

PLAT CHAT

DECEMBER 2023

**Delray Villas Plat 4/5
Community Newsletter**
www.delrayvillas45.com

NUMBER 013

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Monday

December 18, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM "B" Building



Rec Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday

December 6, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM "B" Building

Happy
Holidays



— AND A —

JOYFUL NEW YEAR

Happy
Hanukkah



Merry
Christmas



Happy
New Year



**Your Vote Counts!! Vote for the Delray
Villas 4/5 HOA & Recreation Boards**

Vote December 4th thru the 18th

See Pages 8, 9, 10, and 11 for information and a paper ballot.





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HOA MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

You can attend from home if you are unable to come to the Viking Room. You will receive an email from Dianne Stevens with the link for our monthly meeting, you may also access it through our website:

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(If during the meeting you need help contact via text)

Alan Shwartz 561-376-4040

WEBSITE/COMMUNITY CHANNEL

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Our community details are updated on an as needed basis for all your informational needs.

(Community Channel is located on 591 on your television.)

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Interview Committee

If you are selling or renting your home any new occupants must contact:

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HOA FEES and STOPPEL LETTERS

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Any questions you are not sure of; call Mike anytime 7 days a week:

954-658-7295

Happy Holiday Recipes by Nancy Grasso

Cranberry Bread

Ingredients:

1 cup fresh cranberries chopped
 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
 2 cups flour
 1 cup sugar
 1 & 1/2 teas. Baking powder
 1 teas. Salt
 1/2 teas. Baking soda
 2 tbl. Melted butter
 3/4 cup orange juice
 Zest from one orange
 1 egg beaten



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°.
 Grease and lightly flour loaf pan.
 In a bowl, mix dry ingredients.
 Stir in orange juice, eggs, butter, then fold in cranberries, nuts, and orange zest.
 Bake 60 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean.

Decorative Iced Vodka

First measure freezer space. Can your bottle of vodka stand upright?
 Next place vodka bottle in half gallon cardboard, milk or juice container with the top completely cut off. Insert flowers and leaves, fill with water.
 When completely frozen remove cardboard container.
 Hold bottle with towel when serving.
 Your guests will be so impressed!
 The presentation is beautiful!



Pumpkin Pie - Makes 2 pies!

Beat 6 eggs with 1 can (30 ounce) pumpkin & 1 can (14 Oz.) sweetened condensed milk & 5 teas. Pumpkin pie spice.
 Pour into 2 prepared pie crusts.

Bake 40 minutes at 350°.



AFTER 6 MARIACHI BAND



With the upcoming After 6 Cinco de Mayo party, I decided to start a band. My wife thought I was crazy. Who would join the "band"? I said "I'll ask everyone and anyone."

Well, first I had to make instruments. Looking in the garage and the recycling bin, I found bottles, jars, juice jars, coffee cans, etc. The band was born. We became known as The After 6 Mariachi Band.

Since the 1st time, at the Cinco de Mayo party, we've played many of the parties, DVRA and After 6. By the Halloween party we had 14 members playing various drums, shakers, etc. Of course, I play the harmonica.

Alan Kaplan thinks we should hire an agent to get us a "gig", ha-ha. At least we all have fun, even those in the audience.

I want to thank all members who play with enthusiasm. They are great. Also I want to thank the audience that supports us.

Who knows, maybe you'll see us sometime.

Harvey Lazaroff

DELRAY VILLAS 4/5

HOA - Announcement:

Starting January 1, 2024, I will no longer be accepting checks left on my porch. You can either:

- mail your check to the bank in the envelopes you received with the coupon, OR
- you can sign-up for automatic withdrawal. To do this I will need one of your checks marked "VOID."

****If you leave a check on my porch I will return it to you.****

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Have a happy Holiday Season.

