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For and about the residents of the Summit

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THE HOMINGBIRDS ARE HEADING HOME!

By Stu Bart

The calendar says it's Spring, the temperature up north is mild and the big snow of '03 is now just a slow trickle of moisture, it's time for the once shivering snowbirds to fly home and it's time for us to wave them a cheery if not a weepy farewell and tell them, "y'all come back, y'hear."

This is my farewell article for the season and frankly it's strictly for the birds. On behalf of all the happy Birds of Paradise who roost here all year long we wish all you homingbirds a pleasant trip home and enjoy those months you are away from here. The good old summer time up north and the beautiful, warm winter months in Florida makes us all Birds-of-a-weather, doesn't it?

This season has been rewarding in many ways. After a long string of traffic suffering years we finally saw the handsome and impressive emergence of the Diplomat Complex now open for business. So are the newly paved roads going north and south on A1A. The overpass curving gracefully on to the bridge makes traffic move, if you can call it that. Beautification called for planting of lots and lots of Palm trees which puts us way ahead of New York that has only two Palms and they are restaurants. Florida needs Palm trees, not restaurants, we have enough early bird eateries to please everyone!

At the Summit we gained two new Board members who promise lots of action, but not during the summer months. We will miss Current Events night, also the lovely grandchildren romping on the pool-deck and the poolside chats on Bush's (both of them) judgment or lack of it. On the plus side the office will happily applaud the huge reduction of complaints. No more off-color jokes submitted to the Observer, and lots of seating at Patti's Place, I am told that it gets so slow she brings her own lunch (Only



kidding). The cafe is a year round delight for everyone, good food, good service at a fair price in a pleasant atmosphere.

The Summit is just one big aviary. Snowbirds come from the U.S. north, from the south we have the "Pajaros d'Espanol" (Spanish birds). From the far, far north the "Oiseaux de Quebec" (Birds of Quebec), from England the London Larks and from Israel would they be called Bluebirds, like the color of their flag? There's gotta be some stray birds from other lands too.

Oh yes, there is also the Dodo Bird that flies backward so he can see where he has been, he knows where he is going. All Dodo birds are snow birds who spend their summers reminiscing about all those wonderful months of great weather, great times, great friendships and great fun. At times it is difficult to distinguish one home from the other as a safe place for wonderful living. Let us say it's the best of two worlds.

A little bird just told me that a Swallow is a bird but also a drink, a Yardbird is not three feet tall, a Titmouse is not what you think, a Cuckoo is a bird but also a clock, an assessment is not bird seed and at Patti's Place one does not eat like a bird...a hungry horse, maybe.

Finally, the Summit is now a Fairyland. If you want to get in or go out you will need your wand. Is it magic? No, just good security. Remember to bring your wand when you return to join all the other Birds of Paradise.

If you have read this far remember I cautioned you about this being for the birds, but you did not pay any attention. See you at the same place next Fall.

Have a great summer!

ENJOY A HAPPY AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Al Finkelstein

WHY SLIDING DOORS?

As most of you know, I have dedicated myself to keep updating the Summit not only in appearance of our two buildings but equally important, efficiency of all aspects of operations from our maintenance and housekeeping staffs. We do not stop there. Most important, we are also deeply concerned about making life for all residents of the Summit as pleasant and safe as possible.

We have been approached time and again by handicapped, elderly and residents of the Summit who found it difficult to open the doors leading to or from the garage areas while carrying bulky packages of all descriptions; some sitting on wheelchairs.

After an extensive study seeking a solution to ease the difficulty some of our residents have to open the garage doors, going into or out, our engineers decided that the best method to correct this situation was to change the swinging doors (on hinges) to a more sophisticated automatic sliding door system. The control box will be mounted on a post placed on both sides of the sliding doors. To activate the door, all you need do is wave your wand in front of the small control box placed in a strategic position and the door will immediately open and close automatically. This project is no longer on the drawing board stage, it has been passed by the Board of Directors and will be operational very soon.

Just a reminder...any new amenity added to the Summit property increases the value of your investment plus making your life a little more pleasant.

