



FRENCHMAN'S
CREEK
LIFE

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A Publication about the Members and Life at Frenchman's Creek

Oh My, we created a monster (only kidding)– **Norma Lippman** is having a fabulous time with her camera and capturing all items of interest. Hope you enjoy! Keep it Norma.

Migrator seen on Rivoli Drive



The thermometer read 54 degrees, but as the steam rose from the pool, 15 people worked their way through the Water Aerobics class on Monday, January 11th.

Can you see the steam rising off the water? Boy that is what I would call commitment!



Arm bands that reflect light are available at the security gate for dog walkers and others who walk at dusk or after dark.



Norma Lippman captured the **LYNN and JERRY MILLER** family having dinner in the grille room.

Kids Volunteer for the American Red Cross

By Andrea Finkel and Nancy Berkley

Over 100 children and grandchildren of our residents turned out for a new event this holiday season – a “Kids Volunteer” activity organized by the Frenchman’s Creek Volunteer Match Program in partnership with the American Red Cross.

The goal was to assemble several hundred “comfort kits” – containing nine basic items, including a toothbrush, soap and washcloth. The Red Cross distributes the comfort kits to persons displaced from their homes, often as a result of fires. Several Frenchman’s residents jointly purchased and donated the items needed, but the kids and grand kids did the work!

Special thanks to Andrea and Lewis Finkel, who coordinated and managed the two-hour volunteer effort. About 300 comfort kits were assembled and delivered to the Red Cross. The kids ranged from the very young to high school students who earned “service credits” for their efforts.



The Red Cross also put on a puppet show for the kids that stressed the importance of fire alarms and what to do in the event of a fire." “Thanks” to the kids! And, “Yes” – let’s do it again!



Up The Creek

Congratulations Jack Holsten

On your 90th Birthday! On December 2, several past and present members of Frenchman's Creek embarked on a ten day trip to help Jack and Judy celebrate Jack's 90th birthday. The party lasted for all the ten days which were filled with tons of laughter and good will. Judy gave out blue baseball hats proclaiming "Vintage 1925" as a year aged to perfection.

Accompanying Jack and Judy were Frenchman's Creekers: Judy and Dan Handler, Linda Sandler, Carol Berkow, Terry McKenna and Ben and Cindi Schwartz. Former Creekers were: Dorothy and Neil Hickey and Dede Levinson.

It was a party that will remain with us forever. In another five years, we decided to join Jack and Judy for another Vintage 1925 party!



By guest correspondent Cindi Schwartz

AGNES IRWIN ATHLETICS picks "Owl-thlete" of the Week: **RILEY FLICK**

Riley happens to be the Great Granddaughter of **JACK and JUDY HOLSTEN.**

Riley, a junior finished first in all four of her events: 50 Free, 100 Free, 200 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay, in the win over SCH, January 13, 2016. She also broke her own 100 Meter Free record with a new mark of 1:02:50.

In addition, she won her two individual events in the win over Penn Charter and was on the first place 400 Free Relay team!



Up The Creek

Paul Lazarus, film director son of **ARLENE and STEVE LAZARUS**, recently returned from a tour of Russia and Japan. He was sent by the United States State Department to display his prize winning documentary, **"Sling Shot."** He screened the film in Moscow, Novosibirsk, Vladivostok and Tokyo.

"Sling Shot" tells the story of Segway inventor, Dean Kamen, and his efforts to create and distribute technology to provide inexpensive potable water in third world countries. Half of all human illness comes from water-borne pathogens.

Kamen's Sling Shot is an energy-efficient machine that turns any unfit water (seawater, poisoned wells, river sludge) into pure, safe water – no chemicals or filters needed. "Sling Shot" is both an inspirational character study and a look at the trajectory of Kamen's vapor compression distiller from its earliest development through recent trials in rural Ghana and beyond. "Sling Shot" can be seen on Netflix and I Tunes.



While on a trip to the Galapagos and Machu Picchu over the Christmas holiday, **SUSAN and SYD KATZ** ran into Nydia Vargas, a former intern at Frenchman's Creek. Nydia is now the dining room manager at J. W. Marriott Hotel in Quito, Ecuador and sends a big hello to all!

FERN PORTNOY and ROGER GOLDMAN are pleased to announce the engagement of Roger's son, Jake Goldman to Roni Pelleg. They met in Israel, where Roni was pursuing her MA at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and while Jake was accompanying Mayor Michael Bloomberg, for whom he acted as Deputy press secretary.