-Sheila Lane, Treasurer





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Holiday Stress

Stress is something we deal with all throughout the year, but the holidays can bring even more stress. Stress is defined by Merriam Webster as “a physical, chemical, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension and may be a factor in disease causation.” As you can tell by the definition stress doesn’t just impact our emotional health, it can impact our overall health leading to conditions such as depression, anxiety, obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and the list could go on and on. So managing stress during the holidays is just as important, if not more than in your everyday life. So remember to give yourself self-compassion and use the tips below to reduce your stress this holiday season and increase your **Cheer**.

Improve your Cheer:

“ME” time: Schedule some “me” time **every day** to get your energy and mind back in focus.

Say NO: Don’t forget its okay to say no. Don’t overwhelm yourself by saying yes to every invitation.

Sleep: Make sure you are getting enough sleep. Aim for 7 to 8 hours per night.

Stay active: Be sure you are fitting in your daily fitness.

Check your Focus: Focus on what really matters family and friends, laughter, and cheer.

Practice Self-Compassion: Be sure not only give others empathy and compassion, but yourself as well.

by Halie Corbitt, University of Florida.

Posted: November 6, 2023

Resources: UF/IFAS Extension Let’s Walk FL Holiday Ready, Merriam Webster, Effective Stress management

My Danish Christmas Family Traditions by Nancy Grasso

As December begins, these ideas can bring joy no matter what holiday you celebrate!

Rice Pudding made with vanilla, chopped almonds, & cherry topping. Typically one almond is left whole and whoever finds it will have exciting adventures & good luck all year! In my family, everyone found a whole almond, blanched so you don’t break a tooth!

Julehjert , woven paper hearts with handles so they open like a basket to hold candy. Said to be created by Hans Christian Andersen when he wrote “The Fir Tree” story in 1845. Many YouTube how to videos are available. Or ask me !

Raise your glass in a classic Danish Toast and say “Skaal!”. Here’s what it means ...

Sundhed (Health)
Kærlighed (Love)
Alderdom (Old Age)
Arvinger (Heirs)
Lykke (Happiness)

And lastly I’d like to mention Danish Puffs (pancakes) called Æbleskiver! These are freshly made ball shaped pancake puffs. They are made in a special pan on your stovetop. More like round puffy warm donuts if you ask me! Dusted with sugar & filled with jam, yum!!

Any questions or recipe requests? I’ll gladly share!

glædelig jul glad hanukkah! (Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah!)

Annual Election Instructions:

Mail-in BALLOT on Page 11

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Elizabeth “Betty” Hillier

Delray Villas Recreation Association Board - 1 position open: Vote for only ONE

1 _____

Tony Costa

2 _____

Camille Montemurno

DELRAY VILLAS PLAT 4/5 HOA BOARD AND RECREATION DIRECTOR ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS. ALL VOTING MUST BE COMPLETE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, 5 PM

This year, the HOA Board had decided to vote electronically using a third-party representative. This is a safe and efficient method to increase participation and is more cost effective.

Each property with an email on file will receive an email invitation to vote on your own computer through the community voting site. Please be sure to add this email address to your safe sender list/address book so you can participate in the vote. delrayvillasplat45@ivotehoa.com

You will receive your email notification by Monday, December 4, 2023. If we do not have your email address on file because you opted out or never gave us one or you did not receive the email (check your spam folder). You can still vote online. Please contact Sheila Lane @ 561-381-7725 or go to the web address listed below and click Contact Us to get your code.

Website address: <https://delrayvillasplat45.ivotehoa.com/register> Voting online is easy and quick!

You will have three steps! Receive the email and click the link to go to the voting site (or go to the voting site and enter your code).

2. Register for the vote by entering your name, email, and creating a password.
3. Make your choices on the ballot, this year there is only one ballot.

NO BALLOT for the DV Plat 4/5 HOA Board – there are 5 people running for 5 positions. Therefore, there will be a single vote by the Secretary in her absence from the meeting and the Treasurer will cast the vote, for all 5 to be voted into office.

Single ballot will take you directly to the DV Rec Board – 2 people running, choose 1 (one). and click submit. When your vote is complete, you will receive both an onscreen confirmation and an email that the vote has been recorded. The entire process takes only a few minutes - less time than it did to read these instructions!