The reports about our improved elevators, both in efficiency and appearance have been the best since the Summit made the first attempt to "update" the elevators. These are your elevators, please help keep them clean by not dropping gum, candy wrappers, etc. on the floor. Also, no smoking in the elevators or public areas, Fire Department regulations.

We have taken a major step to further "secure" the safety of all Summit residents. After several delays the new system of using the new "wands" to gain access to and from the garage levels is functioning properly. This system is the equivalent of adding an extra lock on your door. We are proud to have installed the best method available (to our knowledge) to safeguard all our residents.

Once again it's that time of year when many of our winter residents are busy loading their cars in preparation of returning to their summer homes. We hope their winter stay at the Summit was enjoyable especially when the weather up North was unusually cold and record breaking amounts of snow falling from the sky. We wish everyone a pleasant summer and hope all snowbirds return in good health and spend another happy winter at the Summit.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

**HIGHLIGHTS OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

February 4, 2003 - 7:30pm

The minutes of the Special Meeting of December 26th were read and amended to add Item C. to Paragraph 3: "Mr. Fox noted that we would be paying 5.4% interest if we borrowed the money to pay for the insurance while the funds being held in reserve were only earning 1.4%."

Treasurer's Report: Sam Fox stated we had eleven delinquent units for January maintenance payment. President Al Finkelstein indicated that he wanted to pursue these delinquent unit owners in a legal manner.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Katz reported on a Security Meeting held January 14, 2003. Many items were discussed, among them Kent employees not wearing proper uniforms and failing to announce all visitors.

Manager's Report: Al Reibel that we had delayed the first insurance payment and thereby had to borrow \$275,908.07 instead of the \$345,000. originally proposed. He also reported on the progress of the elevator cabs and painting bids.

Painting (Agenda Item): President Al Finkelstein moved that we accept the S.&O. Painting, Inc. proposal and ask

them to meet the low bid of \$249,840. *Motion carried.*

Pool Deck Awning: The Anchor Awning Company's proposal to furnish and install an awning over the North Tower pool entrance and a roll-down, clear plastic awning for the west side of the restaurant was discussed. This work will cost a total of \$2,578. The amount to come out of reserves. *Motion carried.*

Vice President's Report: Harold Levine informed that he is buying a gas BBQ for the Association. It is stainless steel and can accommodate approximately twenty steaks at a time. Rules for the use of the BBQ will be furnished to all Unit Owners.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING February 14, 2003 at 2:00pm.

Sliding Doors: The proposal to install sliding doors at all garage entrances was discussed from many angles. Mrs. Katz noted that the Security Committee had recommended the installation of sliding glass doors in these areas on April 30th and again on July 4th. Mrs. Katz made a motion that the proposal made by Automatic Entrances to furnish and install automatic sliding glass doors in the six garage entrances at a total price of \$24,985. be accepted, subject to possible modification and review of final contract. *Motion carried.*

THE MANAGER'S CORNER

I'm sure many of you have noticed the new natural gas barbecue standing on the south side of the pool deck restaurant. It is there for the use of all unit owners. A set of rules and regulations for its use has been posted on the bulletin boards in each tower. Those of you who may wish to utilize this amenity should familiarize themselves with their content.

We apologize for the many false starts in activating the upgraded security system. Like many retrofit projects, there were multiple "bugs" in the system when it was first activated. Unfortunately, at each activation another problem surfaced. The system should now be operating correctly.

I would hope that you're all pleased with the elevator cab modernization. I thank all of you for the many compliments you've given me.

The contract for the repainting of the north and south faces of each tower has been signed. Those of you who are leaving us for the summer should remove balcony furniture. Likewise, it is imperative that we have access to your unit if you close your shutters when leaving.

A contract for the installation of glass sliding doors at each garage entrance has been negotiated. As soon as the contractor receives City and Fire Department approval the contract will be executed.

Albert S. Reibel, Property Manager

EMERGENCY HELP AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY AT THE SUMMIT

It is most gratifying to know that help is available 24 hours a day should an emergency arise after daily working hours and Saturday and Sundays off for our maintenance staff.

