was a busy day here in Hollybrook. In the evening we had a band called the Fabulons. They were fantastic. Great vocals and fine musicianship. There were about 200 people in attendance and the dance floor was packed for almost every song.

Our next show in the playhouse is January 17th with Sarge. He plays piano and is a standup comic. I hope to see you there.

Always remember my office door is open to all. Even if you don't have a concern, stop in and say hi.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Fred Francis at 7:30pm
Roll call absent: G. Miller, A. Draizin
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- S. Gagnon - She has resigned from the Greens Committee due to a conflict in schedules.
- C. Mack - Landscaping - work is starting on phase 6 planter boxes and area across from bldg. . 47, 48, 49
- D. White - Tennis Club is having a Round Robin this weekend

R. Labate made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from Nov 11, 2015 board meeting 2nd by S. Fordin, all in favor.

Old Business - P. Ray discussed

the No Smoking rule (Motion C of the April 2015 Board meeting) The BBQ areas were not included in the change. This will be added to the Jan. 2016 meeting.

MOTION A: MOTION TO HIRE THE FIRM OF ARTY, COHN, FEUER, C.P.A. TO CONDUCT OUR CERTIFIED AUDITS FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND THE TRANSITIONAL FISCAL YEAR.

R. Labate made a motion to hire the firm of Arty, Cohn, Feuer, C.P.A. to conduct our annual certified audit for calendar year 2015 at a cost of \$18,500.00 and the January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016 Transitional fiscal year at a cost of \$10,000.00, motion 2nd S. Shechter.

Unit Owner:

D. Ouellet 24-103

P. Quenneville wants to postpone vote until we get quotes. P. Ray, we do not have to obtain outside bids.

R. Fortier not in favor of motion. S. Fordin & R. Cohen in favor.

A vote was taken for motion A. yes 20 no 1 (Fortier) 2 did not vote. Motion passed.

MOTION B: MOTION TO RELEASE FUNDS TO PURCHASE SEVENTY POOL UMBRELLAS FOR ALL THE POOLS THROUGHOUT THE COMPLEX

D. White made a motion that the Board release funds in the amount of \$15,582.00 to purchase seventy new pool umbrellas from Leslie's Pool Supplies to replace the existing ones. This amount will be pre-paid from Schedule "O" of the 2016 transitional budget which has an allocated amount of \$15,000.00 motion 2nd by M. Levine.


Unit Owners:

Tim Cahill 26-205

M. Parsons 21-201

After some discussion a show of hands was held to pick the color. Navy 1 beige 8 green 10. The umbrellas will be green. A vote was taken for Motion B: yes 22 no 1 (S. Gagnon) motion passed.

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MOTION C: MOTION TO RELEASE FUNDS TO REPLACE GOLF BALL WASHER AT GOLF CART BARN.

M. Levine made a motion that the Board release funds in the amount of \$2,650.00 to purchase a new golf ball washer from Easy Picker Golf to replace the existing one. This amount will be pre-paid from Schedule "O" of the 2016 transitional budget which has an allocated amount of \$4,000.00. motion 2nd by T. Wollschlager. After discussion a vote for Motion C was taken, motion passed unanimously 22-0.

MOTION D: MOTION TO RELEASE FUNDS TO REPLACE PHASE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS THROUGHOUT COMPLEX.

C. Mack made a motion that the Board release funds in the amount of \$4,548.00 to purchase new Phase directional signs for the complex from Testa & Sons Signs. This amount will be pre-paid from Schedule "O" of the 2016 transitional budget which has an allocated amount of \$4,500.00, motion 2nd by K. McHugh. After a discussion T. Wollschlager made a motion to postpone Motion D to the March Board meeting 2nd by M. Lopreto. A vote for Motion D Motion to postpone passed unanimously.

MOTION E: MOTION TO RELEASE FUNDS TO PURCHASE MATERIAL TO REPAIR THE ASPHALT

ROLLER FOR THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

R Pacella, Jr made a motion that the Board release funds in the amount of \$1,991.00 to purchase material to repair our asphalt roller which is utilized by the Building Maintenance Department. This amount will be pre-paid from Schedule "O" of the 2016 transitional budget which has an allocated amount of \$3,000.00 2nd by P. Quenneville. After a discussion a vote for Motion E was taken, motion E passed unanimously.

MOTION F: MOTION TO INCREASE CLUBHOUSE LOUNGE LOCKER RENTAL FEES. S.

Shechter made a motion to increase the rental fee for the

Clubhouse lounge lockers from \$5.00 to \$21.20 each, retroactive to December 1, 2015, motion 2nd R. Labate.

Unit Owners

Danie Blais 5-302

Jerry Umansky 26-303

D. White, D. Cooperman, T. Wollschlager all not in favor. President Francis recommended to S. Shechter to pull motion and refund the difference of \$16.20 to unit owners that paid \$21.20. S. Shechter agreed, R. Labate made a motion to table motion F indefinitely, motion 2nd R. Pacella Jr. Motion tabled.

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MOTION G: MOTION TO APPROVE THE ALTERATION OF UNITS 102 AND 103 AT BUILDING 56. D. Cooperman made a motion that the Board approves the alteration of Units 102 and 103 at Bldg. 56 by the contractor previously approved by the Association pursuant to Article XV of the Hollybrook Declaration of Condominium, motion 2nd by R. Labate. After a discussion a vote on Motion G was taken, Motion G passed yes 21 to no 2 (R. Fortier, S. Fordin).

MOTION H: MOTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESTAURANT DINING ROOM CHAIRS. P. Belcher made a motion that the Board approves the expenditure of an additional

\$4,873.40 to supplement the \$35,000.00 approved on September 9, 2015 to purchase 150 replacement chairs for the dining room, 25 chairs to have arms. This amount will be funded from Schedule "M" of our 2016 transitional budget which has an allocated amount of \$12,500.00, motion 2nd by R Labate.

Unit Owners:

Eva Mazur 44-306

The Board agreed on purchasing the MTS Seating of 150 chairs including 25 arm chairs for a total cost of \$39,873.40. A vote was taken on Motion H, motion passed yes 17 to no 6 (S. Gagnon, D. White, T. Wollschlager, R. Fortier, S. Fordin, D. Pemberton)

MOTION I: MOTION TO

RELEASE FUNDS TO REPLACE THE CARPET IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

R. Cohen made a motion that Board release funds to hire DC Carpet to install new carpet in the Social Hall at a cost of \$9,971.00 to be pre-paid from Schedule "O" of the 2016 transitional budget which an allotted amount of \$11,000.00, motion 2nd by K. McHugh. After a discussion a vote was taken on Motion I, motion passed unanimously.

Directors Forum

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Kathy McHugh, Recording Secretary

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LOCAL DOG PARKS

By Nancy Kline,
Animal Regulations Chairman

For those dog lovers who want to let their pet be free of a leash, there are several dog parks close by. Your furry friend can romp and play off-leash in the dog-friendly area of C. B. Smith Park, which includes fenced-in areas, benches, as well as handicapped access. It rates 2- out of 5-bones. For more information call 954-437-2650.

There's also a dog park at 9751 Johnson Street, just east of Palm Avenue on the north side of the road. This park has plenty of water including a wash area. It also boasts trees, grass, agility equipment, and a separate small dog area. It has a 4- out of 5-bone rating. As an added bonus, if you have the grandchildren with you, there's a child's play park right across the street.