If you choose to send in a paper ballot (included in mailing) please mail it to:

Delray Villas Plat 4/5 PO Box 6262, Delray Beach, Florida, 33482.

Mail-in BALLOT on Page 11

Biographies of Recreation and HOA Board Candidates

Camille Montemurno, Recreation Board Position



I am proud to submit my name for the Delray Villas Recreation Association board position. We have lived in Delray Villas Plat 4/5 for the past 8 years.

I am the mother of 3 sons and have been blessed with 2 additional sons and a daughter through my marriage to Michael. We have 11 grandchildren, 9 boys and 2 girls. And life is fun and exciting.

The skills I bring with me to the DV Rec Board are people skills, fiduciary responsibility understanding and the experience of volunteering for 20 plus years for Central Jersey Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading program. I pride myself on being able to work with everyone.

I was an Executive Secretary at Continental Insurance (CNA) in Manhattan, to the SVP of Human Resources, The Chief Underwriting Officer, and the VP of Finances. My previous experience includes budgets, contracts, bidding processes, vetting the bidders, also scheduling of property vendors.

My promise to you is that I will represent all 491 homes in Plat 4/5 as per our needs for our community, but I also can assure you that I will have fiduciary responsibility for all 1127 homes in the Delray Villas Community. These are the assets I bring to the table if you vote for me. Thank you and I appreciate each one of you.

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Tony Costa, Recreation Board Position



I am writing to ask for your support in re-electing me to the board of directors of our association. I have been a valuable member of our board for the past two years and have contributed a lot to our community.

I am a retired tile contractor who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in managing projects, budgets and contracts. I have been instrumental in overseeing the maintenance & improvement of our clubhouse and pool. I have also negotiated with vendors and contractors to get us the best deals and quality services.

I am a dedicated and responsible board member who always acts in the best interest of our association and committed to maintaining the value and beauty of our community.

Please consider voting for me in the upcoming election.

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Hope Greenblatt , 4/5 HOA Board



I live at 6329 LaSalle Road. have lived here since May 2015. I previously lived in Broward County from 1978 – 2015. One of the communities, I lived in Waterside Villas in Sunrise where I served as the Vice President of their HOA.

During my working career I was a Senior Media Buyer negotiating lowest rates for TV, Radio, and Cable for many well-known companies.

When Stuart and I moved here, I was busy with our lives, our daughter, Mah Jongg and Canasta. Now that Stuart is gone, I have become more involved with our community.

Since our newsletter has been revamped, I've worked from Day One with the Executive Board on it. I am responsible for getting the vendors for advertising and assisting with the publishing of our Plat Chat. I was instrumental along with other volunteers helping with the Breezeline project, I also worked with our Diamonds parties. I ask for your support and vote so that I can continue to assist in any way possible for our community.

Elizabeth “Betty” Hillier, 4/5 HOA Board



My name is Elizabeth “Betty” Hillier and I would like to place my name forward to serve on the HOA board of Delray Villas Section 4/5.

I was born and raised on a farm in western Pennsylvania outside of Pittsburgh. Paul and I moved to Florida in 1977 to the Tampa Bay area. We lived in the same house for 32 years before moving to the east coast. I have been a resident of Delray Villas for almost twelve years. The main reason my husband and I bought in Delray Villas was because I sold my first house on Stanley Lane twelve plus years ago. We were living in Boca at the time and I went home that night and told my husband about a subdivision in Delray Beach that I had showed that day and how much I liked it. My thoughts at that time were looking forward to retirement for both of us. I wanted a non-gated subdivision, my husband wanted a garage to tinker in, and most important we both wanted the maintenance fees to be low and offer a lot for our money. I showed Paul one house in Delray Villas on Lasalle Rd the next weekend and we bought it. I now have the most wonderful neighbors especially my roof mate. I have neighbors that step in and help if I need it and they did when I need it most. I have been a big promoter of Delray Villas while continuing my real estate career. Explaining to buyers what we (Delray Villas Section 4/5) had to offer. I’m now ready to volunteer my time to help keep our subdivision beautiful and most important affordable....

