



# OBSERVER

For and about the residents of the Summit

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## WHO SAYS, "WATER IS FREE?"

By Stu Bart and Irv Rosenkranz



Did you know that a quart of spring water can cost as much as a gallon of gasoline? A can of soda which is water with a dash of flavor costs from 35 cents to a buck and a quarter and if you happen to be Jewish and would like a spritzer of seltzer you pay a lot of sheckels for the aerated water. The symbol for water should be H2OH!

So what are we getting at? It seems that water has become an expensive thirst quencher, but that is only a drop in the bucket. If you own a home you pay a water bill. If you rent an apartment the cost is in the rent, if you live in a Condo, guess what? Whopping bills comes in and they are paid with maintenance money. That's the point! The Summit seems to be sinking in a sea of water bills... many fathoms deep. High cost of water is one thing but wastefulness is the real and disturbing reason for the geyserlike rise in cost. We can help bring the cost down with a few simple precautions and watchfulness.

When taking a shower get clean, not waterlogged. Shave with a bowlful of water, you don't need the music of a flowing tap. Run your washing machine with a full load, not just that one polo shirt. Dishwashers are made to handle more than 3 plates, 4 glasses and a handful of cutlery, FPL loves when you waste hot water... bigger electric bills. Throw a couple of used tissues into your trash basket not in the toilet bowl, oh yes, those who wash cars can be careful not to overflow and waste water. All these precautions can be effective in lowering our water bills and avoid maintenance increase.

One day (in the near future we hope) desalination costs will be lowered enough to make it practical and effective. Maybe even lower maintenance (HA! HA! HA!) Seriously, unit owners, water is a worldwide problem as it is here at the Summit. We need your cooperation! Think of it, one thousand people using water can do a lot if only two gallons a day would be saved by each person... 2,000 gallons a day... that would save the Summit a lot of water bills.

Don't let water bill money go down the drain ...

**PLEASE COOPERATE!**

### HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Monday, January 14th, 2002

Rosalind Katz made the following motion: Move that the following persons (who have volunteered) be appointed to a committee for the purpose of verifying the outer envelope information on ballots received prior to the election meeting and to serve as Election Inspectors at the Annual Election of 1/16/02.

- James and Frances Borchart
- Gary and Theresa Kelly
- Leon and Joan Moskovitz
- Ettie Shragie
- Roz Turkish

Motion unanimously carried. Also unanimously carried, Leon Moskovitz, Chairman.

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Wednesday, January 16, 2002

Since there was no quorum, there was no formal meeting. An open forum was held while the ballots were counted.

The following candidates were elected:

- Al Adelson
- Irving Finkel
- Al Finkelstein
- Sam Fox

The new Board then elected the following officers:

- Al Finkelstein, President
- Harold Levine, Vice President
- Rosalind Katz, Secretary
- Sam Fox, Treasurer

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Special Meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2002

After a recount of the votes for Board members, it was discovered that Doris Naron received 131 votes and Al Adelson 130 votes, therefore Doris Naron replaced Al Adelson who graciously declined a recount.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Fox suggested to place

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**SUMMIT TOWERS  
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AL FINKELSTEIN . . . . . President  
 HAROLD LEVINE . . . . . Vice President  
 ROSALIND KATZ . . . . . Secretary  
 SAM FOX . . . . . Treasurer  
 Irving Finkel Nathan Konigsberg  
 Doris Naron Harriet Scott  
 Betty Thornton

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 MARILYN BORKIN . . . . . Intellectual Editor

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Al Finkelstein

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**THE STATE OF THE SUMMIT**

As President of the Summit Towers Condominium, I am happy to report that The Summit is in great physical shape for a 20 year old complex. The landscaping has improved greatly due to the effort of Board member Betty Thornton who battled the landscapers with the tenacity of a tigress guarding her cubs. The bottom line is, Betty prevailed, her effort resulted with the most attractive landscaping at any condominium for miles around.

As for the "inside" of our twin buildings, work at present is in progress to rebuild our elevators with the latest equipment available by Otis Elevator Co. One elevator at a time will be shut down after being thoroughly tested and approved before work starts on another elevator. It is estimated by Otis Elevator Co. that this project should be completed the early part of summer.