Roni is now an Account Manager for Products Migration at GrubHub in New York. Jake is now Director of Communications at Vice.com. After receiving his BA in Political Science of U.S.C. he joined the Bloomberg Administration where he had a variety of roles including Deputy Press Secretary. The couple live in Brooklyn and a fall 2017 wedding is planned. Jake recently proposed on the lawn of Roger and Fern's summer home in the Berkshires – which Roni says is her favorite place on earth.



The Robert Parks, Martin Myers, Barry Fenners, Herbert Katz'
Celebrating New Year's Eve 2015 aboard the Oceania Rivera.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM JON BLAUNER

Hello Frenchman's Creekers, I need your help!

One of my pleasures for the past six years has been my involvement as the Frenchman's Creek member who puts together, manages and runs our bingo games held four times a winter.

Bingo is enjoyed at our Club on:

1. Thanksgiving
2. Christmas (New Year's)
3. Presidents' Week (School Intersession)
4. Easter (Passover)

Although the games are geared toward entertaining children off for school vacation (roughly ages 5-6 through 12-13), I have found that parents, grandparents and great grandparents enjoy the evenings' entertainment.

Prizes won are in the form of both toys and games or cash. The evenings start after dinner (around 7:15 p.m.) and after a total of 18 games end at about 9:15 p.m.

Our club staff, with the able assistance of Ashish Sethi, George Giller, Andrea Ile, and Kyle Hatakeyama, has made bingo one of the "go to" functions at Frenchman's.

I believe it is time to bring "fresh" ideas and new thoughts to this form of entertainment. I am writing to determine if you or a member close to you would be interested in assisting me in becoming involved in this endeavor.

If you are interested in participating or would like to hear more about our bingo program, please contact Jon Blauner at (561) 630-5813. Please leave your name and telephone number and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am, sincerely
Jon Blauner

Our Precious Pets

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Column by: Lois Stern

Photography by : Bob Cohen



ARNOLD LAMPERT and JANE LESSIN have Laney. Jane adopted her from a Golden Rescue at three years of age. She is now 9 years old. “When Jane moved into my home a little over a year ago,” says Arnold, it was a package deal, “My dog and me! Arnold found out that she eats like a buyer. He says she is a beautiful, loving, warm and affectionate golden retriever and has spoiled her rotten. He is thrilled that when he comes to the door she is always there to greet him with unqualified love.

MAX and MITCH AIGEN’S 63 years of marriage have been shared with eight different dogs. After having large breeds like a standard Schnauzer and a Portuguese water dog that weighed up to 85 pounds, the current furry member of the family is a champion Papillion named Minnie, who tips the scales at a svelte 5 pounds, 2 ounces. She is the star of her agility class as she keeps Max in shape running through the course at a record pace each week. The Aigens and their dogs have enjoyed 23 years at Frenchman’s and greatly appreciate how accommodating the entire community has been in allowing our pets to participate in all aspects of the community’s social life.



DR. WILLIAM and NANCY SCHIFF are recent members of the Frenchman’s Creek Community. They have an 8 year old Bernese Mountain Dog named Chloe, a 5 year old Whippet, whom they adopted, named Rocket and their most recent addition, Minu, a 7 year old Italian Greyhound that they rescued from the North Shore Animal League in New York. They are lots of work and responsibility but they both agree they love it.

meet your new neighbors

Meet our new neighbor, **NANCY AND DR. WILLIAM (BILL) SHERMAN**. They bought a home on Verde Drive but have really been a part of Frenchman's Creek Community for over 25 years. Nancy's parents, Joyce and Robert (Bob) Schiff who reside on Loire Lane are original members of Frenchman's. To make it more exciting, Nancy's brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Erin Schiff have been members for a number of years. It is nice to have another member of the family residing here. They have two daughters, Erika and Alexandra. They all are excited to be part of the Frenchman's Creek community and we are thrilled to have them as residents. We wish them all many years of happiness and wonderful days at the Creek!



THE HOMEFRONT

The Homefront column is designed to inform our members where in the community our new residents are living and other residences they may have. It also keeps up with our present members who have stayed in the community but moved to new dwellings.

Of course we always wish our members who are moving out of the community good luck wherever their travels take them and our new members and established members good luck in their new address.

NANCY and DR. WILLIAM (BILL) SHERMAN bought Dede Levinson's home on Verde Drive. They also reside in Sands Point, New York and East Hampton, New York.

DAVID MOSCOW moved to Parc Drive. He bought the Scartozzi home.

KRISTA and STEVEN NICKLAUS bought the Packer home on Calais Drive.