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Nancy Grasso, HOA Board



My husband and I have enjoyed being residents of Delray Villas Plat 4/5 since December 2021. I’m very grateful to the HOA Board and I’d like to contribute my time as well.

My life experience as it relates directly to serving on the Board is as follows: Over 10+ years employed by a large public library system (New Jersey) which served over 500,000 residents. I planned major events (both for the public & employees) as I Chaired both the Staff Development Committee and the ADA ,

Americans with Disabilities Act. I was a business owner/operator (restaurateur) in the Danbury Fair Mall, the second largest shopping mall in Connecticut. I’ve enjoyed attending and volunteering to help for many Delray Villas events, including actively participating on Plat Chat. I’d like to enthusiastically contribute to the continued enjoyable lifestyle we all share as Plat 4/5 residents. I hope I’ll have your vote !

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Bill Yesowitch, 4/5 HOA Board



I have been an owner in Delray Villas since 2011. I live here with my wife, Judy. I have practiced Law in Louisville, Kentucky for 30 years.

I am our current Vice President and have served on the HOA Board of Directors since 2016. I also have the responsibilities to Chair our Interview Committee, Parliamentarian at all our Plat 4/5 HOA Meetings. I attend our Rec Board meeting and am vocal to ensure all our needs and questions are answered. I also review all our bids and prepare our budget each year.

I have served as President in local Rotary Club 3 times, Chairman of Buechel Kentucky Business Association, Neighborhood Association and President and/or Treasurer of Congregation Anshei Sfard.

I am honored to serve on the 4/5 Executive Board of Directors and am always just a phone call away. Thank you for your continued support and I will always perform my responsibilities with the best interest of DV Plat 4/5.

Russ Mayer, 4/5 HOA Board



I am running for re-election for the Plat 4/5 Board of Directors. I have managed our maintenance team led by Todd for the past 7 years. I am also responsible for all the lakes and canals. I am the friendly face you will see if there is any landscaping issues or problems at your property. I am on our budget team, and I am also part of the bidding process for all of our vendors, that we review always for the best service and price.

I want you all to know that I thoroughly enjoy the responsibilities the board has bestowed upon me and proud to be a Plat 4/5 Board of Director. Thank you for your support!

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MAKING THE *TOUGH* DECISIONS, by Maxine Geller

Life constantly throws curve balls which are retrievable in varying degrees. I have attempted to get my Mother-in-Law to move into Assisted Living for the past 5 years! She refused. Since COVID, my Mother-in-Law took on the mantle of a hermit in Glen Eagles. No need to cook for herself, she ordered meals which were delivered from the Country Club and enough food for a few days. She existed for 15 months with a 4 hour a daily aide who was responsible for her personal hygiene, food shopping, hair appointments and going to the doctor. Someone came in to clean on a regular basis. Just like being in assisted living but only it's home. I spend my winters in Florida and 6 weeks of the summer just in case a medical issue should come up. Upon my arrival last June, she suffered a bad fall which put her in the hospital, and it was, "Batter Up," for me! The family was totally unaware of her health decline. During her last 4 months of living in her home, she had experienced many falls. Rather than push her medical alert button to get help to stand, she would call Security and tell them not to call her sons. This finally backfired. She was admitted to the ER around 8 pm on a Friday. Family was never called by the Hospital until 8 am the next morning! Had she pressed her medical alert button, her sons would have been notified! WE HAD NO IDEA she was in the emergency room! When I saw her in the Emergency Room, she was totally confused. She had been awaiting someone to come get her for 10 hours! Cognitive ability to make her own decisions was now gone. There was no choice but place her in a facility somewhere, but where? "A PLACE FOR MOM" helped us to find placement. They helped me find local Assisted Living places with Respite beds: this gave us a chance to checkout appropriate facilities.

She is now SAFELY living with new Friends and caring Staff.

A whole new ballgame has begun!!!