And, if your dog is a surfer "dude" (or "dudette"), there's always the Dog Beach Park of Hollywood at Custer Street and Surf Road. It's only open on certain days and times, so please call 954- 921-3404 for current information.

ANIMAL REGULATIONS

A friendly reminder to all dog owners to start off the New Year. Please be courteous to your fellow Hollybrook neighbors and pick up your dog's feces immediately after the dog defecates. Make sure the feces are wrapped in a plastic bag that can be tied or sealed and PLEASE put the bag in an outside dumpster ONLY, not a Recycle bin.

Dog Walk areas are identified for your convenience. The PGA or Par 3 golf courses, tennis courts, all swimming pool and barbeque areas are to be used only when walking your dog to and from a specified Dog Walk area. If you're not sure where the Dog Walk area is in the Section in which you live, please call 954-431-0660 X255 or email AnimalControl@Hollybrook.com. We are here to help you.



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Men's Golf Association

By Mike Levine



We lost another one of the Good Guys. Paul Cantor lived in Hollybrook for many moons. He will be missed.

One of Paul's great stories is what happened in the service to him and his bride, Marion. Every weekend Paul flew from New Jersey to Floyd Bennet Field in Brooklyn to see his bride Marion. One weekend he did not make **THE FLIGHT**. Without mentioning names, Paul was turned away because there were no parachutes available. The Lt that kept Paul from flying that day, would you believe, also wound up in Hollybrook. THAT was the flight had he taken it, **THAT HIT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING AND ALL ABOARD WERE KILLED**. All of this happened during the war years. For the lack of a chute PAUL NEVER MADE THE TRIP that saved his life. I guess all of us combat vets had some close calls during WWII and were lucky to make it back home.

I can't believe it's the start of a New Year (2016). On our two golf courses; **Joe Cone and his Merry Men have done a good job keeping the courses in great shape**. We have had some good changes on the courses such as; Hole #11 to make it safer and simpler to get to Hole #12 on the PGA. The new cart paths on the Par 3 make the course so much better to play. The new grass nursery on Hole #11 to provide patches when and where we need them. Mother nature's dirty tricks on holes #1 & #2 on the PGA are coming back; all we had to do was raise the PH Levels on these holes for some reason. Rye grass germination on championship greens came out good. We have had nothing but rain the past week or so and Joe Cone and his Merry Men

have been out in it doing their maintenance work that has to be done to keep the course in great shape.

GREENS REPORT:

Both courses have been over-seeded; greens, tees and fairways.

In the past weeks we have received more than 10 inches of rain. Greens have been top-dressed with USGA sand, improving the green speed and putting conditions. Installed winter season plants around clubhouse/pro shop/dining areas/tennis areas. Continue to improve cart path areas on executive course, crushed Coquina. January 1st new budget kicks in and many items will be purchased at that time to keep our diamond shining.

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NEWS FROM THE HWGA

Sylvie Gagnon, reporter

NEW SEASON: We started our 2015-2016 season on November 5th. Ladies can pick a partner for the month or we match them with another single golfer. Today, we count 160 players and we expect to go up to 190 in January. We play every Tuesday & Thursday and our Tee times are starting at 8am and can go up to 12 noon. We must sign in 1 WEEK before play so all other golfers can also benefit a tee time on our golfing days. If not registered yet, it is still time! Get your registration form in the Ladies Locker room and sign in! You are all welcome!

NEW COMBO TEES: Many women in the Association are now using the « combo tees ». It is a combination of Gold & Silver tee boxes allowing a better facility to reach the greens in regulations.

LUNCHEONS: Nov. 12th : we had our first BBQ luncheon followed by a general meeting. 80 women were present. Dec. 1st : We had a pizza luncheon at the Phase 1 BBQ area. It was a success with 90 women present. Our next scheduled luncheon followed by a general meeting will be on January 7th.

WINTER LEAGUE : Our Winter league will run every Tuesday from January 5th to

the first week of March. Teams are determined in advance and it is a long term competition amongst all women registered.

GALS & PALS WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS TOURNAMENT: What a fun day we had! This was the first large tournament organized by the Ladies' Association... 148 golfers and 150 people had dinner in the restaurant. Fortunately, the weather was on our side and we enjoyed a beautiful day! To help us raise money for our events, we raffled a TV. It was won by Sheila Matus. Thank you to all participants and Congratulations Sheila! May

you enjoy hours of this large 48" screen with 4K technology!

COMING SOON :

- Beginning of our Winter League on January 5th
- Luncheon & general meeting January 7th
- HWGA president's cup on January 21st, 28th and February 4th
- HWGA Ladies Invitational with 144 players on February 18th – Registration will start in January
- In March: Club Championship, cocktail on the terrace and Dinner Award!



**My name is MJ (actually it's Marie Josee), building 54.
I made a HOLE IN ONE on the Par 3 course last week.
Let's call it Beginner's Luck!**

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Tennis Column

By Fran Mason

Good News, Tennis Players, the Rains have finally Gone Away. Hello Sunshine!!!

The only big news I have for you is that Djokovic continues to defeat Federer in the ATP finals. To quote Federer, "It would have been nice to serve a little better early in the match & play better on his 2nd serve." Federer was forced to pull out of last year's championship match against the Serb due to

a back injury. Don't give up, Federer - he's a real fighter!

Our 1st Round Robin of the season was a huge success, watch for info on the next one.

Now for information on 1 of the great WTA Events of the Season, the Miami Open, Here From 3/21/16 - 4/3/16: Individual Tickets On Sale Now. Call: 305-442-3367. Ticket Packages for Opening Weekend - Sessions 7,8,9, 10,11,12 - any 4 sessions - \$215.00 per package (32% savings). Classic Package - All 6 Sessions - \$270.00 per package (also 32% savings). Final 4 Sessions - March 19,20,21,22,23,24 saves 20%. Call for Pricing on the Prestigious Day Sessions Starting Thursday March 31st with the Women's Singles Semi-Finals; Friday April 1st the Men's Singles Semi-Finals; Saturday April 2nd the Women's Singles Finals and Sunday April 3rd the Men's Singles Finals. Don't Miss the Florida Tennis Event of the Season! Here's Courting!!!

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By Estelle Kfare

COOKING

Happy New Year! As the season comes up for the first time in the New Year, let's welcome it with a colorful, refreshing drink that'll make our eyes open wide-our smiles, too!

SUNRISE MIMOSAS

- 2 cups chilled orange juice
- 1 1/2 cups chilled cranberry Juice
- 2 cups chilled Asti Spumanti or other sparkling wine
- 1 orange, cut into 6 slices

In a large pitcher, combine the orange and cranberry juices; mix well. Pour evenly into 6 champagne or wineglasses. Add 1/3 cup Asti Spumanti to each glass and garnish with the orange slices. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

SAUSAGE WONTON CUPS

- 4 Italian sausage links (4 ounces each), casings removed
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 24 wonton wrappers
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Italian cheese blend

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in the tomato sauce, garlic powder and basil. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 8-10 minutes or until thickened. Meanwhile, press wonton wrappers into miniature muffin cups coated with cooking spray. Bake 8-9 minutes or until lightly browned.