CORRECTIONS AND AMPLIFICATIONS

Last Month we inadvertently printed the name of Mr. Lattman. It should have read Ellen and Stanley Lattman. Also their new address was never printed under "The Homefront." They purchased the Kaufman home on 13070 Redon Drive.

Up The Creek

JOYCE and MELVIN PARADISE are very proud of their ten granddaughters (no grandsons). This year they are especially thrilled with 8 year old **Marielle Sloane**, daughter of Joslin and Steven Paradise. Marielle is a third year student at the School of American Ballet, the official school of New York City Ballet in Lincoln Center.

Marielle appeared in “The Nutcracker” for 24 performances during the December Christmas Holiday as an angel dressed in white with wings and a halo. The angels appear to be floating around the stage while the Sugar Plum Fairy performs her solo ballet. Marielle expects to continue at the school and is looking forward to being in many other performances.

Sister Caroline, age 6, also appeared in the “Nutcracker” which performs at Hunter College.



MEN'S HEALTH DAY

Think about your life's experiences and how “a matter of timing” comes into play. The Men's Health Day was just played on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 and lo and behold Thursday morning, **RICHARD GOLBER** experienced a medical emergency which required his wife **CONNIE** to call our paramedics who in turn called 911. At the Men's Health Day, they handed out cards that determined you a member of Frenchman's Creek Donor Society of Jupiter Medical Center. Since Connie and Richard had recently located to Frenchman's Creek from Palm Beach, they had not yet secured local physicians. Connie had the presence of mind to call Mindy Levine, Concierge to Frenchman's Creek Donors, whose number is on the back of this card. Connie then relates the following course of events.

Mindy, even though it was not quite dawn yet, met them at the ER and proceeded to acquire the specialists needed. And Connie says, physicians of very high quality. Without this entrée into the medical world, Connie does not know what they would have done. Moreover, the staff and personnel at Jupiter Medical Center very much appreciate Frenchman's Creek contributors and contributions. She and Richard can only speak very highly of Richard's care at JMC.

You never know when you might need medical attention, so being a part of Men's Health Day is something to think about. Mindy is our very own concierge to medical attention, expertise and for those of us alone, a contact. Yes, ladies, you too can be part of Men's Health Day— just speak to Robert Bruno.

By Barbara Wiener

OUR RESIDENTS TRAVELS

Lois and Sonny Stern

This past Christmas and New Year, we took our family of 14 to Costa Rica for another family vacation. This time it was a six day bicycle trip organized by Backroads. After arriving in San Jose, we transferred to the Nayara Hotel; at the base of the Arenal Volcano. This is a really great spot and we would recommend the hotel, spa and food to anyone looking for a vacation. It is rated #4 in the world in the resort category by Travel and Leisure Magazine. We rode through jungles and low mountain roads for three days. The weather was of course warm but rainy at times but being on a bike trip we rode in the rain.



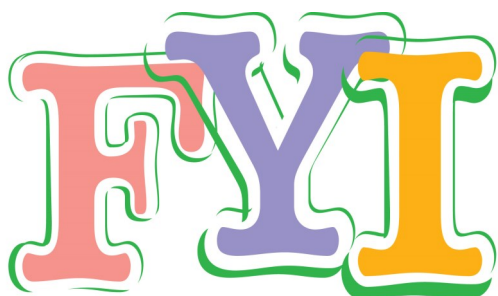
After three days at Nayara, we took a 20 minute private flight to the Nicoya Peninsula on the west coast of Costa Rica. The weather here was warm and sunny. We stayed four days. We biked around the areas, along the coast and around melon fields and farm land. The food was regional but interesting with great Ceviche.

We did have a language problem, but not with the Costa Ricans, who spoke pretty good English but with our two great and caring guides or leaders. One was from England and the other from Colorado. It was that their interpretation of the terrain was different than ours. Totally flat meant to get off your bike and take a picture. Mostly flat to them was rolling and hilly for us. Rolling to them was a climb for us and a climb to them was a warning for us to either get off our bikes and push or just hop in the following van and get a lift. The biking terrain ranged from fairly flat to rolling to extremely hilly and challenging with several exhilarating down hills. All in all it was another great bike and family trip. Some went zip lining, we had several long boat rides, some hiking, horseback riding and wonderful beaches and pools along the Pacific Ocean. Many used the spas and exercise rooms.

Everyone said they had fun and where are we going next year?

Anyone wanting information on Costa Rica or a bike trip can call us at 561-626-5062.

