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For and about the residents of the Summit

THE JEWEL OF THE SUMN

Hollywood's Most Attractive and Versatile Pool Deck.

By Stu Bart

Our Pool Deck sparkles with many facets of delightful Florida living. There is fun, there is friendship, there is relaxation and there is a convenient oasis smack in the middle of all the action ready to quench one's thirst and fill that empty feeling with one's choice of delectables. The newly refurbished dining room has a very inviting appearance, the new Tiffany type shades give the place a bit of an art nouveau look. Last year we dubbed this charming eatery "Patti's Place" because she is so much a part of the personality and informality of the dining room both indoors and under the beautiful green awning. Patti's partner and spouse complained about being second in the personality department, so to keep peace in the family we awarded him the title of "Benii's Bistro". (Bring your own wine). Chef Paul says, "You can call me anything you want but you must call my cooking "Great!". Is everybody happy? Everyone agrees Patti's Place is the center of pool deck action and attraction.

We are doubly proud of the two fine swimming pools. The one on the ocean side gets the morning sun and the one facing the Intracoastal gets it in the afternoon. We must not overlook the beautiful views from either side. Happy Dipping!

Robyn, the helpful chirper in the office informed me that the size of the deck is an astounding 300 feet wide and 305 feet long. If my multiplication is right that comes to a whopping 90,000 square feet. If you are a devoted walker you could take your daily exercise walking around the pool deck, a total of 1200 feet or about a quarter of a mile. The scenery is great and you can wave to the sun worshipers lying on their backs on a comfortable lounge. We forgot to ask Robyn how many there are in the sea of lounges and chairs comfortably and strategically placed by the custodian of pool deck paraphanalia, Dario, the guy

with the pith helmet. He is a very willing and helpful man to have around.

Now for the esthetics of this wonderful, huge outdoor retreat just minutes from where you live. There are a group of various sized concrete flower boxes filled with imaginitive and creative horticultural arrangements well spaced to accent the deck and afford a beautiful view from the terraces of the two towers facing the deck. We owe a debt of gratitude if not a bouquet of roses to Betty Thornton who is the chair-person in charge of all our landscaping. Her supervision of our landscaping from the entrance to every acre surrounding both buildings is to be recognized with grateful applause. (Other committees take note).

There are more and different actions on the pool deck than just lolling and eating. There are tables strategically placed in areas ideal for playing cards or other forms of games of chance. (Kibitzers not invited). There are circles of chairs where the intelligentsia hold forums on a variety of current topics. Fleet mothers and grandmothers chasing the elusive three year olds who have other ideas than sitting quietly. Of course there is always something interesting to see just by keeping your eyes on the passing parade. A beautiful day on the pool deck is a delightful experience rarely forgotten.

Attention Jacuzzi Lovers: Blueprints are being prepared for a state-of-the-art unit that you will love. It will need to be approved by city engineers and health authorities. Another wonderful addition to our great pool deck.

Theoretically every unit owner possesses approximately 150 square feet of the pool deck. That makes all of us partners in this great playground. It truly is the "Jewel of the Summit". It is also a "Love at First attraction for prospective new owners. Realtors agree that the Summit is the place to be.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Al Finkelstein

* * * * WELCOME HOME!

Once again it's that time of year when the "frost on the pumpkin" is covered with snow up North and our frost-bitten northern neighbors are returning to the Summit in droves to enjoy the warm climate and even warmer congeniality with their friends and neighbors.

As with all condominiums, there is both good news and bad news. The good news is: South Florida has been spared the wrath of hurricanes this year. No uprooted trees, blown down fences or serious damage to our property. Our rejuvenated elevators are working as good as new. The housekeeping staff is doing a great job keeping all public areas neat and clean.

So what's the bad news? - If you read the newspapers you know all about the high cost of insurance. Due to the possibility of terrorists acts, every insurance company has quoted exhorbitant increases in their rates. We are shopping around for the best deal available from other responsible insurance companies.

