



OBSERVER

For and about the residents of the Summit

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

AL FINKELSTEIN, Pres. - HARRIET SCOTT, Vice Pres. - DORIS NARON, Secy. - AL ADELSON

FROM THE EDITOR

We extend our sincere congratulations to our newly elected officers; Al Finkelstein, president; Harriet Scott, vice president; Doris Naron, treasurer and Board member, Al Adelson. These men and women were elected to the Board by the unit owners at the annual meeting on January 19th. (The members of the Board elect officers).

The duties of each Board member is to be part of a "team", applying their individual wisdom, time and expertise to maintain every aspect of the condo in a proper manner, yet within budget. Not an easy task! Bear in mind, they are not only spending your money, they are also spending their own as well, no free rides, every member of the Board pays their quarterly maintenance bill and occasional assessment the same as every unit owner. Rest assured that the Board is very cautious how they allocate funds for various projects.

Each Board member accepts an assignment they feel is best suited to their knowledge, ability and time required to fulfill their obligations. Hopefully, this Board will operate in as harmonious a manner as the previous Board. Of course differences of opinion is expected at Board meetings, that is why we have an odd number of members which nullify a tie vote. (The Supreme Court of the United States consists of nine members for the same reason).

We wish all Board members the stamina and wisdom to grapple with the many problems that may occur during the year and to resolve them in an intelligent and dignified manner. May the year 2000 be a year of peace and happiness to all residents of the Summit.

Irving L. Rosenkranz

ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS AND
YOU WILL KNOW FIRST HAND
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE SUMMIT!

SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS

Plus HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

(Just a short walk South of the Summit)

You will find many Summit Social Club events posted on the bulletin boards of both buildings. Hadassah; tap dancing; line dancing; Thursday nite movies; Monday nite Current Events with Peter Herman; Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning exercise classes with the "Lovely Ladies of the Summit" and many more "Special Events" to entertain you or in which to participate. Checkers or Chess anyone? Contact Bob Spiewak, 907S. (Bob also writes great poetry). Worthy of mention are the card rooms and pool deck activities. All available for your pleasure.

Many Summit residents are not aware of the variety of events at the Hollywood Community Center. Listed below are some of the events we recently attended:

An adventurous couple traveled throughout the United States including Alaska and Hawaii in a van and photographed many interesting and historic sites. They shared their experiences with a slide show at the Hollywood Community Center.

The result was like taking a tour of the United States sitting in a rocking chair. The expression, "I was there ex years ago" was heard over and over. Truly a remarkable experience. Not only were the pictures of excellent quality, the narrator's running comments was appreciated by one and all.

A Klezmer Show was over two hours of non-stop hand clapping, foot stomping and gales of laughter. The talented musicians played "big band" music as well as Klezmer. Shirlee Baron sang songs made popular on the yiddish stage which was greatly appreciated by the entire audience. And would you

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**SUMMIT TOWERS
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Al Finkelstein

I REALLY CARE!

I want to thank the board for their show of confidence in selecting me to be your president. For me to tell you that I was thrilled and happy would simply be an understatement. I am making a commitment to you, my fellow condo dwellers, and to myself, to do my utmost to prove you chose the right person. This is not to say I won't make a mistake. I will try not to make the same one the second time. This can be an opportunity for the board and I to go forward with my ideas and some of yours. However, it was most unfortunate that our proposal to lower the required number of votes (75%) needed to make capital improvements in excess of \$5,000. This is indicative of the lack of interest shown by the majority of our unit owners in making the Summit a better place to live. Your board was unanimous in recommending the change to the documents. At this time it makes it impossible to do any improvements necessary to keep our beautiful condo up to par with all the construction and beautification going on in our close vicinity. The board is asking every unit owner to sign the proxy when they receive it.