Lois Stern



To all our members new and seasoned

There is a no tipping policy at Frenchman's Creek which includes all venues: be it food and beverage, valet, caddies, golf, tennis, fitness center and all departments staff.

• **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** • *Thank you for abiding by this rule*

Marty Krall Lecture Series

On Tuesday, January 12th, Marty Krall and about 200 Creekers and guests welcomed Soner Cagaptay, director of the Turkish Research Program at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Dr. Cagaptay, an expert on Turkey-U.S. relations and on Turkish politics, proved to be a most timely guest as Turkey had just suffered two deadly terrorist bomb attacks. Dr. Cagaptay focused on Turkey's President Recep Erdogan and his ambitions to make Turkey a respected regional power in the Middle East and Eurasia. Many of these plans have failed due to both unforeseen local and world events, such as the Arab Spring and the Syrian refugee problem as well as from bad policies decisions. Turkey has at least a dozen neighbors with conflicting ambitions. This is a geographical and political area almost too complicated to describe in one hour. However, Turkey's policies, like everyone's, continue to evolve and ties to the U.S. seem to be improving.



By Norma Lippman

nine, wine and dine

The January 9, 2016, Nine, Wine and Dine golf tournament was a wonderfully successful way to start off the new year. After the necessary weather-caused cancellations in November and December, nearly 200 members signed up. There were cancellations because of the questionable forecast for the day, but, even so, there were enough foursomes to more than cover both courses --- a super turnout. The golfers, playing a nine-hole step-aside scramble, were rewarded with truly beautiful weather.

The "wine and dine" , originally scheduled for the sports bar, was transferred to the dining room, also because of the weather concerns, and suffered not at all from the change. The atmosphere and delicious buffet, as usual, left nothing to be desired. Carol Smith and Joanne Weinbach and their committee deserve a big thank you for the necessary extra effort needed to ensure a great day. The same goes for our golf and dining staffs for all the changes and updates they handled so well and for the effort they all put into making sure the day was a success. Don't forget to sign up for a fun time in February.

By Mimi Bergel

Dear Members,

If you ever have an experience to share or an article you would like to have printed in Frenchman's Creek Life publication, please feel free to be a guest correspondent. We welcome all your news.

bobbe wiener, editor

Birding

Having been with Doctors Gleiber and Greenberg, I became aware of rare birds on our golf course and captured a picture of what I was told is a "WOODSTORK," walking along Hole #7 on the North Course. They are not common to these parts but are seen on occasion. If you see any unusual birds please snap a picture and send it to me at babasouth@aol.com. to be featured in our FC LIFE.

By Bobbe Wiener



RED TAILED HAWKS

Seen by Drs. Gleiber and Greenberg

Red Winged Blackbird

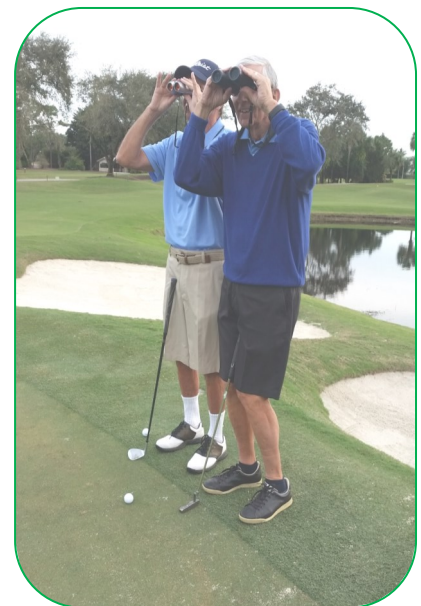
27 birdies in 18 holes

And you thought we were talking about golf!

Long time bird watcher, Dr. Burt Greenberg, reports that on January 2, 2016, as part of an annual, first-of-the year bird count, he and student-birder, Dr. Bob Gleiber, while playing the North Course, were able to spot and observe 27 different species of birds. Included in the count are, to name a few, a killdeer, which is a member of the plover family of insect eaters, several species of waterfowl including a ring-necked duck, and a red-tailed hawk which was being chased by a blue jay. The red-tail is a popular bird in falconry and often eats squirrels and rabbits. Blue jays are very colorful and pretty. They are also highly adaptable and intelligent.

The birds they saw were as follows: Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Cattle Egret; Great Blue Heron, Tricolored Heron; Anhinga, Double Crested Cormorant (Shore Birds); (Ducks and other water birds) Mottled Duck, Ring Necked Duck, Common Gallinule, American Coot, Pied Billed Grebe; (Black Birds) Grackle, Boat Tailed Grackle, Fish Crow, Black Vulture; (Hawks) Osprey, Red Tailed Hawk; (Others) Mockingbird, Blue Jay, Red Bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Palm Warbler.