As you all know, my highest priority is to maintain our property as near to perfection as possible. We have installed a new security system for your peace of mind and safety designed to shore up all possible methods to safeguard our buildings from unwanted intruders. You will be informed shortly when the new equipment will be installed and functioning properly.

The Summit Cafe has been upgraded with new equipment to serve you better and newly decorated to please the eye. Give them a shot and see the improvement for yourselves.

The interior of all passenger elevators will be refurb-

ished including the floors and ceiling lighting. The outside of both buildings will repainted as well as the rails on the terraces.

We are planning to install a condo size jacuzzi on the pool deck for the enjoyment of all residents. The jacuzzi will meet strict requirements for your health and safety.

We wish all residents a happy and healthy winter at the Summit and rest assured the Board of Directors and I will do everything in our power to protect your investment in the Summit.

We wish our office assistant Mickie a happy retirement. Mickie was one of the most efficient and loyal employees we ever had.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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FROM THE MANAGER'S CORNER

Once again the association is preparing a new budget and getting set for the upcoming annual elections. Notices for these events are in the mails or about to be sent

Over the summer months the building's garage areas were pressure cleaned and restriped. Additionally the entire restaurant kitchen was removed...the area was pressure cleaned...the walls at wainscot height were covered in stainless steel, and new equipment was installed. This major retrofitting of the kitchen and restaurant included repainting of the seating area and installing new fixtures. Included in the new equipment were a stove and oven, a new salamander, a new food warming area plus a new double door refrigerator. The electrical system was upgraded. We hopefully look forward to many years of uninterrupted service.

On the table for immediate action are the modernization of the elevator cabs and the repainting of the North and South faces of both towers. For those who want a prevue of the cab walls, etc., there is a sample panel on display in the board room located in the condo offices.

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoy a healthy and happy new season at the Summit. As always, I am here to serve you.

Al Reibel, Property Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 21, 2002

Treasurer's Report: Sam Fox reported that all is in order regarding the foreclosure Unit North-302; of the 6 units with unpaid maintenance, only one is now in arrears and the president has agreed to give her some extra time.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (continued from page 2)

<u>Vice President's Report:</u> Harold Levine reported about progress of the BBQ. It will be located near the shuffleboard court; will use small propane tanks which will be kept locked; will only be available after 5pm in order not to compete with the cafe during open hours; rules regarding reservations for use and clean-up fees are still being discussed.

Nathan Konigsberg will get an engineering plan for a pool deck Jacuzzi so we can bid it out.

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Treasurer's Report: Sam Fox reported that all is in order. All maintenance payments are up-to-date and there is a lien action in progress against Unit-N 302.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Rosalind Katz reported on the Security Committee meeting of Sept.3, 2002 during which the use of the new entry wands was spelled out in detail.

Mrs. Katz moved that proxies be distributed for a unit owner's vote to eliminate new rentals (subject to attorney's approval of language). Carried unanimous.

<u>President's Report:</u> Al Finkelstein confirmed the use of restaurant reserve money for the recent restaurant renovation.

Vice President's Report: Harold Levine reported on the status of the new barbecue. The location has been changed to the pool deck right behind the restaurant. The unit will operate on natural gas and will be kept locked and opened only by Security. The barbecue will be available during the hours the cafe is closed. Rules and regulations for use will be published.

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Treasurer's Report: Sam Fox reported that all maintenance fees were paid up-to-date except for one unit. He said we have \$250,000 in certificates of deposit coming due, which will have to be placed at lower interest rates. Mr. Fox requested that President Finkelstein clarify the recent expenditures for restaurant refurbishing. The treasurer then moved that expenditures of approximately \$6,000 in excess of restaurant reserve funds be charged off to the Special Projects account. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda item for approval of a \$35,000 expenditure for refurbishing the interior of elevator cabs was then opened for discussion. Property Manager Al Reibel presented the budget and noted the funds are available from the elevator reserves (\$66,815.) Board members and unit owners requested an opportunity to see the proposed design. The matter was tabled.

