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For and about the residents of the Summit

# SUMMER AT THE SUMMIT

#### By Stu Bart

Last Spring when the exodus of the Summit snowbirds began the Barts were no longer members of the flock, our wings were clipped and we were grounded here at the Summit for the Summer. The best of two worlds was now reduced to the best of one world. As we looked around we discovered that our departing neighbors left everything in its proper place, not a single amenity was changed or gone, the only thing missing was their presence.

Has the Florida way of life changed for the Summer months? Somewhat. You don't have to wait for your Italian barber, the Hispanic hairstylist or your French manicurist. Yes, you still pay them with US currency.

No more dashing to the early, earlybird where dinner feels like lunch. Diners are now asked to take their time, no hurry. Waiters answer to "Psst!" and you have to ask for your check.

At the Flea Market you can now get a parking space that is not in Dade. The booths have signs that say, "English spoken". The temperature may be up but the prices are down.

When you golf in the summer the tee time doesn't mean tea time. Your time is their time and you don't pay greens fees with money, just coupons and a couple of bucks to the starter. Well, almost.

Because traffic is down so are the number of traffic cops. You can expect less tickets ... maybe. Leaving the Summit you will experience no tieups at the exit to Ocean Drive. You can now make your right turn with ease and without swearing.



Everything is on the Pool Deck just like in the winter months except there are more empty chairs than at a Heat game. Dario has time for a siesta. Patti's Place is now the focus of activity; under the awning canopy or in the air conditioned dining room.

We do miss our mavens of parliamentary procedure. We're short of experienced Board hecklers. But we do our best with our summer talent. Seriously, folks, Summer at the Summit is like Summer everywhere except for the never tiring views of the ocean, the large imposing bay and the never fading blue sky, the intermix of cultures, the excitement of world class entertainment, exhibitions, museums and great art.

Condo life here in south Florida offers a surprising routine of active living, warm lasting friendships, delightful moments of leisure and relaxation. I once heard someone remark that living at the Summit was heavenly. Doesn't that make us Birds of Paradise? (Snowbirds, take note).

Happily it is now November and we are once again together for everything the Summit has to offer. Friendships are rekindled and new episodes of life will be added to our long list of pleasant memories. The pool deck is now full of familiar faces and voices. Patti's Place is once again the place to meet, indoors or al fresco. Chef Paul's specials are imaginative and delicious. Benji's soup beats Progresso, Patti's sweet personality is loved by all. We can't wait for those special dinners.

We love the Summit in Summer just as we love getting the best of one world.

Welcome Home, Snowbirds!

Have a Great Winter at the Summit!

# SUMMIT TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Al Finkelstein

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#### WELCOME HOME!

Now that the Fall Foliage season has ended, our Northern residents have started their annual migration to the Summit. Once again we greet you with open arms. We wish all our residents the best of health and everyone to enjoy a pleasant winter with friends and neighbors.

As you know, my promise has always been to keep the Summit in tip-top condition. I want you to know that the Summit is in the best condition since we took it over from the developer many years ago. Here are some of our accomplishment made during the summer months:

Sliding doors: For the convenience of handicapped residents and people carrying packages, we have replaced the heavy doors leading into all levels of the garage with sliding glass doors controlled by the same wand you use at present to enter our buildings, for security reasons. You will need to use your wand to enter both buildings from the garage. Many residents voiced their approval for the sliding doors mentioning the convenience of having their hands free while using a walker.

The pools Both pools were drained (not at the same time) and were repaired by a highly recommended company to prevent water from leaking on the cars parked in the gararge. The water in the first pool was drained while the repair was being made. The water in the second pool was transferred into the empty pool thereby saving us the expense of filling an empty pool which is quite costly.

Painted both buildings: Both Towers were painted and waterproofed putting a shine on the Summit property giving it a new-look appearance.

**Project in progress:** Replacement of garbage chutes in both Towers has begun and is scheduled to be completed about December 15th. We have placed temporary garbage barrels in front of the disposal room. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Worthy of mention: The landscaping around our buildings and on the pool deck is the envy of every condo; no competition! Our maintenance and house-keeping staffs are doing a great job despite some non-caring residents who seem to wait until the housekeepers clean the corridors and elevators and carelessly litter our public areas. Shame on them!

The Summit Cafe: Patti has not diminished her desire to please all her patrons to the best of her ability. She seems to become more efficient as time passes by. Patti has lived up to her promise, and more, to serve only the best food available at most reasonable prices. Our editor, Irv Rosenkranz told me that "Patti's Place" is by far the best "innkeeper" we ever had and he has seen them all from day one.