This board would love to give you pleasure. The same pleasure you had when you bought your first home, and when you bought

new furniture, placed your family pictures on the wall, when you hired a landscaper who beautified your lawn and the thrill when you drove into your driveway and entered your house. Wow! I am so excited. All we need is your signature on the proxy which will mean that we won't need an impossible 75% approval, but will still need 50% + 1 for the board to do any improvements. Presently, our hands are tied. Remember! "Life is short." Let's make the most of it.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
Wednesday, January 19, 2000**

President's Year-end Report: (Verbatim).

As I ponder the state of the Summit and look back at the past, I realize the many improvements and updates that have been accomplished

As your president for the past two years, I am proud to say we have come a long way in many respects. Some of the improvements are noticeable, while others are behind the scenes both physically and financially. Our buildings are in the best shape in many years due to preventative maintenance programs that avoid expensive repairs and replacements. Our employees confidence is at the highest level in years. They are happy and ready to volunteer for extra duty when the need arises. We have had no increase in maintenance, a sizeable surplus and our buildings are kept in good shape. We can be proud unit owners. We have the best management and office team, Joe Matukonis, Robyn and Mickie, a fantastic combination. We have had no new lawsuits in two years except for the current frivolous lawsuits which we inherited from former Boards and hopefully will be solved in the near future.

Board meetings have been conducted respectfully with dignified decorum. I have had an excellent relationship with our property manager Joe Matukonis who has been a great help in reaching correct decisions for the benefit of the condo.

Also of importance, real estate values at the Summit have been on the increase for the past two years. Many of the accomplishments were not created by a stroke of the pen. A president's duties is a full time job, demanding many hours of overseeing and making the condo run efficiently.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Board members that have been team players. Their help, and they know who they are, have made my presidency a success. I owe them a definite vote of gratitude.

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Now for the closing statement. After many hours of deliberation, I have decided not to ask for the nomination for president for the year 2000. I owe my family time that has been taken away from them and I myself need time for my personal needs. I will still serve on the Board of Directors to fulfill my term in office. I hope that when a new president is selected that he or she will understand that the job is not a "fun job" but a dedication and understanding the statutes and legal ramifications that go with the position.

Again many thanks for all the kind words and notes tendered to me. May we all enjoy good health and happiness in the new millennium 2000.

Paul Finkelstein

Treasurer's Report: Sam Fox reports that he examined the financial statements and found them in good order. One apartment is in foreclosure and several in arrears.

Amending of Documents: The Board voted unanimously to change from a three quarter affirmative vote to a majority vote for major improvements. We are now limited to a \$5,000. cap for capital improvements, a totally unrealistic sum in this day and age. (A temporary pause was called by the president, pending election results).

Election Committee Report: There were five candidates for director: Al Adelson, Al Finkelstein, Irving Finkel, Sam Fox and Doris Naron.

The election result were as follows: Al Adelson, Irving Finkel, Al Finkelstein and Doris Naron.

SOCIAL CLUB (continued from page 1)

believe a talented cantor with a sense of humor did a great job telling jokes in addition to his cantorial. Ted Flax was once again singled out for selling the most tickets. With a show like this, why travel elsewhere? And more to come, check them out.

Our own Dr. Sylvia Herz, "Your Personal Psychologist" was the guest speaker on Wednesday, January 19th. Her topic was, "Sensitivity Training in Human Relationships - Desensitization of Society". About 135 people attended her lecture despite the Election of Officers Meeting at the Summit held the same nite which prevented many Summiteers from attending. Her timely topic and dynamic personality held the close attention of her audience. A lively question and answer period followed her lecture.

Dr. Sylvia Herz has been invited once again to be a guest speaker at the Hollywood Community Center on Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for those who missed her last

lecture to attend another thought provoking discussion. The topic will be: Psychoneuroimmunology: Relationship for Healthy Living.

Please understand, reporting about some of the activities at the Hollywood Community Center is not intended to "compete" with our own Summit Social Club. The Community Center has events not available at the Summit such as: foreign language courses, a well stocked library, book reviews and events too numerous to mention. Check them out!