By Norma Lippman



Dr. Robert Gleiber (left)

Dr. Burt Greenberg (right)



Taking Bob and Burt's pictures was a riot. First we went on a short cart trip to find the right spot— of course no birds were to be seen! Then we had to get the proper pose and of course the shot that made the men look their best (even though they always look their best). I think our two doctors are destined for Hollywood!

bobbe wiener, editor

Ladies' Day Results

January 9, 2016

Scramble

18 Holes

1st Sharon Rochlin – Gaby Brinkwirth
Marleen Hacker - Georgianna Cotton
Nancy Klotz

2nd Paula Silverman – Linda R. Epstein
Sue Sternberg - Cindi Schwartz
Susan Ludwig

3rd Joan Anchin – Evelyn Gutkin
Marjorie Yashar – Mimi Bergel

9 is Enough

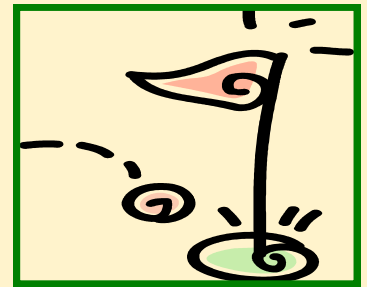
1st Lois Mills – Lois Sontag
Theresa Capazzi – Rita Miller

2nd Naomi Kessler – Marilyn Greenspan
Judy Chesler – Sandra Bobb

Two Holes-In One

ANN COHEN had a hole-in-One on Saturday, January 16, 2016. It was on Hole number 13 of the South Course. The hole played at 150 yards and Ann used a driver.

LEON POLLACK had a Hole-in-One on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. How about this for numerology- it was on number 13 of the North Course and played at 128 yards. He used a 9 iron.



Trivia

It only took 7 years!

Monday night, January 18th had the most amount of people playing since its inception - 90 players. It is a fun and thought provoking evening as it tests what you know and don't know. The younger players knew some of the answers and the older players knew what the young one did not know. The last question really determines who wins - the 20 points question could make or break a team.

The evening was enhanced with a plated salad as you sat down and crudites to keep you full for the first half of the evening's questions. Your choice of entrees and dessert was served during the interlude and then you were ready to go back to the battle.

Well after 7 years of perseverance the team consisting of Carol and Gil Goldstein, Dolores Cowen, Shirley Goldberg, Bobbe Wiener, Sandy Miller and Linda Halprin with new players June Duffine and Joan Siegel rounding out the table— had the Nifty Nine finally win!

Ladies' Day Results

December 8, 2015

Step-Aside Scramble

18 Holes

- 1st Helene Shuter - Mimi Bergel
Anne Stanfield
2nd Andrea Finkel - Ruth Levine
Marcia Bloch

"9" is Enough

Shamble

Flight 1

- 1st Linda Dolen - Lois Mills
Anita Fishbein - Roberta Selzer

Flight 2

- 1st Ilene Gerber - Susan Paul
Carolyn Polakoff - Elaine Sussman

December 15, 2015

18 Holes

Flight 1

- 1st Susan Furst – Jane Feinstein
Susan Katz
2nd Penni Weinberg – Cathy Goldberg
Barbara Sheldon

Flight 2

- 1st Norma Lippman - Dottie Kovel
Lois Kleinberg - Elaine Pearlman
2nd Joan Anchin - Marlene Grad
Elaine Parks

Flight 3

- 1st Alice Bael - Nina Botel
Judy Rubin
2nd Betsy Bernstein - Sue Sternberg
Marleen Hacker - Marjorie Yashar

Flight 4

- 1st Barbara Reitman - Goergianna Cotton
Dee Topol - Naomi Freedman
2nd Cindy Schwartz - Mimi Bergel
Myna Homburger - Marcia Bloch
3rd Anne Stanfield - Connie Golber
Barbara Gersten

"9" is Enough

- 1st Lois Mills - Rosa Meyers
Nan Reiner
2nd Sondra Kaplan - Theresa Capazzi
Rita Miller - Judy Chesler
3rd Carol Corwin - Bonnie Feinberg
Joan Rand - Marcy Sanders

January 5, 2016

The Italian Connection

18 Holes

Flight 1

- 1st Wendi Adler – Judy Holsten
Jana Spiess – Debra LaLonde
2nd Jenifer Weintraub – Marsha Ackerman
Linda Rosenson – Andrea Finkel