Last, but not least: I feel confident that the value of our apartments will keep on increasing in the future due to our diligence to maintain our property within budget and to continue adding amenities from time to time such as the sliding doors.

Once again I wish all our residents a happy and healthy winter at our beautiful Summit Towers on the ocean.

### GOD BLESS AMERICA!

## MIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

June 26, 2003

Treasurer's Report: Sam Fox stated that three Units were in arrears of quarterly maintenance. President Al Finlelstein noted that the Unit owner paid-up that day. Mr. Fox requested that all Restaurant expenditures be handled through one account.

Manager's Report: Al Reibel read an information sheet regarding to the garbage chutes and disposal systems. Motion made to replace garbage chutes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made to replace four floors of carpeting, cost to be paid from Reserves. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the Proposed Assessment of \$3000,000 for the purposes here noted:

a) Garbage chute replacement \$:	110,000
b) Change Insurance dates 14 mos.	
c) Entrance feature	30,000
d) Defibrillators	5,000
e) Cable shortfall	
f) Special assessments	25,000
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Payable in two installments on July 15th and September 1st.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING July 23, 2003

Treasurer Sam Fox reported there was an unusually large amount of late or incorrect maintenance payments this quarter. This is probably due to the last minute Notice of Special Assessment, which accompanied the quarterly statements.

The award of a Garbage Chute Contract was discussed. Rosalind Katz made a motion that we approve the expenditure of not more than \$105,000 for the purchase and installation of new garbage chutes. Motion carried.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING August 20, 2003

Manager's Report: Al Reidel covered the status of painting, sliding glass doors, garage cleaning, change of locks, procedures for bicycle rooms, employee's vacation and sick day policy. Mr. Reidel reported on a series of recommendations resulting from discussions with Board member John Monroe regarding "Employee Manual Change". President Al Finkelstein appointed a "Personnel Committee" consisting of John Monroe, Chair., Harmon Berger and Bill Share.

Board member Jack Arias made a motion to accept Southern Chute's proposal to replace the garbage chutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Harold Levine made a motion to accept the bid by American Pool Resurfacing Company for \$14,900. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reibel noted that he interviewed a contractor who will bid on refurbishing the pool deck restretoms. He further noted that he is dissatisfied with the landscapers and will make a change.

## POTS OR PLANTS, ANYONE?

If you have any plants or pots ready to be discarded, please contact me and I will arrange to pick them up and use them around the buildings. Thank you very much. Betty Thornton, 954-927-1885

# Subject - CARELESS RESIDENTS! who throw trash in our common areas.

Please be advised that people who throw trash in the garages and common areas will be fined!

As Chairman of our Grievance Committee, I ask that people report the names of residents they witnessed throwing litter of any kind including cigarette butts on the garage floors. Garbage cans are located in various areas throughout the garage area.

I, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will fine the "Careless Residents" immediately \$100.00 for every offence. If they continues to litter the common areas, the Board of Directors will take legal action against these "Careless Residents".

I seek the cooperation of all Summit residents to help identify these offenders. Please report all violators by name or car space to the condo office immediately upon witnessing their despicable habit.

Jack Arias, Chairman Grievance Committee

# "REEL HOLLYWOOD MUSEUM" COMING TO OCEANWALK MALL

"Reel Hollywood" - The Entertainment Museum of Florida is slated to open next year at the Hollywood Mall on Hollywood's beach.

"We have a great location in a wonderful city that we feel will make the visitors comfortable," said Larry Donizetti, the chief executive officer and executive director. "We also feel the museum will have a tremendous impact on the entire South Florida area."

Museum officials have signed a 10-year lease for the approximately 50,000 feet of space on the second floor of the Oceanside Mall.

Plans for the Reel Hollywood museum include a television studio that may broadcast a locally produced morning show with Hollywood beach and the ocean as a backdrop. Sounds great!

Museum officials have hired veteran TV and movie set designers to put together the exhibits and design the museum with a motion picture flavor.

Article submitted by Paul Finkelstein

#### A BIT OF "TIP" HUMOR

Jackie Gleason once hosted a dinner for several friends at a posh restaurant. After the dinner was over he called for the check. He asked the waiter what was the biggest tip he ever got. The waiter replied \$100. Gleason gave him a \$150 tip and asked him who gave him the \$100 tip. The waiter replied, "You did!"

#### CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Emma Lena and to the family of Sam Lena who recently passed away. Sam, a former member of the Board of Directors was very well respected and well liked by most of the Summit residents who knew him. He was a year-round resident and a dedicated member of the Board who volunteered his time and energy to upgrade the Summit. Sam was always seen with a smile on his face and he really loved people. Sam was also a man of action. When a section of a fence surrounding the Summit buildings blew down during a hurricane several years ago, it was Sam who contracted a company to immediately mend the fence and prevented tresspassers from entering the Summit area. He did not wait for the Board's approval, most members of the Board were away for the summer. He was quite a guy!

May sorrow be a stranger to the House of Lena for many years and may Sam rest in peace.

Irv Rosenkranz

## **BEAMING WITH PRIDE!!**

Why not? You too would be "beaming with pride" as Milly Czuchman is, if you had a sixteen year old granddaughter like Elizabeth Kobak who recently won a spot in the US Open Jr. Tennis Championships. Elizabeth is the only local player in the girls' junior draw, having earned a wild-card entry into the 64-player field.

There's more! She's a talented violin player who played a violin solo for the third straight year ("America, the Beautiful") at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Elizabeth was the winner of the Girls' 16s Super National Hard Court Championship in San Diego, a title she achieved by coming back from a one set, 3-5 deficit.

Elizabeth is an honor student at Jericho High School in Long Island, N.Y. She has a big serve and potent forehand, and comes from an athletically diverse family. Her father was a New York City bowling champion, her brother is a standout fencer who is now competing for Duke University and her mother has been a top-20 tennis player in the women's 40 division. What a talented family!

We wish Elizabeth Kobak a long and successful career and continue to keep her family and friends "Beaming with Pride". (Millie Czuchman lives in apt. 602n - 954-922-9383).

# INTELLECTUAL CORNER

Out of great wars come great orators and their familiar words. My father, husband and brother all served their country overseas, heroically, and fortunately lived to tell of their experiences in WWI and WWII. Personally, their words sometimes seemed like famous quotes to my ears.

Get out your books, tackle the computer, or rattle your memory. Here is one that may have remained in your memory:

## "LET US GO FORWARD TOGETHER".

Please leave your answers in the Summit Observer box in the condo office. Do not forget to sign your name. All correct answers will be rewarded by viewing your names in our own newsletter in the next issue.

Enjoy our sunny winter season as you return to the fabulous upscale Summit Towers.

Marilyn Borkin

## LAZY OR SMART?

By Bob Spiewak

Is being pensive so expensive
That we oft avoid it?
I have done it now and then
And truly enjoyed it!

Far away from the maddening crowd In my easy chair, Or in sunshine Or under a cloud.

Out in the freshing air Looking for something to do? Why not look INSIDE OF YOU?

> There is a lot inside your head, Whether reflecting Or planning ahead.

No need to check the flicks or TV.
The sport page or other diversions,
Reserve some of this for another day
There will be other occasions.

If you will heed
what I have said,
No need to explore
THERE'S LOTS IN YOUR HEAD!!

#### SUMMIT HADASSAH NEWS

During the long hot summer our active Executive Committee, under the leadership of President Renee Lewis, was very busy planning our programs, activities and meetings for the entire year. All our members received a list of "Happenings" for 2003-2004. Due to the critical situation and need in Israel our greatest fund raising efforts will be to benefit the new "Center for Emergency Medecine at Hadassah Hospital".

The November Meeting on the 20th was our Annual "Pot Luck Luncheon Party" for all paid-up members. Our members cooking and baking skills really sparkled and we all had a great time feasting and had lots of fun. Region President Roz Rosen presented some exciting news about Broward Region events.

We are going to have a "Gala Chanukah Dinner" on Saturday Evening, December 13th at our own Summit Cafe to celebrate this Happy Holiday and benefit "The Young Judea Program".

Hadassah Programs for future events are:

Book Club Meetings - Every First Monday of every month

Saturday Evening, December 13th - Cocktail and Dinner Party - plus Musical Entertainment.

Sunday, Dec. 14th - Keeper of the Gate Luncheon.

Wednesday, January 14th - Youth Aliyah Luncheon at Orangebrook Country Club.

Wednesday, January 21st - Card Party Luncheon.

Tuesday, February 17th - Region Education Day.

Future Hadassah events will be printed in the next issue of the "Observer".

Sylvia Stoltz, Corres. Secy. Summit Hadassah

### SWIMMERS' SAFETY LINE

After three years of appearances before the Hollywood City Commission a Safety Rope was finally approved on April 19, 2003. This rope is placed in the ocean on a "Green Flag" day only when the ocean is clean and the tide is calm.

Thus, people that are apprehensive about going in and coming out of the ocean due to the uneveness of the sand floor can now use this <u>Safety Line</u>. It is located behind the Summit just beyond the wooden ramp - near the life guard station.