FLASH! - Marilyn Borkin, who is a volunteer at the Hollywood Community Center, brought to our attention the "Schedule for the Month of February" which contained a list of activities similar to the "Activities for the day" sheet you would receive on a deluxe cruise ship, (no exaggeration!). Some of the courses are given by F.A.U. instructors. Anyone interested in an acting group? It's there and it's free, it's listed in the schedule. More in our next "Observer".

Irving L. Rosenkranz

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

By Joe Matukonis, property Manager.

We recently had the Annual Meeting of the Unit Owners at which four members of the Board of Directors were elected. Three of the incumbants, Messrs Al Finkelstein, Al Adelson and Irving Finkel were re-elected and Mrs. Doris Naron elected over Mr. Sam Fox. Congratulations and good luck is extended to them.

Al Finkelstein was elected as president, Harriet Scott as vice president, George McClancy as Secretary and Doris Naron as treasurer. Paul Finkelstein stepped down for personal reasons.

We look forward to working with the new Board members. Sadly, we did not have a quorum for the Unit Owners meeting, therefore no business could be conducted. While it is not unique to the Summit, it is indicative of the apathy that exists in what is important to the community as a whole. Also, the needed change to the Documents did not achieve the necessary votes. The Board's hands are tied when it comes to considering making capital improvements to enhance the buildings. Any material modifications and alterations to the common elements would require a 75% vote of the Unit Owners. Getting such a vote, 425 owners voting "yes" when we cannot even get a quorum, 199, is ludicrous. The ammendment, if approved, would have required 285, still a lot but achievable. We need to redouble our efforts in this regard if we are to make the Summit a better place to live.

Mr. Harry Coren
Summit Towers Condominium
Apartment 2010 - North
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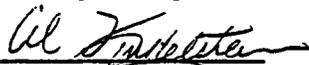
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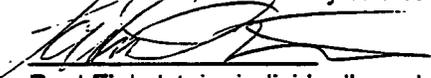
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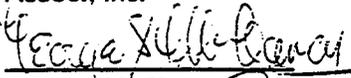
By this letter, we recognize that allegations impugning your integrity have been spread throughout the condominium. Each of us regrets that this has occurred. We all agree that as neighbors, we should respect one another and conduct ourselves in an appropriate manner and encourage each other's point of view. We recognize the association had a duty to maintain the common elements and fix the broken pipe under the ground floor of Unit 102N in a timely manner. It was regrettable of the Association to allow the unit to stay unrentable for 9 years.

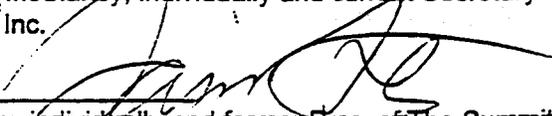
We also agree that it was never anyone's intention to create or extend any legal controversy. Matters which should have been settled were unfortunately carried way too far. We regret that this has occurred.

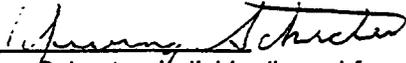
Through this letter we acknowledge that you have always been a gentleman. We finally wish to express to you our sympathies that controversies at the condominium have apparently restricted your activities. We sincerely hope that you have a speedy recovery. We finally hope that all of our disputes can be put behind us, and we can all get along as neighbors and friends.


Al Finkelstein, individually and current Pres. of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.


Paul Finkelstein, individually and current Board Member of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.


George McClancy, individually and current Secretary of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.


Sam Fox, individually and former Pres. of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.


Irving Schecter, individually and former Board Member of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.


Robert Rogoff, individually and current member of the Insurance Committee of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.


Nat Arback, individually and former Chairman of the Election Committee of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.


Al Finkelstein, as President and on behalf of The Summit Condominium Assoc., Inc.

THE GOOD DAYS!

True, when we sing of the good old days,
We sing of the good, not the bad.
There had to be plenty of good ones and bad ones,
When we were a lassie and lad.

We try to look into the future,
And take things at they come along.
The future's not ours to decide upon,
So we can't think right or wrong.