Spoon sausage mixture into cups. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 5-7 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve warm. Makes 2 dozen

HAWAIIAN CRAB CANAPES

- 1 carton (8 ounces) spreadable chive and onion cream cheese
- 1 package (3.2 ounces) teriyaki rice crackers
- 1 can (6 ounces) lump crabmeat, drained
- 1 Jar (12 ounces) pineapple preserves
- 3/4 cup flaked coconut, toasted
- 1/2 cup chopped macadamia nuts, toasted

Spread cream cheese over crackers. Top with crab,

preserves, coconut, nuts and chives. Makes 4 dozen.

ANTIPASTO PLATIER

- 1 jar (24 ounces) pepperoncini, drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) garbonzo bean or chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups halved fresh mushrooms
- 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 pound provolone cheese, cubed
- 1 can (6 ounces) pitted ripe olives, drained
- 1 package (3-1/2 ounces) sliced pepperoni
- 1 bottle (8 ounces) Italian vinaigrette dressing
- lettuce leaves

In a large bowl, combine the pepperoncini, beans, mushrooms, tomatoes, cheese, olives and pepperoni. Pour vinaigrette over mixture; toss to coat. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes or overnight. Arrange on a lettuce-lined platter. Serve with toothpicks. Makes 14-16 servings.

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Bridge Player's Survival Kit

BY LESLIE SHAFER slamhand@verizon.net

How do we get to slam? Part 1

A student recently sent some deals to review. She was a statistics major in college and relishes the complexities of slam bidding. The following was the first problem deal.

How does North show her strength? A 3♣ rebid shows medium values, and North has a maximum hand, but what rebid shows that? Also, how do we find our heart fit?

Dlr: North ♠ K 5 2
 Vul: Both ♥ A J 5
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A K Q 10 7 5

♠ Q 8 6 4	N	♠ J 10 9 7	
♥ 10 4	W	♥ Q 7 3	E
♦ Q 5 4 3 2	S	♦ K J 10 6	
♣ 9 4		♣ J 2	

♠ A 3
 ♥ K 9 8 6 2
 ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♦ 3. North-South scored plus 660 for making 11 tricks.

North's rebid shows a good six-card suit but only a medium-strength hand (16-18 points). Counting two distribution points for the club length, this hand is worth around 19 points. If an eight-card heart fit exists, North's hand is actually more powerful than the point-count indicates!

You can learn many bidding tools to help describe (or discover) the distribu-

tion and strength of the partnership's assets. What is tough to learn (and teach) is possibly the single most important aid in finding slams: *attitude!*

Studmuffin often recalls a game of Scrabble he played against his mother in which he scored *two* seven-letter words! For non-Scrabble players, that's like having two grand slams in one session. His mother opined that she never seemed to get a seven-letter score. Studmuffin suggested that it might be because she never *looked* for those rare but exciting plays.

At the bridge table, it sometimes is just as important to make a leap of faith as a leap in the bidding.

On this deal, North and South had tough hands to describe. Both settled for bids that were reasonable but not daring.

North had a lot of things to communicate on her rebid: a maximum hand, good six-card club suit, good three-card heart support and controls in all four suits! All of her rebid options were flawed: 2NT would promise a balanced hand; any strong heart raise (e.g., a jump to 4♥ or a 4♦ splinter bid) would promise four-card support; a game-forcing jump shift to 2♠ would promise a four-card spade suit and would risk South "correcting" any later heart raise back to spades; and, of course, the 3♣ rebid doesn't show the hand's power.

North might have bid 4NT (Blackwood) over the 1♥ response - the *cowboy* approach - but that could be wrong if South had responded 1♥ with

four low cards in the suit. Using Roman Key Card Blackwood, at least North would have been able to find out about the trump king. Here is a reasonable auction to get to slam with the North-South hands.

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♥ ⁽²⁾
Pass	4NT ⁽³⁾	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

(1) Assuming North doesn't have a six-shooter and a 10-gallon hat, she has to choose among the flawed rebids.

(2) Even though North's jump rebid was only game-invitational, in standard bidding, any call by South at this point (except pass) *would* be game-forcing. If North had rebid 2NT (18-19 with a different hand), the situation would be similar. By agreement, South's 3♥ rebid in a (now) forcing auction could be with only a five-card suit. Perfect!

(3) Reassured about the eight-card heart fit, North checks for aces and gets to slam.

South wins the diamond lead and leads a low heart to dummy's jack at trick two, losing to East's queen. Declarer ruffs the diamond return with dummy's 5, cashes dummy's ♥ A and leads a low spade to her ace to finish drawing trumps. Dummy's club suit allows her to later pitch her other diamond loser. Result: Making six, plus 1430 for North-South. ■

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Italian Culture Club



By Betty Kirchner

The Army Band performance on December 5th was very successful despite a rainy, miserable night outside. We honored our World War II veterans and they were very appreciative of being honored. The Club presented them with a lifetime membership to the Italian Club starting next year.

In my last column, I related some of the history of the Italian Club and asked anyone who was omitted to please contact me. Jack Russo was

omitted. He worked right along with Auggie Brocco in the very beginning to get this club started and remained active for many, many years.

The Christmas party will be held in the Restaurant and as of this writing, we are all looking forward to a fun evening with a Chinese gift grab bag and a visit from Santa. More details will follow in my next column.

Did you like the 50's and 60's music? American Bandstand, Fonzie from Happy Days, Elvis Presley On January 20th, plan on meeting at "**Joe's Soda Shop**" for a 50's - 60's Sock Hop hosted by Hollybrook's own DJ Carl. It will be a fun-

filled evening complete with a chance to visit the 1¢ Candy Shop. No trip to the Soda Shop is complete without having a "root beer float" or an "ice cream sundae". Anyone have their poodle skirt, cinch belt, and bobby sox hidden in the closet? How about rolled-up jeans with bobby sox? Join the fun by dressing for the theme which of course is optional (the theme part, not the dressing (lol). The cover charge to get into "**Joe's Soda Shop**" is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Leave your check in the Italian Club box in the Pro Shop. Not into dancing? Come with your friends and enjoy the music and fun activities.

February will be another fun night consisting of a different theme than we have had in the past. Watch the bulletin board and Channel 92 for details. Mark your calendars to set aside Wednesday, February 17th.

The Italian Club is always striving to provide you with events that are fun and different. The season will be over soon. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know. Leave a note in the Italian Club box in the Pro Shop.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and may this year be filled with good health, good friends, peace and serenity.

Ciao!



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Canada Club Capsule

by Dr. David Kaplansky co/chair

The New Year 2016 has arrived right on schedule as the old one faded away. A time for our anxieties, aches and pains, frustrations, unhappiness, illness and sorrow to fade away, and in its place we will be blessed with Good Health and all that comes with it. Let us ALL smile and be Happy-be Friendly-and Enjoy with gratitude that we are here in Hollybrook.

Due to the late arrival of many of our members, we have postponed our opening event until early in January, please check the bulletin board announcements for the date.

In the December issue of the

VOH, I requested all members to phone me at 954-431-2710 and leave your phone number in order to update our lists. Would you believe that only two calls were received??

I just awoke from a terrifying dream. I was listening to a weather forecast from Canada—"Weather alert— Heavy blizzard warning with up to 20 inches of snow followed by a severe cold front with the temperature dipping below the minus 30 degrees C."