It is the only rope of its kind in Broward County!

Gilda Fisher - 409-N

# DYNAMICS OF CURRENT INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

As our world becomes more complex and unstable, so do our personal lives. More than confused and ruptured interpersonal relationships are involved.

Rather, the individual psyche undergoes dramatic change as well. Although change of self has always been so, the hectic era in which we live complicates the sequence, normalcy and underpinnings of this process.

The rapidity of change, shock to our sensibilities in loss of past security and long-held values, inconsistencies of expectations on a daily basis and breakdown of support from family systems all contribute to an erratic, frustrating and unreliable environment. These factors interfere with personal growth and satisfaction with dizzying effects.

At this juncture in time: more stability, more tolerance, more moderation, more flexibility, more entrenched roots and more personal support systems are required to achieve a semblance of inner peace of mind.

Your Personal Psychologist Dr. Sylvia Herz

#### THE HAND OF TIME

moves o'er the dial,
And guides the seasons through the year;
It drives the sorrow from our hearts Behold - the Feast of Lights is here!

The Feast of Lights - old mem'ries stir, And pride within our breast soars high, We live again in ancient days, When Judah's glory was the cry.

We see the Maccabees of old Bow low within the house of God; Where Syrian hands defiled the halls, Where Israel's patriarchs had trod.

Now light we tapers for their deeds; Awak'ning in each heart a prayer, That we may, like the Maccabees, The glory and the valor share.

The Feast of Lights - a time we hope
Throws off the yoke of sorrow's rod,
To wing its way above the flames
That leap to glory and to God.

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# TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHANUKAH

'Twas the night before Chanukah, Boichecks 'n Maidels, Not a sound could be heard, not even the draidels. The Menorah was set by the chimney alight, In the kitchen, the Bubbie was choppin' a bite. Salami, pastrami, a glaissele tay. And zoyereh pickles with bagels - oy vay! Gezunt and geshmack the kinderlach felt. While dreaming of taiglach and Chanukah Gelt. The alarm clock was sitting, a klappen and ticken, and Bubbie was carving a shtickele chicken.

A tummel arose like a thousand Beruches,
Santa had fallen and broken his ----I put on my slippers - ains, zvei, drei.
While Bubbie was enjoying her herring and rye,
I grabbed for my bathrobe and buttoned my gotkies,
and Bubbie was just devouring the latkes.

To the window I ran and to my surprise,
A little red yarmalke greeted my eyes.
"Yiddishe Kinder", he said, "Keinahorah".
I thought I was in a strange hoise.
As long as I'm here, I'll leave a few toys".
"Come into the kitchen, I'll get you a dish,
A guppel, a leffel, a shtickele fish".

With smacks of delight, he started his fressen. Chopped liver and knaidlach and kreplach geggessen. Along with his meals, he had a few schnappes,

When it came to eating, this toy was tops. He asked for some knishes and pepper and salt, But they were so hot he yelled "Oy gevalt!" He buttoned his hoysen and ran from the tish, "Your Koshereh meals are simply delish". As he went through the door, he said, See you all later,

I'll be back next Pesach in time for the Seder". More rapid than eagles his prancers they came, As he whistled and shouted and called them by name. Now Izzie! Now Morris! Now Louis! and Sammy! On Irving! and Maxie! and Hymie! and Mannie! He gave a geshrey as he drove out of sight, "A good Yontiff to you all and to all a good night".

Submitted by Harmon Berger

# THANK YOU FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FROM GLORIA BART AND HELENE KRETCHMAN

We wish to thank Doris Cantor, Shirley Soldinger, Dolores Solomon, Bernice Troop, Doris Zuckerman and to Patti for her wonderful cooperation to make our joint birthday party so memorable at the Summit Cafe. We also wish to thank Henry Zimmerman for delivering the birthday cake at 8am. What a great day we had! - We love you all!

#### **EXERCISE CLASS**

Our exercise class started years ago with just a handful of women. Today we have a large thriving group of women, and some men, who come three mornings a week to enjoy the benefits of being fit. In just one hour we do low impact aerobics, strength training, stretching for flexibility, and some yoga.

While we are improving psysically, we are having a great time socializing and exchanging stories and jokes. We all want to feel good, look good and stay young as long as possible. We invite you to join our happy group any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning from 9am to 10am in the North Tower, 3rd floor lounge. The beauty part of it is there is no charge and the only commitment you make is to yourself.

Eleanor Blumberg - 1510-N.