A motion was made by Secretary Rosalind Katz that the Board go forward with planning for a Jacuzzi. *Motion carried*.

SAVING SURF STREET

Summit owners should be aware of a very important land use battle taking place right now that could critically affect their property values and quality of life.

The owners of the Driftwood Hotel, 2101 South Surf Street, south of the Summit and just north of the Quadomain, are proposing to build a 25-story high rise on their property - which currently is not allowed under the city's 50-foot height limit for that site.

What's of particular concern is that the Driftwood owners want the City of Hollywood's permission to build that tower on Surf Street and on their parking lot to the west of Surf Street, permanently blocking off Surf Street.

The DuPont brothers, who own the Driftwood, have been advertising in the Sun-Sentinal, the comunity newspapers, and on cable TV for months trying to persuade the community support their high-rise project. They've hired the law firm, Ruden McClosky, to lobby the Hollywood City Commission to approve their request to build over Surf St. If this request is approved, several condo buildings and hotel operators between the Quadomain and the Summit have said they might apply to build over Surf Street and put up high-rises as well.

It should be obvious to everyone at the Summit how this chain of dominoes could play out and destroy the beautiful vistas, quality of life, and traffic flows in our area of the Hollywood beach. Surf Street is an important artery for auto, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic. If the Driftwood project is allowed to proceed, Surf Street will quickly cease to be.

Please, phone, write, or e-mail Mayor Mara Giulianti, City Commissioner Cathy Anderson, and the other five commissioners to oppose the Driftwood's request. This issue is likely to come up for a vote in the City Commission in the next few weeks, so please keep your eyes open and voice your opinion at the commission meeting. The city commission's phone is 954-921-3321. The mayor's e-mail address is mgiulianti@hollywoodfl.org; Cathy Anderson's e-mail is canderson@hollywoodfl.org.

Deborah Mihn, S-2106 - 954-929-0263

PLEASE! - PLEASE! - PLEASE!

DO NOT PUT UNWANTED FURNITURE, CARPETS OR MATTRESSES IN FREIGHT ELEVATORS.

WE DO NOT HAVE THE SPACE NOR FACILITIES. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE DISPOSAL OF LARGE OBJECTS.

The most aggravating thing about the younger generation is that I no longer belong to it.

Albert Einstein

SUMMIT HADASSAH NEWS

During the long hot summer our active Executive Committee was very busy planning our program and activities for the entire year. All our members were presented with a list of "Happenings" for 2002-2003. Due to the critical situation and need in Israel, Hadassah's most essential fund raising efforts will be to benefit the new "Center for Emergency Medicine" at Hadassah Hospital.

Our Chapter is proud to announce that we have published our own "Summit Hadassah Cook Book". This beautiful book contains a collection of more than 300 of our favorite traditional and holiday recipes which were submitted by our members and friends. The Cookbook Committee members under the leadership of Chairperson Nina Nissenfeld and President Renee Lewis, working with Audrey Lubel and Pearl Milestone, spent many hours collecting and arranging in proper sequence all the recipes for publication.

This book, containing wonderful information about the preparation of Jewish recipes, is the perfect holiday gift for children and grandchildren. Copies may be obtained for \$12.00 each or 3 for \$30.00. Call Nina Nissenfeld, 954-926-7625 or Renee Lewis 954-929-9930.

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Summit Hadassah Happenings

Book Club Meetings - Every Thursday of the month.

Thurs., Dec. 5th - Region - "Israeli Night" - Sea Escape Cruise.

Sun., Dec. 8th - Region "Caribbean Cruise".

Tues., Dec. 10th - "Keepers of the Gate" Luncheon.

Sun., Dec. 22nd - "Klezmer Concert" - Wine and Cheese Reception.

Tues., Jan. 14th - "Youth Aliyah" Luncheon.

Wed., - Jan. 22nd - "Card Party" Luncheon.

(February to May Events- published in next edition).

Sylvia Stoltz, Corres. Secy. Summit Hadassah.