I looked out my window and what did I see? I saw the bright sun and the beautiful green grass on our well manicured golf course. My face lit up as I realized that I was in "Our Garden of Eden, Hollybrook"

We should all appreciate and be thankful for our good fortune.

Happy New Year to ALL.



Caribbean American Club

by Peggy Belcher

954-237-6781

A Happy & Blessed New Year to all the residents of the Hollybrook Community! The year 2015 was eventful as well as challenging for us as Americans. But because we live in "FAITH" not "FEAR", we will be fine.

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Joel Edgerton

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Emily Blunt, Josh Brolin,
Benicio Del Toro

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An idealistic FBI agent is enlisted by an elected government task force to aid in the escalating war against drugs at the border area between the U.S. and Mexico. Denis Villeneuve directs.

Caribbean Club

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several awards at Lincoln Center, in N.Y. City. Tickets are \$25.00 which will include wine & cheese. Those of you who have attended in the past know that this is an evening of fun & relaxation. An evening to sit back and be entertained by these talented youngsters, as they play your favorite musical selections.

Tickets are now available from all club members or feel free to call me. Reservations for ten or more guests will be honored.

The Caribbean Club will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month, but we will be having a "games night" every other month. So please bring your favorite card or board game. This should prove to be a fun night for a "fun club". Enjoy the rest of the month & stay safe.

Peggy Belcher (954 237-6781)



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Hadassah

by Anne Wittman
(954) 447-8805

I hope your holidays were filled with joy and that the New Year brings the best of everything. To all our friends returning to Hollybrook, welcome back.

I'm also hoping that this year you will consider making or renewing a commitment to Hadassah. This incredible organization does so much. Our Hadassah Medical Organization takes pride in the excellent care it gives to all who are in need at Hadassah Hospital. In addition, Hadassah

has and continues to produce innovative medical research which impacts lives around the world. Hadassah's Advocacy arm speaks out against social ills and our health programs, such as "Every Beat Counts, A Heart Healthy Program" bring better lives to us in the United States.

Your contributions and donations make a world of difference. Please support us by attending our meetings or volunteering a couple of hours a month. If you'd like more information about Hadassah, call me at the above number.

I was excited to announce our Annual Hadassah Hospital Fundraising Canasta Tournament, but alas, it was cancelled. In its stead, we will have a card party which will take place on January 11th, at 10 am. I am sure it will be an enjoyable day. Coffee and cake will be served. The cost for the day is \$5. Bring your 'game'. If you need a partner, we'll try to match you up with someone. Please call Lenore at 954-432-2485 or Micheline at 954-322-2237 or Lucy at 954-437-8221 EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION, Paul will be there with his new 2016 fashions.

Hadassah News:

I had not heard of this before, but was amazed at this medical breakthrough. A 58 year old man was transferred to Hadassah's Intensive Care Unit after suffering a heart attack and experiencing an extremely irregular heart rhythm. He was kept on life support while doctors and family tried to decide the next course of action.

Prof. Ox Shapira, head of Hadassah University Hospital's Cardiothoracic Unit was consulted. As Prof.

Shapira explains: "We decided to implant an artificial heart. So far, the surgery has been a success and the patient is walking around the unit. He's waiting for a donation of a human heart, but the artificial heart will bridge the waiting gap."

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Prof. Shapira adds: "Hadassah can perform the most complicated procedures, thanks to a range of distinguished staff, who provide high-level medical and nursing care. We can give hope to the sickest patients-both from Israel and around the world."

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LIBRARY NEWS

By L. Lambert,
Chairman
(winter season)
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The Library has undergone a facelift. Indeed, both paperbacks and hardcovers are now filed by author in a combined fiction section to make it easier to find your favorite author. Please note that we are keeping Romance and Mystery & Thriller in separate sections as in the past.

Please check the Hollybrook Channel and next month issue for the new procedure for borrowing movies and audio books.

Here is a selection of books that were recently donated. Come and see for yourself the new look of your Library.

RECENT ARRIVALS:

FICTION:

UMBERTO ECO, *Bandolino*;
PHILIP KERR, *Dark Matter*.

MYSTERY & THRILLER:

ARNALDUR INDRIDASON, *Arctic Chill*;
ELIZABETH GEORGE, *This Body of death*.

NON-FICTION: BILL O'REILLY, *Killing Lincoln*,
JOHN GRISHAM, *The Innocent Man*.

FRENCH: HENNING MANKELL, *Le chinois*;
S.J. WATSON, *Avant d'aller dormir*.

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Citizens for The Elimination of Rec Leases-Hollybrook

December, 2015

From: Citizens for the Elimination Rec Leases – Hollybrook

To: Each owner of a Rec Lease Apartment in Hollybrook
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We are a newly formed Club in Hollybrook of concerned apartment owners called "Citizens for The Elimination of Rec Leases" and we are moving forward to a class action lawsuit against "Hollybrook Condo Ventures. "

The time is overdue to get rid of this extra yearly payment of \$2,544 (which provides **NO DIRECT BENEFIT** or **SERVICE** to us and continues to go up every 3 years). It is our belief this it can be resolved with a united effort.

Our goal is to **eliminate the additional Hollybrook Condo Venture quarterly bill that we pay as owners with an unpaid Rec Lease.**
This is not our quarterly Hollybrook Maintenance bill,
which we will continue to pay.

We need your support, along with all 188 owners with unpaid Rec Leases. We are reaching out to you for your support on how to benefit financially and helping our Hollybrook community to root out this unlawful practice. **How can you join us and give your support?**

Plans are for a preliminary **meeting with Attorney Charles Otto**, who is familiar with our situation, **on January 13.2016 at 7:30 pm upstairs in the Social Hall.** This meeting is at no cost and is open to all Unpaid Rec Lease apartment owners and others who want to help our community.

Watch **Channel 92** and read **The Voice of Hollybrook** for updates and news to coordinate our efforts and get rid of this unlawful financial obligation. **Join us and email us at norelease@gmail.com.**

Sincerely, Tom Bonaventura
And your fellow owners and neighbors

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PHASE I

Taylor Delit. 01/201
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The start of this new year has rendered us great weather. As of this writing... this was the forecast the weather channel had promised. Golfers line up their carts anticipating a “fare way” start to their day.(Uh !!! That was just plain awful!!!)

Did anyone catch a whiff of cookies baking in Building 5? It wasn't that “Honey Bunches of Oats” worker. It was Marie Provenzano baking scores of holiday cookies.... to be later decorated by a dear friend's grandchildren. She tells us its a yearly tradition to visit. They later share those goodies with others. We were invited to Pool 1, while the children “painted” their fare. Hot chocolate warmed tummies as we watched. Now....Thaaat's The Spirit!! Marie is known for her open door policy, and unwavering generosity among her friends and neighbors. She is a Blessing.

Also, during this past December, Reggie Barber hosted a festive holiday gathering to honor all “his’ building captains, offering lots of sweets and coffee to attendees. He and wife Jean

have been active volunteers for many years. Their tireless commitment to Hollybrook is legendary. We thank them both for their time and energy. One personal bit of sweet info; They still going dancing every week. Jean's singing voice is famous to Hollybrook. How romantic.