We are fortunate to have Al Reibel as our Property Manager. Being a former builder, his knowledge of all aspects pertaining to building maintenance and Sunshine Laws has been an invaluable asset to the Board and in turn every Summit resident. Every project Al suggested to the Board has been carried out at a minimum expense with our efficient in-house maintenance crew and hard working housekeepers. What can you say about our Robin and Mickie? Has our office ever operated in a more efficient manner? I don't think you will ever find anyone more dedicated and efficient than our office staff. Their "know-how" has relieved our manager from many minor details

enabling him to devote more time to inspect and correct minor maintenance problems before they become major problems. Remember the old saying: "A stitch in time saves nine". How true, how true!

On a minus note, we were hit with some unexpected expenses such as a huge increase for insurance and outrageous water and sewage bills. We have no control about these increases. We must be properly insured and we must have water. We will do our best to end the fiscal year "within budget".

The State of the Summit is in great shape. We have a strong Board of Directors who are dedicated to oversee that every dollar we spend is spent wisely and once again, I pledge to do my utmost to prevent the Summit from falling into disrepair and wherever possible (budget permitting) continue to add amenities to our beautiful Summit.

Rest assured, The State of The Summit is in great shape and we intend to keep it in great shape.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

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**THE MANAGER'S CORNER**

By Al Reibel

It's hard to believe that five months have already passed since I became your property manager.

In that short space of time we've accomplished so much. We've gone through the budget procedure and cast a new budget. We've had a general election and even gone through a recount procedure to elect a new Board of Directors and a new slate of officers. I've gone to court on behalf of the association and obtained a court order which allowed us to successfully evict Frank Piturro from unit 302N.

During this time period we implanted the replacement of the domestic water pumps... started the Otis elevator modernization program... completed the hall ceiling replacement project... completed that portion of the exterior painting project which was ongoing and completely redid the exterior tree lighting.

We're presently in the midst of a water conservation program involving an examination and repair of all toilets, hot water heaters and dripping faucets. This program will save us tens of thousands of dollars each year. All garage floors will be cleaned during the summer months when traffic is at a minimum and many open spaces available. You might also take note of the new security devices presently being installed by Kent Security. Shortly all access doors will be under electronic control. Watch for bulletins on the new security control.

My personal goal as your manager is simple: "I want to be the best manager the Summit ever had."

**HIGHLIGHTS** (continued from page 1)

amounts in excess of \$100,000 with banks insured by FDIC. He will also move low interest money market accounts to better paying short term CD's, bonds, treasuries, etc.

**Manager's Report** Mr. Reibel's report included the water conservation program; state of elevator work status of Frank Piturro legal action; installation of new thermostats; highlights of new Kent contract; review of garbage disposal system and pressure cleaning of pool deck.

**Secretary's Report:** Rosalind Katz made a motion to have 6 authorized signers of checks; i.e.: the four officers, Harriet Scott as assistant secretary and Nathan Konigsberg as assistant treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Katz made a motion that the Board be authorized to re-carpet specific hallways and stairways (with carpet of the same patterns as presently used) a cost not to exceed \$45,000. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary moved that the association authorize the manager to spend up to \$2,000. to engage a licensed architect to present proposals for improving the garage entrance. Passed unanimously. A committee was formed to assist. Harold Levine, Chairman, Irving Finkel, Doris Naron, and Nathan Konigsberg.

Mrs. Katz moved to increase the restaurant subsidy by \$2,000. from \$16,500. to \$18,500. Carried unanimously.

The following committees were formed:

**Security** - Rosalind Katz and Pearl Milestone.

**Grievance** - Evelyn Kraut, Cynthia Eason and Harmon Berger.

**Screening** - Sam Fox, and Nathan Konigsberg.

**NEWS RELEASE!**

Paul Finkelstein, Past President of the Summit Condo has been elected President of Hollywood Beach Civic Association. Installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 10am at the Center, 1301 South Ocean Drive. Refreshments and Music . . . All are invited.

*P.S. Hollywood District One Commissioner Kathy Anderson will be the Installing Officer.*

**GENE TROOP**

1911-2002

The last time I saw Gene was at the Valentine's party on February 16th where he was doing what Gene always did so well...making people smile. That was his ambition as well as his job as official staff photographer for the OBSERVER.