Flight 2

- 1st Paula Silverman – Norma Lippman
Lois Kleinberg – Lauren Jacobson
2nd Ronni Grebow – Lisette Siegel
Marjorie Feinstein

Flight 3

- 1st Barbara Wiener – Alice Bael
Marleen Hacker – Goergianna Cotton
2nd Jeri Jacobs – Joan Simmons
Marjorie Yashar – Ruth Levine

Flight 4

- 1st Marsha Bloch – Cindi Schwartz
Nancy Klotz – Barbara Gersten
2nd Gloria Herman – Robyn Rosenblatt
Dee Topol – Phyllis Hershman

9 is Enough

Flight 1

- 1st Sondra Kaplan – Rita Miller
Susan Paul – Theresa Capazzi
1st Carol Corwin – Anita Fishbein
Sondra Bobb
3rd Lois Mills – Joan Isaacson
Nancy Scher – Elaine Sussman

BRUCE A. LEVY, M.D., J.D. 2015 TCMS PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

BRUCE and MARCIA LEVY moved to Frenchman's Creek in 2011. We all know Bruce is a doctor and they live in Austin, Texas. But we do not know the extent of his accomplishments as he is a humble gentleman. He was awarded the **Travis County Medical Society Physician of the year Award**. The following are excerpts from the TCMS Journal which gives us an insight into Bruce's accomplishments and why he was chosen to be their Physician of the year 2015.

"Play the hand life has dealt you . You cannot re-shuffle the cards," says Bruce Levy. And he knows what he is talking about. In 1988, while enjoying a successful career in anesthesiology, Levy became very ill. So ill in fact, that to this day, his immune system precludes serious patient interaction. "I was not going to let this beat me. My life's calling is medicine, so I had to find a way to stay involved."

Figuring he could assist the medical community with legal issues, Levy attended the University of Houston, Bates School of Law in 1989 and in 1992 was admitted to the Texas State Bar. So, armed with his MD from Drexel University, Hahnemann College of Medicine in Philadelphia and his JD, he began a new path in organized medicine. It was around this time that his worth as a medical advisor resulted in an avalanche of opportunities. He was named executive director of the Texas State Board of Examiners (now the Texas Medical Board). In addition, he supervised the development of the Texas State Board of Physician Assistants and, was its first executive director. He served as chairman of the Health Professions Council of the State of Texas as well as numerous other state and national level committee positions – many of which were with the Federation of State Medical Boards. The Texas Medical Association (TMA) asked Levy to serve on the committee for Physician Health & Rehabilitation. Levy was able to bridge the gap between regulated and organized medicine to develop a trust relationship. "I feel a great deal of satisfaction with my time spent on that committee," explains Levy.



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Working with two governors of Texas was also his privilege. Levy was appointed to the Texas State Medical Board under Ann Richards. Once in office, George W. Bush personally asked him to continue his work during his terms. "George Bush is a wonderful person and was a great governor," says Levy. "I enjoyed a lot of support from him, the legislature and from TMA during my time with the Texas State Medical Board." In 2002, Austin Gastroenterology approached him, hoping Levy could aid their struggling organization. Many physicians do not have the time or the inclination to become adept businessmen and would rather stay away from that side of the practice. Dr. Levy accepted the challenge, intending to stay for one year. "Today the doctors at Austin Gastroenterology focus on their patients first – and the business a distant second because of the organization I have created."

It's hard to imagine that someone with such a rewarding life could name only one stand-out moment, but Levy does not hesitate, "Marrying my wife Marcia." After 38 years, three kids and two grandkids, Dr. Levy is first and foremost a family man. "I am so proud of all of them," he says with a grin. Understandably so, for just like him they are all positive contributors to society. Daughter Beth is a graduate architect, daughter Sara is an executive director for the Notley Fund, daughter-in-law Leigh is an attorney and his son Jonathan and son-in-law Erik are partners at Oxbow Investment Advisors. Not to be overlooked is his wife, Marcia Levy, who with her friend, Susan Lubin, founded the Seton Breast Cancer Center in February 2014. It has already served 3844 patients.

Another passion in his life is golf. He says he is a golf fanatic.

It's not hard to see why members of the Medical Society selected Dr. Levy for 2015 Physician of the Year. His resume is nine pages long and consists of contributions and honors, half of which are admirable enough. "It feels strange to be named Physician of the Year," says Bruce. "Yes, I am blessed to be a part of the medical community in Austin. I am a very happy man."