INTELLECTUAL CORNER

Welcome back to your Summit Towers home. Are you ready for the new, famous, and rather old quote? For all of you who have not participated in this contest, now is your chance. But first I must congratulate the winner of the last issue's contest...Ruth Miller of Michigan. She guessed the answer of the following quote: "What I hear, I forget; what I see, I remember; but what I do I understand". The correct answer was Confucius. Pat Shanbom of Detroit was also a recent winner. Let us hear from participants of other states too.

Our quote for this issue is very famous... "A rose is a rose is a rose". Hint: Born in Massachusetts in 1903 - an expatriate living in Paris, where much of her writing became famous.

Please leave your answers in the Observer box at the condo office. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Marilyn Borkin

APARTMENT RENTAL RULES UP FOR DISCUSSION.

A petition has been signed by a number of unit owners requesting a rule change that would eliminate all forms of apartment rentals now being permitted. It claims that the "swinging door" is confusing and is a burden on the office.

There is an opposing view by others to this proposal by a group that feels such restrictions would create negative circumstances and impose hardship on many unit owners. They feel that present rules properly policed are fair and would not cause problems.

This controversy will be discussed and debated at the meeting prior to voting on December 18th, 2002. It will require a 75% vote by <u>all</u> unit owners (426 affirmative votes) to officially change the amendment. As a unit owner it is your responsibility to consider carefully which way you would like the Condo to go...Aye or Nay.

WE WISH ALL SUMMIT RESIDENTS



A HAPPY CHANUKAH

AND
AND
CHRISTMAS



A BIT OF WIT

Good girls go to heaven, bad girls go everywhere. Every man wants to protect me. I can't figure why.

Mae West

You know, she speaks eighteen languages. And she can't say "No" in any of them. Dorothy Parker

A rabbi is listening to two sides of a Talmudic argument. After hearing the first one, he says, "You're right". Then after hearing the second one, he says, "And you're right." Immediately, the rebbetzin butts in: "But Rabbi, they both can't be right!" To which the rabbi replies, "And you're right too."

Rabinical Humor

For every ten Jews beating their breasts, God designated one to be crazy and amuse the breast-beaters, By the time I was five I knew I was that one.

Mel Brooks

Even when I'm sick and depressed, I love life.

Arthur Rubenstein

THE GENERATION GAP 2002 By Bob Spiewak

When we have a problem
With our latest gadget,
We can call upon a grandchild
Who already has it!

We long for the good old days
Way before TV,
When a 10 cent movie
Included candy just for free!

Bicycles and roller skates,
Although they are still here
Have been shoved behind computers
To make the kiddies cheer!

Remember when just any car Would fill a teenage dream? "I can't drive a wreck like that!!" The teenage drivers scream!

But looking at the bright side
Let's have a little heart.
Could these same kiddies help us out
If they weren't so darn smart!

Some day they too will look way back
Before some great new wonders
And repeat some of our "strange thoughts"
And, probably our blunders!

And so it goes and will go on, And never reach cessation Improvements(?) in the daily lives Of each new generation!

CONGRATULATIONS!

If you see Doris and Sylvan Naron strutting around with great big smiles on their faces, it is because their grandson Philip has been selected into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll. Only about 4.5% of all high school students are selected for this great honor. This national award will bring additional attention to Phillip's college and scholarship applications.

Induction into the National Honor Roll is based solely on achievement and merit. We "Congratulate" Phillip who'se hard work made his family and grand parents beam with pride.

EMPLOYEE'S BENEFIT PACKAGE

Some unit owners have expressed a concern about the Benefit Package for our employees. The package contains: Paid holidays (8); sick pay days (6); health insurance for the employees; a very liberal vacation policy; plus an extra week's salary at Christmas time.

Doris Naron

Mort Krim - Detroit Free Press - SECOND THOUGHTS

* * * * COST OF DELAY CAN BE HIGH

It happened 10 years ago. I'd reported on the story but nearly forgotten it until our guide on the Chicago River cruise reminded us. We were taking an architectural cruise admiring Chicago's unique and varied buildings when the guide suddenly pointed to some wooden pilings partially submerged and said, "Those are the very pilings that caused the great Chicago flood in 1992."