Whatever was good in the good old days,
There will be good in what lies ahead.
We wish we could have more than our portion,
Wishing's great ... But let's live it instead!

It's today that is most important,
It's important to live in the "now".
It's not easy to focus our thoughts on the present,
But we must do it somehow.

For tomorrow, today will be "old days",
And we'd like to have joys to retell.
Let's work hard at helping the joys of each other,
And ALL of our days will be well.

Bob Spiewak - 907-S.

HURRAH FOR US, BUT HELP US.

When you wake up each morning
With all your joints complaining,
Try looking out the window
Then - thank God it isn't raining.

Next, gingerly you slowly try
To get up off your bed.
And can't decide what's hurting most,
Your legs, arms, feet or head.

And through the day and evening hours,
It's this or that or those
That hurts or aches or leaks or throbs,
So what!! That's how it goes.

And really, friends - it ain't so bad,
These are the dues we pay,
For living our golden years,
So give thanks for each and every day.

With luck, we've made it up to now,
We've all met pain and fear.
For we're survivors. - Furthermore
My friends - we're all still here.

Submitted by Sam Fox

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WOW! My column last month about need to deflate egos and harbor humility has struck a nerve! I didn't mean you, honest. It was, you know, that other guy and that peculiar gal in the next building. So, - don't be mad at me - "pul-eeese". May I cross my toes, if it was anything "poisonal".

If you need to pick a fight, a perfect target would be your ego. After everything you've done for that "no-good-nick" all your life, look how it pays you back.

You slaved for it, you sweated for it, you swore for it, you shelled out "pul-enty" to save and nurture it, you had punch-drag-out floor fights for it, you insulted "sometimes very nice people" for it, and, of course you just had to lie to high heaven for it. It causes you high blood pressure and rapid heart beat. What a "burn-mer".

Pooh on it! It blows up like a balloon so many times who can remember. Then all at once it shrivels up like a dried prune. "No respect - no respect. All I want is respect". Rodney Dangerfield is perfectly right!!

I'll try "whistling a merry tune", Instead of "Me and my shadow", I'll call this one "Me and my ego". Can't live with it, can't live without it. Sound familiar?

*Your Personal Psychologist
Dr. Sylvia Herz*

A CONVERSATION . . .

YOU MIGHT HEAR ON A CONDO POOL DECK

(The group discussing the merits of restaurants)

UNIT 111: "Why should I go to your restaurant for the early bird and get soup OR salad when my restaurant serves soup AND salad".

UNIT 222: "Why should I go to your restaurant where they give you only ONE vegetable with your main dish. Come to my restaurant, they not only give you soup AND salad they also give you TWO vegetables".

UNIT 333: "Why should I go to your restaurant where they give you soup AND salad and TWO vegetables instead of one, my restaurant gives you a ball of ice cream on top of the apple pie for dessert".

UNIT 444: "My restaurant also gives you soup AND salad, they also give you TWO vegetables instead of one and they also put a ball of ice cream on top of the apple pie. But when my wife and I go the restaurant for the early bird we sit at separate tables because this way we get TWO baskets of rolls instead of one so we get extra rolls and extra packages of Sweet and Low to take home".

SUMMIT HADASSAH NEWS

On, January 27th more than 50 lucky ladies were present at our meeting and enjoyed the real life comedy sketch presented by our own Shirley Cole. Needless to say the walls literally shook with laughter. Shirley's wit and "delivery" is priceless. May she continue to do her "shtick" for many many years, we love her.

Our membership is growing steadily as Membership Chair Gail Blumenthal announced and welcomed new members Selma Barron, Lillie Hron and "Life Member" Marge Steinhauer.

The Book Club Ladies, who love to read, assembled on February 3rd for an extremely educational afternoon. Ida Marcus discussed the book entitled "Loving Kindness" by noted author Anne Roiphe. Our next Book Club meeting will be held on March 2nd. Lila Farber will lead the discussion on "Great Jewish Women" by Eleanor and Robert Slater.