Another pillar of our community is Diane Simon of Bldg. 8. She is planning to leave us. It would be greedy of us to ask her to stay, (you'll have to pry my fingers from her hem dragging me along.... as she attempts to go.) We will, however acquiesce....(and...

yes I used spell-check)...to her joining her eagerly awaiting family up north. A past member of countless committees, she shared the spotlight on our own , “Movie Mavens.” TV Channel with her partner and sidekick, Arlene Draizin. We enjoyed their “shtick” as they critiqued current movies. They not always agreed with each other but certainly had a hysterically fun time doing it. It made us laugh. Its time to release her from our clutches “DON'T GOOOO Diane don't GOOOO.

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Jean-Roland Santerre
Your resident specialist helping you in our Hollybrook community. It would be my pleasure to assist you in English

FRENCH
En tant que résident à Hollybrook, je suis bien placé pour vous parler de l'endroit où je vis. Acheteurs, vendeurs, ou locataires, je me ferais un plaisir de vous assister dans tous les aspects de vos besoins immobiliers et particulièrement en français (langue maternelle).



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## Phase I

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Harold Meyers of Bldg. 1... here alone...for a short week,... informed us of his wife, Naheed's illness. He explained, "She's very sick. She needs prayers." And pray...we will, Harold. This is a woman of great faith, poise, elegance, serenity and grace. Miracles. Expect them... Welcome them. Many of us, here, can attest to their existence.. We'll see you next year, Naheed, as we celebrate your recovery.

Donna San Marco of Bldg. 11 had a horrible in-house fall, requiring serious surgeries. Still healing, we wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

You may recall her name in last month's December column. We mentioned how she so kindly and generously.... volunteered to care for her neighbor's cat. (don't you DARE utter that phrase...."No good deed " (I can hear you).

Donna Webber is our new Phase 1 Winter Pool Captain. She has crafted her site giving us access to the pool's online calendar. Please send her your email address if you haven't done so. This will enable you to reserve "still available dates" at the grills.

We thank, in advance,... to all our drivers of Phase One, who take care in observing our 15 mi. speed limit, protecting their Hollybrook families from harm. We've had some close

calls. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

December was a month of multi-cruises, holiday good cheer, sad farewells, and unhappy news.

Still...we posture ourselves to look... straight ahead. After all, We ARE.... "THE PROMISE OF TOMORROW; "...examples of Strength., gleaned by younger generations. Surprisingly, they are attentive to our every word and deed. This is the beginning of a New Year. So....Keep smiling.

I encourage you to call me with your good news and personal adventures.

Stay well,

Taylor Delit 954-441-8032

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## PHASE II

*By Terry Grossgold  
[tgrossgold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgrossgold@sbcglobal.net)*

Nathalie Champagne, 19-102, attended the Marine Corps Ball at the Newport Hotel in Miami recently. She was invited because she had served in the Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956, during the Korean War era.

Most of the marines present were men dressed in dress blue and

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they were with their wives or girl friends, but there was a group of women present that had served a span of many years, period.

She showed me a picture that she treasures the most from this evening. It was a photo of ten women Marines—two women from WW II, Nathalie from the Korean War, four women from Desert Storm, and three, still in uniform, from the Iraqi Freedom War.

This picture is important to her



because it shows the generations of women who have served in the Marine Corps.

She said the younger generation of Marines are so courteous and respectful of those that have served before them.

Many came over to the ladies table and asked them to dance. Nathalie said she couldn't believe at 84, she was still doing the Chubbie Checkers twist! Nathalie also said that so many times we look at the younger generation and wonder what this world is coming to. But when you see these younger people, men and women, taking control of their responsibilities and still show respect for their elders, you know our world is in good hands.

Speaking of respect, you can make millions of veterans happy with the simple phrase "Thank you for your service."

Hoping you all had a Happy New Year!! Be safe and take care of each other. Stu

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## PHASE III

Maxime Doyon, Reporter

Dear Coralie,

Read your column for December. Very interesting as usual. As to your questions regarding GUNS. What frightens you more: hidden

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guns or guns hanging from the hip? For me both of these two questions frighten me!

A special mention to Carl Shechter for his write up about "ONE LAST MISSION". Very good and I was moved by it. Keep up the good work Carl.

Bravo for our Broward Commissioner Beam Furr, who voted against the proposal to give the Florida Panthers hockey club \$86 million of public funds. Although the majority of the commissioners voted for it, I fully approved of the way Mr. Furr voted. Mr. Furr has an interesting column in the Voice of Hollybrook every month. Bravo.

Citizens of Broward do not feel bad about all this tax money going to professional sports owners. In Quebec we have a similar problem. In 2012 the City of Quebec and our provincial government gave around \$200 million of tax money to build a Colisee Videotron (an arena with 19,000 seats) for a future home of a projected National Hockey League Club. Mind you there was a National Hockey Club in Quebec 20 years ago. It had to leave because THEY were not making money.

It is funny how people can predict what the future will be when they do not have to pay for it.

Some sports organizations have all my admiration. For example, our number one hockey club in Canada, the Montreal Canadiens, (owned by the Molson family),

have built the Bell Center Arena without tax money. A good example that should be followed by all professional sports owners.

We were in France in the middle of October, on a cruise on La Seine from Paris to Le-Havre- Honfleur in Normandie. It was another very interesting experience, visiting a country on a small cruise ship. (150 people).

Of course in November, we were chilled to learn about the various attacks in Paris. Will these events stop us from traveling. NO!, but it will certainly change our attitude regarding what is going

on. We are all concerned about all these happenings and do not know how to react. But I believe like an ex-director of the CIA said on a PBS news program, that if you see something strange going on, do not hesitate to report it to the proper authorities. Like it or not, we are all in this together. TOGETHER WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.

In October (2015) we booked a trip to Holland and Belgium for the month of May 2016. It will be a special trip and I'll tell you

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about it afterward..

I am always amazed by the warm welcome shown by the Board of Directors regarding the arrival of the snowbirds. I attended a meeting in early November of the Board and was impressed and touched by the nice words said regarding all the snowbirds, although I was the only snowbird in the very small crowd. A small attendance means it is well managed, or like one Director told me there is no raise in the fees coming up. These nice greetings

towards the snowbirds by the Board of Directors are also done by the wonderful staff of the Pro Shop. Many thanks for making us feel at home and serving us in a professional way.

Found this quote interesting. I do not know if it is from Mark Twain, Jack Benny or from Les Maxims de Francois De La Rochefoucauld: it goes like this: Remembering once in awhile the stupid things one has done prevents us from becoming completely stupid.

Do not forget to read the Voice, talk about it, pass it along, we are learning a lot every month about Hollybrook and its residents.

Maxime Doyon, your Phase III reporter Maxime.michele@hotmail.com

## PHASE IV

by Coralie

I really wish I could tell you what is happening in Phase 4, but I have no insight into the going-ons, if indeed there are things going on. So...I hope you had a lovely holiday & wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year.



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## PHASE V

By Sandee Buganski  
1-609-381-6623  
or 954-367-6003

Hi! My name is Sandee Buganski.

My husband, Jimmy and I moved into Hollybrook from Southern New Jersey, on October 1st, 2015. I'm loving Florida and Hollybrook so much, but my interests seem to be different from the majority of people I've met. Most play Mah Jongg, canasta, go golfing and play tennis.