Ah, yes, the great, strange flood triggered when somebody drove one of those pilings through the ceiling of Chicago's underground freight tunnels. Fifty miles of tunnels connect to most of the major buildings in the loop. They're unique to Chicago, created to facilitate the delivery of freight to downtown offices.

But here's the most interesting part of the flood story I'd forgotten. Months before the disaster, those ceilings were leaking. Had the city dealt with it immediately, cost of repair would have been about \$10,000. But City Council delayed. The project got caught up in the bureaucracy. So instead of preventing a crisis for 10 grand, the city paid out a billion dollars in cleanup and repair.

<u>Today's Thought:</u> Murphy never thought of this one, but it should have been one of his laws: Whatever it costs to fix today, it'll cost more, tomorrow.

Submitted by Pat Shanbom

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Quote: "If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?" - Abraham Lincoln

FAMILY - FRIENDS - FOCUS

At this writing, Hussein today wrote to the U.N. that he would accept unfettered inspection to take place although a war with Iraq appears imminent. Also, today, a Bin Laden tape was made public as he defiantly threatened to kill his enemies.

Yes, September 11 has changed the world and suddenly, the how, what, when, where of "terrorism" has become a reality for each of us.

What can we do as individuals? Certainly, this is not a time to become paranoid nor live our lives in fear. Rather, cool and smart heads need prevail. More than heads, our hearts have to soften and made kinder and gentler to family, friends and even acquaintances. A kind word goes a long way.

Re: your close family member or other relative or friend you crossed off your list; people you gave up on and haven't communicated with for "x" number of years. How about extending yourself and making the first move? To heck with "pseudo-pride". So-called "pride" and "self-respect", etc. have thwarted many relationships that could flourish.

Not everyone thinks the way you do. So what? Not everyone is anything like you. So what? Accept and be tolerant of behavioral diversity and differences. Maybe - a pleasant surprise.

The closeness, caring, support and succor we receive from families and friends are crucial <u>now</u> and are sufficient cause for us to lighten up and stop being overly judgmental and critical about anyone. Really hear the lament "gim-me a break".

Your Personal Psychologist, Dr. Sylvia Herz

NOTE: Dr. Sylvia Herz resumes her Anti-Aging Lecture Series at the Hollywood Beach Community Center every Monday starting January 13th at 1pm.

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.

All Summit Residents and Friends Are invited to attend an evening of

CURRENT EVENTS

With Joe Garbis and Herbert Lipow

Every Monday from 7:30 to 9pm.

Timely Topics - Audience Participation.

South Tower Lounge

NURSERY RHYMES WE DID NOT LEARN IN SCHOOL

JACK AND JILL

Went up the hill
To have a little fun.
Stupid Jill, forgot the pill,
And now they have a son.

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB Her father shot it dead. Now it goes to school with her Between two hunks of bread.

LITTLE MISS MUFFET
Sat on a tuffet,
Her clothes all tattered and torn.
It had not been the spider
That sat down beside her
But Little Boy Blue and his horn.

HUMPTY DUMPTY sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's horses and all the king's men had scrambled eggs for breakfast again.

HEY DIDDLE, DIDDLE

The cat did a piddle
all over the bedside clock.
The little dog laughed to see such fun,
then died of electric shock.

GEORGIE PORGIE Pudding and Pie Kissed the girls and made them cry. When the boys came out to play, He kissed them too 'cause he was gay.

THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL . . . who had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead... And when she was good, she was very very good. But when she was bad she got a fur coat, jewels, waterfront condo and a sports car.

Submitted by Sam Fox

IMPORTANT!

Go to the condo office and pick up a package of

FREE GARBAGE BAGS

These bags are the appropriate size for the chutes.

HELP US KEEP THE GARBAGE ROOMS <u>CLEAN!</u>

WELCOME, SNOWBIRDS!

