

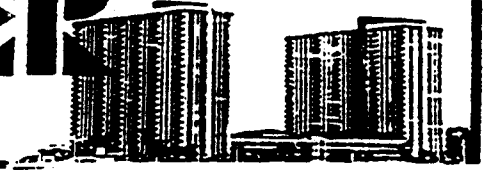
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For and about the residents of the Summit



A CLEAN HOUSE IS A HAPPY HOUSE!

By **Stu Bart and Irv Rosenkranz**

We've heard of a self-cleaning oven but never a self-cleaning Condo; yet here at the Summit our devoted crew of sweepers, wipers, polishers, cleaners, painters and fixers do their job so well and so surreptitiously one would think that Cinderella's fairy godmother came in, waved her magic wand and "Presto!" a clean Condo.

Keeping 48 floors, two sprawling lobbies, card rooms, bathrooms, lounges, a giant size pool deck and three floors of vast garage space clean and a pleasure to enjoy is the work of a capable and dependable crew deserving a pat on the back for a job well done. These are people, real people, who take their jobs seriously and are very anxious to make the place a happy and enjoyable home for everyone.

We believe you should know who they are and what they do for us, day in and day out, seven days a week. They deserve recognition and an "A" for effort. **LIZZIE** and **BETTY** make the mirrors and tiles shiny and bright, all 48 floors of them. The carpets and hall lights in both buildings take four conscientious vacuumers and glass polishers, they are **ODALIS**, **ALFA**, **YAMILKA** and **JULIA**. The lobbies, office, card rooms, bathrooms, lounges and kitchens are the responsibility of **GENIESE** and **MONIQUE**. **ROSETTE** is the swing girl for weekends, her areas are the pool deck and bathrooms, also the elevator tracks, all eight of them. **ALIMOOL** does the garage and the dumpsters, North and South. **ANTHONY** does the trash and the stairwells. **ALFREDO** supervises the North Tower and **JUAN** supervises the South Tower. **RAMON** is in charge of all maintenance.



Our three super mechanics **ALFREDO**, **CARLOS**, and **ANTONIO** are the caretakers of all forms of equipment, electrical and anything with moving parts. Two artistic wielders of the paint brush are **PHIL** and **JEROME**. When you see the sign that reads, "Wet Paint" you can be sure that these two Da Vincis of the paint roller were there. One day Jerry asked Phil who was painting a ceiling, "Have you got a good grip on the brush?" Phil answered, "Yes, why?" Jerry calmly said, "I need the ladder". Not true! Just a joke.

Now to the inner sanctum on the ground floor, the control base that monitors the movements and actions of all the dedicated Summit employees. Here you will find two personalities referred to as our building manager's right hands. They are **Robyn** and **Micki**. Most of us are familiar with these diplomatic, courteous and efficient gals who are there to help, answer questions and give advice. This gives **Joe Matukonis**, our building manager the time he needs to see that everything is in good working order, to make sure our landscaping is looking beautiful and oversees all special projects, like elevator rejuvenation, ceiling tile replacement and a host of other projects needing expert supervision and quality control. He reports progress to our President **Al Finkelstein** and his Board of concerned unit owners.

The Summit has a reputation as a safe and secure Condo thanks to our alert force of guardians supplied by **Kent**. The garage and both building entrances enforce all rules of safety for visitors and suppliers seeking entry. It's a good feeling, isn't it? It does take a lot of people to keep a Condo in up-to-the-minute appearance as well as all the things that make

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**If you don't read the Bulletin Boards,
You are missing a lot!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Al Finkelstein

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ENJOY A HAPPY SUMMER!

It's that time of year when many unit owners once again migrate to their Northern homes to spend the cooler than Florida summer months. We wish to assure them, and our permanent residents as well, that your Summit will be well cared for. Several Board members, our manager Joe Matukonis and I will "hold the fort" all summer long overseeing that every aspect of maintenance will not be neglected. We cannot predict nor have a defence against tropical storms and hurricanes, but we do have a well trained and loyal staff who are always available for any emergency plus "preparing" the property to minimize the effects of any storm.

We have scheduled the elevators to be updated one at time during the summer months when elevator "traffic" is down to a minimum compared to peak usage during the season. Hopefully, when our migrating winter friends return, the rejuvenated elevators will function in a more efficient manner and breakdowns reduced to a minimum.