He was very good at his job in his photo studio in New Jersey and knew how to focus, compose and shoot the kind of pictures that made people happy, just as he has done so well for the people in the Summit. We shall miss him and his pictures.

I also knew Gene as a generous contributor of time and talent to SCORE where as a retired executive he helped counsel aspiring people who wished to go into a self-employed business. He was Secretary for many years.

Bernice, his loving wife, was his inspiration and pride. Irv Rosenkranz and I extend our condolences to every member of the Troop family. We will miss him as will many people in both towers who knew this "snappy" guy.

*Stu Bart*

**IMPORTANT!**

If you are a passenger in an elevator during a malfunction, it would be wise to acquaint yourself with the location of the emergency telephone which is located directly beneath the floor selection buttons.

**The elevator phones DO NOT have a dial. Elevator phones have a BUTTON THAT MUST BE**

**HELD DOWN**

**while speaking to Security.**

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If you need further clarification, inquire at condo office.

**WE WISH ALL SUMMIT RESIDENTS**

**A HAPPY PASSOVER and A HAPPY EASTER**

## SUMMIT HADASSAH NEWS

On Thursday, February 28th, the South Tower lounge was filled to capacity, while our members and guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon catered by our own Summit Cafe and viewed an outstanding Fashion Show presented by "Chico's" of Aventura Mall. The models were our own lovely Hadassah members, Gloria Beer, Ellen Cohen, Phyllis Finston, Renee Lewis, Audrey Lubell and Nina Nissenfeld. The Program, provided by "Chico's" was presented by their own staff member Yolanda and her capable assistant. "Chico's" specializes in clothes of "Casual Elegance and Styling". The models and their outfits were given an enthusiastic round of applause which they richly deserved. All proceeds from this affair were donated to the Hadassah "Young Judea" program which is dedicated to the education and understanding of young people to the importance and needs of Israel.

At our next meeting on Thursday, March 14th at 1 pm, we are proud to announce that we are going to be involved with a new Community Service Program called "Jafco", the Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Option which is soon going to open a new building in Broward County. This agency is dedicated to the placement of Jewish children in Jewish homes. Admission to this meeting is a donation of any new item of infant to toddler diapers, toiletries, clothing or cash.

Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about our worthwhile activities. For more information, please call our president Renee Lewis, 929-9930.

*Sylvia Stoltz, Corres Secy.  
Summit Hadassah*

## FROM THE MOUTH OF BABES

It was late at night and Heidi, who was expecting her second child, was home alone with her 4 year old daughter, Katelyn. When Heidi started to go into labor she called "911". Due to a power outage, only one paramedic responded to the call. The house was very dark so the paramedic asked Katelyn to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Katelyn did as she was asked. After a while Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his feet, and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry. The paramedic then thanked Katelyn for her help, asked the wide eyed 4 year old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. Katelyn quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place. Spank him again!"

*Submitted by Irving Finkel*

## TESTING EMOTIONAL MATURITY

- Dealing with *Reality*.
- Adapting to change.
- Freeing symptoms caused by tensions and anxieties.
- Getting more satisfaction in giving than receiving.
- Relating to others with sincerity and helpfulness.
- Redirecting instinctive hostile energy into constructive creativity.
- Finding the capacity to love yourself and others.
- Storing the good and discarding the bad.
- Teaching yourself the art of forgiveness.
- Experiencing life as an adventure with promise and challenge of tomorrow.
- Coping with ups and downs, downs and ups of just plain living.
- Laughing and humor are stay-well tonics.
- Learning that living life is an art form.

*Your Personal Psychologist,  
Dr. Sylvia Herz*

## A THOUGHT-PROVOKING "GARDEN"

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Peace of mind.  
Peace of heart.  
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*Submitted by Shirley, Efroymson Kahn*

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***We do not stop playing because we grow old.  
We grow old because we stop playing.***

**“MEET ME ON THE POOL DECK”**

By **Stu Bart**

Years and years ago in New York, where I lived, dates were arranged with a single phrase, “Meet me under the clock at the Astor Hotel (a building now somewhere in architectural heaven). It was an invitation to meet but not to stay. The action was outside on Broadway. Times Square is a myriad of movie houses, theatres, restaurants and unbelievable shopping. All the wonders of this fantastic playground are still there: the bright lights, the activated electric signs, the ocean of people and traffic moving as fast as a handicapped person with a walker. All of it is still there except oldtimers like me who found a new haven in South Florida.