I love Karaoke, dancing, the casino, and crocheting. I'd love to hear from you with your interests so we can organize a group and share ideas. I also need your good or bad news for the Voice of Hollybrook.

I understand there is a gentleman in my building who is 103 years old. Sol Rice, 27/308. His companion, Blanch takes good care of him. Imagine what this man has seen in all his years!

Please call me at 1-609-381-6623, my cell phone, so I can speak with you and have the pleasure of meeting you. Love coffee, wine, cheese and social get togethers.

Hurry and call so we can get our ideas together and LET THE FUN BEGIN!

## PHASE VI

Lucille DeAngelo, reporter  
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Lucewheel27@comcast.net

All has been quiet on the home front. Everyone is out hustling & bustling in preparation of the New Year.

I am seeing quite a few snowbirds here at Hollybrook and we welcome you all. However, the golfing weather sure has been terrible but hopefully it is finally all gone.

On December 4th, 2015 we lost an old Hollybrook friend, Hy Perkins, 47/101. He and Renee, who passed away 7 years ago today, (12/16/15), were very involved in the community. He has not been well for some time. Good bye, Hy!

Coralie and Irv Crodgen welcomed their snowflake daughter, Leslye Lehman, 24/204 back for her twice yearly visit. Now there MUST be sunshine because she comes for the pool. Enjoy your visit, Leslye, and good luck!

We have our neighbors back from Montreal for the winter, Alain Beaulac and Manon Charbonneau 50/304. They are a really friendly and a nice couple and we are happy to have them as our neighbors. (And I hope I got their name right.) Welcome back.

Becky Miller 47/308 had quite

a mishap while she was in Las Vegas with her sister, Elaine for their brother's funeral. She fell and has broken ribs, than had a mishap getting out of bed and needed surgery on her knee that included skin graphs. Our get well wishes to you and ouch!!!

By the way, your and Elaine's new dog is adorable.

Our good friend, Harry Wishner 43/102, who has lived here for years and years, passed away right after Thanksgiving. Dear friend of Irene Abramson, who moved not long ago. Although Harry was blind, she 'shlepped' him around and they had a good time.

I'm sure he missed her. Harry had a great aide who looked upon him as a 'father figure' and told me she misses him terribly. He was at the pool every day and tried to keep himself busy. Our condolences to his family.

May you all have a Happy Healthy New Year!

## TOWERS

Mike Elliott  
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A big Kentucky hello to my friends and residents of the Towers. As most of us know by now our good friend and towers reporter June Cashmore has moved back to Nashville Tn to be

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## From your Mayor, **Frank C. Ortis** City of Pembroke Pines

Dear Readers

Happy New Year!

It's always very exciting to start a new year with hope, resolutions and the knowledge

that changes are inevitable but can also be exhilarating. This is an election year, both for our city and our country so change is in the air. I have optimistic hope that this will be a year of positive growth and change. I encourage everyone to vote this year and make your voices heard, so this year and those in our future are the best they can be.

My annual "State of the City Address" will be Wednesday, February 24, 2016, and I look forward to focusing on our city's achievements and the challenges that we may face. Looking back at last year, we basked in many

awards and acknowledgements, saw our City Center rise from a dream and we even grew as a city. Did you know that our municipal boundaries actually grew by approximately 60 acres, when the annexation of the former Broward County Women's Correctional Institute parcel became official? I know that 2016 will be an even better year for all of us.

I am happy to say that we, as a city, are communicating more effectively with all of our residents and businesses through an active website, our City Connect newspaper,  
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with her family. We all wish her well.

It is with sadness I report my friend and neighbor Flo Vecchione passed away. Some would call her the The Mayor of the Towers but I just called her a friend.

As the cycle of life evolves and we lose one we gain another. On Nov 3 Ella and I were blessed with a baby granddaughter, Ellie Clair; baby and mother are fine.

Claude and I will be writing the VOH article for the next few months. We need any information you might have so we can post it. Also if anyone in the towers would like to write

an article please tell us and we would be glad to give you the pen for a month or more.

I hope everyone is enjoying our new grills as they are a great asset to us. Please remember to reserve a table space. Call Dottie, our grill captain so she can book it for you and please remember to clean the grills when you are finished. Check your rules and regulations Book for all rules of the grill area and pool.

As Hollybrook is heading into

the future I would ask each and everyone to obtain a copy of the SPC report. Claude Lachance and his team have put much time and effort in gathering ideas and data as to various ways we can address the future wants and needs of Hollybrook.

Enough of the boredom of my article. By the time you read this we will be in 2016 so let's hope all have safe and happy holidays and get ready for an exciting year in Hollybrook.

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OCTV and social media such as facebook etc. These avenues allow us to be more in touch with our residents' needs and provide information on a more timely basis so that we can flourish as a city and continue to achieve great things. By being connected, we open up new possibilities in our community, and social and economic development. With our City Center getting closer to completion this year, it is my hope that we bring the creativity, innovation and goodwill of all of our residents into a joint process of ensuring the greatness of Pembroke Pines.

This is a perfect time to remind everyone that this month is ideal to begin sprucing up our yards to enter into the Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest before the application deadline in April. The Award was created in memory of Natalie Belmonte, a well-known resident, business woman and nature-lover, who tragically lost her life in July of 2011. As part of the contest, five Pembroke Pines yards will be selected, one yard from each City Commission District and one at-large yard. Be sure to visit our website at [www.ppines.com](http://www.ppines.com) and click on the Landscape Advisory Board page to get an application and

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## "Ask Lori"

**Helpful Tax Saving Advice and Tips from  
Broward County Property Appraiser Lori Parrish**

Dear Lori:

I am the new President of my condominium association. We are always looking for special programs and speakers to provide our members with community news and information. We were told your office conducts special events and community outreach programs fro Broward homeowner and condominium associations. How do we schedule a speaker for your office for next year?

John P., Plantation, FL (via email)

In order to serve our diverse Broward community, our office has enhanced community outreach efforts to accommodate individuals and groups. It is our goal to bring our services and property tax information directly to where you live and work. You will find our friendly and informed BCPA staff assisting taxpayers with filing for exemptions at civic associations meetings, condo clubhouses, senior centers, city halls, and many other community locations throughout Broward County. We also provide timely and informative property tax information with our community outreach speakers program.

We've already scheduled over 500 customer service outreach events for the 2016 tax exemption filing season. For a complete listing of community outreach events, please visit our online **outreach calendar** at [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net). The outreach program is designed to provide a convenient and accessible service to all Broward residents. You can also utilize our website to easily file for Homestead Exemption or download helpful forms without having to visit our office in Fort Lauderdale.

For those property owners who are homebound due to a disability or illness, we have a homebound program. Our office will make arrangements for an outreach representative to visit your residence to assist with exemption filing.

If you'd like to have someone from our office meet or speak with your members at an upcoming condominium or homeowner's association meeting, service club or to schedule a homebound visit, please contact community Outreach Coordinator Nicoleta Jones at 954.357.5579 or email her at [njones@bcpa.net](mailto:njones@bcpa.net). **Remember: Helping Broward residents is our job!**

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Sincerely,

*If you have a question for the Property Appraiser, please email Lori at [lorig@bcpa.net](mailto:lorig@bcpa.net) or write to her at the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. (December 2015)*

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## From the Desk of Carl Shechter



As the New Year draws near, I'm reminded of the wonderful opening number of Kiss Me Kate.