The LEGAL CHIT- CHAT

By: Alan Jay Lewis, Esq.

One of the most significant transactions that a person may be involved with is the Selling or Buying of a Home.

THIS ARTICLE WILL DISCUSS SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR A SELLER OF A HOME TO CONSIDER:

1. If you decide to “List” your Home for Sale with a Broker/Realtor, [rather than “Selling by Owner”], you need to meet with more than one Broker/Realtor and spend some time discussing with them what they are going to do to actively market the sale of your home....what the Listing Price of your Home will be... what commission/fee the Broker/Realtor will charge for their services...and how many months will the home be subject to the Listing Agreement. On this last point, see paragraph 2 immediately below.
2. You should always spend some time to read and review the Listing Agreement that you will be signing [BEFORE you sign it] because the Listing Agreement defines your the duties and obligations, as the Seller, and also describes the duties and obligations of the Broker/Realtor; it also defines the period that the Home will be “Listed” by the Broker/Realtor – for instance, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, and as noted in paragraph 1 immediately above, the Listing Agreement states the Real Estate Commission/Fees to be paid by the Seller to the Broker/Realtor.
3. When a prospective Buyer submits an “OFFER” to purchase your Home, it is good advice for you to read and review the OFFER carefully BEFORE you sign the OFFER. If the technical language that is included in an Offer to Purchase seems too overwhelming, you should consider hiring an Attorney who practices in the area of real estate, to review the Offer to purchase your Home – BEFORE you sign the Offer. Once you sign the Offer, it becomes a VALID BINDING Real Estate Contract and cannot be modified or changed without the consent of BOTH the Buyer and the Seller. The Real Estate Contract also describes the fees and costs.
4. Many Sellers choose not to hire an Attorney to review the proposed OFFER BEFORE they sign the OFFER, because they do not want to spend the extra money to hire a lawyer at that point in time. Some of those people believe that “it is good enough” for the Broker/Realtor to protect their interests; however, that is not always the case. This is because a Broker/Realtor is not a Real Estate Attorney and cannot give the Seller legal advice with regard to protecting the Seller’s interest under the terms and provisions contained within the Contract of Sale.

After the Contract of Sale and purchase is signed by both the Buyer and the Seller, a Title Company is designated to handle the Closing, as the Closing/Settlement Agent. The Title Company examines the status of the Title to your Home and determines if your Title is “marketable” ... and if the Title is not “marketable”, a Title Company will assist you, as the Seller, to try to eliminate/remove any defects in the Title to your property that the Title Company has determined as a result of their Title and Lien Searches of your property [Home].

A Title Company cannot give any “legal advice” regarding whether there is any breach or default by the Buyer. Only an Attorney who represents the Seller’s interest under the terms and provisions of the Contract of Sale can advise their client [the Seller] if the Buyer has not fulfilled its obligations under the Contract of Sale.

5. If hiring an Attorney to represent you in connection with the Sale of your Home is an expense that you want to incur, you should first consider shopping around and meet with several real estate attorneys to decide if their services and their legal fees are to your liking.

Having an Attorney in your “corner” to represent your interest regarding one of the most significant transactions you may ever undertake [the sale of your Home] can certainly be well worth a reasonable cost.

6. The last basic part of the Sale of your Home is the Closing/Settlement of the transaction. This is when you, as the Seller, transfer and deliver, to the Buyer the “ownership rights to your home” by executing a Deed to the Buyer in exchange for the payment by the Buyer of the balance of the Purchase price. Your Attorney or the Title Company can explain the Closing Documents/Settlement Statement to the Seller, and that process will describe to you what costs/expenses/fees/taxes relating to the sale are chargeable to you, as the Seller.

Alan Jay Lewis, Esq.

Admitted to the Bar of the State of Florida and the State of New York. I am a Resident of Delray Villas, Plat 4/5

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Theater Shows by Lynne Cohen

Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray 561-272-1281

12/15- Christmas Carol
12/21-12/31- Tevye in N.Y.