Here, they come from the north as far as Canada. They come to get away from the bitter cold, the snow, the ice and risky driving in exchange for sunny days, warm weather, the beach and risky driving. Here, like in Times Square (well, almost) there are lots of movies, entertainment, early birds and bargain bonanzas. Other than, “Lets make a date for dinner” there’s the daytime invitation, “Meet me on the pool deck”, a piece of real estate designed for fun under the sun.

The pool deck is the condo version of luxurious living, lounging, laughing, lolling and just lying in the sun. There is a lot going on like swimming, reading, card playing and clusters of groups reviewing events in the world and at the Summit, more politics to discuss than at a caucus, more ways to barbecue Board members and so many ways to run the condo for less money.

“Meet me on the pool deck” is more than an invitation, it is a way of life and a beautiful one. Hungry? Thirsty? Just a few steps and you are in Patti’s Place ready to feed your appetite. It’s the pool deck oasis. Too much sun? Come and sit under the green-striped awning and sip a soda or sit with your family and friends. The pool deck is really the Summit’s Town Hall meeting place. Don’t miss it!

If you think I have ommitted some important information just say, “Stu, meet me on the pool deck” to talk about it and get some sun at the same time.

**WE APOLOGIZE**

We received several items from some of our contributors which we could not include in this issue of the Observer due to length of manuscript or repeats of items we had previously printed. We appreciate your effort.

**HOW TO STAY YOUNG AND HEALTHY.**

Throw out non-essential numbers.  
This includes age, weight and height.  
Let the doctor worry about them.  
That is why you pay them for.  
Keep only cheerful friends.  
The grouches pull you down.  
If you really need a grouch, there are probably a few dozen of your relatives to do the job.

Keep learning  
Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardenening  
. . . whatever.

Just never let the brain idle.

Enjoy the simple things.  
When children are young...  
that is all that you can afford.

When they are in college...  
that is all you can afford.

When they are grown and you are on retirement...  
that is all you can afford!

Laugh often, loud and long.  
Laugh until you gasp for breath.  
Laugh so much that you can be tracked in the store  
by your distinctive laughter.

The tears happen.  
Endure, grieve, and move on.  
The only person who is with us our entire life  
... is ourselves.

Cherish your health.  
If it is good ... preserve it.  
If it is unstable ... improve it.  
If it is beyond what you can improve ... get help.

Don’t take guilt trips.  
Go to the mall, the next county, a foreign country ...  
but not guilt.

Tell the people that you love,  
that you love them ...  
at every opportunity.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we  
take, but the moments that take our breath away.

*Submitted by Sam Fox*

Join Herbert Lipow and Joe Garbis  
Who conduct . . .

**CURRENT EVENTS**

For an evening of timely topics and  
audience participation.

**Every Monday at 7:30pm.**  
South Tower Lounge

## AN OLD LADY LIVES WITH HER KIDS

When I'm an old lady I'll live with each kid,  
And bring so much happiness ... just as they did.  
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.  
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!  
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids).

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites, and blues,  
And I'll bounce on the furniture..wearing my shoes.  
I'll drink from the carton and leave it out.  
I'll stuff the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!  
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,  
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.  
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and shake their head,  
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed!  
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,  
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,  
I'll gag on my okra, spill meat on the table,  
And when they get angry ... I'll run if I'm able!  
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,  
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.  
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,  
And play in the mud til the end of the day!  
When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,  
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.  
My kids will look down, a smile slowly creeping,  
And say with a groan,  
"She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"

God Bless All Moms and Grandmoms Everywhere!

*Submitted by Shirley Backer - 1206-S*

## NOTICE!

### TO ALL RESIDENTS

**YOU MUST TURN OFF YOUR MASTER  
WATER VALVE IF YOU ARE GOING  
TO BE GONE FOR ANY LENGTH  
OF TIME.**

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**YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR ANY CLEAN-UP  
IF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER  
LEAKING INTO NEIGHBORING  
APARTMENTS OR COMMON AREAS.**

## INTELLECTUAL CORNER

The good news first ... our only winner in last month's quote research is Pat Shanbom. Congrats to you, Pat! She gave the correct answer for the following quotation ... "I would have made a good Pope". And the answer is Pres. Richard Nixon. We don't need Ginko Biloba to stimulate our brains. We can turn the wheels by researching the library, or for some other lucky people, the computer keyboard is a miracle tool for search. Incidentally, try to avail yourselves of the wonderful Reading Library we have next door to our condo complex, also. Librarians are always willing to assist.