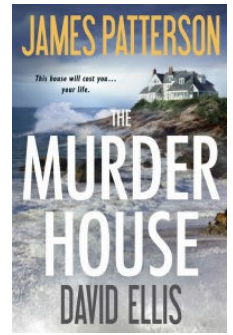
Congratulations Bruce!



Pictured are left to right::

Erik Cohen, son-in-law; Beth Cohen, daughter; Hunter Cohen, grandson; Bruce, Marcia, Sara Levy, daughter; Leigh Leshin Levy, daughter-in-law; Leo Levy, grandson; Jonathan Levy, son.

The Murder House by James Patterson and David Ellis

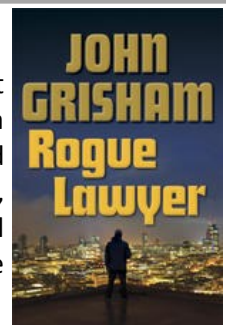


Patterson may not be the most eloquent writer of classics, but when it comes to murder mysteries, he has hit this one out of the park. You will be on the edge of your seat from the first page until the last as a diabolical murderer is pursued. The story begins in Bridgehampton in 1995, with a 12-year old shooter at a school. It then fast forwards into 2011 when two bodies are found in *the murder house*, “the house that no one ever leaves alive, the house at 7 Ocean Drive”. As the narrative proceeds, several unsolved murders involving the mansion are revealed. In the same year that the latest gruesome murders takes place, Jenna Murphy, a New York City Detective, is framed and forced to resign or face an investigation on trumped up charges that she cannot refute or disprove. She committed the cardinal sin of disgracing the force by reporting corruption. Her uncle, Langdon James, the police chief in Bridgehampton, offers her a job to get her out from under the mess she found herself. If she resigns, there will be no investigation of the false charges; it is a battle that she would surely lose since the fix was in, working against her. Absent her uncle’s opportunity, she would probably never work in law enforcement again, so she accepts his offer. When she arrives back in Bridgehampton, a place she had not been to since she was a child, she begins to have visions and nightmares about something she cannot identify, especially when she passes or enters 7 Ocean Drive. Her dreams terrify her.

Her uncle assigns her, the new detective on the force, to arrest the suspect in the recent double murder at 7 Ocean Drive. He tells her that the suspect is guilty, that he has confessed, and therefore, there is no further need to look anywhere else for the killer; he is their man. Will this suspect be the serial killer that they eventually uncover?

As the murder mystery in Bridgehampton twists and turns, it will often confound the reader trying to figure out who the real killer or killers might be. There is so much sleight of hand that I am quite certain most readers will bounce around from character to character, as each new clue is provided, first accusing one and than another suspect, but I would be surprised if anyone guesses the truth. In spite of the hackneyed dialogue, the story is an exciting, nail-biting experience, and any reader that enjoys a good mystery will not be disappointed.

Rogue Lawyer, by John Grisham



Sebastian Rudd is the rogue lawyer who defends hard to defend plaintiffs, plaintiffs that most lawyers reject. Once married to a woman who left him for another woman, he is the father of a second grader. His ex-wife, Judith, also a lawyer, works for a lesbian firm. She comes to his aid when he pushes the envelope and winds up in jail himself as he attempts to defend his clients, clients he believes are entitled to a fair shake, no matter how heinous their crime. However, in all other matters Judith is his enemy, constantly suing him for custody of their child, a child she always refers to as hers.

The book is about a series of Rudd’s cases involving murder, drugs, kidnapping, bribery, the mentally unstable, the guilty and the innocent, and a host of other crimes, as well. It plods along without too much excitement as it exposes the corruption and incompetence that exists within the legal system. The variety of cases are interesting and from those he describes one has to come away with the uncomfortable feeling that the entire justice system just might not only be blind, because it is also rife with smoke and mirrors, making it easy for crooked players to hijack or bribe.

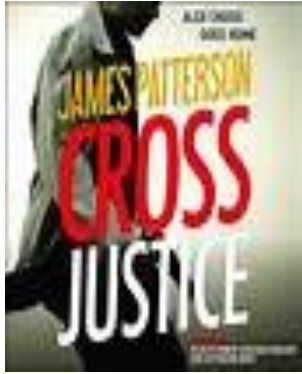
The book is vintage Grisham as it is clear and concise as it dissects the dishonesty in our world with all of its warts and foibles. If you believe the author’s presentation, everyone has a price, and everyone has the capacity to behave unlawfully: the cops, the lawyers, the judges, the wardens, the guards, and the criminals. It is hard to know which one is the worst of the bunch!