Hard Rock - 5747 Seminole Way, Hollywood, Fl. 866-502-7529

12/2- Joe Bonamassa
12/7-12/8- Bruno Mars
12/9- Saraj Brightman
12/10- Derek Hough
12/14- Pentatonix
12/15- John Mulaney
12/16-12/17- Andrea Bocelli
12/22-Il Divo
12/26-12/29- Dave Chappelle



Arts Garage- 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray- 561-450-6357

12/1- Comedy Tammy Pescatelli
12/2- Elvis in Person(Matt Stone)

Parker Playhouse - 201 SW 5th Ave., Ft Lauderdale, 954-462-0222 press 1

12/1- The Fab Four
12/2- South Florida Symphony Orchestra
12/3-Lucia Micarelli & Leo Amuedo
12/5- Ann Wilson
12/7- Andy Summers
12/8- Eddie Griffin
12/11- Daniel O'Donnell
12/15-12/17- Arts Ballet Theater of Fl.
12/20- Celtic Angels Christmas
12/28- State Ballet Theater of Ukraine
12/30- Jen Kramer

Boca Black Box- 8221 Glades Rd., Suite # 10, Boca, 561-483-9036

12/20- Elon Gold
12/31- Modi Rosenfeld

Kravis Center- 701 Okeechobee Blvd.. WPB, 561-832-7469

11/7-11/12- Chicago
11/24-11/25- Cirque Dreams Holidaze
12/2-12/3- Nutcracker
12/5-12/10- Mean Girls
12/19-12/24- Beetle Juice

Delray Marketplace

Starting Wednesday, Oct 4-April 24 FREE Concerts



Alan Schwartz was Honored for his service in the Seabees

The Southeast Florida Honor Flight was this past Saturday, November 4 and Alan Schwartz was flown to Washington D.C. on that honor flight to be honored with other men for the day.

Upon flying home and landing in PBI, they were received by bands, and thousands of people lined the hallways with flags and signs.

Not just family and friends but by brownie troops, cub scouts, eagle scouts, and tons of spectators. I watched the entire video and it brought tears to my eyes with all the emotions that I felt. Alan Schwartz enlisted in the US Navy at 20 years old and trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. His father served in the US Army during WWII and his uncle happened to serve on the same ship as Alan but during the Korean War. Alan's unit was in Chu Lai Vietnam for several months during 1966. His unit received the Navy "E" for building the Chu Lai Airstrip for the 2nd Marine Division in record time. He says the reason they worked so quickly was because when his unit arrived, the Marines were only living in tents. Just the knowledge that he was there to support the Marines in the area and help make their lives bearable, under such difficult circumstances, it inspired Alan and his fellow Seabees to make miracles happen in record time.

After leaving the service, Alan worked as a patent illustrator for 20 years and owned and operated a commercial print shop in Boston before moving to Florida in 1986 and opening a steel and aluminum fabrication shop.

We are grateful for your creativity and service, Alan, and we hope that your November 4th Honor Flight mission was memorable and full of special moments.

Currently Alan is always there to lend a hand to anyone that needs him. He is our "Maestro" for all shows!! He does our T.V. network in our community and videos all our Meetings to put on our Community TV.

*Thank you Alan for all your work and support within our Delray Villas family...
as well as serving our country with your whole heart and soul!!!*



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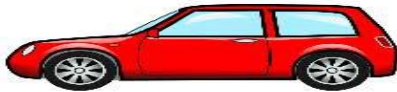
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Cabinet of Curiosities

by Heidi Elias

My introduction to thrifting, and to shopping in general, began many years ago when my mom took my sisters and me bargain-hunting at the Aqueduct Flea Market in Queens, NY. The "Flea Market," as it affectionately became known, was a magical place where the thrill of "the hunt," and the exhilarated anticipation of what you might discover, was equally as satisfying as taking home the "treasure" itself.

When I got a little older and learned to drive, excursions to the Flea Market with my sister and my best friend became a regular ritual—"an event!" There was always an ease in the day when going with "my girls" to the Flea Market, as all cares and worries immediately melted away. Going to the Flea Market was a guaranteed great time!

