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## Message from the Board President

As discussed and passed at the September Board of Directors meeting, the board has agreed to issue FOBs to children from 14 through 18 years of age at no charge. We encourage all qualified to register at the office as soon as possible. When requesting a free under age FOB, parents must accompany their children to the management office in order to sign the necessary forms.

Please remember that the minimum age to use the Exercise Room is 16. Parents are expected to make sure their children comply with all regulations.

Allen Roffman, Board President

## Message from the Editor

I wish to thank the residents of Flamenco for the articles they have submitted, some serious and some fun, for our pleasurable reading. I welcome all contributions and use them when time and space allow. Please keep them coming! Feel free to call me when you have something you would like to submit.

Sylvia Simha, Editor

## Message from the Social Club President



### IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE!!

After 34 years, the "Flamenco Social Club" is closing its doors! The demography at Flamenco has changed, and our original members are not with us any longer.

To my wonderful Board of Directors: Marsha Borenstein, Muriel Erens, Vera Ericson, Ruthe Miller, Leanne Roffman and Sylvia Simha. Thank You! I could not have done it without you. You were the glue that held us together.

To the Board of Directors and staff of Flamenco; thank you for always being on board to help us out. Thank you to all the volunteers... you helped us out tremendously.

Best wishes to all members and "non-members", I'll be seeing you and will be happy to chat and to stop and say hello!

Erika Leib, Social Club President

## Bug-Off Schedule at Flamenco:

### TOWER - 1

Floors 12-PH 1ST Wednesday Morning

Floors 1-11 2nd Wednesday Morning

### TOWER - 2

Floors 12 -PH  
3RD Wednesday Morning

Floors 1-11,  
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
OCTOBER 14	15	16	17 Board Meeting Rec Room 7:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22 BINGO 7:30 Rec Room	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	NOVEMBER 1	2	3
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16	17

## 1 Parking Space = 10 Free Laundry Tokens

Thanks to all those who are participating in the GOOD NEIGHBOR program, detailed in the bulletin boards by each mail box area. Just a reminder for those snowbirds who will only be with us a short time this season: SHARE YOUR PARKING SPOT with year-round Flamencoites when you are not here. You are not giving up your spot. Your spot will always be free and available to you when you are here and need it.

But while you are away, and not using the spot, there are many people who live here year-round that either need a second spot or need to park closer to the building due to health issues.

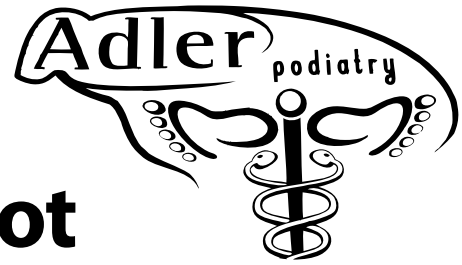
By seeing Gisela or Nikki in the front office and telling us when you will not be here, we can allow others to use your parking spot instead of a guest spot, which are otherwise usually filled up and unavailable for guests.

We have many new unit owners with 2 cars, so the GOOD NEIGHBOR program helps alleviate this problem while causing nobody to lose out... it's a win-win for everybody.

Please review the flyer by each mail box or stop in the front office so Gisela can explain it to you. Your cooperation is appreciated by all.

**Andrew Solomon,**  
*Parking Committee Chairman*

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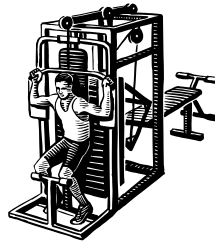
We are pleased to announce that by the time you read this newsletter, we will have modernized our exercise room. From this point on you will have no excuse to get the body you desire. We have changed the flooring and have added new equipment for upper and lower body exercises. Come visit the updated exercise room and try out our new 4 person gym equipment which will take care of all the muscles in your body.

Along with our new state of the art treadmills, elliptical machine and bikes you will have an opportunity to get a complete workout.

I want to thank David Bowen, a member of the Board, for his assistance in obtaining the final equipment to complete the exercise room. We were ready to spend over \$10,000 on the equipment, and wound up spending half.