On a Saturday morning, I contacted my service contract company that water was still flowing out of the AC room flooding the corridor after I had shut off the water supply valve. They were very cooperative and sent a plumber late that afternoon. He did the best he could to stem the flow and "vacuumed" out as much water as he could. The hot water tank had been emptied the day before but water was still flowing from the AC room. I tried sponging the area to no avail. Once again I called the company but was frustrated by the "press one; press two" system so prevalent these days.

At 9pm (Saturday night) I went down to the security desk and explained my dilemma to him. He immediately called the maintenance man "on call" that night (Dario) who like a knight in shining armor came to the rescue within 20 minutes. He told me to go home and he would take care of everything which he did. Not only did he remove the leaking hot water heater, he also vacuumed the wet carpet as best he could.

It is a great comfort to me (and perhaps to you) to be aware that should an emergency arise, help is available to all residents 24 hours a day. *May you never require emergency help!*

Irv Rosenkranz

PROMOTION

Barbara Jean McClancy of Montauk Highway and New York City has been promoted to the post of commanding officer of New York City Port Authority airports, meaning she will head police security at LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy Airports. Ms. McClancy was the executive officer at J.F.K. on Sept.11 when her superior, Inspector Anthony Infante, was killed in the attack on the World Trade Center. She assumed his duties.

Ms. McClancy is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and the F.B.I. Academy. A graduate also of Adelphi University, she was appointed to the New York City Police department in 1972. In 1975 she became the first woman to join the Port Authority Police Department.

No wonder Viola and George McClancy are beaming with pride. *Congratulations!*

When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go.

—Carol Burnett

INTELLECTUAL CORNER

The I.C. (Intellectual Corner) is now co-ed! Thank goodness that women are interested in sports, and sport heroes too. Only in the good old USA can this happen.

We have nine winners in response to the quote, "It ain't over till it's over", said by the famous Yogi Berra, NY Yankee catcher. Kudos to the following Summit champs: **Stanley Farber, Gus Goldschmidt, Mel Kaplan, Leo Kestenbaum, Arlene Lane, Ralph Miller, Pat Shanbom, Harold Steinberg and Roz Turkish.** Thank you for your interest.

I have a hint before you tackle the next one. It is not a quote, and it is not a recipe (ugh!). Deposit your answer on paper in the Observer box at the condo office. "What do you get when you combine the following? 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, plus 1/2 goat?"

Well, I know it that it sounds and looks funny to you, but you will be surprised at the answer. So many of you have that special intellect... show it off and I will see you in the next issue of the Observer! Someday I hope that the winning names will take up most of the space in the Corner. Hasta la vista.

Marilyn Berkin

P.S. Since this is the last issue of the Observer for this season, the solution of this "puzzle" will be posted on the bulletin boards a few days after the Observer has been distributed.

LADY LIBERTY

*Lady Liberty, you are a beacon in the dark night,
Your mission is more than a beam of welcoming light,
You give promise and hope to the poor and weak,
Welcoming all to enter and your promise seek,
With watchful eyes you look far beyond the sea,
To other distant lands, wherever they may be,
From these places comes your gathering fold,
Many with sad stories that have often been told,
In your metallic robe you take your regal place,
Giving consultation to all, in each and every race,
Your pedestal sets you high above the raging sea,
Ever inviting all pilgrims who love to be free,
With love in their hearts they come to your shore,
With plans for the future they dared not dream before,
Through wind swept waters or in calm of night,
Nowhere on Earth is there a more cherished sight,
Lady Liberty, may you forever light the way,
May your reign endure till that eternal day,
When love, goodwill and freedom will never cease,
And All God's children will live forever in peace.*

*Enoch Zylowski, apt .1902n.
Lake George, N.Y. - 6-14-85*

SELF AND IDENTITY

Who am I really? And who are you really? What is our true identity?

Because we possess the ability to self-reflect, this one concept has important implications for understanding human behavior.

Among the members of the animal kingdom, human beings are uniquely able to project themselves as the object of their own thoughts. How?