We embarked on the maze of booths of vendors with their wares, shopping isle after isle, hour after hour. We had a system/understanding where if one person wanted to investigate a booth for longer than the others (usually me), the other two would continue on, and then the delayed one would simply catch up. And it always worked out! Later in the day, we would stop for cashews and iced-cold seltzer (diet coke for my sister) from the "Nuts Lady," a constant companion through the years.

It was a sad day when in 2010, the Aqueduct Flea Market shut down. However, thankfully it reincarnated, and popped-up behind the Green Acres Multiplex Movie Theatre, in Valley Stream, soon after. As loyal disciples, we followed. While it was not the same as before, we adjusted. Still, some years following that, the Flea Market once again moved, this time to Fountain Avenue in Brooklyn under its new name "Aquaduck" Flea Market (No joke!).

Again, we followed.

As I prepared to make my permanent move to Delray Beach, I learned that the lot where the Aquaduck Flea Market stood, had been re-acquired and re-purposed by its owners, and that the Aquaduck Flea Market closed for good.

They say that, "All good things must come to an end." The closing of the Flea Market coinciding with my farewell to NY felt like some sort of lyrical synchronicity—the end of an era. Fortunately for me, my sister who had previously moved to Delray some years earlier, introduced me to the local thrift stores. Delightedly, these stores have been satisfying my need to thrift/shop, as a pretty close second to the Flea Market. ***RIP Aqueduct/AquaDuck Flea Market!***



BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY WISHES

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If you would like us to celebrate your special day, please let us know the dates of your birthday and anniversary. SEND EMAIL TO: PLATCHAT@DELRAYVILLAS45.COM

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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ACC will meet every other Monday at 10 am to review all ACC applications for exterior work to be conducted by you the homeowner on your property. Have your applications in by Sunday night before the meeting.

If it is exterior work you are *required* to get permission through the ACC committee.

December meetings will be December 11th and December 26th.

Please pick-up and drop-off applications on the porch at Alan Rossman's home: 13834 Packard Terrace. Questions? Call any ACC member below:

Architectural Committee Members:

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New Hat Story

An old lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat on tight, so that it would not blow off in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said: “ Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind.?”

“Yes, I know,” said the lady, “ I need both hands to hold on to this hat!”

“But, madam, you must know that your privates are exposed!” said the gentleman in earnest.

The woman looked down, then back up to the man and replied, “Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!” Submitted by Chelle Lukens

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‘Twas the First Night of Hanukkah



Twas the first night of Hanukkah, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The menorah was placed in the window with care, in hopes that our evening visitor would soon be here. Mama in her kerchief, and I in my Yarmulke, had just settled down for the 8 nights of Hanukkah.

When up on the roof top there arose such a clatter, that I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. I rushed out the door and went outside, and looked up at the rooftop to behold an amazing sight.

For up on the roof top, my gazing eyes did seek was a gallant black stallion and its rider, Judah the Maccabee. He got down from his horse and looked all around his eyes met mine and shouted, “I’m Jerusalem bound!”

I thought for a moment, of what I could say, and finally replied; “Yo Judah, you’re in the US of A” but we’ve been expecting you any way, come down from the roof and just follow me this way!”

“Might as well” sighed Judah as he dismounted his horse, “but I can’t stay long, got to get back on course.” So Judah jumped down from the roof with a bound, but not empty handed, and that was a fact, for on his back he bore a large, heavy sack.

He entered our house, and went straight to the kitchen, put his sack down next to a defrosting chicken. He took from his sack, and put on the table, all sorts of treats, as quick as he was able.

Latkes, apple sauce, sour cream, and bagels, lox and cream cheese he arranged on the table. To be sure this was one night we would never forget, the kindness of Judah who kept us well fed.

With the sack now empty, he climbed back to the roof, he jumped on his horse and rode out of sight, saying;

“Happy Hanukkah to all, and to all a good night.”

By Jacob Ben Avraham
submitted by Chelle Lukens