#### "THE WOMEN'S GROUP"

One of the best things at the Summit (aside from the new sliding doors) is the "Womens Group". We are extremely fortunate to have such an engaging, well qualified leader as Judie Manulkin. Every Monday morning at 10 o'clock, in the 3rd floor North Tower, lounge, you'll find a circle of of women ready to listen, learn and express their thoughts. The subjects range from attitudes to Zweiback and everything in between (including sex!). Many of us have made subtle but important changes in our daily lives, thanks to these discussions. Monday has become our favorite day of the week, it could be yours too! For further information, call Judie Manulkin - 954-924-9686.

#### "NEW FUN GROUP"

Something new and exciting has happened at the Summit! A group of single people (and some couples) have gotten together just to have a good time. We have no president, no dues, no special rules, and we all pay our own way. Our only requirements are great rapport, friendship, companionship and having lots of fun. We have already had five extremely successful outings and have enthusiastic plans for many more exciting events.

Eleanor Blumberg - 1510-N

Editor's Note: What started out as a small singles group spearheaded by Bernice Troop has mushroomed into what is now called "The Fun Group".

## PLEASE! - PLEASE! - PLEASE!

Don't throw extra-large bags full of garbage down the trash chutes - correct size garbage bags are available in the condo office FREE OF CHARGE!

# JOIN THE SOCIAL CLUB AND JOIN THE FUN!

#### WELCOME BACK, Y'ALL!

We missed you! While you were gone we had a busy Summer filled with cook-outs and get-togethers.

On Saturday, November 1st we celebrated Halloween with a costume Dinner Party at the Summit Cafe.

The usual Cocktail Hour preceded an outstanding Italian Dinner. (Thank you, Patti and Benji for a job well done!). Costumes were most imaginative. We had Phantom of the Opera, Mr. and Mrs. Angel complete with wings, Raggedy Annie, Cleopatra and Hello Dolly among others. Madam Butterfly and Cat-In-The-Hat won the champagne.

And here's a 'Heads Up': Save the dates for a New Years Eve Gala and a free entertainment evening for paid up members to be held at the Community Center on Friday, January 16th. Tuesday night movies start on November 18th.

# KEEP WATCHING THE BULLETIN BOARDS! Something new is always coming up.

Rosalind Katz, Secretary Summit Social Club

# GET IN ON THE ACTION ~~!

Your chance to do it
your way
Place your name in
nomination as a candidate for
the Board of Director's of the
Summit Social Club

Sign-up sheet in the office

This is a two-year term. Election will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup>. All candidates must be current members of the Social Club. Names must be submitted by December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Summit Social Club

# **MOVIE NIGHT**

## **EVERY TUESDAY**

AT 7:30 - SOUTH LOUNGE

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**REFRESHMENTS** 

(Social Club Members Only)

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY FOR OUR SPECTACULAR

# NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG AND BE "LOCKED OUT"

## **Summit Social Club**



2004
Membership
Now Open
\$ 17.50 per Person (per year)
(Buy's a lot of fun)
Call Al – (954) 923-5820

or

leave your check in the office ~~ Attn: Social Club

# Join The Social Club And Join The Fun!

# TED'S TALK . . . THE REAL ESTATE CORNER

What a difference a year makes! "Prices are up - Inventory is low" "WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS"

To the best of my knowledge there are two (2) one bedroom apartments, one (1) convertible and three (3) 2 bedroom for sale at the Summit. The price range is from \$170,000 for a small one bedroom and \$375,000 for an upgraded two bedroom. I would estimate the average time on the market is approximately 30 days.

The most common question people are asking is why have prices increased so rapidly? It is my opinion that new units in the area (and there are many) are so costly that people are purchasing resales. New units are selling for over \$300 per square foot where the Summit average is less than \$200 per square foot. Also, a recent survey of the South Florida Real Estate Market has estimated 280,000 people are moving to Florida each year, where their Northern homes in Urban areas have more than doubled.

Combining this with the low interest rates, South Florida Condos are booming. 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 their 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.

HAVE A GREAT WINTER!

Ted Aronsky

#### **BOB HOPE CLASSIC REMARKS**

(Passed away 7-27-2003 at age 100)

ON TURNING 70 "You still chase women, but only downhill."

ON TURNING 80 "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90 "You know you're getting old when the candles costs more than the cake.

ON TURNING 100 "I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon when I take my nap.

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER BOXING "I ruined my hands in the ring ... the referee kept standing on them."

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR "Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called in my home, 'Passover'."

ON GOLF "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the greens fees."

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother 'Congratulations. You have an eight-pound ham'."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom.

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

Submitted by Sam Fox

## THE SUMMIT OBSERVER

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