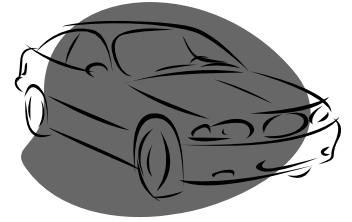
If you see either of us around the lobby or the gym, please feel free to give us your feedback on the updated equipment. For now, let's get in shape!

Ralph Krady, Board Director and Chairman of Exercise Room Committee



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## Message from Director of Safety and Security

If you've taken the time to read my articles in Flamenco Flyer over the past year you may have noticed a common theme regarding changing demographics and diversity of our community. From a near retirement community 30 years ago to one with so many children we can't count. Throw in an ever expanding community from numerous countries and cultures, language and lifestyles, and we get something that really is diverse!

In my job at American Airlines as a Purser, I face the constant challenge of a diverse group of people from around the world. With up to 260 passengers and crew in relatively small confines this is a real challenge. I am amazed at people. For the most petty things people will complain. In a catastrophe people will pull together and show the strength of the human spirit. Following 9/11, airlines crews were blessed with the best passengers in the world. Today we are faced with a generation that thinks they are entitled for life and would sacrifice someone else's job for a free upgrade. We live in a selfish world. This new "world" generation and intolerance of others, their religion, their children makes the 60's "me" generation look like a real utopia.

At the community level, we struggle with diversity at all levels. "In this tumultuous financial climate, the clash between incomes, young and old- is probably the greatest challenge that your Board of Directors and Manager face." How we enforce rules & regulations, make capital improvements and spend your money are tough issues.

This month you won't see a list of do's and don'ts from me. Sure it would be in your best interest to stay informed, attend Board meeting, use your FOB's, read the rules and regulations and drive a safe speed in the parking lot.

This month I want to appeal to you as a neighbor and friend. "Ultimately, the creative use of diversity involves some kind of common ground . . . One of the most dependable forms of common ground are the core elements, the essence of all of us that is rooted in our shared humanity, our shared aliveness, our shared spirit". "For all the challenges, living in a diverse community is an enriching experience. The more we come together and understand one another the greater the chance for peace-not just in the laundry room (or the parking lot), but everywhere!"

-Excerpts from Greg Olear from THE COOPERATOR (September 2012)

David Bowen, Director of Safety/Security

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For those who love the philosophy of ambiguity as well as the idiosyncrasies of English:

1. Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. Is Atheism is a non-prophet organization?
4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
5. The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
6. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self- help section?" she said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
7. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
8. If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
9. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
10. Is there another word for synonym?
11. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
12. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
13. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
14. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
15. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
16. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is it homeless or naked?
17. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
18. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
19. Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
20. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
21. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
22. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
23. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
24. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
25. How is it possible to have a civil war?
26. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
27. If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
28. If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
29. Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have 's' in it?
30. Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "asteroids"?
31. Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
32. Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
33. If you spin an oriental person in a circle three times, do they become disoriented?
34. Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

Submitted by: Vera Ericson

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## Nine Words Women Use

1. **Fine:** This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
2. **Five Minutes:** If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
3. **Nothing:** This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.
4. **Go Ahead:** This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
5. **Loud Sigh:** This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to # 3 for the meaning of nothing.
6. **That's Okay:** This is one of the most dangerous statements a women can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
7. **Thanks:** A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint.. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says 'Thanks a lot' - that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say 'you're welcome' . that will bring on a 'whatever').
8. **Whatever:** Is a woman's way of saying GO TO HELL
9. **Don't worry about it, I got it:** Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response refer to # 3.

Submitted by: Sid Sherman



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## What is Love?



Love is difficult to define, yet easy to recognize. Nice looks, an engaging personality, intelligence and talent, may attract you but goodness moves you to love. What we value most in others, we value most in ourselves. Love can make a powerful, positive difference whenever it is present. And love can work its magic in every corner of your life. Give love to another and you forge a connection that empowers you both. Love the world around you and it will become more beautiful as a result. Love what you do and you become considerably more effective. Add love to knowledge and you will have wisdom. Love life itself and you will always find ways to give real meaning to every moment. It is a fact, the more of it you give away, the more you have.

*Submitted by: Millicent Broadwin*

## All The Places I've Been

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible, but life shows me I am not. People keep telling me I'm in Denial, but I'm positive I've never been there before! So far, I haven't been in Continent, but my travel agent says I'll be going soon.

*Submitted by: Vera Ericson*



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