On the subject of "elevators", several "concerned" unit owners protested at the last Board of Directors meeting that passing the assessment was illegal because three bids for the replacement of the elevators were not submitted as required by our documents. There are always exceptions to the rules. For instance, there is no way for the Board to get three bids from three utility companies such as power, water, gas, etc. To be realistic, it would have been a waste of time and effort to get three required bids to

compete with Otis, a well established company who provided the Summit almost twenty years of dependable service. Yes, recently our elevators did break down much too often because equipment had worn thin with excessive use, that's why the elevators needed to be updated. To appease these "concerned" unit owners, we obtained several additional bids but the Board is not obligated to award the contract to the lowest bidder. We cannot run the risk of awarding so important a contract to an untried and untested company because their bid is lower than the others. Would you, in all conscience, vote to replace our elevators by an inexperienced company because their bid is lower? Our obligation is safety for our residents riding in the elevators and efficiency of performance. *We will not settle for less!*

The prime duty of the Board of Directors is to oversee that the Summit maintains its beautiful luster on the outside and operates in an efficient manner inside. (The elevator rejuvenation project was not in the budget for the year 2001). And "yes", as Ruth Scott pointed out in her "Letter to the Editor" in the previous edition of the "Observer", the Board of Directors always strived to "spend the money wisely".

The Board of Directors join me in wishing all unit owners and residents a happy and healthy summer.

A HAPPY HOUSE

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residents comfortable and glad to be here. Remember, all this is made possible with your maintenance check each quarter. Now you know where your money goes.

Making the Summit a clean and happy house (both houses) is not a problem, it's a rule. We are fortunate to have a qualified staff doing their job but it's the responsibility of the residents to see it is kept bright and uncluttered, to monitor offenders, to caution dripping pool goes to dry before entering building or elevator. Help avoid mailroom mess by using the trash container, Keep newspapers and magazines neat on the shelf. When entering building from garage with shopping cart check wheels for oil or grease. It stains the carpets. On the pool deck observe rules of etiquette and food no-no's. Like we said, *a clean house is a happy house!*

**GET YOUR FREE
GARBAGE BAGS
IN CONDO OFFICE.**

FARE YE WELL!!

By Joe Matukonis, Manager

Once again, we are at the threshold of the end of another season and shortly, we will see the exodus of our seasonal residents. Hopefully, they will have enjoyed themselves and we hope that they found the Summit to their liking.

As always, there are a number of things they must do to prepare their apartments for their departure. First and foremost, turn off the water at the main cutoff valve in the hall closet. Turn off all circuit breakers except the one for the air conditioner. Set the thermostat for about seventy-nine degrees so that there is some circulation of air to prevent mildew which is nothing more than moist air that does not circulate. Set the humidistat (if you have one) to fifty five. If your closet doors are mirrored, leave them open so that the air will circulate in the closet. Otherwise you will have mildew. Put a tablespoon of oil (machine or vegetable) in each commode and sink/bathroom drain to prevent water from evaporating. Remove all objects from your balcony so that if there is a hurricane your balcony will be clear. If you have shutters, close them. Finally, you should have one of your neighbors check your apartment periodically to ensure that everything is all right while you are gone.

Having done all this you should leave with some degree of peace of mind. As you know, we had a special assessment and there will be a lot of work completed over the summer. We will make every effort to have the work done before you return next season. We hope you have a healthy, happy and prosperous summer and that we see you back in the fall.

PLEASE! - PLEASE! - PLEASE!

When Exiting Garage ...

LEFT TURNING CARS

PLEASE KEEP LEFT

So cars turning right

can proceed on

a Red Light.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated
by all unit owners.

THANK YOU!

WE'VE GOT A WINNER!

By Stu Bart

Have you been to the Summit Cafe on the Pool Deck lately? More residents than ever are patronizing and praising the efforts of Benji and Patti, our new hosts of haute cuisine. It is both a joy and a novelty to see both happy patrons and happy masters of menu. Don't just take my word for it, ask all those pleased diners who love the food prepared by Chefs Benji and Angel, the service by Linda and Iris and no complaints about the prices they pay Patti.

In addition to the standard dishes they offer specials every day. Breakfast special from 8am to 11am; two eggs any style with potatoes and coffee just \$2.59. Rafael sets and clears tables and Suzie washes the dishes clean. They are a wonderful crew and they make it a point to please. Honest, neighbors, I am not being paid for this rave notice...not even the \$2.59 breakfast special! It is a delight to see a clicking combination like Benji and Patti. Hooray for Hollywood and the Summit Cafe!