'Another opening, another

show,' and I wonder, is this a year to be an optimist, with the glass half full, or a pessimist, with the glass half empty?

I'm voting for half full!

As we grow older we become nostalgic because there are so many memories we can conjure up to cover every situation. We've all had good times and faced hard times and we survived. The good old days were not always good, but through the filter of bygone years they become golden. Just as the hard times lost

their edge with the passage of time. But life goes on and I'd rather light a candle than curse the darkness.

I don't believe social issues should dominate our election process. I think focusing on abortion, same sex marriage, repealing the Affordable Health Act, (Obama Care) and repealing Planned Parenthood, obscure the vital issues of our times.

Domestically, we should be concerned with our economy, disappearance of our Middle Class, concentration of wealth in the top one percent of our population, gun control and a recognition that all lives matter.

Our Congress and President, regardless of party, should

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work together for the good of our nation, not for the reelection or their party.

Globally, we recognize that ISIS is a murderous, radical, renegade terrorist organization that must be eliminated, but not only by “our boots on the ground”, but by the boots of all peace seeking nations of

this world, and we have to accept the fact that global warming and climate change are real, even if we’re not scientists.

The economic collapse of several members of the European Union is a major problem and needs a strong and able leader to work with the rest of the world to remedy that problem.

These and many other pressing

problems exist, but that’s true in every generation.

I hope we will elect a president who can lead us with dignity, strength and wisdom through a seriously dysfunctional world. I think we’ve learned that military might alone is not enough. Winning the peace is infinitely more difficult than winning the war. Our city and our community both work better than Washington. Real progress has been made in Pembroke Pines and Hollybrook and I can hope the

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**FRANK C ORTIS**  
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more information so you can enter.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 954-450-1020, or by e-mail at [fortis@ppines.com](mailto:fortis@ppines.com). Wishing you all a great, safe and prosperous new year!

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## ➤ CARL SHECHTER *CONTINUED from page 39*

same courtesy and cooperation that works so well at home can percolate up to our elected officials at the federal level.

On behalf of all Hollybrook's World War II veterans, I want to thank the Italian Club and especially Joe McHugh for gathering together all of our surviving veterans for an honor night in the Playhouse on December 5th. The Army Band was amazing and our introduction and induction as Honorary Life Members of

the Italian Club, was much appreciated by us all.

And so I look forward to a challenging New Year with hope, and a willingness to work for a better world. Please join me, and together, we can make a difference.

Best wishes to all our friends and neighbors.



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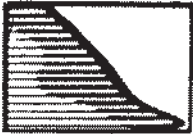


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## ▶ BEAM FURR

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Below are a few that will continue to have my full attention.

- **75% Recycling Goal.** Broward County needs to limit landfilling and increase recycling across the board. I will continue to work with my colleagues on the County Commission, as well as the Mayors and Commissioners across the 31 different Cities throughout the County, to encourage recycling at all of our multi-family and commercial facilities. This is a goal we can achieve.
- **Vegetated Sand Dunes.** Sea level rise is real and the projections require action. Broward County needs to plant a complete line of vegetated sand dunes from Hallandale Beach to Deerfield Beach in order to protect the sand on our beaches.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.** It's time for Broward County to build a comprehensive network of electric vehicle charging stations. If we had just one electric vehicle charging station for every 10 gas stations in our County, we could make it that

much easier for commuters to switch to electric vehicles.

- **Increased Standards for Child Care.** Broward County needs to invest in Early Childhood Education. We know that the best practices in Early Childhood Education can be implemented at all of our Child Care Facilities in Broward County, but we need to raise the standards. Every child care worker in our community should, at a minimum, have a Child Development Associates Degree. By raising these standards we will help young children develop the skills necessary to enter school ready to learn.

Volunteer Opportunity – Help Broward County Conduct the Homeless Point-in-Time Count.

You may remember from my column in last month's issue, that we need volunteers for the Homeless Point-in-Time Count. The Point-in-Time Count is the best tool for tracking where the needs are greatest in our community, and where our programs have been most successful. From Tuesday, January 26th through Thursday, January 28th teams of two, three, or four volunteers

will canvass the known sites where individuals experiencing homelessness gather.

If you would like to volunteer for the Homeless Point-in-Time Count, please visit <http://pit.brhpc.org/> to register as a volunteer. If you and several friends want to register as a team, you can do so. If you do not have a team, you will be assigned to one on the day of the Point-in-Time Count. The goal is to sign up 200 volunteers by the beginning of volunteer training, which runs from January 12th through the 14th. If you can gather a group of 10 or more volunteers, you can email a request to [PITvolunteers@brhpc.org](mailto:PITvolunteers@brhpc.org) for the Broward Regional Health Planning Council to arrange for a trainer to come to you.

Finally, let me say that I am grateful for the work that my staff, my colleagues and this community has accomplished in 2015. Let us build on those accomplishments each and every day this year. If you have an issue, a problem, or a great idea, please call me directly at 954-357-7006/7790 or email me at [bfurr@broward.org](mailto:bfurr@broward.org).

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## Hollybrook Hidden Talent - Stanley Buckstone

By: Angelica Schack

A \$2.00 purchase at a Coney Island flea market 30 years ago for 200 assorted buttons depicting the faces of presidential candidates, slogans and awards has turned Allen Sklar into a collector.

He now has a wall in his condo covered with 6000 buttons, including University buttons, love buttons, sports buttons, and one with the picture of Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress, and political buttons

that date back to 1840. The list of various buttons is endless.

If that isn't enough, he also has a collection of 1700 patches from fire stations in all 50 U.S. states and 14 countries including Peru and Australia which are framed and hung at the Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue Headquarters where he was a volunteer until 5 months ago, at which time he "retired".

After noticing patches on display at the Pembroke

Pines Police Department, his collection began. He started a letter writing campaign by sending a patch to fire stations all over the country and asking for one in return. The response was tremendous and most agreed that it was unusual to send a patch before receiving one.

After his granddaughter graduated college and went to Siberia to teach English she

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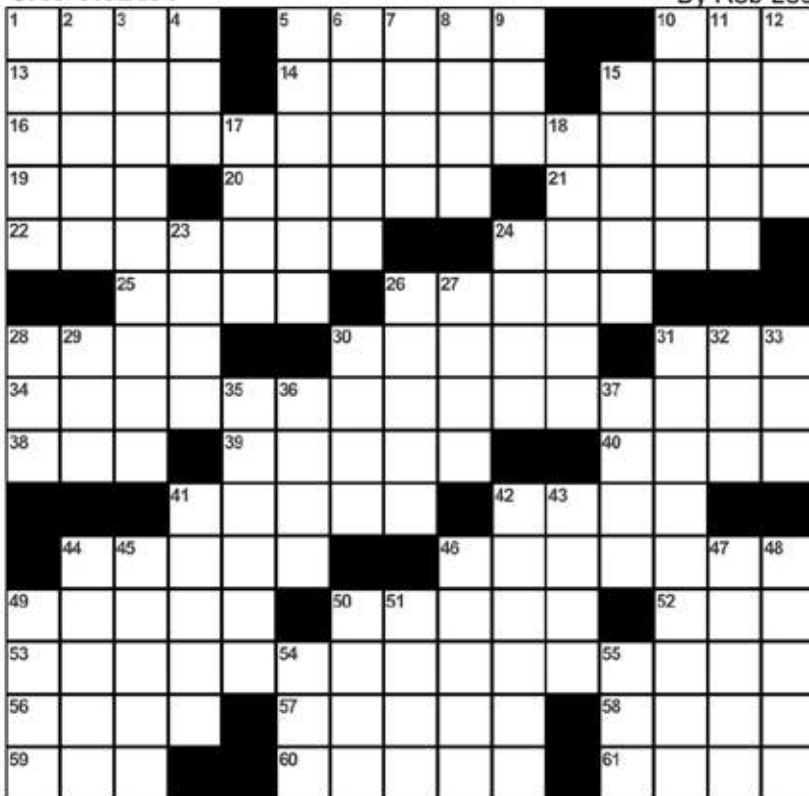