We missed you - and you missed a great Halloween Party held in the Summit Cafe. The Italian menu was great, complete with cocktails, "happy" music and of course a variety of colorful Halloween Costumes. A great time was had by all. And the winners are:

> Space Cadet Eleanor Blumberg Two Scare Crows . . . Mr. and Mrs. LaBell (Hope they enjoyed their champagne).

But don't despair, the best is yet to come! An elegant New Years Eve; a FREE evening of entertainment at the Community Center and More! - More! - More!

WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS!

Rosalind Katz, Secretary

The Summit Social Club

MOVIE NIGHT

EVERY TUESDAY

AT 7:30 - SOUTH LOUNGE

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REFRESHMENTS,

(Social Club Members Only)



Join us for our Annual Elegant





AN ELEGANT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Summit Social Club Requests the pleasure of your company ~

On Tuesday, December 31st North Tower Launge

8:30 : Cocktail Hour ~ Open Bar (Passed Hors D'oeuvres) 9:30 : White-Linen Tablecloth Dinner

Midnight : Champagne Toast

Live music throughout the evening

Black Tie Optional

R.S.V.P. Al 954/923-5820 Members: \$45. Guests: \$50.

Le Menu Passed Hors D'oeuvres Pigs in a Blanket Coconut Chicken Tenders Crabmeat Stuffed Mushrooms New Potatoes stuffed with Sour Cream & Seasonal Crudite with a sour cream and dill Homemade chopped liver Mini rolls and cocktail ryes Dinner: At each table: One whole carved Shenandoah Valley fresh turkey ~ carved and decorated Homemade gravy Apple-pecan stuffing Sweet potato soufflé topped with marshmallows Mashed potatoes Fresh vegetable medley Dessert Viennese Sweet Table Buffet Coffee ~ Tea

Join The Social Club And Join The Fun!

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

TED'S TALK... The Real Estate Corner

In the last edition of the Observer I mentioned there were three units for sale at the Summit. These units were sold within seven days. There are presently two additional units on the market for sale, and the prices keep going up!

Why! Due to the short supply of oceanfront condominiums in Hollywood, the opening of the Diplomat Hotel, the resurgence of downtown Hollywood, and lastly, but in my opinion, most importantly, the prices of new units in the local real estate market (which incidently are selling at a rapid rate), I would estimate the value of Summit units have risen approximately 20-25% in the past year.

These events, coupled with the ongoing revitalization of downtown Hollywood and continued demand for oceanfront living, lead me to believe that values at The Summit shall continue to rise.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our snowbirds and to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

For your information, my office is located on the third floor of the South Tower and my telephone number is (954) 925-6500, extension 24. If any unit owner would like to discuss the value of your particular unit, or any other real estate matter or needs, including other condominiums in the area, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff. We would be happy to chat with you. Wishing you a great winter.

Ted Aronsky

JOIN THE FUN! - JOIN THE BAND!

Here's an open invitation To help me serenade, The waves that break upon the beach, Please don't be afraid.

> So you have little talent? Alas, my friend, me too. Don't let that fact deter you; Join the happy crew.

To add to my mandolin I'd like at least one guitar. And some voices, one or two. Just tell me who you are!

Bob Spiewak, 907-S. (After 12-26) 954-920-5635

AMERICA! - OPEN YOUR EYES!

Nine-eleven, the call for help. A mortal blow to New York's pride. The two great monarchs of brick and steel. Suffered the agony of wounds that can't heal.

Two human torpedos rained down from the skies, From evil hands we know not why. The murder of thousands hear their cries. America! - It's no dream, Now Open Your Eyes!

There is a cancer invading our land. Our love for freedom taken from our hand. Do we wish to live as liberty dies? It's no dream! - America, Open Your Eyes!

It's time for action to stop this trend. We know our enemies from end to end. They will perish if we are wise. It's no dream! - America, Open Your Eyes!

Harold Steinberg, 703 S.

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