THE TWO-HEADED COIN

By Bob Spiewak

We'd always know which side was right,
If both sides were the same.
Or if we all had "second sight",
But Houdini is not our name.

There's something we can surely do if we but try it,
Me and you; Yes, we can win the game.

The game is called contentment, it helps
toward happiness,

When looking at ahappening, the bright side
is the best.

It's often very easy to see
the darker side,

But when we've pessimistic thoughts,
its best to let them slide.

Did that guy insult me, or was it just
a careless word?

Did I know what he was saying,
or guessing what I heard?

Every day we are faced with choices,
of which road to take,

When we can, lets choose the high road,
And give our hearts a break.

**Please replace Gym equipment
after use! - Thank you!**

TED TALK . . .
The Real Estate Corner

In last month's edition of the Observer, I spoke about two units at the Summit that were for sale. These units were sold extremely quickly at prices exceeding the 20-25% increase I projected. Just this week, other choice units have become available and these will be sold shortly due to a current waiting list and brokers' participation.

I want to thank all of you for all your good wishes concerning my new column. It has always been and will continue to be my pleasure to serve you as your realtor and friend.

Just a reminder - my office is located on the third floor of the South Tower. My telephone number is (954) 925-6500, extension #24. If any unit owner would like to discuss the value of his or her unit or any matter pertaining to other condominiums in the area, please feel free to contact my staff or me. We continue to have an open door policy - come in and chat!

I wish you all a great summer - especially a healthy one.

Ted Aronsky

**PLEASE
 THROW YOUR
 GARBAGE
 DOWN THE
 CHUTE!**

 We must have full cooperation of all Summit residents in order to avoid an influx of insects and eventual contamination of apartments.

If you do not know how to use the garbage chute, our hard working housekeepers will be glad to give you a personal demonstration.

Do Not Throw Garbage on the Floor!

Please report mechanical problems to condo office.

SAYINGS OF FRIENDS

If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you.

"True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it be lost".

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out".

"Friendship is one mind in two bodies".

"Friends are one way of God taking care of us".

"If you should die before me, ask if you can bring a friend".

"I'll lean on you and you lean on me and we'll be okay".

"If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't jump off with them, I'd be on the bottom to catch them".

"Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you say. Best friends listen to what you don't say".

"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of of each other everywhere".

"My father always used to say that when you die, if you've got five real friends, then you've had a great life".

"Hold a true friend with both your hands".

"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have a problem".

Submitted by Sam Fox

(Sam Fox is the person who submitted the article "My First Job" in the previous "Observer" but omitted his name.)

Get Fit! - Have Fun!

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. - North Tower

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SUMMIT INTELLECTUALS

For the past three or four issues of the Observer, only Marilyn Borkin and Roz Turkish correctly answered our "quotation". So we experimented with a change of format and printed a less difficult "quotation" in order to have more people submit correct answers. It worked! We received a total of eight "winners".

Their names are: Gail Blumenthal, Marilyn Borkin, Phyllis Finston, Leah Kaplan, Rosalind Katz, Doris Naron, Estelle and Bob Spiewak and Roz Turkish.

However, we were criticized for selecting a too easily recognized personality, **Woody Allen** as the creator of that quotation. It has been brought to our attention by Roz Turkish that Woody Allen is better known as a writer and director than a comedian.

This is the last Intellectual Quotation of the season. We wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and look forward to continuing and perhaps alternate simple and more difficult quotations when we meet again next Fall when we and the snow birds return to roost during the winter months at the Summit.

Milton Spiro, Intellectual Editor.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Garland Wollard who recently passed away. Among his many accomplishments was appointed Director of Education for the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons, Washington D.C. He is survived by three children, seven grand-children, three great-great-grand-children and his loving companion Louise Procencher of Quebec City. *May he rest in peace.*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jean Mestel whose husband, Nate Mestel passed away. The Mestels were residents at the Summit for many years. About a year ago they took up residence at a senior citizen facility. Nate will always be remembered by his many friends for his cheerful disposition and ability to dance up a storm at every Summit Social Club function. Nate was over 97 years old when he passed away. *May he rest in peace.*

**PLEASE USE YOUR
KEY CARDS
TO ENTER
BOTH BUILDINGS!**

IS THERE A CHOICE???

GENTLE REMINDER . . .

THE BEST
OF TIMES

IS NOW!