Rudd is not likable since he thinks nothing of defrauding the system he is sworn to uphold. He wears his politics on his sleeve and uses his disgust with the injustices of the system to stretch the rules himself. The cases that the author has chosen to highlight most probably are used to expose his own beliefs about law enforcement, the jury system, the expert witnesses, the lawyers, the business world, and the thugs. Since he was once a practicing lawyer, one has to assume he knows from whence he speaks so that even when a story seems implausible, the reader has to pause and question their own incredulity. Grisham must have witnessed variations of these miscarriages of the justice system in person. Grisham makes it feel like the courtroom is almost a venue for entertainment, where lawyers perform, and justice be damned! This book is a great beach read, so pack a bag, toss it in, and go on your way.

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Bookworm



Cross Justice, James Patterson, author; Ruben Santiago-Hudson, narrator

This book has a similar plot line to the recent book by Michael Connelly, which also has a similar title, "The Crossing". There is a criminal who insists he is falsely accused and law enforcement is corrupt; drugs, rape and murder are afoot. Then the story-line veers in an entirely different direction. If you liked "The Crossing", you will probably also like this book and vice versa.

When the book opens, there is a beautiful woman named Coco in a Palm Beach mansion. She is selecting clothes and jewelry from the closet of the woman she has just murdered. She shows no remorse for the crime, but rather thinks she was justified in performing her heinous act. Coco is a cross dresser, a man who in that moment of time truly believes he is a woman.

At the same time as this occurs, Dr. Alex Cross, his wife Bree, their son and daughter are in a car on their way to Starksville, North Carolina. Alex has not returned to see his family there in decades. He has few memories of his life there, and some of those that he has are distorted. Alex and Bree are both detectives with the Washington DC metro police. Recently, they have suffered through some trying times, and this trip, taking Alex back to his roots, is supposed to help them recover from that stress. Making matters a bit more complicated for them is the fact that their cousin Stefan has recently been arrested. He has been accused of drugging and raping a young female high school student and of an even more serious crime, the horribly brutal rape and murder of a young male high school student. Both victims were students in the school in which he was a teacher, and the evidence has mounted up against him. Stefan insists he has been framed. Alex and Bree agree to keep an open mind and work together with Naomi, their niece, who is the lawyer defending Stefan, to see if they can find out if he is telling the truth about his innocence. Starksville's history is not unblemished. There is racial tension and a questionable justice system. During their stay in Starksville attempts are made on their lives, attempts are made to frame their daughter and Alex learns devastating secrets about his family that turn his life upside down, drastically altering all of the ideas he had previously held about his mother and father. When Alex learns that his father did not die in North Carolina, but actually, unknown to all but an uncle, had moved to a town in Florida where he eventually killed himself, Alex decided to travel there to see what he could discover about that part of his father's life. He flew into Palm Beach and opportunely became involved in, and assisted in, the investigation of the murders committed by Coco, the above cross dresser. Meeting the detectives in charge of that case, as he pursued information on his father's last days, eventually proved invaluable to him in his investigation into the crimes committed in Starksville.

As this story proceeds, the reader will no doubt wonder how both of these cases are related, if they are at all. The many sub plots in this well constructed mystery are knitted together so logically that the narrative does not get confusing, but rather it gets more and more suspenseful. Slowly, the hidden lives and secrets of many of the characters come to light, and the connections between Palm Beach and Starksville will shock the reader as the crimes are solved.

Take this book on an airplane, to the beach, to a bench in the park; listen to it in the car as you drive. Allow yourself to be swept away into the world of a really creative mystery with a conclusion you will never guess!

The Community mourns the loss of our following members

SUSAN GUTHMAN and LARRY GUTHMAN who passed away within three weeks of each other. They resided at 13770 Parc Drive and were residents since 1989. Our heartfelt sympathies to their children and the entire family.

SANDE WISCHE who lived at 13118 Redon Drive and was a member since 1994. Our heartfelt sympathies to his beloved wife, Carol and their children and grandchildren.

CAROL PRESSLER who lived at 13868 Le Bateau Lane and was a member since 1992. Our heartfelt sympathies to her beloved husband, Sheldon and their family.

GILDA GLASSER who lived at 13400 Provence Drive and was a member since 1989. Our heartfelt sympathies to her beloved husband, Gerry and their entire family.

ARNOLD MILLER who lived at 13298 Deauville Drive and was a member since 2006. Our heartfelt sympathies to his beloved wife, Elaine and their entire family.

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