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# crosswords

## SAY WHAT?

By Rob Lee



*Solution on page 53*

## ACROSS

- |                                                         |                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1) "Demo" anagram                                       | 38) "Dee-lish!"                       |
| 5) Portended                                            | 39) Narrative stories                 |
| 10) Legendary Ripken                                    | 40) Foot division                     |
| 13) Having keen interest                                | 41) "But of course!"                  |
| 14) Electric bill listing                               | 42) Like a comfortable pillow         |
| 15) "Two Mules for Sister ___"<br>(Clint Eastwood film) | 44) Bagel purveyors                   |
| 16) One place for musicians                             | 46) One of a horse's limbs            |
| 19) Make a goof                                         | 49) "Shroud" city                     |
| 20) Suggestion box fillers                              | 50) Australian "bear"                 |
| 21) Capitol Hill workers                                | 52) First family member               |
| 22) Cork in a bottle, e.g.                              | 53) Saying a lot                      |
| 24) Justice Dept. employees                             | 56) Iron-pumper's pride, for<br>short |
| 25) Provide with sustenance                             | 57) Two-dot mark                      |
| 26) Home on the plains, once                            | 58) Summer breeze sources             |
| 28) Recipe direction                                    | 59) Air France plane, once            |
| 30) Allen Iverson was one,<br>briefly                   | 60) Carafe relatives                  |
| 31) Diamond or ruby                                     | 61) Catch ___ (start to get)          |
| 34) Way to reveal secrets at<br>night                   |                                       |

## DOWN

- 1) Starts of some pranks
- 2) Blatant
- 3) Certain storage method
- 4) Tokyo, formerly
- 5) Ready to bloom
- 6) Purple willow, e.g.
- 7) Comedian Carvey
- 8) Faberge collectibles
- 9) \_\_\_ Plains River
- 10) Ace of clubs?
- 11) Taurus preceder
- 12) Myanmar neighbor
- 15) Hotel upgrade
- 17) Perfect for picking
- 18) Four-baggers
- 23) Corporate freebie
- 24) Gorillas, for instance
- 26) Antler parts
- 27) Spouses no more
- 28) Where pigs wallow
- 29) Cross-shaped Greek character
- 30) Loafer's bottom
- 31) Lady's escort
- 32) Common Market initials
- 33) Dashboard reading, for short
- 35) "Cogito"
- 36) Thumbs-down votes
- 37) Type of insurance
- 41) It may be assumed
- 42) Wise lawmakers
- 43) Kind of hygiene
- 44) Plays for a fool
- 45) Having good posture
- 46) Party handout
- 47) Word with "main" or "blessed"
- 48) Artist's paste
- 49) Vanilla extract amts.
- 50) Have memorized
- 51) Eye impolitely
- 54) Rocks in the freezer
- 55) Area 51 craft, supposedly

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## ► Hidden Talent

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brought back 3 patches and a unique fire hat. He doesn't have a patch from China or Japan which he would like to have, but not knowing the language makes it impossible to write a

letter.

Because he's run out of wall space at the Fire Rescue Headquarters, the collection is currently suspended. If you have some spare time, drop by and look it over. You'll be glad you did.

Allen also has a collection of over 100,000 baseball cards. He assembles boats, planes and trucks from kits and donates them to children's hospitals in the area. He also puts together patriotic puzzles which are donated to V.A. outpatient offices and V.A. hospitals.

You have to agree, Allen Sklar is a busy man and enjoys all his hobbies and collecting. He says "It's a labor of love and the best thing that ever happened to me."

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Our word, holiday, comes from The Middle English, 'halidai', meaning 'holy day', for until recently, humankind's celebrations were of a religious nature. New Year's Day is the oldest and most universal of all such 'holy days'. Oddly enough, the 'year' was the time between the sowing of the seeds and the harvesting of the crops. The earliest recorded New Year's festival was in the city of Babylonia, whose

ruins stand near the modern town of al Hillah, Iraq. It was celebrated in late March, at the Vernal equinox, when spring begins, and lasted 11 days. After the high Priest led all the religious offerings and washings, the hymn to the region's God of agriculture was sang praying for the next year's harvest. The rump of a beheaded ram was then rubbed against the temple walls to absorb any contagion that might infest the sacred edifice, and, by implication,

the harvest. The ceremony was called 'kuppuru', a word that appeared among the Hebrews at about the same time, in their Day of Atonement festival, Yom Kippur. How New Year's Day moved from March, springtime, to the dead of winter, is too long a tale to repeat here. Suffice it to say, to reset the calendar in 46 B C, Julius Caesar had to let the year drag on for 445 days, earning it the historical sobriquet, 'Year of Confusion.'

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| <b>3</b><br>1:00p<br>Progressive<br>Bridge/209                                  | <b>4</b><br>8:45a Body Dyn./SH<br>9:00a Art Class/205<br>3:00p Italian Culture Club bd.<br>meeting/217<br>4:00p Zumba Gold/PH.<br>7:30p Movie, The Gift./PH                                                | <b>5</b><br>9:00a Art Class/205<br>9:30a Interview Comm. CR<br>10:00a Mens Golf Bd.<br>meeting/217<br>1:30p Directors Forum CR 1<br>3:00p Adult Coloring/205 | <b>6</b><br>8:45a Body Dyn./SH<br>9:00a Art Class/205<br>12:15p Open Dup. Bridge/209<br>4:00p Line Dancing/SH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>7</b><br>8:45a Aqua Zumba/Pool 5<br>11:00a Chair Yoga/218<br>12:00p JHWGA Luncheon/SH<br>6:30p Bingo/PH | <b>8</b><br>8:45a Body Dyn./SH<br>9:00a Art Class/205  | <b>9</b>                                                                                        |  |
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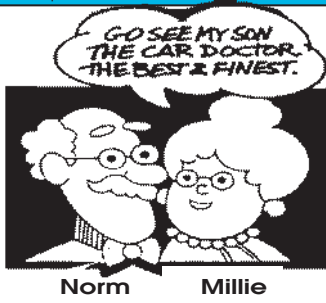
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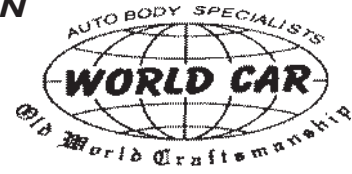
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