IS NOW!

IS NOW!

Be grateful for NOW, for NOW, for NOW.

*Your Personal Psychologist,
Dr. Sylvia Herz*

ANTI-AGING INSTITUTE LECTURES

Opening of Free Psychoneuroimmunology Science Institute has been announced by Founder, Director Dr. Sylvia Herz, licensed Clinical Psychologist who will be conducting all sessions at the Community Center next door.

It is a Pioneering Anti-Aging Institute and Dr. Herz is contributing her services and knowledge as a Community Service.

She states her primary goal is Mind/Body Training to arrest the Dysfunctional Aging Process as well as avoidance of "the disability zone".

Free admission. First session is Monday, April 2nd at 1 P.M. except Monday, April 9th. The lectures are free - Next door at the Community Center.

CUNNING "VISIT" STRATEGY

An elderly Jewish man calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty five years of misery is enough! We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up. Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like hell they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Miami immediately, and shouts at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a thing until I get there. I am calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up the phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Passover. Now what do we tell them for Rosh Hashonah?"

Submitted by H. Spinak, 216n

**THIS ARTICLE IS REPEATED
BECAUSE OF ITS
IMPORTANCE!**

RE-READ IT, IT MIGHT SAVE YOU MONEY!

**"A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE"
How to avoid washing machine flooding!**

We have had several disastrous floods in apartments due to bursting washing machine hoses. This is an article printed in the Action Line column (Mar. 27) that can prevent lots of expense plus personal grief.

Q. I read Action Lines's list of life expectancies for appliances and was compelled to write. People need to be warned about the hazards of old washing machine hoses. I woke up to ankle-deep water after the hose from my washing machine burst in the middle of the night. I didn't know that could happen! Probably the best thing to do is replace both the hot and cold water hoses with metal ones. And now I fear the water heater will burst and I'll have to go through the same nightmare drying out the carpets, woodwork and furniture.

Is there any type of equipment that would sound an alarm if water begins to leak? What can I do to prevent another disaster?

Andrea Loncaric, Miami

A. To prevent disaster, keep an eye on things. Appliances should be regularly checked for signs of wear and tear. Rick Miscaro, a licensed journeyman plumber with Douglas Orr Plumbing in Miami Springs, recommends checking the washing machine hoses every few months for abrasions, cuts and developing leaks.

Stainless steel braided hoses are better but more expensive, he said. If you do switch to the metal hoses, they should be changed every five years. Rubber hoses are OK, but should be changed every two years.

*** When did you last change your washing machine hoses?** If you have any questions about changing the hoses, feel free to consult with Joe Matukonis, our manager, he will gladly advise what procedure to follow that will prevent flooding in your apartment.

Submitted by Al Adelson

I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States; the only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money!

—Arthur Godfrey

SUMMIT HADASSAH NEWS

On Thursday, March 15th, Rose Heifetz, R.N., M.A., Chairperson for Health Education in the Broward Region, was our guest speaker. Many ladies who attended were privileged to learn the correct method and importance of breast self examination. We, Hadassah members, were happy to contribute to Rose's fund and her Hadassah Community Project, which teaches all High School students in Broward County this important technique.

Our Thursday, April 19th meeting will include a "Mini-Luncheon" plus viewing a Yiddish film "Neighbors", a musical comedy, produced in Poland in 1938. It promises to be a most interesting event.

The Summit Hadassah has two extremely ambitious projects we have started work on for next season. We are in the process of gathering recipes for our very own "Summit Hadassah Cookbook" to be published soon. Submit a recipe and see your name printed on every recipe you submit. Please call Nina Nissenfeld, 926-7625 to contribute your recipe to this project. Our members and friends can present these books to their children and friends for future generations to enjoy. We are also going on a "Seven Day Caribbean Cruise" leaving on Friday, December 14th, 2001. For further details and information about this enjoyable cruise, please contact Sylvia Cohen 922-6282 or Renee Lewis, 929-9930. Don't delay because reservations are going fast.

On Thursday, May 17th, our meeting will include Installation of Officers for next year. Everyone is invited to attend. The admission price will be "One Good Recipe", so come and enjoy the fun!

We wish all our members, friends and neighbors a Healthy and Happy Summer.