We are happy to announce that our H.M.D. Luncheon and Musical Entertainment on February 13th was a huge success and our Chapter is proud to announce that we made a generous donation to the extremely vital work in "Gene Therapy" being conducted by our Hadassah hospitals.

Tickets for the Theater Party to see "Theda Bara and the Frontier Rabbi" are being sold at a rapid pace. If anyone is planning to attend that show we suggest you contact Gail Blumenthal promptly - 927-2780.

Admission to our "Purim Party Mitzvah Day" meeting is by a donation of canned or packaged food, women's toiletries or cosmetics, children's clothing, books, toys, or school supplies for the benefit of Homeless and Abused women and children living at the Homeless Shelter in Hollywood.

Everyone is invited to participate with us in all our humanitarian endeavors.

*Sylvia Stoltz, Corres. Secy.
Summit Hadassah*

A TRIBUTE TO A GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR.

Olga Bluestein was a special kind of lady. A wonderful wife to Morris. A tender, caring mother and grandmother with a heart as big as the Intracoastal All who have known her are filled with sadness over the passing of their friend and neighbor. Deepfelt condolences to all members of the family.

**S-O-O-O! . . . HERE WE ARE
IN THE YEAR 2000**

The Summit Social Club kicked us off to a rip-roaring start with a sell-out crowd of New Years Eve revelers right here in our own lounge. It couldn't be more convenient.

Arriving guests were greeted by an elegantly decorated room. Silver and black table settings and a balloon covered ceiling. The ladies were gifted with a mini-box of chocolates as a party favor.

Each table had it's own turkey, pre-carved and decorated as a centerpiece. Napkins blossomed out of champagne flutes. Hot food was served from chafing dishes, buffet style.

The music was first class and keyed to the taste of the attendees, so everybody was happy.

From the waiter-passed hors d'oeuvres to the mid-night champagne toast, nothing was omitted.

Thanks to all the helping hands, Neysa Finkelstein, Eleanor Blumberg, Renee Lewis, Bernice Troop, Phyllis Finston, Al and Linda Adelson and (me too). *It's going to be a banner year!*

Rosalind Katz, Secretary

OPINION . . . About Elian

If it is the law that only a parent can speak for the child, then what can speak louder than that his mother risked (and gave) her life to bring him here. *Is anybody listening?*

Rosalind Katz

**SUMMIT SOCIAL CLUB FUNCTION
AT THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER**

WOW! - 350 macadamia nut cookies, 200 cups of coffee - that's what Summit Social Club members scuffed-up at our January 27th Entertainment Evening at the Community Center.

Everyone was in a friendly and happy mood after a wonderful performance by singer Susan Ashley - (every beautiful note in tune and lots of dancing too) and really "loosened up" by the belly-laugh producing comedy of Jeff Lamb. All this good stuff free! Social Club members have more fun! *Come join us!*

Rosalind Katz, Secretary

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of:

- ARTHUR KURIS
- OLGA BLUESTEIN
- CAROL HALPERN.

May these good friends and neighbors Rest in Peace.

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SUMMIT INTELLECTUALS

"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee"

That was last month's quotation and as usual, our "regulars" came through with flying colors. We knew they would! Thanks to Marilyn Borkin, Stanley Farber, Carole Tindel, Bernice Troop, Rosalyn Turkish and Garland Wollard and a special thanks to Marilyn, Bernice and Rosalyn for giving us additional information about the answer to "Who said it?"

The author of the quote is no other than the famous heavyweight boxer **Mohammed Ali**. The background material supplied us with the information that he has an academic knowledge of poetry.

We congratulate all the winners who submitted the correct name.

This month's quote is: **"To the memory of the man, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen"**.

We all know who the person is in the quote but do you know the name of the person who said it? Come on Intellectuals, lets hear from you. Drop your answer at the condo office, care of the "Observer". Many thanks!

Milton Spiro, Intellectual Editor

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