1. They think conciously about themselves and others.
2. They form images and ideas of what they are like - some true, some false.
3. They evaluate their characteristics and capabilities - overevaluate some and underevaluate others.
4. They plan deliberately for the future or just live day by day.
5. They worry about how other people perceive them; often a major factor in how they define their identity.
6. They direct their own behavior in line with their own personal standards or values. Very often they merely pay lip service to these which may be non-existent.
7. They worry about worrisome things and worry about non-worrisome things.
8. They develop certain idiosyncracies peculiar to them which they readily accept by proclaiming "that's the way I am."
9. They may have self esteem or lack it. In the latter, they cover up an inferiority complex with a superiority complex e.g. "I know that and/or I'm always right."
10. They have the prerogative of making choices and the ability to change although "doing the same old thing" and behaving "in the same old way" are more comfortable and less challenging.

In the end, who am I? I can't fool myself about myself to myself since I am the only one who really knows.

*Your Personal Psychologist
Dr. Sylvia Herz*

WHO NEEDS E-MAIL?

Talking on the telephone
To folks both far and near,
To grandchildren or other folks,
The ones we hold dear.
Even the sound of the ding-a-ling
Brings happy expectation
Of hearing of a triumph
Or what happened on vacation.
The coldness of machinery
Never will replace
The happy sound of laughter-
That brings to mind a face!

Bob Spiewak

SUMMIT HADASSAH NEWS

On Thursday, February 20th, 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 "Expressions, Sonia of Boca Raton."

The models were our own lovely Hadassah members, Phyllis Finston, Renee Lewis, Audrey Lubel, Nina Nissenfeld and Sylvia Reiter. The narration was given by "Sonia" herself. The models and their outfits were given an enthusiastic round of applause which they richly deserved.

The entire proceeds from this very successful event was donated to the Hadassah "Young Judea" program which is dedicated to the education and understanding of young people to the importance and needs of the State of Israel.

Our well attended meeting which was held March 20th was dedicated to our Second Annual Community Service Project "JAFCO", the Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Option, which has a brand new building in Broward County. This agency is dedicated to the assistance of Jewish women and families and the placement of Jewish children in Jewish homes. Admission to this meeting was a cash donation or a gift which we will use to purchase kitchen wares and linens which are urgently needed in this newly opened housing facility for women and children.

Everyone is welcome to join and assist us in all our worthwhile and rewarding activities. For more information, please call our President Renee Lewis - 954-929-9930.

*Sylvia Stoltz, Corres. Secy.
Summit Hadassah*

KAGANS CELEBRATE 65th ANNIV.

Recently, family and friends gathered at a party held at the Lyceum restaurant in Salem to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of Ida and Charles Kagan of Swampscott and Hollywood, Fla. Charles Kagan was a practicing attorney in Revere for 65 years.

In attendance were their children, Burton and Julie Kagan of Randolph and The Honorable Spencer and Donna Kagan of Marblehead. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were also in attendance: Stacey and Bill Hodgman and their three children, Timothy, Jayme and Jonathan, Rachelle Kagan, Shari and Kenneth Robbins. Additional family and friends gathered for this wonderful theme party all done up in a Halloween motif. A great time was had by all in attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS! - May you celebrate many more milestone anniversaries together with all your dear ones.

TELLING NO LIES

An elderly gent was invited to his old friend's home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms -- Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin etc., etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.

While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to the host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said. "I forgot her name 10 years ago."

Submitted by Sam Fox

We wish all Summit Residents

A Happy Passover

and

A Happy Easter



BYE, BYE "BIRDIES"!

The annual "Closing of the Season" celebration of the Summit golfers group of stalwart, intrepid and often sleepy swingers, striving to break "ninety" teed off on Tuesday, March 18th. The event won praise for the excellence of the culinary, entertaining and "awarding" program. Irv Saul was the MC and presenter.

The choice of Brook's restaurant was unanimously applauded. In total, a social "Hole in One". One of the evening's highlights was a joy for the six winning recipients of six "Class A" golf bags. (To non-golfers that's where the clubs sit in).