*Sylvia Stoltz,
Corres. Secy, Summit Hadassah*

**PLEASE ADVISE YOUR GUESTS NOT
TO EXCEED 10 MILES AN HOUR
WHEN DRIVING IN THE GARAGE!**

Once again we almost had a serious accident in the garage due to reckless driving. There is a constant flow of people from both buildings, walking in the garage to their cars or to the beach entrance. Therefore, drivers should be extra cautious when driving in the garage! From the description of these "speed demons", we conclude that most offenders are either visitors or guests not familiar with our ongoing problem. Please remind your guests to be cautious when driving in the garage. After all, you, the unit owner, is responsible for your guests behavior in public areas.

AND IT'S A WINNER!

THIS WAS THE BIG ONE! The one we'll remember for a long time. If you saw the posters you know it was "A Day at the Catskills" and that's exactly what happened: a re-creation of a normal day spent at a typical Catskill Mountain hotel.

The Community Center next door was transformed into the Summit Hotel and Country Club. At 6:30 PM "breakfast" was served, a fabulous tray of cream cheese and Nova lox, egg salad, herring salad, bagel chips, crackers, etc. followed by exercises, games and entertainment appropriate to lunch and dinner in the Catskills.

Dinner was followed by a Night Club Show featuring dance exhibitions, comedy, a featured singer and capped by our very own Summit Swingers Dance Chorus who amazed all of us with their grace and skill.

All this the brain child of Roz Turkish who was the spark and spirit of the evening. Factor in the excellent food and service provided by the Summit Cafe. (Three cheers for Benjy and Patty!) and you have a very special evening.

*Rosalind Katz, Secy
Summit Social Club.*

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS

Eleanor Blumberg, Marilyn Borkin, Joan DiFranco, Jack DiFranco, Al Finkelstein, Dee Dee Hertzmark, Joe Hurwitz, Shirley Kahn, Sophie Kolatz, Viola McClancy, George McClancy, Pearl Milestone, Milton Raff, Mary Ann Sciullo, Pat Shanbom, Estelle Spiewak, Bob Spiewak.

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of our recently departed Summit residents. (Names listed below). *May they rest in peace.*

- JOHN BRUSCO, N-2002
- GEORGE COLLINS, N-803
- HELEN GOULD, N-304
- MOE HART, N-909
- HELEN JACOBY, S-1504
- BEATRICE OSER, S-1803
- VIRGINIA REINFELD, N-316
- FRED TOSTI, S-2305
- HAROLD ZIPPERMAN, S-1205

Editor's note: We will include a short obituary if we receive some information of the deceased person. Please deliver copy to the Condo office.

Thank You!

According to feedback, I get the distinct feeling that everyone had a good time at our "Day in the Catskills". This is very pleasing to hear, especially for those people who gave of themselves to bring you this "good time". I want to thank them and I hope you do too.

Starting with Al & Linda Adelson for taking your reservations & Bernice Troop & Phyllis Finston for greeting you at the door. Neysa Finkelstein & Joan Arias for their decorations & Neysa making arrangements with our very own coffee shop for their great food & wonderful service.

Let us all be aware of the help we received from the very capable Micki and Robyn in the Condo office.

To our active participants . . . Joan and Jack Di Franco, Al Finkelstein, Joe Hurwitz, George McClancy, Milton Raff, Pat Shanbom & Bob Spiewak . . . my gratitude for a job well done.

Now its time to mention my dancers . . . Eleanor Blumberg, Marilyn Borkin, Dee Dee Hertzmark, Shirley Kahn, Sophie Kolatacz, Viola McClancy, Pearl Milestone, Mary Ann Sciullo & Estelle Spiewak. These girls dedicated themselves to the task at hand. They gave up so much time & put forth a great deal of effort . . . meeting almost every day to rehearse!

Then there is Roz Katz, who was my right hand in every area I needed her.

I cannot thank these people enough! I also can't help smiling when I think of the ups and downs we've shared & the situations we've gotten ourselves out of . . . but most of all I want you to know you are a very special light in the history of the Summit.

Rosalyn Turkish

PLEASE NOTE!

**ITEMS OF INTEREST TO
SUMMIT RESIDENTS APPEAR ON
CHANNEL 32**

**WATCH, OR YOU MIGHT MISS
SOMETHING GOOD!**

Join The Social Club And Join The Fun!

WE WISH ALL SUMMIT RESIDENTS . . .

A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

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A HAPPY FATHERS DAY

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A HAPPY JULY 4th

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A HAPPY LABOR DAY

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AND HAPPINESS ALWAYS!

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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The editors and staff of the "Summit Observer"

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