For next month's issue of the Observer, I hope to see a long list of winners. Our hint this month is to "Orient" yourselves to the idea that you can be a winner too. Here is the quotation:

**"What I hear, I forget; what I see, I remember; but what I do I understand".**

Please deliver your answers to the Summit office. The Observer has a box there for you, in which to place your answer. GOOD LUCK to all.

*Marilyn Borhkin*

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*Submitted by Shirley, Efroymsen Kahn*

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**Some people, no matter how old they get, never  
lose their beauty - they merely move it from  
their faces into their hearts.**

**PARTY TIME AT  
THE SUMMIT SOCIAL CLUB!**

Love was in the air and heart shaped balloons floated over each table as a sold-out crowd attended the February 16th Valentines Day Party.

Sweethearts, lovers, neighbors and just friends ate, drank and made merry. Most of us think longingly of deli-dinners, but avoid them most of the time. So, it was a rare treat to have that as the mainstay of our dmer (catered by our own Summit Cafe).

Thanks go to:

- AL AND LINDA ADELSON
- AL FINKELSTEIN
- JOE GARBIS
- ROZ TURKISH
- BERNICE TROOP
- ELEANOR BLUMBERG

Photos by Gene Troop will be posted in the Cafe.

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**KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE BULLETIN  
BOARDS - THERE'S MORE TO COME!**

*Rosalind Katz, Secy. Summit Social Club*

**CONDOLENCES . . .**

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Ethel Sapiro, who recently passed away. Ethel Sapiro was a long time resident of The Summit and was loved and admired by everyone who knew her. She was most gracious, charming, caring and generous. *May she rest in peace.*

**DEAR KITTY:**

With the approach of Purim,  
Life's lottery comes to mind.  
You and Peter winners  
of the greatest kind.

How wonderful to be on top  
in the lottery of life,  
With Peter as your husband,  
and Kitty for his wife!

Peter's smile and greeting  
Made us feel at home  
when we followed our notion  
to Hollywood to roam.

He walked about the pool deck  
Spreading warmth and cheer.  
A wonderful example  
For all the people here.

We miss him every Monday night  
At the Current Events discussion.  
That was but the least  
Of his absence's repercussion.

He will always be remembered  
For his warmth and cheer,  
(And we hope that, in due time,  
You'll find your way back here!)

Fondly, Estelle and Bob Spiewak

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REFRESHMENTS  
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(Social Club Members only)



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## REAL ESTATE NEWS

By **TED ARONSKY**  
*Our on-premises Realtor*

*Talks about*  
**CONDO SALES AND RENTALS**

The current real estate market reflects a shortage of offerings here and elsewhere; prices are at a level we haven't seen in many years. It is a seller's market for anyone contemplating a listing of their property. If you would like more information on current opportunities call or see me on the third floor of the South building, phone...  
925- 3500

## TIPS FOR SAFE DRIVING IN THE GARAGE!

**KEEP YOU BRIGHT LIGHTS ON**  
When entering or exiting garage.

Its hard to believe the garage is better illuminated at nighttime than daytime! Pedestrian traffic is at its peak by people walking between parked cars on their way to the beach or pool deck. Please keep your bright lights on at all times while driving in the garage.

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### BLINKING RED LIGHTS

For the benefit of drivers who do not know what a blinking red light indicates: It simply means a **FULL STOP** and then to continue driving. That's why the light is blinking (stop and go). There have been many "close calls" caused by drivers exiting the garage who do not even slow down!

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**TO TRIP TRAFFIC LIGHT SENSOR  
WHEN EXITING GARAGE**

**DRIVE CAR FORWARD TO WHITE  
LINE AT SOUTH OCEAN DRIVE.**

## THE SUMMIT OBSERVER

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Hollywood Beach, Fl 33019