Another gesture of magnanimity was the presentation of \$100 shopping certificates to the wives of those members who worked hard and long preparing for this evening of fun, food and friendship. Rita Edelman, Shirley Kahn, Shirley Kestenbaum, Flora Stein and Harriet Scott were the fortunate five who felt honored and proud of their husband's successful efforts.

Di Hertzmark expressed her gratitude for the deep concern of all who missed Elmer's presence and are sad over his undortnate condition and pray for his recovery. Elmer was a staunch member for years.

In all it was a night to remember. The evening closed with the wish that all return in the Fall and stand, or sit, at the first tee ready to "swing it". To the few "Year 'rounders" who uphold the tradition of the group we wish a summer with gentle breezes and good golf.

Stu Bart

This is our home and yours!
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM
LITTERING IN ALL
PUBLIC AREAS
 Pool deck - Corridors - Elevators, etc.

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

NICE WORK, JOSE!

It is a great feeling to give a Summit employee "A pat on the back" for a "Job well done". Jose Condi has done a wonderful job maintaining and operating the sprinkler system so important to keep the flowers blooming beautifully around the Summit grounds, truly a delight to behold. Keep up your good work, Jose, we appreciate your devotion to keep the Summit landscaping the envy of all surrounding condos.

Betty Thornton

CHANGE GOOD??

A middle aged woman had a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you can have another 43 years to live". Upon recovery, the woman decided to have a face lift, liposuction and a tummy tuck. She even had someone change her hair color. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. A few days after her operation, while crossing the street, she was struck by an ambulance and killed. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the way of the ambulance. (You'll love this!) God replied, "I didn't recognize you!"

Submitted by Sam Fox

My Barcalounger - Ode to an Arthritic

Oh my loving Barca
 How kind you are to me.
 Not like my bed so hard
 That my bones shout their ache.
 How you enfold my body at night
 So lovingly you cushion my hips
 Until sweet sleep comes to me
 And I float on a cloud.
 No more pain - no discomfort
 No disturbance to my wife
 She who also blesses you
 Long may you remain
 In your solitary corner and wait
 For your lover to come
 Be it ever so late.
 Dear Barca: What if you were not here
 I would have to go home
 In the cold, cold country, I fear.

Harold Steinberg

JOIN THE SOCIAL CLUB
AND JOIN THE FUN!

A STORY WITH A MORAL

An old man, a boy and a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey and the old man walked. As they went along they passed some people who remarked it was a shame the old man was walking and the boy was riding.

The old man and the boy thought that maybe the critics were right, so they changed places.

Later, they passed some more people who remarked, what a shame he makes that little boy walk. They then decided they both would walk!

Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk when they had a decent donkey to ride. So, they both rode the donkey.

Now they passed some more people that shamed them by saying how awful to see such a load on a poor donkey.

The boy and the man said they were probably right, so they decided to carry the donkey.

As they crossed a bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and he fell into the river and drowned.

The moral of the story? *If you try to please everyone, you might as well kiss your ass good-bye.*

Submitted by Irving Finkel

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

By TED ARONSKY

Our on-premises Realtor

In the last edition of the Observer I mentioned there were seven units for sale at the Summit. The majority of these units have been sold. Presently to the best of my knowledge there are twelve additional units for sale. These units are 2 three bedroom, 8 two bedrooms 2 bath, and 2 smaller 1 bedroom 1 baths.

As I said previously the Summit units over the past year have risen approximately 20 to 25% but have stabilized over the past 90 days.

There is a tremendous influx of new hi-rise condominium units planned for the near future on Hollywood Beach. How this will affect your property at the Summit is still too early to predict.

Contrary to most beliefs the best time for selling condominium units is March and April. This is the time of year people that have looked all season, and are ready to make a decision before they leave South Florida.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our snowbirds a happy and healthy summer and looking forward to seeing you next season.

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 new real estate 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 summer.

Join The Social Club And Join The Fun!

WE WISH ALL SUMMIT RESIDENTS . . .

A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

A HAPPY FATHERS DAY

A HAPPY JULY 4th

A HAPPY LABOR DAY

AND HAPPINESS ALWAYS!

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

The editors and staff of the "Summit Observer"

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